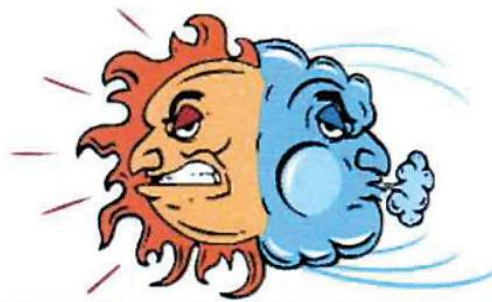




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Rygas wins Clerk's race; new school board elected

By MIKE WILLIAMS
Patriot Publishing

Pulaski County Republican Spencer Rygas has won a resounding victory in the race for Circuit Court Clerk, and the School Board will feature all new members in 2024.

With nearly all the votes counted, Rygas defeated Terri Nicewander-Hager for an eight-year term as Clerk with 64 percent of the vote (5,589 to 3,088).

In School Board races, Billy Williams won in Draper with 59 percent of the vote (1,048 to 728) over incumbent Timmy Hurst.

In Ingles District, Gina Paine defeated incumbent Penny Golden with 63 percent of the vote (1,156 to 673).

In Massie District, Josh Taylor won with 66 percent of the vote (953 to 493) over incumbent Beckie Worrell Cox.

And in Robinson District, Sabrina Smith Cox won election with 59 percent of the vote (865 to 590) over incumbent Paige Cash.

Two races – Cloyd Supervisor and Cloyd School Board – were very close all through election night with only provisional votes left to count at the end around 10 p.m.

In the supervisor race, incumbent independent Chris Stafford defeated Republican Andy Cullip with 52 percent of the vote (1,034 to 951).

And in the Cloyd School Board race, Jacob Price won with 53 percent of the vote (983 to 876) over Aaron Carr. Price and Carr were running to replace Bill Benson on the board.

In races involving unopposed incumbents, Justin Griffith was re-elected as Commonwealth's Attorney. Sheriff Mike Worrell won another term, as did Treasurer Melinda Worrell and Commissioner of

the Revenue Kim Matthews.

Unopposed Board of Supervisors Chairman Laura Walters (Ingles), Mike Mooney (Massie), Jeff Reeves (Robinson) and Dirk Compton (Draper) all were winners.

State winners were Republican Travis Hackworth (5th State Senate District), Del. Jason Ballard (42nd House of Delegates District) and Jonathan "Jed" Arnold (46th House of Delegates District).

And in the Soil and Water Conservation Director Skyline District (Pulaski County) vote, Lewis A. "Andy" Pratt and George W. Hudson were both elected.

According to unofficial results from the state Department of Elections, 9,036 people voted in Pulaski County. That is 38 percent of the 23,663 people registered to vote locally.

State of Emergency declared due to drought, dry conditions

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Pulaski County has declared a local emergency and has issued a ban on all outdoor burning. There is a heightened risk for wildfires due to drought and abnormally dry conditions.

The local state of emergency orders that it is unlawful for any person to light or maintain any fire in the open air on any land, public or private, located within Pulaski County. This prohibition includes the burning of any wood, brush, logs, leaves, grass,

debris, or other inflammable material. The ban does not include the use of propane or natural-gas outdoor grills and similar gas-fired cooking equipment or the proper use of emergency road flares.

Violation of this order shall constitute a Class 1 Misdemeanor.

This order shall be effective immediately and continue until the local declaration of emergency has been lifted.

For more details regarding Virginia outdoor fire laws visit <https://dof.virginia.gov>.

Claytor Lake drawdown prompts mussel salvage

By WILLIAM PAINE
Patriot Publishing

The Claytor Lake Volunteer Mussel Salvage Event took place last Sat. Nov. 4, as over one hundred individuals trekked along the newly exposed shoreline in search of various species of freshwater filter feeders.

Volunteers for the mussel salvage gathered at the Water's Edge Marina at Claytor Lake State Park at 10 a.m. Saturday morning and most where out on the water by 10:30.

More than a dozen groups scoured the Claytor Lake shoreline in search of freshwater mussels left stranded after

the scheduled six-foot drawdown left these creatures exposed.

When a mussel was sighted, the volunteers would pluck the bivalve life form from the mud and toss it into the life restoring waters of Claytor Lake.

John Melia, and his wife Chris Toufectif have been bringing their daughter Evelyn to these mussel salvage events, ever since she was five years old.

"We've been coming to the lake and enjoying it for many years with friends and it's just a tiny way to give back," said John Melia of the mussel salvage. "We've been coming out ev-

ery year as sort of a service project."

"So far we've had Paper Pond-shells, Elliptios and Giant Floaters," said Chris Toufectif of her mussel sightings. "There are three others but two live in deeper water and one (Pistolgrip Mussel) is endangered."

"I've picked up about 44 since I set out," said Trent Crewe, who came out on his own to rescue mussels. "I found most of them at the edge of the water. If you pick it up and it squirts, it must still be alive, so most of the ones I found were still alive."

"Exactly," agreed Toufectif.

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“When they really dry out, it’s lights out.”

Crewe lives near the lake but Melia and his family came to this section of Dublin Cove by a boat lent to them by Laura Walters, who has been involved with the mussel salvage every year since its inception in 2012. After having patrolled the shores for three solid hours, Melia and company boarded their jonboat and headed back to the state park for lunch.

