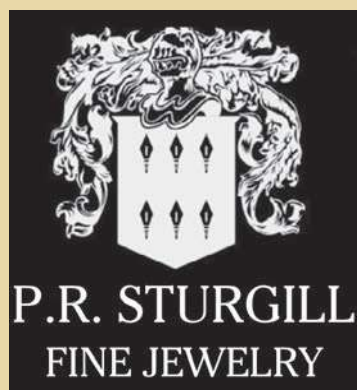


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Pulaski Council: Town engineer job still open

By WILLIAM PAINE
Patriot Publishing

*Minor earthquakes blamed
for uptick in water line breaks*

The Pulaski Town Council met recently for their second session of November and held a public hearing regarding a change in wording of the town code.

The change in code is related to who building officials report to in lieu of a Town Engineer. Since there is currently no Town Engineer to act as supervisor over town projects, the revised code lists the Town Manager as the person who will supervise these tasks.

"We have not been able to fill a town engineer position since Bill Pedigo left last January," said Town Manager Darlene Burcham. "The

current ordinance references that supervision comes from the Town Engineer. Council is familiar with the fact that we have not been able to fill that position and have actually contracted for some consulting services from a private group and the reality is that the building official has been and will continue to report to the Town Manager until the new Town Manager decides on a different reporting relationship."

No one spoke against the change in wording during the public hearing portion of the meeting and the ordinance was

unanimously passed.

Though Pulaski does not have a Town Engineer, they do have three full time employees in the Engineering Department including Engineering Department Manager Scott Aust and Project Managers Nathan Smythers and Austin Painter. These individuals are currently involved in several town engineering projects including the Lead Line Service Project.

The goal of the Lead Line Project is to replace lead water

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Hicks' son, T.J. dies in Calif.

By MIKE WILLIAMS
Patriot Publishing

The son of legendary football coach Joel Hicks – Timothy Joel "T.J." Hicks – passed away suddenly November 17 in California.

According to his mother, Malinda, T.J. was doing what he loved at the time of his death – coaching football.

"He was coaching his flag football teams on Friday evening in Newport Beach, Calif. He had been doing that probably 11 or 12 years as

a volunteer coach in the Matt Linehart Flag Football League," Malinda explained this week.

"He had started coaching when his kids were small and continued even after they got to be too big to play flag. He continued to coach girls and boys."

The Matt Lineart Flag Football League began in 2010 in Newport Beach, Calif. where T.J. lived. The league is named for Lineart who was the quarterback for the 2004 National Champion Southern Cal Trojans and is a member of

the College Football Hall of Fame.

The flag football league includes eight separate localities around Orange County, Calif. and is for boys and girls in grades 1 through 8.

"T.J. had two games that Friday afternoon and evening and he called me. I guess after we talked, he was gone about a half hour later," Malinda recalled.

She added that, due to the

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F.A.C. celebrates Sapphire Anniversary with 'Off the Wall' art

By WILLIAM PAINE
Patriot Publishing

On the last Saturday of November, the Fine Arts Center for the New River Valley celebrated its Sapphire (45th) Anniversary with an Open House event featuring their latest "Off the Wall" exhibit.

This community-based art exhibit consists of over 100 colorful 8" X 8" canvases, which are arranged together to form six larger artworks. Each painting is a result of a two-step process, where one person paints the canvas, then masking tape is applied to that canvas

and another person paints over the masking tape.

The tape is then taken off the painting forming a new artwork reflecting the artistic inspiration of both individuals. Nikki Pynn of the Fine Arts Center conceived of the Off the Wall idea.

"The concept behind it was to have as many hands involved as possible across the New River Valley and by having two hands per painting, you have two people that don't know one another creating something," Pynn explained. "When you put all of these together, you reflect the nuances and differences

within a community and you can create something so good."

These canvases were still being produced during the Open House, as a few locals along with one or two out-of-towners continued painting canvases at a large table in the center of the Edna B. Love Gallery.

To make it easier to find out which individuals made a particular painting, each of the 125 paintings were copied, assigned a number and placed on an adjacent wall for easy reference.

In addition to being a

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Hicks

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way he died, an autopsy was ordered and T.J.'s body was not released to the family until the middle of last week.

"It was a massive heart attack," Malinda shared. "His main artery to his heart was totally blocked. It happened at the game on the field with all those little kids right there. It was terrible."

Malinda and her daughter, Amy were to fly to California this week and funeral services were scheduled for this Friday at 11 a.m. at Mariner's Church in Newport Beach. She added that T.J. was cremated.

T.J. was highly regarded by the parents, players and friends of the Newport Beach Seahawks – the team he coached.

"Coach TJ embodied unwavering dedication to coaching and mentoring young athletes. His commitment extended beyond familial ties, as he volunteered to coach multiple teams, leaving an indelible mark on our community," read a statement on the team's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/nbseahawks>).

T.J. was born July 18, 1967 in Welch, W.Va. when Joel was coaching at Big Creek High School where Malinda worked as a teacher.

According to Malinda, T.J. attended schools in both W.Va. and Virginia and graduated from Pulaski County High School in 1985.

"He played for Joel. That was



Newport Beach Seahawks Facebook page

T.J. Hicks (in sunglasses) with one of his teams in the Matt Lineart Flag Football League in Newport Beach, Calif.

a time he and Joel cherished," said Malinda.

T.J. played in the Virginia High School League All-Star Game after his senior season and was coached by his father in the game.

T.J. moved to California in 1995 and was employed by Plan Net – a security consulting firm at the time of his death.

"He was a design engineer with them," Malinda said.

He is survived by his wife, Cindy and two sons, Jackson and Samuel. "Jack and Sam," Malinda saved lovingly. "And he had four pets – two dogs and two cats."

Besides Malinda and his sister Amy, and her husband, Dr. Bob Bloom of Charleston, W.Va., T.J. is survived by an uncle, Gerald Borrelli, Knoxville, Tn.; his cousin, Dr. Scott Borrelli, Knoxville and his wife, Amy and their daughters, Morgan and Madison, and another cousin,

Joel's older sister's son, Charlie Heltzel and his wife, Sonji of Abingdon.

"He had a lot of close friends here in Virginia who will miss him. He loved them all. He was always asking me about different ones," Malinda recalled.

"He was a good boy," she said

tearfully.

"I'll be glad when New Year's Eve comes and takes this year right away. It's been a bad one," Malinda said, noting that Joel's little dog, Lucky had died in July – less than four months after the passing of Joel, who died March 4 at the age of 81.

Council

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pipes extending from the water meters up to the residences with safe, lead-free water pipes. The cost of the project is estimated at three-quarters of a million dollars with \$285,000 coming in the form of state and federal grants and \$465,0000 coming in the form of a loan from the Virginia Resource Authority.

The bond authorizing the \$465,000 loan was passed and the preliminary phase of the Lead Line Project is currently underway.

Next the council voted to approve the appropriation of funds from various sources for Pulaski's Police Department, Fire Department and the Senior Center.

"This resolution is necessary because the sum of these changes does not represent 1% of our total operating budget, so no public hearing is required," said Burchum. "The Virginia Fire Program gave us \$3,455 and that went into the Fire Program account in the fire department.

The State 599 routinely gives money for law enforcement. That amount increased by \$37,973 over what we had budgeted for this year. So that was received and put into general revenues. The senior center got a \$500 donation and therefore that went in as revenue and a \$15,000 contribution went into the Knox Box Reimbursement account."

The Knox Box is a wall mounted safe placed at the entrance to a home, which contains a key to the front door of the residence. In case of a fire or medical emergency, the Fire Department can retrieve the house key from the Knox Box

and enter the home without the necessity of breaking down the front door and causing excessive damage.

Santa Claus is coming to town

Santa is scheduled to make an appearance before the 7 p.m. start of Pulaski's Christmas parade on Thursday, December 7.

Town Manager Darlene Burcham expressed her hope that someone with wherewithal might volunteer to serve hot chocolate to passersby on that December evening but as of yet, no one has volunteered to serve hot cocoa to the Christmas revelers ... but there's still time.

Plans for a new splash park at the Cool Springs Park on Dora Highway have been postponed. According to Burcham, delays in equipment deliveries have postponed the opening of this water feature until Spring. The restrooms at Cool Springs are set to be refurbished in the meantime and work is expected to be completed by the time the splash park is installed.

Lastly, Burcham addressed a series of recent waterline breaks that have been occurring with unusual frequency. To help address this issue, Burcham contacted the non-profit Virginia Rural Water Association.

"It's happening throughout the state of Virginia," said Burchum, "It's unusual to have this many breaks this early in the year. That's why we called Rural Water and they suggested some of these breaks may have

been caused by a very, very minor earthquake that did just enough to shift the earth below us. They have seen an increase in the number of water main breaks throughout the state."

Many readers may not have realized that the earth had quaked in Virginia this year because they simply didn't notice, but the United States Geological Survey did take note.

According to the USGS, six minor earthquakes occurred in Virginia in 2023 and two of the most significant of these micro quakes occurred underneath Pembroke. On Sunday, June 16, at 4:40 in the afternoon, a 2.3 magnitude earthquake occurred five miles beneath the streets of Pembroke.

The ground shook again at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, June 17 when six miles below the surface of Pembroke, a 2.6 magnitude earthquake occurred.

Three days later a 2.3 magnitude quake occurred near New Castle at nearly nine miles beneath the surface.

Three more minor quakes occurred in October in Stuarts Draft, Virginia but, if these micro quakes did shift Pulaski's water pipes to the breaking point, it is more likely that those closer to town did most of the damage.

The Pulaski Town Council's next scheduled meeting is 7 p.m. Tuesday, December 5.

IMPORTANT TAX NOTICE

COUNTY OF PULASKI

2023 SECOND HALF REAL ESTATE TAX PENALTY DEADLINE TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023

Pulaski County's 2023 2nd half real estate tax bills have been mailed insofar as possible, but failure to receive your bill does not relieve the taxpayer of any additional charges of penalty or interest that will accrue under the law for failure to pay the tax assessment.

Notice is hereby given that the Treasurer's office of Pulaski County will be open Monday through Friday, except holidays from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm to receive payment of the 2nd Half 2023 real estate tax. This tax must be paid on or before December 5, 2023 to avoid penalty.

Tax payments mailed must be postmarked on or before December 5, 2023 and mailed to Pulaski County Treasurer, 52 W Main Street, Suite 100, Pulaski, VA. 24301. Please note: There is a 2.3% convenience fee charged by the credit card companies for all credit cards taken across the counter.

The Pulaski County Treasurer's office is located in the old courthouse at 52 W Main Street, Suite 100, Pulaski, VA. Also, for the convenience of the taxpayer, there is a night drop box located at the back entrance of the courthouse. There are also options to pay online and by telephone on the tax bill.

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Please note: There will not be a photographer on site, you will need to bring your own phone/camera for a pictures. At Right: Bryant Blankenship as Santa Claus.



Two from Ohio die in Wythe Co. crash

The Virginia State Police is investigating a fatal crash that occurred Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2023, at 7:05 a.m., on Interstate 77 at the 42 mile marker in Wythe County.

A 2011 Mercury Grand Marquis was traveling north on I-77 when it pulled off onto the right shoulder. The vehicle then attempted to cross the northbound lanes of travel from

the right shoulder to use the emergency crossover and was struck by a northbound tractor-trailer. The tractor-trailer was unable to avoid striking the Mercury. The crossover was properly marked for authorized use only.

The driver, Jamie A. Pittman, 64, and passenger, Debra L. Pittman, 68, both of Orrville, Ohio, died at the scene. Both

were wearing seat belts.

The driver of the tractor trailer was not injured in the crash.

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REMINDER Town of Pulaski Real Estate Bills

Town of Pulaski Real Estate tax bills for the 2nd half of 2023 have been mailed. Failure to receive a bill does not relieve the taxpayer of any additional charges of penalty or interest that will accrue under the law for failure to pay the tax assessment.

This Tax must be paid on or before December 5, 2023 by 5:00 pm to avoid penalty or interest being added.