“Roseberry and Dublin Hollows were full of mussels,” said Walters after the salvage had ended. “They easily collected over 1000 mussels in those hollows.”

Walters is a longstanding member of the Friends of Claytor Lake (FOCL). Lake residents, FOCL members and the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources provided the boats for the 115 individuals who came to walk along the muddy shores of Claytor Lake.

According to Walters, the mussel salvage operation began as an agreement between FOCL and Appalachian Power, which owns the Claytor Lake dam, as well as the shoreline around the lake. Appalachian power agreed to lower the lake six feet every two years to allow for dock repairs by lake residents. In return FOCL agreed to organize the biannual mussel salvage event with special consideration given to the endangered Pistolgrip mussel.

“A big part of the mussel cleanup was to mitigate disappearance of the Pistolgrip,” said Walters. “The initial surveys found a shell of a Pistolgrip near Mallard Point and found some live ones above the lighthouse bridge. When we first started, we thought the mussels would freeze to death when they brought the water down. They did some really good studies that first year and found out that it wasn’t freezing that decimated the mussel population, it was predation, like

racoons and other critters.”

Mussels start out their lives as parasites that use fish to transport them throughout the lake before settling into their muddy abodes.

So why is it so important to salvage these creatures and ruin the day of a run of the mill racoon?

“They help to purify the water,” responded Laura Bullard, who along with organizing the salvage, keeps record of how many and what type of mussel species are collected.

Starting at 1 p.m., a buffet style lunch was made available to the mussel salvagers at the Water’s Edge Marina. Several members of FOCL participated, as did college and high school students, Master Naturalists, Claytor Lake State Park officials, members of the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources and everyday citizen volunteers like John Melia’s crew.

“We started later this year,” said Walters. “Last time we started out at 9 but it was cold and so foggy, you couldn’t see. So, we started at 10 and we still have one team that’s still out there.”

Moments later, members of the last team of mussel salvagers entered the Water’s Edge facility.

Kim Morgan and Kayla Howard work for the Department of Wildlife Resources as Freshwater Mussel Biologists. Though this is their first mussel salvage, both Morgan and Howard led a group of amateur naturalists to help identify the various species of mussels they found.

“We saw lots of Paper Pondshell, Giant Floaters and Eastern Elliptios but no Pistolgrips,” said Morgan. “We didn’t see any Purple Wartyback or the Pocketbook Mussels either but they live in deeper water. These same mussels can be found all over VA. There are 80 mussel species statewide.”

Both Morgan and Howard are well adept in Malacology, which is the study of mollusks, mussels, clams and octopods.

“I was interested in fish and then I got a job that I thought was gonna let

me do fish and then ended up working on mussels and I can’t go back,” said Howard. “It’s been super fun.”

“I would say, in general terms, that mussels are imperiled,” said Morgan.

“A lot of them have lost 70% of their range,” added Howard.

“It took them 1000 hours to find the last nine Appalachian Monkeyface Mussels they could find and now they’re raising them in a hatchery and are able to put some out,” said Morgan. “Mussel numbers have been declining for at least 100 years.”

Not all shelled creatures are on the decline, as a certain snail has come to Claytor Lake relatively recently but has made its presence known.

“This Japanese mystery snail probably came from an aquarium that someone got tired of and dumped into the lake and they’ve overrun the lake because they breed proficiently,” said Walters. “Now we have tons of snails. No one is really concerned about the snails except that, every once in a while, they have a die off and that can cause a health hazard because they rot.”

Anyone who has visited Claytor Lake is also familiar with the multitude of tiny white shells littering its shores. These ubiquitous dime-sized half shells are the remains of the invasive Asian Clam that live just under the surface of the muddy lakebed. The mussel salvage rescue teams don’t bother finding the Asian Clams as they are beyond numerous but at least one person was seen collecting clams. PCHS senior James Paine was spotted digging these clams out of the mud so as to test them for his Southwest Virginia Governor School science project ... more on that later.

Thankfully, for mussel enthusiasts, the number of mussels in Claytor Lake seems to be on the rise.

According to statistics compiled by Laura Bullard, a record 8,045 freshwater mussels were salvaged in this year’s event, which is a full 1500 more than were salvaged in 2021. This represents the most mussels ever collected in the six mussel salvage events that have taken place since 2012.



Claytor Lake’s most populous mussel is the rather attractive Paper Pondshell mussel



William Paine/The Patriot
Blacksburg native John Melia and his family have participated in the mussel salvage at Claytor Lake for the past dozen years. From left: John Melia, Evelyn Melia (17), Chris Toufectif and Abby Wallace (19) pick up mussels at Claytor Lake’s Dublin Cove-



William Paine/The Patriot
Kim Morgan and Kayla Howard spent most of the day rescuing mollusks like the ones on the banister between them.

Among the mussels salvaged, the Paper Pondshell was the most numerous representing 63% of the total. In the last salvage event in 2021, the Paper Pondshells made up 57% of all mussels salvaged. About 22% of the mussels were of the Giant Floater variety. Elliptio mussels made something of a comeback representing 14% of all

mussels salvaged, up from only 5% of the mussels salvaged in 2021.

Three Purple Wartyback mussels were again salvaged this year but no Pocketbook or Pistolgrip mussels were found in 2023’s effort. Eight Pocketbook mussels and three of the endangered Pistolgrip mussels were salvaged in 2021.

Laura Bullard sent the following message to participants in this year’s mussel salvage event.

Thank you for making our mussel salvage a success! It is a community/state-wide event made possible by everyone’s participation! Please pass on our sincerest thanks to all who participated.

With much appreciation,
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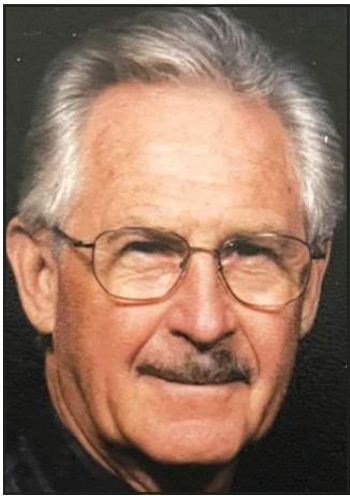
John Roy Aker, 82, of Fairlawn, passed away on Friday, November 3, 2023. He was a member of Fairlawn Presbyterian Church, and a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps. He was preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Belle Aker; brothers, Bob and Jack Aker; and a sister, Charlotte Weaver.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Brenda Aker; two sons, Chris and Jeffrey Aker; grandson, Tyler Aker; granddaughter, Isabella Aker; and many other nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Monday, November 13, 2023, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services will begin at 1 p.m. with Rev. Allison Unroe officiating. Interment with full military honors will follow in the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to VFW Post 776, 913 Second St., Radford, VA 24143 or to the Fairlawn Presbyterian Church.

The Aker family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford. www.mullinsfuneral-home.com



DAVID LEE HALL
David Lee Hall, age 82, from Pulaski, passed away Friday, November 3rd, 2023, at his residence in Roanoke. He was born January 21st, 1941, to the late Templeton Adair Hall and the late Nora Grace Hall in Pulaski. He was a lifelong member of Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church. He worked many years as a carpenter and laid tile at countless projects across southwest Virginia. He loved classic cars, music (especially Elvis), and spending time with his family and friends, whom he loved dearly. Most importantly, his laughter and humor could bring joy to anyone.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded by his sister, Mary Hall White. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Jerdy McRoberts Hall of Roanoke; two children, Lisa Hall Tribbett (Paul) of Blue Ridge and David Alan Hall (Dawn) of Orlando, FL; brother, Tommy Hall (Bunny) of Christiansburg; two grandchildren, Dr. Layton Alec Hall of Orlando, FL, and Hunter Todd Tribbett of Blue Ridge, and the many beloved cousins, nieces, and nephews.

The family would like to thank all the support of all his extended family and lifelong friends. In addition, for the care of the Good Samaritans Hospice Care team.

The funeral service will be held on Tuesday, November 14th, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. at Seagle Funeral Home in Pulaski, with Pastor Teresa Tolbert officiating. The family will receive friends beginning at 12:00 Noon.

In lieu of flowers, anyone wishing can make donations to Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church, 3125 Schrader Hill RD, Pulaski, VA, 24301. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.seaglefuneralhome.com. Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. 540-980-1700.



SHERILL NEIL HOLSTON
Sherill Neil Holston, 59, of Westerville, Ohio entered his eternal home on November 3, 2023 after a sudden and tragic event. His life is an exemplification of faith, dedication, and unwavering love. Sherill has been married to the love of his life (Angela) for 35 years and loved being a family man and dad to Derek and Zoe.

Sherill is a truly beloved husband, father, brother, son, uncle and friend to many. His positive demeanor put others at ease. He loved the outdoors, gardening, camping, fishing, the mountains and beach plus being a concert buddy with Zoe and fishing partner with Derek. He will be forever missed and deeply loved. While we are devastated by his sudden passing, we are truly blessed to have him in our lives for the time we did.

Born in Virginia, he attended Pulaski County High School and completed his education at The Ohio State University with a bachelor degree and University of Dayton with a Master degree. He had a several decade career in information technology with many valued co-workers.

Sherill is survived by his wife Angela (OH), son Derek (OH), daughter Zoe (OH); his mother Alvertie (VA); sisters Jennifer Holston (VA) and June Dunagan (VA), and nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and sister & brother in law. He is preceded in death by his brother, Lee Holston and his father, Sherill Holston.

A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be held Sunday, November 19, 2023, 2pm at Genoa Church 7562 Lewis Center Rd, Westerville, Ohio 43082.

To sign Sherill's online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com



BENNY MORRIS
Benny Morris, a beloved father, grandfather, brother, and friend, passed away peacefully with his loving family by his side in his home in Pembroke, Virginia on November 5, 2023. Born on August 12, 1946, in Virginia, to the late John and Elva Farmer Morris, Benny lived a life marked by service, dedication, and a love for the great outdoors.

Benny was known for his strong work ethic, which was evident in his distinguished service in the U.S. Navy. His commitment to his country earned him the National Defense Service Medal, an honor he wore with great pride. After his military service, Benny continued to contribute to his community through his work as a Building and Equipment Maintenance supervisor with Verizon. His colleagues remember him as a team player, always willing to lend a hand.

Benny's interests were as varied and vibrant as his personality. He was a gifted musician who could play many instruments, and his love for music brought joy to all who knew him. Benny was also an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed hunting, gardening, and would often take long rides through the mountains to appreciate nature's beauty. A sports enthusiast, Benny loved watching football and baseball games, sharing his passion with his children and grandchildren. Benny was also a skilled technician who enjoyed working on CB radios. His ability to fix almost anything was a testament to his patience and dedication, qualities that he passed on to his children and grandchildren.