Payments should be address to the Town of Pulaski Finance Dept. PO Box 660 Pulaski VA 24301

Notice is hereby given that the Finance Office for the Town of Pulaski will be open Monday – Friday 8:30 – 5:00, except for holidays to receive payments for Real Estate Taxes. The Town of Pulaski office is located in the Municipal Building at 42 1st St. NW Pulaski VA 24301. For the convenience of the taxpayer there is a night drop located at the rear of the building. Payments can also be made Online -www.pulaskitown.org and click Bill Pay Or by phone 1-833-998-4764. Please have your account number and WIPP Pin # that is located on the front of your bill.

Books as Brain Food

Now here's a "novel" way to increase our brain function. It doesn't involve getting more exercise or eating certain foods. It doesn't include doing puzzles. We only need to grab a book and start flipping pages.

Emory University did a study that showed how there are "quantifiable changes" in brain activity when participants read a book. Granted, it was a bit more regimented than just grabbing your favorite author's latest bestseller.

In the study, participants were given a baseline brain scan each day for a few days. Then they were given the thriller "Pompeii" by Robert Harris with instructions to read 30 pages a night. Each morning they were given another brain scan. After the book was finished (about nine days), they were given more scans to see how the brain reacted. Researchers were able to track which portions of the book the participants were reading and correlate them to the brain scan images.

Here's what they learned: During reading, and for days afterward, there were significant activity increases in the parts of the brain associated with story comprehension, as well as processing language.

According to the study, the reading has to be fiction to *Elks Memorial Service set for Sunday at 2 p.m.*

The public is cordially invited to attend an open house event, The annual memorial service of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge 1067 Pulaski.

The Lodge is Located at 10 West Main Street, Pulaski. This 116th annual event will be on December 3, 2023 at 2 pm. Seating will open at 1:30 p.m. A lift service is provided for those needing assistance with steps.

This service marks 116 years of uninterrupted existence and 113 years at the same said address. For BPOElks Pulaski Lodge, the lodge officers and members will be adding Edward F. Southern, Sr. to Lodge Tablets of Love and Memory.

Light refreshments will be set following the service. The public is encouraged to share in the memory of Brother Ed.

It is an afternoon to gather in fraternal affection and to freshen hearts with the dew of recollection. To honor not just our recent absent brother, but to recall the others who have graced our community with wisdom, wit, and brotherly love.

Please come and shake the hand of a good and dear friend and share a cup of kindness with a new acquaintance.

I hope to see you there,
Mike Sink, Exalted Ruler

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

get these brain connectivity changes, something with a narrative that describes events unfolding, and a story we can identify with.

Here's my thinking: While researchers don't know yet how long these brain changes last after reading a novel, it's at least five days. Perhaps we should spend some time in 2024 re-reading the novels that had an impact on us, as well as new narrative fiction and a few of the old classics. The reference librarian is sure to be a good source for book suggestions.

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OBITUARIES



MYRTLE ETHEL MARTIN

Myrtle Ethel Martin age, 80, of Barren Springs, passed away on November 28, 2023. She was born on February 17, 1943, in Virginia to the late Harless and Helen Henley Lawson. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Sambo Lawson, Stanley Lawson and Matthews “Monk” Lawson; two sisters, Frances Cook and Becky Clark.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Theresa and Wayne Hounshell of Bland; three sons and daughters-in-law, Johnny and Robin Hodge of Abingdon; Jeff Hodge of Dublin; Tim and Leasa Hodge of Roanoke; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Ruby and Randy Andrews of TN; Charlotte and Laymen Alexander of Hiwassee; 8 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren; 2 great-great grandchildren, and several nieces, nephews also survive.

Funeral service will be held 1 P.M. Monday, December 4, 2023, at the Riverview Church of God with the Reverend Eddie Dalton officiating. Interment will follow in the Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin. The family will receive friends from 12 noon until the time of the service on Monday at the church.

Online condolences can be sent to the family at www.grubbfuneralhome.com. The Martin family is in the care of Grubb Funeral Home.



FRANCES JEAN CRAIG COOK

Frances Jean Craig Cook, age 91 of Pulaski, died Sunday, November 26, 2023 at Commonwealth Assisted Living in Fairlawn. She was born in Pulaski on July 1, 1932, and was the daughter of the late Gary Thomas Craig and the late Edna Earle Roseberry Craig. Frances attended, when in good health, at Memorial Baptist Church in Pulaski, and she retired from Burlington Industries, as a line supervisor.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a grandson, Jeremy Linkous. She is survived by her son: Gary

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EDWIN LESLIE BEAMER

Went home to be with his lord and savior on Friday November 24 2023. Born May 1st 1941 in Giles County, he was the son of the late Ben V. Beamer & Nancy Sexton Beamer. He was also preceded in death by his loving wife, Freda, daughter, Wanda Yvonne Beamer, brother, Donald Beamer, sister, Joyce Beamer, brother-in-law, Edwin Hall and sister-in-law, Ingrid Beamer.

On May 28, 2004, Edwin married Freda Watson Hall, who made the last 19 years of their life some of her most enjoyable and memorable. Together, they traveled the country and saw nearly every state. Freda and Ed were “joined at the hips.” Where you saw one, you saw the other beside or not too far behind.

Known to most as Ed, he spent 4 years in the Air Force as an electrical Aircraft mechanic, before coming back to the states and eventually working for C&P telephone company, now Verizon. In his earlier days he enjoyed bowling and fishing. However, his passion was woodworking and many of his family are blessed to have pieces of furniture crafted by him. He was a proud father, granddaddy and great granddaddy.

Left behind to cherish his memories are his children Sheryl Jarrells – Hiwassee, Tricia Frazier and husband Bo – Hiwassee, Allen Tabor – Radford; stepchildren – Brian Watson and his wife, Lisa; Edwina McDaniel and her husband Dale; grandchildren, Danielle, Zach, Ashley, Austin and Grace, step grandchildren, Rusty, Robert, Adam, Tyler and Justin; five great grandchildren and six great step grandchildren.

A small graveside service will be held at 11:00 AM – Saturday, December 9, 2023 at the Dishon/Page Cemetery with Pastor Dennis Trail and Pastor Ray Bolen officiating. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Farris Mines Christian Church c/o Pat Taylor 376 Farris Mines Road Allisonia, VA 24347.

To sign Edwin’s online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com

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SHIRLEY J. CRISP

Shirley J. Crisp, 84, departed this life on Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2023 at the LewisGale Hospital, Salem, Va.

Shirley was the daughter of the late Samuel and Mary Della Crisp. She was preceded in death by five brothers, Dennis, Douglas, Donald, Richard and Samuel Crisp Jr. and one sister, Alice E. Crisp.

Shirley was a graduate of Christiansburg Institute, Christiansburg, Va. She later attended business school in Washington, D.C. Shirley was married to Julian Perry Black and from this union was born two children, Kimberly and Brian Black. Shirley accepted Christ at an early age as a result of a loving and faithful upbringing.

After a lengthy stay in the Washington, D.C. area, Shirley returned to Pulaski where she worked as a CNA. Afterwards she took loving care of her mother until her demise. She



was a longtime resident of Pulaski, Va.

Shirley leaves to cherish her memory her beloved daughter, Kimberly; devoted son, Brian; dearly loved grandson Julian; sisters, Mary L. Alexander (Murhl), Dorothy P. Johnson and Delzora Williams along with numerous nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

STEPHANIE LYNN BARRERA

Stephanie Lynn Barrera, age 33 of Pulaski passed away Friday, November 24, 2023. Born May 5, 1990 in Texas, she was the daughter of the late Sherry Lynn Asbell Forster. She was also preceded in death by her maternal grandmother, Rose Dyke Asbell.

Stephanie is survived by her Children
Selena Aries Barrera
Malayah Gracelyn Barrera
Brother – Jeremiah “Bubba” Benjamin Barrera

Sister – Raquel Ceresa Barrera

Grandmother
Rose Abshire
Nephew – Rasir Salaam
Niece – Gabrianna Barrera

Many other extended family members and friends

Memorial services for Stephanie will be held 6:00 PM – Friday, December 8, 2023 at the Brush Arbor Ministries, Pulaski with Rev. Carson



Linkous officiating.

The family will receive friends one hour before service time Friday at the church. To sign Stephanie’s online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com

Bower Funeral Homes, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family.

JUANITA EANES SLATE

Juanita Eanes Slate, born September 28, 1926, gained her heavenly wings and regained perfect sight in the arms of our savior on November 25, 2023. She was reunited for eternity with her beloved husband, David W. Slate, brother Floyd Eanes, daughter, Sandra Stowers, and grandson JJ Stowers.

Left to honor Juanita’s memory is her daughter Debbie (Dennis) Taylor, granddaughters Aimee (Scott) Burroughs and Sherry (David) Draper.

Great grandchildren are Jordan (Victoria) Reed, Jackie and Kami Taylor, Ryan Burroughs, Troy, Rosie, and Devin Draper, Sophia,



Noelle and Hollie Mae. Great Grandchildren are Eliza, Taylor,

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SARAH BLAKEMORE DRUMMOND

One more angel has taken to the heavens as our dear mother has gone home to meet her maker. She passed during her sleep with family by her side at her home in Winter Park, FL on July 10, 2023.

She was predeceased by her husband of 49 years, Frank O Drummond Jr, and her second husband Charles Schell. At 95, she was also the last of her siblings: Mary Johnston, John Blakemore, Martha McCrary, Frank Blakemore and William Blakemore and their spouses, all of whom have passed in a very short time of each other. They have always been such a tight-knit family.

Sarah Kent Blakemore was born in Emory, Va., on November 30th, 1927, and has deep roots in Virginia. She was a bright spot (and will forever be) in the lives of her son Frank O. Drummond III, her daughter Sarah Kent Drummond Brunnig, and her grandchildren Casey Drummond, Zachary Drummond, Mathew Brunnig, Mary Haig, Esther King, Betsy Harrelson, Katherine Brunnig and Samuel Brunnig.

Sarah attended Salem Academy, Emory and Henry College and Richmond Professional Institute of the College of William and Mary where she focused on interior design. Working in design after raising her children, she started a design business Wall Papers Etc. Sarah was highly artistic and creative. She was always a leader, too, in church, state and beyond as a den mother, Sunday school teacher, PTA president, Women of the Church president, Junior Service League president, and Republican Women. She was the first woman to join the Maitland Rotary and she helped organize several famous local art festivals.

And so much more. We are blessed to have her as our mother. Her self-portrait watches over the dining room at Rockwood Manor, a home she loved fiercely, and where she hosted hundreds with her extraordinary grace and hospitality.

Donations to First Presbyterian Maitland, FL, or New Dublin Presbyterian, Dublin, Va., are appreciated. Both locations will be the focus of memorial services in the near future.

Mother will be “Carried back to Old Virginny” and interred in the famous Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond next to our father and our Drummond and Catlin Grandparents.

She always lived life to the fullest, loved all people to the fullest, and will spend the afterlife in style.

Love you, Mom.

CURTIS DEAN TRAIL

Curtis Dean Trail, 61, of Pulaski, passed away Sunday, November 12, 2023. He was preceded in death by his parents, Gordon and Almeda Trail; and sister, Vickie Sands.

Survivors include his brothers and sisters-in-law, Michael Trail and Kathryn, and Dennis Trail and Janet; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Services will be held at a later date.

The Trail family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford. www.mullinsfuneralhome.com

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community-based art exhibit, Off the Wall is designed to be a fundraiser for the Fine Arts Center. These colorful 8" X 8" paintings cost \$10 and upwards of 25 of these have already been sold. This is all part of the design of the show because when one painting is sold, the smaller paintings that form one large painting are rearranged to form a new design.

"When they're sold, they come right off the wall," said Pynn. "So, it's an off the wall idea but you can also buy the paintings and take them off the wall to take them home. These were put together into six larger collage type paintings with the idea that they will change constantly. They don't have to stay together for the show to remain. As they get sold, the show will become smaller and smaller."

Another fundraising aspect of the ongoing open house involves a raffle being held for a beautifully handcrafted king size quilt donated by the Draper Quilt and Art Collective. This quilt was



Cathy Hanks (President of the Friends of Peak Creek) and artist Nikki Pynn take a look at one of the collage type paintings in the Off the Wall Exhibit

made in a traditional Log Cabin style but with a uniquely modern color design. Cost for the raffle tickets are as follows: 1 ticket costs \$3, 2 tickets

cost \$5 and 5 tickets cost \$10. Tickets will be sold up until the drawing, which will take place at this summer's F.A.C. concert event.