Benny leaves behind a loving family who will cherish his memory. His son, Randy Morris (Shelley Atkins) of Christiansburg, VA, and his daughter, Deana Garcia (Moises) of Pembroke; and his daughters by heart, Amy Reynolds and Susan McDaniel, all of whom will miss him. Benny also leaves behind his sisters, Loretta Pifer of Dublin, VA, Barbara Hall of Snowville, VA, and Norma McPeak (Tom) of Dublin, VA.

Benny was a devoted grandfather to Mikaela Blankenship, Caleb Williams, Aidan Williams, Mia Garcia, and Naomi Garcia. His grandchildren by heart, Josh McDaniel, Matthew McDaniel, Niki Reynolds, and Ben Reynolds, will



JANETTE "JAN" QUESENBERRY AKERS
Janette "Jan" Quesenberry Akers, age 90 of Pulaski passed away Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at her home. Born February 10, 1933 in Pulaski she was the daughter of the late John Issacc Quesenberry & Ada Porterfield Quesenberry. She was also preceded in death by her grandson, Matthew Cameron Akers; siblings, James S. Quesenberry, Pearl Q. Hughes, Mary Q. Whittaker, Roy A. Quesenberry, Lula Q. Powers, Joe F. Quesenberry, Ruby Q. Arnold, Anna Q. King.

A graduate of Pulaski High School Class of 1952, Jan completed a Dale Carnegie Course in 1961. She later attended New River Community College in 1980, completing courses in Real Estate, Business Law and Philology.

She worked part-time from 1951 through 1952 at the Pulaski County School Board Book Store and Dee's Cut Rate. Then in 1952 started a 30-year career with the Southwest Times. She was a receptionist-cashier and kept accounts receivable books for 15 of those years. She was appointed Classified Advertising Manager for 5 years, then promoted to Advertising Manager for the next 10 years (the first female to hold that position). She won awards from the Virginia Press Association for make-up and creation of advertising accounts.

During the next 11 years of her employment, she was a co-owner of BJ's Closet (a ladies dress shop) in downtown Pulaski with Beth Boyd, worked at Sears in Pulaski until they closed and Lee Mart until retiring.

Along with Jan's extensive employment career, she dedicated her time to many community services as well. She was a director for Cub Scout Pack 143 for 4 years, served as director for the Pulaski Chamber of Commerce, taught Sunday School for 25 years at Anderson Memorial Presbyterian Church. She served as president and treasurer of the Lord's Acre Association at the church. She served as director for the Count Pulaski Celebration Committee for 6 years as well as roles of President and Vice-President.

Working for the voting polls for 15 years in Pulaski, she also served on the Promotion Committee for Main Street Inc., president of Pulaski Merchants Council and worked 3 years with the American Heart Association.

Jan loved bowling and started when the Leisure Lanes Bowling Alley opened until it closed.

She is survived by her
Husband of 67 years – John Douglas Akers – Pulaski
Son – Dirk (Sabrina Farmer) Akers – Pulaski
Grandson – Camden (Ashlan) Tyler Akers
Great Grandchildren – Madison Rose Akers, Cameron Scott Akers, Camden Bea Akers, Blake Emeryson Akers

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Funeral services will be held 12:00 PM – Saturday, November 11, 2023 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Anthony Akers & Camden Akers officiating. Interment will follow at the Oakwood Cemetery in Pulaski.

The family will receive friends from 11:00 AM until service time Saturday at the Funeral Home.

To sign Jan's online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com

Special thanks from the family goes to Jan's caregivers, Freda O'Dell, Emily Wesley, Susan Lyons, Cathy Dalton, Carol Boyd and the Intrepid Hospice team for their loving care.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be sent to the Daily Bread in Pulaski.

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remember their grandfather's laughter and the life lessons he taught them.

Benny was preceded in death by his parents, John Morris and Elva Geneva Farmer Morris, his loving wife, Linda Carol Morris, and his siblings, John Morris II, Hensel Morris, William Morgan Morris, Areta Agee, Phillip W. Morris, and Alethia "Gaynell" Ratcliffe.

The family wishes to extend their gratitude to his part-time caregiver, Crystal Foster-Coleman; Gentiva Hospice; Centerwell Home Health; his special nurse, Brittney Parcell; a special thank you to Giles Community Hospital; especially Amy Gray, his nurse practitioner who provided a Christmas Tree in his home on Monday, November 6, 2023, so he could see a Christmas tree one more time as it was one of his last wishes. The showers of love shown to the family has truly filled their hearts.

The family will receive friends at a time of visitation on Monday, November 13, 2023 from 5:00 PM until 6:00 PM in the Kendall Funeral Home Chapel. A memorial service will be conducted on Monday, November 13, 2023 at 6:00 PM with Pastor Gary Poff in the Kendall Funeral Home Chapel where Military Honors will also be presented. A guestbook is available to send condolences to the family by visiting www.kendallfuneralhome.com. The staff of Kendall Funeral Home are honored to serve the Morris family.



BETTY LOUISE (GALLIMORE) STANLEY, Betty Louise (Gallimore) Stanley, age 76 of Pulaski, passed away Saturday, November 4, 2023. Born March 28, 1947 in Pulaski, she was the daughter of the late Earry William Gallimore and Ruby Allison Horton. She was also preceded in death by her husband, George William Stanley, brother, Earry William Gallimore, Jr., and sisters Margaret Bond and Barbara Viers.

Betty is survived by her Children – Lisa (Brian) Chinault – Draper, James "Jimmy" (Thelma) Gallimore – Bland

Grandchildren – Brittany (Patrick) Goard – Rural Retreat, Jamie Railsback – Bland

Great Grandchildren – Hannah, Owen, Cotton, Ava and Olivia

Brother – Roy (Claudia) Gallimore – Pulaski

Many nieces, nephews and close friend – James Semones – Pulaski

Private graveside services will be held at the Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin.

Special thanks from the family go to the special caregivers with Americare Health and Wythe County Hospice.

To sign Betty's online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com

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



JOANNE MONTGOMERY GRAVELY

JoAnne Montgomery Gravely, age 57 of Pulaski passed away peacefully on Wednesday evening, November 1, 2023 after a gradual decline in health. She was surrounded and supported by her loving family, caregiver Sherry and special Aunt, Tammy and stepfather, Steve during the last days of her life. Born November 12, 1965 in Radford, she was the daughter of Bobby Eugene Montgomery and the late Lois Jean Woodrum Kilgore. She was also preceded in death by her brother, David Montgomery.

Joanne was the creator of the original "Pulaski Talk of the Town" Facebook page after a back injury in 2018.

She is survived by her Father – Bobby Eugene Montgomery – Dublin

Stepfather – Steve Kilgore – Pulaski

Children – Ashley (Chad) Pillars – Christiansburg, Joseph Gravely – Christiansburg

Grandchildren – Haylee Pillars, Caleb, Cody and Colton Gravely

Sister – Sandra (Bobby) Dalton – Dublin

Several stepbrothers and stepsisters and uncles, aunts.

Dear Friend – Bruce Spence – Pulaski

Memorial services will be 6:00 PM – Thursday, November 9, 2023 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Rev. Bobby Ward officiating. The family will receive friends one hour before service time Thursday at the Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be sent to healing hearts rescue (PACC) rescue, 3430 Lee Hwy, Draper, VA 24324. To sign JoAnne's online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com - Bower Funeral Homes, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family.



FLOYD ISSAC DEHART Floyd Issac DeHart, age 73 of Draper passed away Sunday, November 5, 2023 at his home. Born May 31, 1950 in Pulaski County he was the son of the late Peter & Bessie Duncan DeHart. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Rebecca Ann Slate DeHart and sister, Helen Dalton.

Floyd is survived by his Daughters – Tina (Johnny) Shelton – Pulaski, Amanda (Carl) Wyatt – Baker, FL

Grandchildren – Ben Shelton, Evan Shelton, Sheldon Wyatt

Niece – Dreama Oda & Philip

Graveside funeral services will be 2:00 PM – Friday, November 10, 2023 at the Memorial Christian Church Cemetery, Draper with Pastor Mike Ingo officiating.

To sign Floyd's online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com - Bower Funeral Homes, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family.

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County School board meets in special session

By WILLIAM PAINE
Patriot Publishing

The Pulaski County School Board met at the school board office in downtown Pulaski for a special called session on Thursday Nov. 2. Though many items were up for discussion, the board passed only one Action Item concerning two upcoming school sponsored field trips.

Both field trips involved students attending Pulaski County Middle School, the first of which was scheduled to occur the next day on Friday, Nov. 3. The Future Business Leaders of America needed approval to attend their Leadership Conference in Christiansburg. The second field trip involved 8th Grade PCMS students who planned to attend the 4H Reality Store on November 20.

The board voted unanimously to allow both field trips, which will use transportation provided by Pulaski County Public Schools.

The first item up for discussion involved how to best distribute additional state money that was earmarked for teacher salary increases. The crux of the discussion was whether to provide teachers with a 2% raise or to provide an end of the year bonus to all school employees. School Superintendent Robert Graham expressed his support for the bonus option and the board vowed to take the issue up again at the next meeting.

A second Information Agenda item concerned the donation of sick leave days from one Pulaski County Public School employee to another. Under this prospective policy, if a PCPS employee has used all their sick days but is still unable to return to work because of medical incapacity, or is caring for a family member, that person could use another PCPS employee's donated sick leave days without penalty.

Under this policy, a PCPS employee could use a maximum of 20 days of donated sick leave each year. As for the donor, a PCPS employee could donate a maximum of 10 workdays per year under the policy.

This policy will likely be voted on at the next School Board meeting. A short discussion on the use of time clocks ensued with Superintendent Graham coming out in favor of continuing to use recently installed time clocks, which requires school employees to punch in and out to record their work hours. The efficiency of this system has recently come into question but Graham said

he needs more time to study the matter before making a final decision.

Graham also addressed the All In Virginia Initiative put forth by the Youngkin Administration to counter learning loss caused by policies related to COVID 19. All in Virginia gives \$418 million to Virginia Schools with the stipulation that 70% be dedicated to learning loss, 20% to the Virginia Literacy Act and 10% to chronic absenteeism.

Graham plans to spend the All In Virginia funds over the next two fiscal years. Most all of the 70% dedicated to countering learning loss will be spent on tutoring from PCPS teachers, as well as using a "virtual tutoring" program through a company.