The Off the Wall exhibit will be ongoing at the Fine Arts Center, with paintings available for purchase until the show ends on January 6, 2024. In addition, up until December 18, any purchase at

the Fine Arts Center giftshop makes the buyer eligible for the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce's \$1,000 prize, as part of their Shop Small Pulaski campaign. The drawing for the \$1,000 cash prize is set to occur on the week before Christmas and will undoubtedly give some lucky individual a heaping helping of Christmas Cheer!

Nine die on highways during holiday

RICHMOND – Virginia experienced a 53% decrease in the number of fatal traffic crashes over the 2023 Thanksgiving holiday. Preliminary data indicates nine people lost their lives over the five-day holiday statistical counting period, compared to 19 fatalities in 2022.* In a majority of the crashes, those who died were not wearing a seat belt.

"The reduction in traffic crashes is definitely encouraging and we appreciate everyone who put in the extra effort to drive safely and responsibly over the Thanksgiving weekend," said Colonel Gary T. Settle, Virginia State Police Superintendent. "As we now head into the winter holiday season, I urge Virginians to please buckle up, not follow too closely, comply with posted speed limits, and drive drug and alcohol-free."

During the five-day counting period, which began at 12:01 a.m. Nov. 22, 2023, and concluded at midnight Nov.

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James Harman buys a painting from the Off the Wall art exhibit. Artist Nikki Pynn rearranges the artwork after each piece is sold.



Several artistically inclined individuals added some color to the last few unpainted canvases during the Sapphire Anniversary's Off the Wall art exhibit

Cook

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Kenneth (Sharon) Cook, Sr. of Pulaski: her daughter; Pamela (Jerry) Crowder of Pulaski: a sister Juanita (Pete) Richardson of Pulaski: and a grandson Gary Kenneth Cook, Jr. of Pulaski. She is also survived by many friends.

Memorial services were held on Thursday, November 30, 2023 at Seagle funeral home with Pastor Randal Lawrence officiating. A private interment was conducted in Thornspring Cemetery.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.seaglefuneralhome.com Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. 540-980-1700

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AJ, Skylynn, Luca and Kade and soon to be Ivy Grace.

Visitation will be Tuesday, November 28, from six o'clock until eight O'clock in the evening at the Newbern Church of God located at 5271 Wilderness Road in Dublin Virginia.

Funeral services were Wednesday, November 29 at the Newbern Church of God with Pastor David Cruff officiating. Interment followed at the Thornspring United Methodist Church Cemetery.

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EDITORIAL

Fire Investigation

This fall, forest fires have been significant in the 9th District and causes are yet to be determined.

In September, I held a hearing in the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee of the Energy and Commerce Committee, to discuss the devastating Maui fires that occurred this past August. Our focus was investigating what role Maui's electric infrastructure might have played in the events leading up to the fires.

As I said after the hearing, I was disappointed the Committee could not get answers on the timeline leading up to the deenergizing of the



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

power lines on Maui from our witness, Hawaiian Electric President and CEO Shelee Kimura. The

disappointment stemmed from the fact that notice was given to Hawaiian Electric that we were specifically looking at the timeline and Ms. Kimura was not prepared with the answers. Notwithstanding that, in the aftermath of a crisis sometimes it takes leaders time to gather all the appropriate answers.

Accordingly, I followed up with a series of written questions in order to get a better picture of the sequence of events and more information on Hawaiian Electric's fire protocols and procedures. Ms. Kimura has since submitted detailed responses for the record.

I was particularly interested when on August 8th Hawaiian Electric deenergized their power lines. According to Ms. Kimura, Hawaiian Electric was aware of the Red Flag Warning issued by the National Weather Service, meaning there was an increased risk of fire. She said because of this, Hawaiian Electric implemented their Reclose Blocking Procedure. Under this protocol, if a fault causes a line to trip offline (or deenergize), the circuit breaker or recloser cannot automatically attempt to reenergize the circuit. It must be done manually after the line has been inspected and determined to be found "clear and intact".

According to Ms. Kimura's written answers, a power line tripped early the morning of August 8th and, following the protocol, was inspected, and deemed clear and intact. The company reenergized the line at 6 a.m. The same line was then tripped offline again at 6:39 a.m.

What is most concerning about this sequence of events is that the morning fire in Lahaina was reported at 6:37 a.m. Further, the fire was reported in the same area as the tripped line. It is reported that the morning fire was contained by 9 a.m. but, there is speculation that the morning fire might not have been completely extinguished, thus reigniting, and causing the deadly afternoon fire.

This leads many to wonder what would have happened if the line hadn't been turned back on. Was it improper for the company to have reenergized the lines at 6 a.m., despite high winds continuing?

The Committee will continue to investigate and will hold more hearings to learn as much as possible about these fires and how to prevent such fires in the future.

One of the other things that came out during the hearing was the use of a "public safety power shutoff" program. This program, created due to fires in western states, including California, uses modern technology to quickly deenergize the power system in areas of high risk. This allows utility companies to cut electricity to specific areas before dangerous weather in order to limit the risk of fires. The program was not used in Hawaii.

My hope is that other power companies in the United States, including those in Virginia, will consider adopting this technology.

This was particularly pressing on my mind the last several weeks because in early November, Cardinal News reported that Virginia had five fires that had consumed more than 1,000 acres each. Of those, four were located in the 9th District. At that time, the Yocum Creek fire in Lee County covered 1,500 acres, the Rocklick Fire in Buchanan County covered 1,200 acres, the Rachel's Chapel fire in Dickenson County covered 1,100 acres, and the Tuggle's Gap in Patrick County covered 1,050 acres.

And as I write this column, the Matt's Creek fire in Bedford County has already consumed over 11,000 acres. I hope to be with the forest service soon and see the damage.

While there is no indication at this time that any of these fires were caused by electric power lines, and while we did not experience high winds prior to these fires as occurred out west and in Hawaii, I believe this technology deserves due consideration.

If you have questions, concerns, or comments, feel free to contact my office. You can call my Abingdon office at 276-525-1405 or my Christiansburg office at 540-381-5671. To reach my office via email, please visit my website at www.morgangriffith.house.gov. Also on my website is the latest material from my office, including information on votes recently taken on the floor of the House of Representatives.

Thankful Blessed

Just coming out of the Thanksgiving Holiday, we have so much to reflect on and to give thanks. Unfortunately, we also read and hear so much turmoil of wars taking place in the Ukraine, atrocities in Israel, the war starting in Gaza and appearing to spread throughout parts of the Middle East. We now routinely see scenes of crime and violence in several of our major cities, many local state and local governments are faced with austerity decisions, rural communities are contracting to dangerously unstable proportions, our southern border can be described as chaotic at best, and our political parties are at odds with each other instead of unified around common resolve.

I do not point out these difficult conditions to illuminate the obvious, but rather bring into focus the contrast we are blessed with here in our small corner of the world - Pulaski County, Virginia.

You have heard me talk many times about the winners and losers that are likely to emerge in our new post-pandemic world as it relates to communities and their economies. You have also heard me talk about the strategic plan we implemented during and after COVID to ensure we would emerge in the strongest position possible when the dust settled and the new normal began.

Beyond the new programs and creative initiatives, the logical partnerships, the strategic investments, and the proactive and reactive measures, there is another secret ingredient in our community's recipe of success. This ingredient is what led 2022 to be a record setting year on so many levels to include economic and community development successes. It is the ingredient that has led 2023 to yield an even greater level of banner



Patriot's Post

Jonathan Sweet
Pulaski Co. Administrator

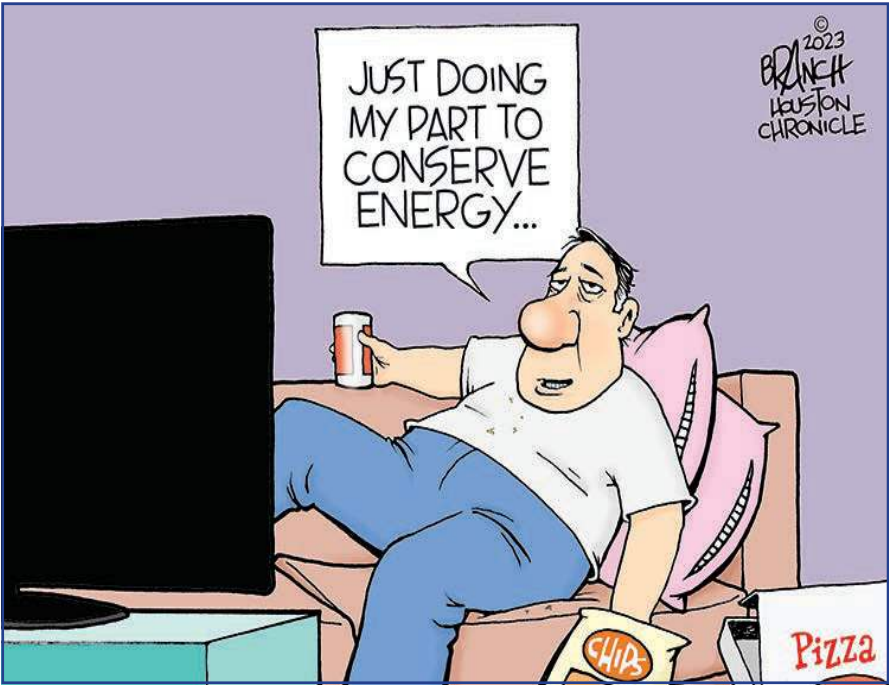
success and raise the bar that much higher for ground breakings, ribbon-cuttings, and business development announcements.

I wish the local government and all of our County apparatus this is filled with talented professionals and visionary leadership could take all the credit as the reason for our continued success. It would be great if we could attribute it all to our industry leaders and our world-class business community. Or, perhaps it is our location, logistics and infrastructure.

Well, as someone who serves amongst the dedicated and anointed leadership of Pulaski County, who is extremely cognizant and thankful of our diverse businesses and industries, and someone who understands how local and regional economies ebb and flow. It is my duty to point out and acknowledge where I believe all our community's blessings flow, and that is from our God above who has blessed this community with a hedge of protection and who honors Pulaski County and the people and businesses within.

It is because so many of our citizens pray over our County, its leaders, its citizens, its economy, its health,

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Abortion Legislation

One of the main themes for Democrats running for various General Assembly seats in Virginia was not only protection for abortion rights, but also expansion of when abortions may be performed. Today, Virginia has a restriction against abortions in the third trimester (or after 26 weeks), with an exception provided for if the life of the mother is in danger. While Governor Youngkin proposed restrictions on abortions after 15 weeks—which included the typical exceptions for health and safety of the mother—Virginia Democrats emboldened by November's election results are already planning on cutting nearly all restrictions on abortion.

Among the first pieces of legislation submitted for the 2024 General Assembly legislative session is House Joint Resolution 1 (H.J. 1), which is being carried by the incoming House Majority Leader, a Democrat. H.J. 1 calls for an amendment to Virginia's constitution. "That, except when justified by a compelling state interest, the Commonwealth shall not penalize, prosecute, or otherwise take adverse action against an individual on the basis of an actual, potential, perceived, or alleged outcome of such individual's pregnancy, nor shall the Commonwealth penalize, prosecute, or otherwise take adverse action against an individual who aids or assists another individual, with such individual's voluntary consent, in the exercise of such individual's right to reproductive freedom."

What this would mean is unfettered access to abortion, even past the point in the third trimester where a fetus can survive viably outside of his or her mother.

Constitutional amendments are notoriously difficult to pass. In order for

this constitutional amendment to succeed, the Virginia House and Senate must both pass it by a majority vote this year. Then, the amendment must receive a majority vote in both bodies again after the next House of Delegates election in 2 years. After that, the matter is put to voters in Virginia directly as a referendum. Democrats currently hold majorities in the House and Senate, but only by the slimmest of margins.

Many Republicans understand that there are unfortunate and tragic circumstances where an abortion may be necessary, most of which involve the health and safety of the mother as well as in response to criminal acts such as rape, incest, and abuse. Republicans also respect the sanctity of a fetus as a human being, especially when it is medically and scientifically determined to be able to survive outside its mother. This constitutional amendment goes way too far and will result in abortion on demand, up to the point of birth. Our future children deserve better.

It is my honor to represent you in Richmond, and I want you to be fully informed what your government is doing for you. As the Delegate representing the 12th District (soon to be the 42nd District due to redistricting), your concerns are my greatest priority. If ever I may be of

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Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

The new Arab street is here at home

The old conventional wisdom was that the U.S. couldn't be too pro-Israel for fear of inflaming "the Arab street."

The new conventional wisdom will have to be that we can't be too pro-Israel for fear of inflaming "the Western street."

The Arab street, a hoary cliché of commentary on the Middle East for decades, was a reference to public opinion in the Arab countries, with the strong implication that if we offended it, the result would be massive anti-Western demonstrations and perhaps violence.

Well, here we are, with this dynamic playing out throughout the United States and other Western countries. We have offended the new Arab street within our own societies. In response, it has lashed out in mass protests, intimidation of Jews, antisemitic chants and graffiti, property damage and anti-patriotic acts and sentiments.

It is hardly the global intifada that speakers at these events call for, but it is significant agitation. Left-of-center political parties will take it seriously, and the Biden administration -- hesitant to speak of antisemitism without reference to fashionable Islamophobia, as well -- has already been influenced by it.

The Arab street in the West is not literally Arab, although Muslim immigrants and their children, along with foreign students, are clearly a large component. Woke young people who come by their anti-Israel views via intersectional politics, along with traditional left-wing and anti-war activists, play a big role, too.

It makes for a noxious mix. The West's Arab street mobilized in the immediate aftermath of October 7 before Israel even had the chance to mount any substantial response. It inveighed against Israel on principle even after an unspeakable pogrom.

Of course, things have only picked up from there. A week or so ago, more than 300,000 pro-Palestinian protesters marched in London, chanting for the elimination of Israel. That would be a notable crowd in an Arab capital, but it's especially remarkable in one of the greatest cities in the Western world.

In a nice touch that, again, one would expect in a country in the Middle East, the protest march ended at the U.S. Embassy.

A couple of days earlier, thousands of protesters shut down midtown Manhattan. They vandalized a police cruiser, writing "IDF KKK" on it, and splattered fake blood on the New York Times building. They kicked and smashed windows at a shut-down Grand Central Station.

Unlike other mass movements, most famously the civil-rights movement, the protesters don't seek to swath themselves in American symbolism and ideals. Palestinian flags, not American flags, are the banners of these marchers. In Manhattan, they removed American flags from a lamppost. And they've vandalized war memorials in Europe.

In some prominent cases, we have directly imported hatred of ourselves via the Middle East. At a large pro-Palestinian rally in Washington, D.C., the lawyer and activist Lamis Deek praised martyrdom and resistance, and bellowed that "the truth is the Western world is a lie." She comes

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Holiday

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26, 2023, nine people lost their lives to eight traffic crashes on Virginia roadways. The crashes occurred in Amelia, Buchanan, Fairfax, Henrico, Henry, Madison, and Wythe counties, as well as the city of Chesapeake. A crash on Interstate 77 in Wythe County on Nov. 22, 2023, claimed the lives of a couple from Ohio.

To prevent traffic deaths and injuries during the Thanksgiving holiday, the Virginia State Police participated in Operation C.A.R.E., the Crash Awareness and Reduction Effort.

Operation CARE is an annual, state-sponsored, national program during which state police increases its visibility and traffic enforcement efforts during the five-day statistical counting period.

The 2023 Thanksgiving Holiday CARE initiative led to state troopers citing 4,520 drivers for speeding and 1,840 for reckless driving. State

Lowery

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from Nablus, and her worldview is about what you'd expect of someone from there.

At MIT, Israeli and Jewish students say they were blocked from attending class by a pro-Palestinian protest at the school's main entrance. The protest violated the rules, but when the school ordered all protesters to leave the area or face suspension, the contingent of Jewish counter-protesters left, while the pro-Palestinians stayed.

Were they suspended? No, apparently because many of them are foreign students. The president of MIT cited "visa issues" in not following through on the discipline.

This is perverse. But we can never forget the extent to which we ourselves, through determined inculcation in our own schools, have made students from right here in the United States haters of Israel and the West. Altogether, we've created the conditions for the ongoing cataract of anti-Israel agitation, coupled with outright antisemitism and harassment of Jews, that shows no signs of abating.

Why settle for an Arab Street abroad, when you can have one here at home?

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

troopers also arrested 89 drivers for driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, and wrote 427 citations for not wearing a seat belt.

Overall, state troopers worked 1,359 crashes, a decrease of nearly a hundred traffic crashes compared to the 2022 Thanksgiving holiday. Of the 2023 traffic crashes, 137 of them resulted in injuries.

Funds generated from summonses issued by Virginia State Police go directly to court fees and the state's Literary Fund, which benefits public school construction, technology funding and teacher retirement.

*Source: Virginia Highway Safety Office, Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles

Sweet

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and its future. The federal, state and local government is not the end-all and fix-all to everything. But with God's help, His guidance and His blessings, I truly believe their can be pockets of prosperity within a troubled and unstable world.

Pulaski County is that blessed place and it is because of all those who humble themselves, take the time to pray over our County and more importantly give God the praise for the blessings both before and after they arrive. As the world becomes more troubled, the economy becomes more strained and confidence erodes within governments, I ask you to join me and so many here in Pulaski County in prayer of our County, its people, its economic health and its blessed future.

Pulaski County is... Thankfully blessed.

Ballard

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assistance to you and your family, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at DelJBallard@House.Virginia.Gov. You can also follow me on Twitter @JasonBallardVA or like my Facebook page, Jason Ballard for Delegate, to keep up to date with what I am doing in Richmond and in our community on your behalf.

The Million Veteran Research Program

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To learn more about the program, see www.mvp.va.gov/

VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

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Be sure to scroll down the FAQ for answers to a lot of questions before you consider signing up. Look for the links that access a map showing all the MVP clinic locations. You'll only need to go in one time, unless in the future you agree to join other avenues of research, in which case additional consent would be needed. Take a long look at the drop-down section titled "Confidentiality, Privacy, and Security" to see how your DNA and health information will be secured and who else will be allowed access.

You can also call MVP with questions at 866-441-6075 or send an email to AskMVP@va.gov. If you don't have (or don't want to use) the internet to join the project or sign the consent forms, you can still arrange an in-person meeting to give your permission.

Winter Awareness

By Laura Reasor
Associate Family and Consumer Science Agent, Pulaski/Giles

As winter storms and cold temperatures are upon us, it is important to stay safe and healthy by being prepared and having a plan. Winterizing your home and checking your heating systems can save you time, worry, and money in the long run. Have your heating system serviced professionally and make sure that it is clean, working properly, and ventilated to the outside. It is good to have a safe alternate heating source and alternate fuels available in case something goes wrong with your primary heating source. In the event of a power outage, stock food that needs

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Glencoe Mansion Celebrates Its 25th Anniversary

Glencoe Mansion is pleased to announce the celebration of its 25th anniversary on Saturday, December 2, from 3:30 to 5:30 pm, with a special program of recognition taking place at 4:30. The event is open to the public, and there is no admission charge.

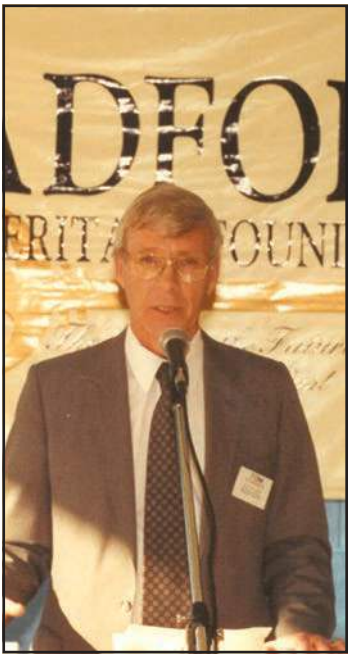
The Glencoe Mansion was completed in 1875 as the home for Gen. Gabriel C. Wharton and his wife Nannie Radford Wharton. The house remained in family hands until 1981. According to Director Scott Gardner, “It is really amazing that we can still talk with Wharton descendants who knew Glencoe as a house and not a museum.” He adds, “They are very glad that their ancestral home can serve as such a great part of the community.”

When the Wharton family sold Glencoe it was purchased by the Kollmorgen Corporation, which was looking to expand their facility. As part of their campaign, they built the large parking lots that line West Main Street. During their improvements, they also cleared the many trees and shrubs that had obscured Glencoe from the view of the community. For many, this century-old home was a new discovery. In 1996 Kollmorgen donated the Glencoe structure to the City of Radford for the creation of a museum that City leaders had wanted to develop for the community.

The City of Radford began the restoration of Glencoe in 1997. It was a massive project that entailed far more than anyone had imagined. There were major structural repairs that had to be made, but in the end, they saved a City treasure. Tom Starnes, the Mayor of Radford at that



Glencoe 1981: Glencoe as it appeared in 1981 when Kollmorgen Corporation began clearing the surrounding trees and shrubs.



Tom Starnes: Then Radford Mayor Tom Starnes at the ceremony in which Kollmorgen Corporation donated the Glencoe structure to the City in 1996 for a future museum.



Kollmorgen Gift: Then Kollmorgen Vice-President Mark Petty is interviewed about the donation of Glencoe to the City of Radford in 1996.



Staircase: The Glencoe staircase as it appeared when the restoration was under way.

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time, was a keen advocate for the museum. Starnes recently said, “Twenty-five years later as I reflect upon actions taken to preserve Glencoe and a portion of Radford history, I am convinced that it was the correct decision.”

When the restoration was completed in 1998, the City of Radford tasked the nonprofit Radford Heritage Foundation with the operation of the museum. The doors were opened to the public on October 10, and have been open since that point. The City of Radford and the Radford Heritage Foundation, now 25 years later, are still partnering to provide a major asset to the local community.



Opening 1998: The Ribbon cutting for the opening of Glencoe as a museum in 1998.

“The celebration of the 25th anniversary is an opportunity for us all to look back and reflect on all the individuals who have worked over the years to make Glencoe a success,” says Director Scott Gardner. The development of the museum has been a team effort, and it is hoped all those teammates

through the years will come to celebrate.

The celebration is Saturday, December 2, from 3:30 to 5:30 pm. There will be refreshments. There is no admission charge, and the public is welcome as Glencoe Mansion celebrates 25 years as a museum.

Winter

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no cooking or refrigeration and potable water.

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Above all, be ready to check

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At left: Clients of the Adult Day Service participate in an activity.
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SPORTS

Hokies fall to Auburn, 74-57

AUBURN, Ala. (AP) — Johni Broome scored 30 points and grabbed 15 rebounds and Auburn beat Virginia Tech 74-57 on Wednesday night in the ACC/SEC Challenge for the Tigers' fifth straight win.

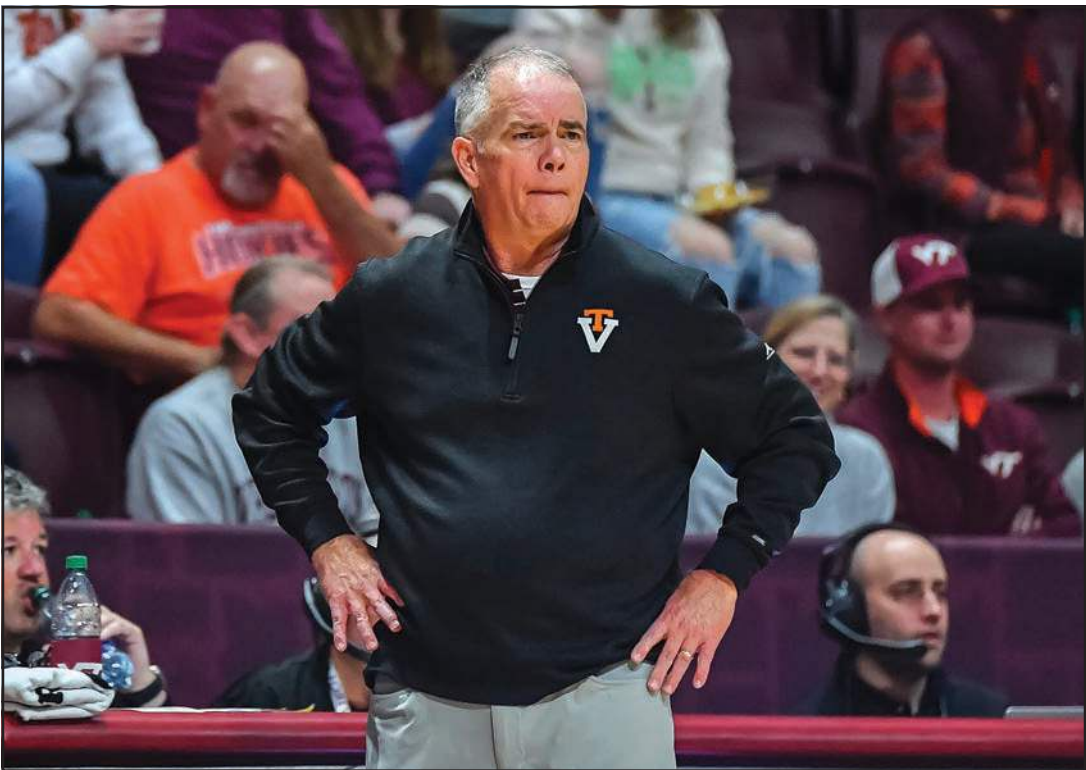
Broome was 11-of-19 shooting and made 8 of 13 free throws, coming up two points shy of his career best. Chad Baker-Mazara added 15 points for the Tigers (5-1), who won their 48th straight nonconference home game.