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*The next time that I meet you it will be at Heaven's door.
You'll be there to greet me and I will cry no more.
I'll put my arms around you and kiss your lovely face and then
this broken heart of mine will fall back into place.*

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Our Country Needs More Nurses and Caregivers

Our country is currently facing a dire staffing shortage when it comes to nurses and caregivers. The Virginia Mercury recently reported that according to a survey of 170 Virginia nursing



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

homes from this fall, 44 percent of homes have been forced to pause new admissions at least once since June 1 because they have been unable to find enough nurses and caregivers to care for residents. More than 90 percent of nursing homes surveyed said they have had to ask employees to work overtime or take extra shifts due to the lack of staff.

Not only is this problem nationwide, unfortunately it's not a new one. Since the late 1980s, due to staffing shortages, regulators have put in place requirements to ensure nursing homes have "sufficient nursing staff" and that there is a registered nurse (RN) on site for a minimum of eight hours a day.

The problem was then exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Nursing homes nationwide lost about 245,000 employees during the pandemic. As of April, the sector has only regained 55,000 of those workers.

It takes a special person to care for our sick and elderly. The job is not only physically demanding, but also mentally taxing. This has led to high turnover rates for nursing staff (52% in one year).

Our country must find new ways to alleviate this problem as soon as possible, as it is only expected to get worse due to our ageing population.

On September 1st, the Biden Administration released a proposed rule that will have the unintended consequence of making our nursing shortage worse. Nursing homes would have to ensure a registered nurse is on site 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

While the intent of this rule has merit, we must face the reality we live in – our country does not have enough nurses and caregivers. This minimum staffing standard would not only significantly raise costs for residents but would also lead to the closure of nursing homes that can't meet the new staffing requirements. This is particularly true in rural areas where there is an even greater shortage of nurses and caregivers.

During a recent Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee hearing, we discussed this crisis and the proposed CMS rule.

During the hearing, I spoke to witnesses about one possible alternative option. When I was in the Virginia House of Delegates, I drafted a law that waived zoning requirements for residents that wanted to erect temporary family health care structures on their property or the property of a family member. This structure would allow families to keep their loved ones in need of assistance close by, instead of seeking out a full-time care facility. This allows the individual in need of care to stay close to family. In this scenario, family will take care of some basic needs, thus health care workers can be brought in for periods of time as needed. This should have the benefit of lowering costs and hopefully lead to a lower burnout rate for our nurses.

This could have been beneficial for a family in Blacksburg who testified on the bill. The parents attempted to bring their sick son home multiple times, but because they didn't have a medically sterile room, their son kept getting infections. In order to properly care for their son, both parents quit their jobs to be with him at the University of Virginia Medical Center in Charlottesville during the last months of his life. Had the parents had the option to build a medically outfitted tiny home, their son could have stayed in Blacksburg close to family and friends.

Will this solve our nursing shortage? No. Is this a perfect solution? No. Will it work for every family? No. But we have to start thinking outside the box if we are going to solve this problem. I am working on a federal level to get partial reimbursement for the cost of these temporary structures.

If you have any ideas on how to help alleviate our nurse staffing shortage or other ways to help care for the elderly and those with significant medical needs, I'd like to hear from you.

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.

Letter Policy

We welcome your letters and opinions on the news of the day. You may submit your letters via email at news@pcpatriot.com or by mail at The Patriot, PO Box 2416, Pulaski, VA 24301. You may also drop a letter off at our office at 7 Fifth Street NE, Pulaski.

Risk is Real

Dear Dave,
My husband and I want to do a live-in and flip real estate purchase. The idea is to buy a fixer-upper and rent out the basement to help with the mortgage payments. How do you feel about ideas like this?

Erin

Dear Erin,
In a situation like this you need to do a basic business analysis. You've got to have a plan in place, and you've got to figure out the worst-case scenario. Part of this is determining whether you can survive if things fall apart. In this case, the worst case is that you can't get a renter, and the house doesn't sell. It puts your family in jeopardy, so to me it's not an option.

Want my honest opinion? I think you've both got a case of house fever right now. The possibility I just mentioned isn't a rare occurrence. Lots of people have had the same idea, with the best of intentions, and still wound up in a big mess. I love real estate. I mean I really love real estate. And I've flipped more than a few houses in my day. But the particulars of this deal make me a little nervous. If you and your husband are willing to accept the possibility of things not working out like you planned—and the fact you might have to take additional jobs for an unknown length of time just to make ends meet—then it might be a play. But for me? Nope. I don't like putting



Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

myself into these kinds of situations.

When I was much younger, I was willing to do all kinds of dangerous stuff and ignore the risk. But going broke decades ago knocked that kind of thinking out of me in a hurry. Any deal that runs the risk of leaving you bankrupt, or the victim of a foreclosure, just isn't worth it, Erin.

—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.



Praying in Congress?

Has there ever been a more difficult time in America? Inflation and high interest rates are causing families to make hard choices, sometimes between buying food, medicine or paying monthly bills. Layoffs in some industries are increasing and the economy is in a downward slide.

Our nation is being invaded by illegal immigrants at the rate of about 5,000 per day; and there have been 2.5 million encounters so far in fiscal year 2023. We don't know who they are or what their intentions are toward Americans, but we do know that there are terrorists slipping across our borders in record numbers.