Hunter Cattoor scored 16 points and was the only player in double figures for the Hokies (5-3).

Auburn made only 2 of 16 3-point attempts and finished at 39% shooting overall but the Hokies shot just 27%. The teams combined for 47 fouls and 67 free throws.

Leading by nine at halftime, Auburn missed its first five shots of second half before Tre Donaldson scored five straight points for a 14-point lead and the margin stayed in double figures.

Auburn outscored Virginia Tech 18-4 over the first seven minutes behind nine points by



Hokies head coach Mike Young sees his charges fall to 5-3 on the season. Brian Bishop/Patriot Publishing

Baker-Mazara and led 33-24 at halftime with Broome scoring 16 points.

Virginia Tech was without starting guard MJ Collins, who sustained a knee injury in the Hokies' previous game against

FAU. Tyler Nickel made his first start in place of Collins. The Hokies had 21 turnovers, seven by Sean Pedulla, who came in averaging nearly 16 points per game but on this night was 0-of-9 shooting with

four points.

The programs played each for the first time in 24 years.

In Sunday games, Virginia Tech is host to Louisville in an ACC opener while Auburn is at Appalachian State.



High School Playoff Scores

PREP FOOTBALL VHSL Regional Finals

Class 6
Highland Springs 17, Manchester 6
Freedom 50, Battlefield 7
James Madison 31, Westfield 7
Lake Braddock 39, Fairfax 20

Class 5
Indian River 10, Green Run 7
Matoaca 42, William Fleming 3
Maury 48, Warwick 20
Stone Bridge 29, Briar Woods 6

Class 4
Salem 42, E.C. Glass 14
Tuscarora 24, John Champe 21
King George 24, Varina 14
Phoebus 41, Warhill 13

Class 3
Brentsville 30, Armstrong 28
Liberty Christian 63, Turner Ashby 14
William Byrd 31, Magna Vista 7
Lafayette 49, Heritage 0

Class 2
Poquoson 57, Amelia County 18
Radford 29, Glenvar 24
Riverheads 41, Woodstock Central 14
Graham 33, Union 24

Class 1
Altavista 22, Sussex Central 16
Essex 54, Northumberland 26
Galax 17, George Wythe 14
Honaker 28, Rye Cove 18

VHSL Football State Semi-Final

Playoff Schedule

(All games start at 2 p.m.)

Class 1
No. 3 Altavista at No. 1 Essex
No. 5 Galax at No. 1 Honaker

Class 2
No. 2 Graham vs. No. 1 Radford (At Christiansburg)
No. 2 Riverheads at No. 1 Poquoson

Class 3
No. 2 William Byrd at No. 1 Liberty Christian
No. 2 Brentsville at No. 2 Lafayette

Class 4
No. 1 Salem at No. 1 Tuscarora
No. 1 King George at No. 1 Phoebus

Class 5
No. 3 Matoaca at No. 1 Stone Bridge
No. 3 Indian River at No. 1 Maury

Class 6
No. 2 Lake Braddock at No. 1 Highland Springs (1:30 p.m. start time)
No. 1 Freedom at No. 1 James Madison

Note: Rankings represent a team's ranking in their region.

Bobcats Win Region C crown

By ELIZABETH KANIPE Patriot Publishing

A week ago Radford beat Appomattox, a team that had eliminated them from the playoffs the past three years. On Friday, Radford faced Glenvar, a team the Bobcats had beaten earlier in the season 36-3 at Glenvar. This time, the winning team would earn the title of Region 2C Champion and a berth in the state semi-final game.

In the regular-season game, Radford used early Glenvar turnovers to take an early lead. On Friday Glenvar was able to do the same. The first turnover came when Glenvar intercepted a Radford pass and returned it to the Radford 23 yard line. Five plays later QB Brody Dawyot hit Reid Hutchinson on a slant pass to put the Highlanders up 7-0. Radford responded with a 10 play drive that ended with J.D. Grubb sprinting in from 14 yards out to tie the game. Radford would force Glenvar to punt but the catch was muffed and the Highlanders recovered at the Bobcat 6 yard line. Radford's defense stood strong and forced Glenvar to kick a 23 yard field goal to put the Highlanders up 10-7 with 8 minutes left in the first half.



Max Kanipe gains yards & then stretches to the sidelines to stop the clock and keep the last Bobcat drive alive. Elizabeth Kanipe/Patriot Publishing

Radford answered two drives later when Landen Clark hit Max Kanipe on a 16 yard screen pass for a touchdown. Clark ran for the 2 point conversion to put Radford up 15-10 late in the second half. Both teams had another possession but failed to score to end the first half. Radford had 197 yards to

Glenvar's 97 yards at halftime. Three turnovers and penalties kept the score close at halftime.

Neither team was able to score in the third quarter but Glenvar got the ball at midfield late in the third quarter when Radford failed to convert on 4th down and 4 yards. Cooper Mullins ran for 23 yards on the first play. Mullins scored from 5 yards out early in the fourth quarter. The two point conversion failed, making the score 16-15 in favor of the Highlanders.

The Bobcats next drive ended with an interception at the Glenvar 14 yard line. Radford

would force Glenvar to punt and started their next drive at their own 18 yard line. Two plays later Clark would fake a counter handoff and keep the ball for a 67 yard touchdown run. Clark ran the 2 point conversion for a 23-16 lead with six minutes left in the game.

Glenvar had to respond to keep their hopes of winning alive. RB Shane Gibson broke through the defensive front and sprinted 34 yards before being tackled at the Bobcat 21 yard line. Mullins scored

See BOBCATS, page B3

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Bobcats

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from 5 yards out to bring the Highlanders within one point. Glenvar completes the 2 point conversion on a pass from Dawyot to Reed Hutchinson to take the lead 24-23 with 2:06 remaining in the game.

Radford started their final drive at their own 25 yard line. Clark found Colton Garner-Rollins at the Glenvar 49 yard line to get into Highlander territory. On 4th down and 5 yards, Clark would keep the ball and run up the middle to give the Bobcats a new set of downs with under a minute left in the game. Clark connected with Kanipe for a 14 yard gain down to the Glenvar 22 yard line. On second down Clark took the snap with plenty of time to scan the field. Luke Woodard sprinted across the front of the endzone and Clark threw a strike to him which gave Radford the lead with 10 seconds remaining in the game. The 2 point conversion pass fell incomplete leaving the score at 29-24 in favor of the Bobcats. Glenvar misplayed the kickoff and took possession at their 15 yard line with 2 seconds remaining. Dawyot completed a pass over the middle where the receiver was immediately

tackled to end the game. Landen Clark completed 26 of 40 passes for 289 yards and 2 touchdowns. He also ran 13 times for 107 yards and a touchdown. Grubb ran 8 times for 25 yards and 1 touchdown. Kanipe caught a season high 13 passes for 154 yards and 1 touchdown. Radford finished the game with 425 total yards of offense to Glenvar's 243 yards.


The Bobcats moved to 13-0 for the first time since 1972. They will face Graham High School in the state semi-final game on Saturday December 2nd at 2pm. The game will be played at Christiansburg High School.

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Public Notice Pulaski County Planning Commission

The Pulaski County Planning Commission will host a public hearing to consider this application for the Month of December. In accordance with the Code of Virginia, the Planning Commission will host a public hearing on this petition at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, in the Town of Pulaski to consider comments regarding the following applications;

C) Application submitted by Jim Hager, to Amend the Future Land Use Map of Tax Map 056-001-0000-059A, from Industrial (I) to Conservation (C) located Shaedawn Park.

D) Application submitted by Robert Phillips, to Amend the Future Land Use Map of Tax Map 082-001-0000-0064, from Residential (R) to Commercial (CM) located at TBD Craig Loop Pulaski VA, 24301.

E) Application by Pulaski County Planning & Zoning to amend the Future Land Use Map properties identified as Tax Map Numbers 029-1-15B,047-1-20,039-1-101,053-1-33A,33B,33C,33D,33E,045-1-45,107-1-9A,092-7-1,064-1-17,5,14A,065-1-31B,092-1-24A,080-1-57,039-1-11,039-1-3,074-14-7,038-7-1,2,048-8-115,115A,091-1-55,55A,083-1-36,36A,055-1-18C,037-6-3,4,5

Comments may be presented at the meeting and by phone or in writing prior to the meeting. Information regarding these items are available for public inspection from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Department of Planning & Zoning, County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, Suite 1 in the Town of Pulaski or by phoning (540) 980-7710.

For disabled individuals who may require special auxiliary aids or services, please contact the County's ADA Compliance Officer at (540) 980-7800 (TDD accessible) or (540) 980-7705, ten (10) days prior to the above meeting date to arrange for these special accommodations.

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF PULASKI

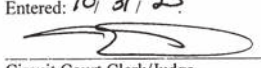
THE TOWN OF PULASKI, VIRGINIA, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia,)	
Plaintiff,)	
v.)	Case No. CL23-451
STEPHANIE L. SMITH, formerly known as STEPHANIE LYNN HERNANDEZ, ROGER L. GOAD, BRENDA S. GOAD, BETTY A. ANDERSON, RITA DALTON LEGO, THE COUNTY OF PULASKI, VIRGINIA, and PARTIES UNKNOWN,)	
Defendant(s).)	

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

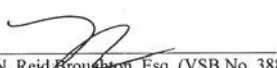
The object of this suit is to enforce a lien for delinquent real estate taxes against the property known as Tax Map No. 072-098-0002-011A, Tax Map No. 072-098-0002-0011, and Tax Map No. 072-098-0002-0010 (lots at end of Craig Street). An Affidavit having been filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the location of the named Defendant(s), that the Defendant(s) may be non-residents of Virginia and maintain no domicile within the borders of the Commonwealth, or are deceased, or that there may be parties who have an interest in the property but are unknown, namely, the heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the named Defendant(s), made Defendants by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby

ORDERED that the named Defendant(s) and all Parties Unknown appear on or before December 11, 2023, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause.

Entered: 10/31/23


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Boy’s Basketball 2023-24 Preview



Brian Bishop/Patriot Publishing

The 2023-24 edition of the Pulaski County High School Cougars boys basketball team.

Pulaski County: New season, new beginnings

By RODNEY YOUNG
Patriot Publishing

The Pulaski County Cougars will have a new head coach this season, but he’s a familiar face. His name is Anthony Akers. Akers has been the head coach at both Pulaski Middle School and Pulaski County’s new middle school. Akers played for Pulaski County and is a 1988 graduate. While at Pulaski County he played for Allen Wiley his freshman and sophomore years, when one of Wiley’s assistants was Mark Hanks.

Hanks went on to win two state titles at Liberty High School before he came back to be head coach of the Cougars. Akers then played his junior and senior years for Pat Burns and went on to further his academic and athletic career at Elon University in North Carolina. Akers graduated from Elon in 1992. He was at the old middle school for 12 years, and last year was head coach at the new Pulaski County Middle School. He also has served as an assistant at Pulaski County High School for three years. One year of that was for Pat Burns and two years for former Cougar head coach Tyler Cannoy. “It just feels like the right time and right thing to do at this time,” Akers said about becoming the Cougars’ head man. “I know and am aware of the schedule and all the things that goes with being head coach.” On the first day of practice, Akers had on the board in the locker room the words, Cougar Pride. P – Passion (play and have passion).

R – Respect (for each other and the program).
I – Integrity (Have integrity for yourself, teammates and school).
D – Discipline (You have to have discipline for yourself and for this program)
E – Effort (You have to bring effort each day to practice - Give your all each day). Akers said, “You all have to be 100 percent in for this team, program and each other.” “This is a new season, new year, new beginnings and I’m the new coach.” Two assistant coaches helping Akers is junior varsity head coach Rajai Hines. Hines is starting his fifth season. The other assistant is former Cougar player and 1,000-point scorer, C.C. Grubb. The Cougars return four players from last year’s team. A fifth player, Wiill O’Neal was brought up late in the season. Lane Nester and Marcus Reed are the only returning seniors. Nester led them in scoring last season, even though he missed the first eight games last year after getting injured in the first quarter of the first game. Reed will be called upon for rebounding and senior leadership. Pulaski County is coming off a 6-17 record. That record wasn’t good, but besides Nester they also lost senior Khalib Horton for the first eight games in which the Cougars lost all eight. When those two came back, they were a much more competitive, 6-9. That 6-9 record included games against Cave Spring twice and Patrick Henry, three times. Both went deep into their playoffs. That also saw the Cougars play state runners-up in Class 2 Radford. Those three, along with

George Wythe, Carroll County and James River all made the playoffs. The Cougars faced Patrick Henry, Radford and George Wythe and all three of them played for state championships. The juniors on this year’s squad will be returnees Isaiah “Tootie” O’Dell and Chandler Hollins. Both will see action and leadership for the team. Junior Will O’Neal was on the junior varsity team for most of last year, but was brought up and got into some games late. Johnny Anderson was a starter on the junior varsity and at 6-4 will be counted on. Chase Lawrence and Jeremiah (Jay) Turner both saw lots of action on the JV team and will be counted on for playing time this year for the varsity. The other junior is Keaton Dehart who has come out and made the team. One other senior making the team is Gabe Walker. Two sophomores who started on the junior varsity last year and will be performing for the varsity are Jalere Harlow and Justus Hash. Both had their moments last year and at times scored in bunches. If they adjust to the faster paced varsity game, they could help this year’s varsity squad. The Cougars’ district games will be tough as usual. Cave Spring and Patrick Henry will both challenge for the regular season championship. Salem and Blacksburg will be tough. Blacksburg will be led by Wade Bland, Chandler Montgomery and Xavier Bland. Cave has Kameron Tinsley and Coeburn Enyart. PH will have Leron Lipford and Rod Tasco. Salem returns most of their team from last year. Christianburg will be improved, but will be young. Hidden



Head coach Anthony Akers

Valley has most of their team back as well. The Cougars will face out of district Radford home and home. Carroll County twice, as well as tall and talented Abingdon once. They will play a very tough Floyd County two times, and have three games in the Fort Chiswell Christmas tournament. Their first game there is against Grayson County. Day two they will face either a very talented Narrows Green Wave or host Fort Chiswell. Coach Akers remarked, “We have a challenging schedule and we will need to play really well. There’s no easy ones for us.” Akers went on to say, “I know this is a very tough process. It’s not a piece of cake. I enjoy working with people and that brings challenges. Sports and life are a lot alike. I like being a problem solver and you need to surround yourself with good people. This has to be a team concept.” He then remarked, “I like to have versatile players. I like to play up tempo. I like to play man-to-man defense. I also know that at times we may have

to change things up.” He then said, “The support from the community has been very supportive. Coach Hines and Grubb have been really good. Hines really kept this program together for months this summer. I’ve told the kids, play hard and have fun playing the game of basketball.” Coach Akers has been the coach for four of the varsity players before now and has been head coach of four of the junior varsity players. This team has been through some difficult times already, but as Coach Akers has said, “Basketball is supposed to be fun and this has to be a team concept and everyone has to buy in.” This season will have it’s ups and downs, but come out, support them, watch them, and enjoy the ride!

- Cougar Roster
- 0 -Jeremiah Turner - Jr.
 - 1- Chandler Hollins - Jr.
 - 2- Isaiah “Tootie” O’Dell - Jr.
 - 3- Jalere Harlow - Soph.
 - 4- Justus Hash - Soph.
 - 5- Gabe Walker - Sr.
 - 12- Johnny Anderson - Jr.
 - 14- Chase Lawrence - Jr.
 - 20- Lane Nester- Sr.
 - 22- Will O’Neal - Jr.
 - 23- Marcus Reed- Sr.
 - 24- Keaton Dehart - Jr.
- Junior Varsity Roster
- 1- D’Marea Bolden - Soph.
 - 2- Silas Sweet- Soph.
 - 3- Jaren Stump- Soph.
 - 4- Sammy Carrasco-Segura- Soph.
 - 5- Thomas Farris - Soph.
 - 10- Boone Blevins - Fr.
 - 11- Kaleb Sartin - Fr.
 - 12 – Dillon Hay – Soph.
 - 13- Braxton Merchant - Soph.
 - 20- Savion Thompson - Soph.
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Football playoffs put likely strong Bobcats behind

By RODNEY YOUNG
Patriot Publishing

RADFORD — The 2023-24 Radford Bobcats will have some new looks this season. Head coach Rick Cormany has retired, as has assistants Bill Nichols and Tommy Hilton. Elijah Kelly, 6-6 big man has transferred to Miller School up around Charlottesville and Gavin Cormany, 6-3 guard has transferred to Oak Hill Academy in Mouth of Wilson.

Their new head coach is former assistant coach Ben Fisher. Ben is a former Radford player. He graduated in 2000 playing for Cormany. He then attended Emory & Henry and graduated in 2004, playing for legendary coach Bob Johnson.

Fisher then attended and graduated from Radford University in 2010. He has his MBA and did online classes at Liberty and has a Masters of Exercise Science degree.

Fisher was an assistant under Cormany for 14 years, and also coached 11 of those years at the middle school. This will be Fisher's first year as head coach for Radford varsity.

As of this writing the Bobcats were still playing playoff football in their excellent so far undefeated season. So their regular basketball season is being delayed.

Their roster will include Senior Max Kanipe, a 6-3 forward; 6-3 junior Luke Woodard, 6-1 senior Daniel Dehart-Lewis, 6-1 junior Koreyon Ferguson and 6-1 junior Mekhi Martin at forward. 5-11 junior Conner Young and 5-10 junior Sincere Taylor will see playing time at guard.

Radford last year lost in the Class 2 State Championship game to nationally ranked John Marshall, and finished with an impressive 23-5 record.



Elizabeth Kanipe/Patriot Publishing
Former assistant coach Ben Fisher is now the head man.

Radford will play a challenging schedule as usual. They will play out of district games against Monacan, John Handley, Roanoke Catholic, Pulaski County as well as three games in the Fort Chiswell Christmas tourney. They will also go up against Northside at the Adam Ward Classic in February. Their game versus Handley is a part of the Chance Harman Classic at Floyd County High school in early January. The Monacan game is at Lord Botetourt High School in mid-December.

The Bobcats have been Three River District champions for years and their district will be strong again this season. Floyd County has most of their players back and may be the district's early season favorites. Glenvar is always tough and will be again. Carroll County gave teams fits last year and returns four or

five of their top players. James River returns some really good players as does Patrick County. The newly combined Alleghany County school will be much improved as they combined with Covington, which featured some really good athletes there.

Coach Fisher said, "We haven't even had tryouts, yet. I don't know exactly who all will come out. We will still do most of the things that Coach Cormany has instilled here at Radford over the last 30 years or so."

Likely team members for this season include:

10- 5-10 Jr.- Sincere Taylor
12- 6-1 Jr. Mekhi Martin
22- 6-3 Jr. Luke Woodard
24- 6-1 Sr. Daniel Dehart-Lewis
30- 6-3 Sr. Max Kanipe
32- 5-11 Jr. Conner Young
40- 6-1 Jr. Koreyon Ferguson

Leighton Kennedy - Sr.
Brady Kelly - Sr.
David Felts - Sr.
Tre Tomlinson - Sr.
Brayden Billings - Jr.
Parker Moore - Jr.
Wyatt Ayers - Jr.
Kenton Sutphin - Soph.
Eli Armbrister - Soph.
Brodrick Gunter - Fr.

district is plenty competitive. They will play state runners-up George Wythe twice, Class 1 Region C champion Auburn Eagles twice.

Another opponent, the Bland County Bears, have a way of sneaking up on teams and winning. Giles and Galax both should be improved as well. Grayson County has a new head coach and not much is known of them right now.

The Pioneers will face Patrick County in the Chance Harman Classic in early January. They also will take on county rivals the Rural Retreat Indians and the Pioneer District's Eastern Montgomery Mustangs.

Fort Chiswell will host their Christmas Tournament in late December and face tough Class 1 Region C power, the Narrows Green Wave. They may face Grayson County or Pulaski County in the second day of that tourney.

Last year was a disappointing season, but the Pioneers look to get back to their usual winning ways.

Pioneers Roster:

Pioneers look to improve over 8-12 record of last season

By RODNEY YOUNG
Patriot Publishing

MAX MEADOWS — The Fort Chiswell Pioneers this season are looking for growth and improvement from last year.

Head coach Derrick Jackson is in his 17th year as the Pioneers' head coach. He was an assistant at Fort Chiswell from 2001-2006. Last year the Pioneers finished with an 8-12 record.

This year's squad will have seniors, Brady Kelly, Leighton Kennedy, Tre Tomlinson and David Felts.

Kelly is 6-5 and Felts is 6-0. Kennedy will be counted on as will Tomlinson for senior leadership and scoring.

Juniors on this year's team will be 6-3 Brayden Billings along with Parker Moore and Wyatt Ayers. Sophomores Kenton Sutphin, Eli Armbrister as well as freshman Brodrick Gunter will all see action for this edition of Fort Chiswell basketball.

The Pioneers play in the Mountain Empire District and are in Class 1 Region C. Their

Capsule Previews of the Rest of the NRV Area

By RODNEY YOUNG
Patriot Publishing

The following are capsule previews of some of the New River Valley area basketball teams, for the upcoming season.

We'll start in Wytheville as the George Wythe Maroons last year finished as the Class 1 state runners-up, losing to Lancaster. Head coach Tony Dunford is in his fifth year as head coach there. They went 26-4 last season. Players to watch will be 5-9 junior Shane Huff, Treyvon Rainey, 5-11 senior; Brayden Rainey, 6-2 junior. Ty Campbell, 5-11 senior and Reed Kirtner, a 6-1 junior will be the other starters. David Goode a 5-11 sophomore, Rex Delp, 6-3 junior, 6-2 junior Holden Luttrell, and 6-3 senior Ty Pulliam all will see action and are returnees. The Maroons play in the Mountain Empire District.

Auburn is another team that plays in the Mountain Empire District. Their head coach is Terry Millirons. He is starting his 13th year at Auburn, as they went 24-6 last year. They were the Region C Class 1 champions and lost in the state semi-finals. Their starters will be seniors Nick Millirons, Bryce Gill, Coahan Gordan and Michael Wilson. Gill, Gordon and Wilson all are in the 6-2 to 6-5 range. Junior Drew Royal rounds out the starting five. Junior Landen Marrs and senior Brady Hale will see lots of action for the high-flying Eagles. George Wythe and Auburn met something like five times last year.

The next squad to look at is the Narrows Green Wave. Head coach Patrick Bailey is starting his 13th year, The Green Wave went 18-5 last year. One of the best players in the area is Narrows' Kolier Pruett. Pruett, a 6-4 senior has visited Navy, Army and VMI already. He was Class 1 Region C Player of the Year. He also was 1st team All-State and Pioneer District Player of the Year. Narrows won the Pioneer District regular season and tournament championships. Levi Smith, 6-1 senior will be a starter, as he was named 1st team All-District and to the Class 1 Region C team and 6-1 junior Hunter Owens was 1st team All-District. Other players to watch for the Green Wave will be 6-4 junior Carter Holmes, 6-1 junior Gavin Hazelwood and 6-0 sophomore Cooper Helvey. Narrows made it to the regional playoffs last season.