Last month, a vicious terrorist attack was dealt to our friends in the nation of Israel on one of their Holy Days in Celebration of Life. Now, thousands of ill-informed protesters are marching in American cities in support of the Hamas butchers who attacked innocent civilians, killing, torturing, beheading and burning them alive; and holding more than 200-men, women, children and babies as human shields and hostages.

The election on Tuesday points to battles over spiritual and moral issues in America that people are calling "political" rather than acknowledging the difference between right and wrong.

In the midst of this mess, a spark of hope emerged when the U.S. House of Representatives elected a Conservative Christian, Mike Johnson, to be their new Speaker of the House. What was one of the first acts of the new Speaker? He did what our Founders did and made time for prayer and recognition of his Christian faith. And for that, he has been chastized by the mainstream media.

Here is what he said that has them in a tizzy: "I don't believe there are any coincidences in a matter like this. I believe that Scripture and the Bible is very clear that God is the one that raises up those in authority."

"He raised up each of you, all of us. And I believe God has ordained and allowed each one of us to be brought here for this specific moment and this time. This is my belief...I believe that each one of us has a huge responsibility today to use the gifts that God has given us to serve the extraordinary people of this great country and they deserve it."

While some of us are applauding the Speaker's comments, others rage saying they are offended that an elected official would mention God and the Bible while speaking in an official capacity at our nation's Capitol.

They are accusing the new Speaker of the House of causing fierce debate online after invoking God and the Bible following his election. Another comment charged Speaker Johnson of religious extremism. And another stated that his irrational beliefs are not credible for solving social policies, aligning them with mythology which they claim has no active place in modern society. And yet another

One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

individual was outraged to see members of the House praying on the House floor; inferring that public display of prayer and devotion offends the Constitution and the New Testament.

During the past 50-years, Americans have gradually lost touch with the Christian foundations of our nation. Our schools, governmental institutions and places of business have been stripped of Christian symbols. This occurred because people of faith allowed anti-faith groups to capitalize on the courts' misinterpretation of a "separation of Church and State comment." This wording is not found in our written Constitution.

Listening to our national anthem and other patriotic songs, reading public records during our nation's founding, and the personal writings of our Founders, we can perceive that our ancestors had a strong reliance on faith and God – and were not afraid to admit it. We can research historic records and realize the Founders often discussed how their Christian faith influenced their life and political decisions. We can review some of our Founder's private prayers and see how they capture the spirit of Christianity, which is the bedrock of our laws and society.

For instance, George Washington wrote: "Let me have my directions from the Holy Spirit...enlighten my mind in understanding they blessed work, that I may be enabled to perform Thy will in all things."

Patrick Henry scripted on the back of the Resolves approved in the House of Burgess during May, 1765 session: "Righteousness alone can exalt a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people...in thy sphere, practice virtue itself, and encourage it in others." (Proverbs 14:34)

Samuel Adams wrote his thoughts in November 1780: "Religion in a family is at once its brightest ornament and its best security. The first point of justice consists of piety; nothing certainly being so great a debt upon us, as to render to the Creator and Preserver those acknowledgements which are due to Him for our being, and the hourly protection He affords us."

James Madison inscribed notes in his personal Bible: "Believers who are in a State of Grace have need of the Word of God for the

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Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

Anti-Israel demonstrators hate the West

The cataract of anti-Israel sentiment on college campuses has been shocking, but it shouldn't be surprising.

It is the poisoned fruit of teaching a generation of college students to despise their own civilization.

Jesse Jackson famously led a chant at Stanford University in 1987, "Hey, hey, ho, ho, Western Civ has got to go." He was talking about the college course, but he might as well have been talking about the thing itself.

Jackson and his allies had extraordinary success in extinguishing the teaching of Western Civ. Not only have we largely stopped transmitting the story of our own civilization, we have substituted an alternative narrative that the West is reducible to racism, imperialism and colonialism.

It is in this context that the current outburst of anti-Zionism has to be understood. Yes, it has been fed by anti-Israel agitation on campus over the decades and yes, students are susceptible to witless radicalism in the best of circumstances. Yet the loathing of Israel is particularly intense because it is viewed as an outpost of Western civilization and all its alleged ills.

The hatred of Israel is tainted by and, in some cases, driven by anti-Semitism. Another way to look at it, though, is that it's not so much about hatred of the "the other," as progressives put it, as hatred of ourselves and all our works.

It is, on one level, incorrect to consider Israel exclusively an artifact of the West. The Jews are indigenous to the region going back to Abraham, with their story caught up in the story of the land. A large proportion of the current population traces its origins from the Middle East and North Africa, rather than Europe.

But there is no doubt that Israel is a Western society -- in its political system, in its respects for rights, in its innovative economy, in its mores. Someone sitting in a coffee shop in Tel Aviv could easily think they were in any thriving coastal society in the West.

From any rational perspective, this would be something to celebrate. Many legitimate criticisms can be made of Israel, and indeed are a feature of the Israeli domestic debate itself, but there's no doubt that it is a flourishing society.

If Gaza were equally Westernized, it would be worrying about whether it's overbuilding seaside real estate rather than having to get water and electricity from the neighboring country its governing authority -- a savage terror group -- is trying to destroy.

Yet this is the society that anti-Western opinion holds up and wants to sweep all before it. This point of view loves Gaza for its failure and hates Israel for its success; loves Gaza for its terror and hates Israel for its self-defense; loves Gaza for its vicious anti-Western sponsors and hates Israel for its Western allies, especially the United States.