The Giles Spartans went 6-16 last year. The Mountain Empire District team is headed by head coach Austin Cooper and he is in his 3rd year. Their starters will be 5-11 sophomore Brogan Pennington, 5-10 sophomore Antonio Wilcoxson, 5-11 senior Cameron Hansen. Their big guys are 6-3 senior Marcus Walllace and 6-6 senior Aaron Miller. 6-4 senior Coltan Farrell, 5-10 senior Sebastian Price, and 5-10 senior

Dru Munsey will see lots of playing time.

Up next are the Floyd County **Buffaloes**. Floyd is under the direction of Brian Harman. This is his 22nd year at the helm of the Buffaloes. Last season they went 21-6 and lost in the state semi-finals. Floyd County will have 5-11 junior Gavin Herrington at the point. 6-1 senior Rylan Swortzel and Micah Underwood a 6-3 junior will probably start. 6-1 junior Phillip Radford, 6-6 junior Aiden Cox along with 6-0 sophomore Mason Cockram and, 5-8 junior Korey Turpin will all see action. Floyd County competes in the Three River District and are a Class 2 Region C team.

Another Three Rivers District team is the Carroll County Cavaliers. Last year they finished with an overall record of 16-9. Head coach Anthony Barnes is in his 4th year as the Cavalier coach. Players to watch for them will be 5-11 junior Brayden Smoot and 5-11 junior Bryce Smoot. 6-4 senior Davis Reitzel and 6-0 junior Ethan Richardson will more than likely start, with 5-8 senior Jabin Talley, 6-2 junior Cody Reece, 6-2 soph Isiah Easter and 6-0 junior Landon Puckett getting in lots of playing time for the Class 3 Region D squad. Carroll County made the playoffs last year losing in the opening round.

Coach Barnes said, "We have five varsity returnees and hope to play up tempo at times." Their 16-9 record was their second best since 2013.

Class 3 Region D and River Ridge District Christiansburg Blue Demons are the next capsule team. Kevin Cox is in his second year at the Blue Demons' helm. Last season they went 2-20 and are rebuilding.

Look for sophomore guards Jayden Harman and Max Bush to start. Junior 5-10 Ian Velickovic along with 5-9 senior Jeremiah Mills and 6-4 junior Kaleb Robinson will start. 6-6 sophomore Jaiden Edwards, junior Daijon Edwards, sophomore Mason King and sophomore Izaiah Cotto will get playing time.

Class 4 Region D and River Ridge District Bruins of Blacksburg are once again led by head coach Doug Day. Day is starting his 22nd year as head coach of the Bruins. They went 7-16 last year, but were 6-6 in district play, which was good enough for third place. Juniors Wade Bland and Xavier Bland will more than likely be starters. Rider Creasy, a senior forward along with seniors Chandler Montgomery and Trey Saville will probably make the starting lineup. Other players to watch will be junior Paul Distler and junior Jonathan Joyce.

There should be some really good high school basketball played by all these teams.

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I know of a Church several years ago that had an attendance of around 250 regularly for Sunday School and Morning Worship.

I heard the other day that this same Church now only has about 20 people attending there. They failed to keep their youth in the Church. And as the older ones have died, there aren't any younger ones to maintain Church Membership.

So it's important for us to make sure that our children are raised up in the Church. And if we do, the future for our Church will be bright.

God empowered Jeremiah, as a young person, and God will do the same today for young people who answer their calling of God into ministry. Because God never changes. He said, I am the Lord, I change not.

2 Tim. 1:5. "When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also. Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

Paul had been a Mentor to Timothy and actually wrote Timothy two letters to guide him in his pastoral calling.

Timothy had a great heritage. His Grandmother and his mother was both believers and taught Timothy about how to reverence and serve God properly. In other words, their faith was passed on to Timothy. They set a good example for him to follow.

Timothy had unfeigned faith, or as we would call it, sincere faith. Sincere faith dwelt in his mother and grandmother and Paul could see a similar faith residing in Timothy.

Faith, when exercised, has an impact on the generations that will follow us. My dad and mom loved God and trusted God, and taught me to also love God and to trust God.

My dad and my mom were my Heroes. They taught me from an early age, about the importance of living for God.

Added to the heritage of faith that Timothy inherited from his mother and grandmother, he was also given a spiritual gift when Paul prayed for him, laying his hands upon him, as the bible tells us to do.

That spiritual gift was not to just lay dormant in Timothy. Paul told him to stir up that gift, or to fan the flames once in a while, so that gift would remain active. and operative. Kinda reminds me of a big pot of stew. All of the tasty vegetables sink to the bottom of the pot, and before we can get the whole through and through goodness out of the stew, we must stir the pot occasionally and bring up the taters, and the maters, and the beef, and the macaroni, and the rest of the ingredient's that make the stew delicious and beneficial to our health.

Listen. What we don't use, we lose. So if we want our spiritual gifts to be powerful and useful, we must stir them up and use them often.

Stirring up the spiritual gifts within us keeps us active and gives us the spiritual ability to do positive things for God and the Church.

Paul tells Timothy not to be afraid to share the gospel with others, but to be bold in his presentation. If we are afraid to share the gospel with others, that fear isn't coming from God because God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, and

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<p>Jordan Chapel Methodist Pastor: Ginny Tompkins Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School: 10:45 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Faith Bible Church 110 LaGrange Street, Pulaski, VA 24301 Pastor: Jim Linkous Associate Pastor: T.J. Cox 540-980-5433 www.facebook.com/faithbiblechurch Sunday School: 10 a.m. Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Sunday Children's Church: 11 a.m. Sunday Evening: 6 p.m. Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m. Children's Meal: 6:30 p.m. Children's & Youth's Group Classes: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Randolph Avenue United Methodist Church 1607 Randolph Avenue Pulaski, VA 24301 Pastor: Rev. Dr. Elston McLain Worship Service: 11 a.m. Phone: (540) 980-8775</p>
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<p>First United Methodist Church 301 N. Jefferson Ave. - Pulaski (physical) 135 Fourth St., NW - Pulaski (mailing) Pastor's Name: Josh Kilbourne Sunday Service: 10:00 AM Hispanic Service: 3 p.m. Contact Info. Phone: 540.980.3331 e-mail: office@fumcpulask.org website: www.fumcpulask.org FACEBOOK@FirstUMCPulaski and WBLB 10:00 am</p>	<p>Bob White Boulevard Baptist Church 3826 Bob White Boulevard Pulaski, VA. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Preaching: 11 a.m. Sunday Evening: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Service: 7:30 p.m. FUNDAMENTAL</p>	<p>Pulaski First Church of the Brethren 1749 Newbern Road Pulaski, VA 24301 Pastor Frank Peters Sunday School: 9:45 Worship: 11 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m. 980-3798</p>
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The Law of Liberty



Jesus said, “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” (Matthew 22:37-40) Be a doer of the Word by loving God and others.

We are to be a planter of the Word. The first place we need to plant the Word is in our hearts. Get the Word so deep in our hearts that it guides our life and every decision we make. Think, “what would Jesus do,” then do it. The next place you need to plant it is in the hearts of your family and friends. I have a friend who car license’s plate said, “live it.” Plant the Word in other people’s hearts by living it before them.

By being a hearer, doer, and planter of the Law of Liberty , we will be greatly blessed by our “Heavenly Father.”

BIBLE TRIVIA

1. Is the book of Revelation (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. What method of death was for a man who blasphemed the Lord’s name with a curse? Hanging, Stoning, Starvation, Beaten
3. Who used handkerchiefs and aprons to heal the sick and drive out demons? Jesus, Paul, Mark, Jeremiah
4. From John 6, what substance did Jesus miraculously walk upon? Sea, Fire, Clouds, Broken bones
5. What did God call the firmament? Rapture, Armageddon, Passover, Heaven
6. From Romans 6, what are the wages of sin? Riches, Eternal life, Death, Freedom

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) Stoning, 3) Paul, 4) Sea, 5) Heaven, 5) Death
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love and of a sound mind.

God doesn’t want us to get lazy and lukewarm with our witnessing but to preach and teach the truths of the word of God. To look the devil right in the eye and spit in his eye if he hangs around. To preach the love of God and also the judgment of God. To teach and preach the whole council of God, holding back nothing, in the power of the Holy Ghost.

Paul told Timothy this, and he’s telling you and me the very same thing. Don’t be intimidated by the devil or by the devil’s crowd. Remember, we’ve got God on our side, and the Holy Ghost dwelling within us, and Greater is He that is in us, than he that is in the world.

2 Kings 22:1. “Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned 31 years in Jerusalem. And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the way of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left.”

David was not actually his father, but his forefather. The Hebrews often called one’s male ancestors father.

David’s faith and zeal was passed down to Josiah as his heritage. Good qualities can be passed down through generations. Josiah had some good genes we would say. He took after David, his ancestor.

And Josiah inspired others after him, to follow the right paths.

The Church needs dynamic leaders like Josiah, who follow God and inspire others after them to also follow God. Leaders who will be good examples. Good role models.

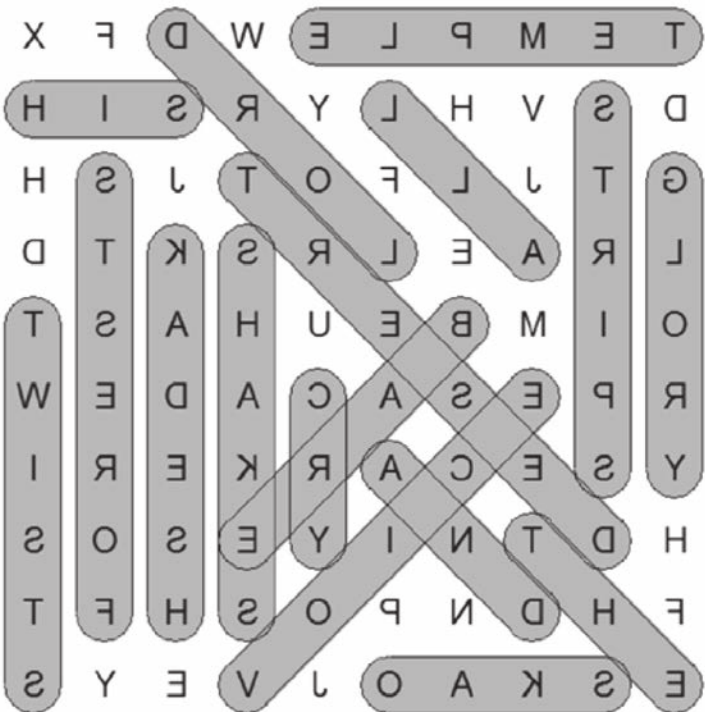
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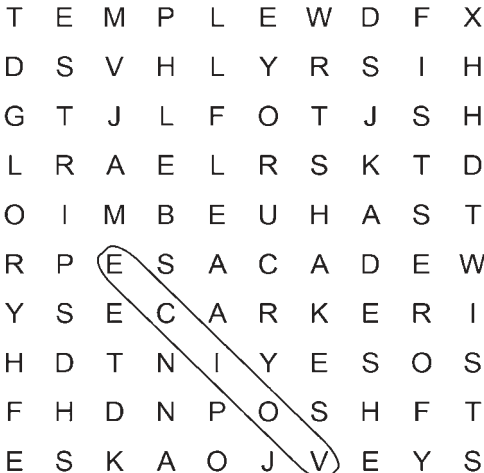
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Psalms 29:8-9

The voice of the Lord shakes the desert; the Lord shakes the Desert of Kadesh. The voice of the Lord twists the oaks and strips the forests bare. And in his temple all cry, “Glory!”

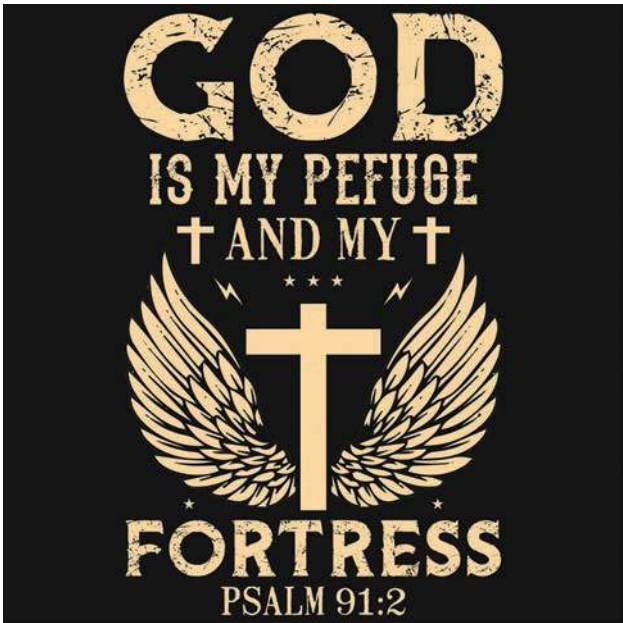
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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, “Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” But Simon answered and said to Him, “Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net.” And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking.

LUKE 5:4-6

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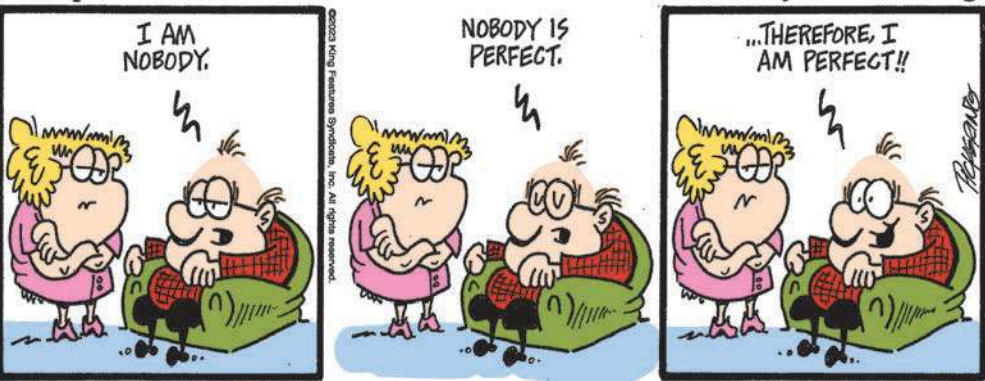
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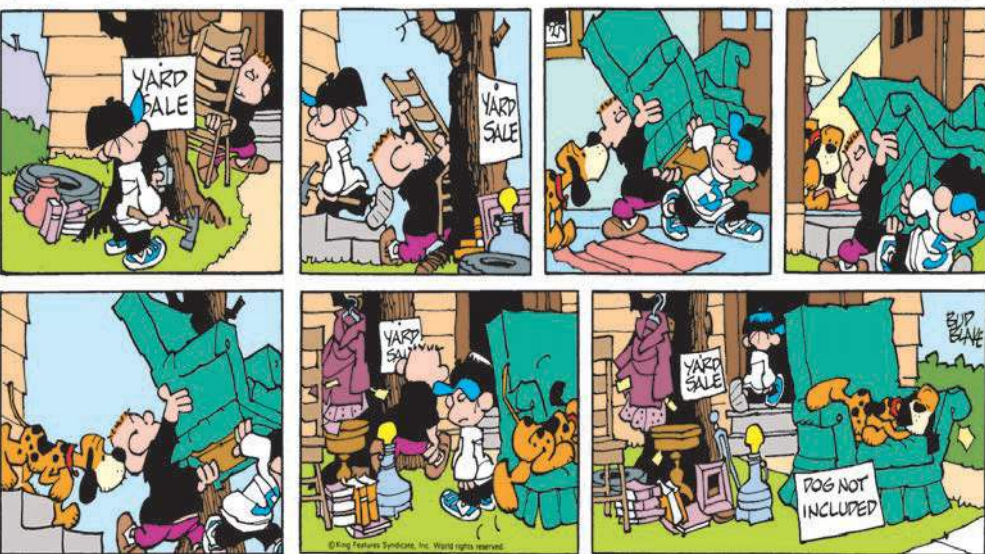
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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: K equals L

M DHFKUW'O OBMWV HS OBA
WGZA HS G SGZMKMGI NGQMD
DBAZMDGK QFNQOGWDA. M BGU
GW AKAZAWOGK NKHDV.

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Throng RHODE
Proof CRATE
Lark INACT
Vision GAMIE

TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

ACROSS

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8 Scruff
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13 Give tempo-
rarily
14 Big-screen
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18 Irate
19 Breaks away
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24 JFK's veep
25 Fleur-de- —
26 Cutting tool
28 Parlor pieces
32 Now, on a
memo

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41 Mauna —
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51 Donald
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52 Like a good
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- 56 Greek moun-
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57 Cannes milk
58 Blackbird
59 Favorites
60 PC programs
61 Ewe's mate

- 7 '50s Ford
8 "Great work!"
9 During
10 Top of the
head
11 Former mates
16 Passing craze
20 "Survivor" airer
21 High-five
sound
22 Sagacious
23 Snooze
27 Misery
29 Crystalline
mineral
30 Skin soother
31 Twinkler in the
sky

- 33 Tropical fruits
35 Leb. neighbor
38 Texter's
chuckle
40 Calms
43 "Straight Up"
singer Abdul
45 TiVo, for
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47 Inspiration
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49 Break sud-
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53 Chips go-with
54 Santa —
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55 Crater part

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top ten
Most expensive
WOOD in the world

1. African Blackwood
2. Sandalwood
3. Agarwood
4. Lignum Vitae
5. Pink Ivory Wood
6. Bubinga
7. Purpleheart
8. Ebony
9. Bocote
10. Brazilian Rosewood

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? Trivia
test by Fifi
Rodriguez

1. TELEVISION: What is the name of the captain in "The Love Boat"?
2. MOVIES: What is E.T.'s favorite candy in "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial"?
3. FOOD & DRINK: What is Hunga-ry's national spice?
4. ADVERTISING: Which company's mascot is Elsie the Cow?
5. PSYCHOLOGY: What fear is repre-sented in the condition called plutopho-bia?
6. GAMES: How many pawns are on a chessboard?
7. SCIENCE: What is the name of the giant land mass that is believed to have existed on Earth 200 million years ago?
8. GEOGRAPHY: Which of the Great Lakes is southernmost?
9. LANGUAGE: What is an octothor-pe?
10. LITERATURE: Where are the nov-els "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" and "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" set?

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WORD LADDERS

Can you go from SPARES to GLADES in 6 words?
Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

SPARES

GLADES

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3. Antic; 4. Image
1. Horde; 2. Trace;
solution

SLIDES, GLIDES, GLADES
SPARES, SPICES, SLICES,
Answer
WORD LADDER

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"The proper response, as Hanukkah teaches, is not to curse the darkness but to light a candle."
— Irving Greenberg

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name of a familiar basic
chemical substance. I had
an elemental block.

Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

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PULASKI COUNTY PULSE

Dec. 7

Legion meeting
The American Legion, Harvey-Howe-Carper Post 30 will meet on Thursday, December 7, 6pm at the VFW Post Home on 102 Watts St. in Radford. For further information, please call 540-250-2283 or 540-239-9864.

Dec. 9

Christmas Photos
December 9 - 10am to noon - Take Your Christmas Photos With Santa at Cecil's Chapel Church! Bring your camera and visit with Santa. We'll have a backdrop and a wonderful Santa to greet young and young at heart. Everyone is welcome. We'll have drawings for gift cards as well as cocoa and cookies. Gift bags for

kids. 5801 Cecil's chapel road, Hiwassee, VA. Find us on FB @cecilschapel for more info

On going:

Ballroom Dancing
Ballroom Dance every first Saturday of the month at the Carroll County Virginia Senior Center @ 7pm. Find us on Facebook @ Ballroom Dance in Hillsville.

Alcohol Anonymous

Alcohol Anonymous meet Mondays at 8 p.m. (closed meeting); Wednesday (noon) and Thursday at 8 p.m. (open meetings) at Pulaski Presbyterian Church of America located at 975 Memorial Drive. Contact number is 540-440-0066.



Pulaski Al-Anon Family Group
Pulaski Al-Anon Family Group (a support group for friends and families of alcoholics) meet every Monday night at 8 p.m. at Pulaski Presbyterian Church of America located at 975 Memorial Drive. Contact number 540-818-0621.

Lifestyles Changes
If you are currently trying to

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Celebrate Recovery

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Harvest Ministries, 1 Harvest Place, Dublin.

Heritage Cares Food still distributing food

Heritage Cares Food Pantry at Heritage Church is still distributing food on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The church is located a half-mile past the New River Valley Airport on Route 100 North of Dublin.

Tips to avoid charity scams during the holidays

From Virginia Tech

For many people, the holiday season is a time to giveback, especially Giving Tuesday. It's also the time of year when scammers ramp up their efforts to take advantage of your goodwill to steal your hard earned money. Virginia Tech cybercrime expert Katalin Parti explains that charity scammers typically impersonate other successful charities. "They may call you using a local phone number," says Parti. "That tactic can give you a false sense of security." Once they get you on the line, it's time for the scammer to make their pitch. "It will be a good one. It will tug at your

Holidays are when scammers ramp up their efforts to steal

heart-strings," says Parti. "But listen closely because they will never actually specify how they will help. They may even claim that you've donated before and ask you to do it again." Parti recommends keeping the following in mind when giving this holiday season:

- Do your research. Use the IRS tax-exempt organization search tool or a watchdog like Charity Watch to get more information and learn if the charity is credible. Google also works.
- Pay close attention to the

charity name and website. False charities like to mimic other popular charities. If it seems too close in name to another, it might not be real.

- Keep track of your donations. Even if you accidentally donate to a scammer, you need to ensure that the donation isn't recurring.
- Don't give away all your personal information. Of course it's normal to provide your card information, but don't do the same with your Social Security number or bank account number.
- Don't make a cash donation. Unless you're certain about a charity's credibility, don't give away cash, gift cards, or cryptocurrency.



NRCC offering free computer tune up

New River Community College will hold a Cyber Day event on Saturday, Dec. 2.

Cyber Day is an event where anyone can bring their laptops, desktops, tablets and phones for a free tune up and virus scan. The Computer Club is hosting the event from 9 a.m. to noon in room 127 at the college's Christiansburg site located in Uptown Christiansburg.

There will be several students and Dr. David Filer, NRCC information systems technology professor and club advisor, working on the systems at the event. Any Windows or Android device is welcome.

Be Gentle, He's Moving in the Right Direction

Dear Dave,
We're following your Baby Steps plan, and we've paid off all our credit cards. But when I talked to my husband the other day about cutting up the cards and closing the accounts, he said he would rather keep the accounts open, and the cards locked away in a drawer for use as an emergency fund. He says this will help us have an emergency fund in place quicker than saving for one. I think there's more behind his reasoning, though. He grew up in a very poor family, and I wonder if he's not afraid of somehow ending up in that kind of situation again. What can I do to convince him to follow your advice?

Ramona

Dear Ramona,

I think you're a very perceptive lady. You said your husband grew up in poverty, right? So, what I'm hearing is the cards represent almost a security blanket for him—a financial security blanket. I get that, but here's the thing. If you had a fully funded emergency fund of three to six months of

Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

expenses sitting in the bank, I'm talking about hard cold cash, you'd have the security of knowing that the expense of a new air conditioning unit or transmission for the car would only be a minor inconvenience. And, you'd be able to cover it easily without going back into debt.

Instead of actively trying to convince him of something, a better route might be to sit down together and talk through the whole thing. Explain to him you think you know why he feels the way he does, and that it's understandable. Then, ask him if there's a reasonable amount you two could have in the bank that would help him stop worrying. Discuss it, agree on an amount and then agree to cut the cards up and close the accounts when

you reach that figure. Remind him, too, you'd still have your debit cards in hand in the event of an emergency.

Above all, Ramona, make sure you work together. Be patient and understanding. If he has recognized the wisdom of getting rid of debt and taking control of your finances, he's moving in the right direction!

— Dave

* Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.

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B) Starting at 3 pm we will have Our 14th annual Big Christmas Celebration for Pulaski County residents infant to age 16.

Pre-registration ends on Dec. 4th. You may pre-register at the Patriot News Paper, Cougar Express, Emanuel Book Store or call 276-620-4293 to register at Taking It To The Streets Ministries. Children must be present to receive gifts.

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