If this seems perverse, it's what you'd expect of students and young people who have absorbed the premises of Michel Foucault, Howard Zinn, Edward Said and their imitators. Even if students have never heard of them, these men and their thought suffuse higher education.

But what about the violence? How can these kids look past it, or implicitly endorse it?

Violence is part of the radical anti-Western vision. The anti-colonial bible, "The Wretched of the Earth," written by Frantz Fanon in 1961, is widely taught on campus. Fanon sketched out a woke worldview before anyone used that term, arguing that, as a New Yorker essay put it, "the Western bourgeoisie was 'fundamentally racist' and its 'bourgeois ideology' of equality and dignity was merely a cover for capitalist-imperialist rapacity."

Fanon wrote that "decolonization is always a violent phenomenon," and in a preface to the book, the

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Virginia saw net out-migration in 2022

By Morgan Sweeney

(The Center Square) — Virginia was the eighth-most popular state to move to in the U.S. — and the sixth-most popular to leave — in 2022. The commonwealth was not alone in this trend. Almost all of the top 10 states that gained the most new residents last year are among the most populous, while eight of those lost the most residents. Virginia is the twelfth-most populous state in the nation with approximately 8.68 million people, according to U.S. Census Bureau data from last year. It gained 266,970 newcomers but lost 282,050, resulting in a net migration loss of about 15,000 people in 2022 — up significantly from 2021’s shortfall of about 3,200. While Florida, Georgia and North Carolina enjoyed net gains, Virginia was the only Southern state that saw the most new residents suffer a net loss. Florida and North Carolina were far and away the most popular destination states for those leaving the commonwealth, luring more than 65,000 Virginians between the two of them. Texas was next, attracting nearly 21,000 Virginians in 2022. Virginia drew the most new residents from neighboring Maryland, Florida and California (though many more left Virginia for Florida).

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Edification and Building up. Grace, it is the free gift of God. To neglect the means for our own preservation is to Tempt God; and to trust to them is to neglect Him. Giver is more blessed than Receiver.” John Quincy Adams penned a prayer while serving as Congressman during the 25th Congressional session on December 4, 1837: “Almighty Father! Look in Mercy down; Oh! Grant me Virtue, to perform my part — the Patriots fervor, and the Statesman’s art — In thought, word, deed, preserve me from thy frown... Inspire my Soul; and purify my heart; And with success, my steadfast purpose crown. Benjamin Franklin wrote personal prayers in a little book: “O powerful Goodness! O Bountiful Father! Merciful Guide! Increase in me that wisdom which discovers my truest interest. Strengthen my resolution to perform what that wisdom dictates. Accept my kind offices to thy other children as the only return in my power for thy continual favors to me.” These and other public prayers from our Founders help us realize that they understood the source of our nation’s blessings to be from Almighty God who protected and nurtured them. They were not timid in professing their reliance on God and asking for wisdom to perform their patriotic duties. I thank God that Speaker Johnson isn’t timid in his faith, either!

Schools

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ny called Stride. According to Graham, these students would be tutored in face-to-face sessions for 30 minutes before the start of school. If tutored online, the students would be given instruction at various times during the school day. Pulaski’s school superintendent also hopes to entice student teachers and newly graduated University students into tutoring for PCPS. Graham is reaching out to students at RU, or other higher learning institutions, who plan to graduate in December to see if they would be interested in tutoring. “Some of them are student teachers with us and they do a good job and so when they graduate in December, we can hire them here,” said Graham. “If we have openings, it would be a wonderful opportunity for them to move into those jobs because they would know the division already.” In a related discussion, Radford University is beginning a Virtual Teaching Academy to help address the critical shortage of teachers in

Gov. Glenn Youngkin is known for religiously tracking net state migration patterns and asserts that the cost of living drives people elsewhere. Virginia’s cost of living is the 16th-highest in the nation, according to a study done by Forbes Advisor. In the 2022-24 biennial budget, Youngkin passed a total of \$5 billion in tax cuts, \$1 billion of which came in the form of one-time tax rebates that the state is in the process of issuing. The governor wanted to make other changes to the state’s tax structure, including a 1% reduction of the corporate tax rate to 5%, but Republicans could not see most of those reforms through. Despite this and a ranking of 26th on the Tax Foundation’s State Business Tax Climate Index, Virginia has placed within the top five states for business, according to an annual CNBC study multiple times in recent years. Virginia’s unemployment rate also compares favorably with other states. At 2.5% in September, it’s the eighth-lowest in the country. In the early 2010s, according to fact-checking organization PolitiFact, people leaving Virginia did so for a job. “That switched to the rising cost of living at the end of the decade, according to economic and demographic studies,” according to PolitiFact.

Dublin lists office, garbage schedule

Dublin Town Offices will be closed November 10th for Veterans Day. Garbage service will not be affected.

Lowery

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French philosopher Jean-Paul Sartre declared that the wretched of the earth “become men” through “mad fury.” By this standard, Hamas is a good and worthy anti-colonial organization, and there’s no wonder it has found supporters and useful idiots among the West’s self-loathing radicals. Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



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Virginia. The Virtual Learning Academy will enable teachers who have a provisional license to complete required coursework by the VDOE completely online and at their own pace. “We have over 30 provisionally licensed teachers and you know, sometimes teachers are hard to find,” said Tara Grant, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction. “We’ve got people willing to do it and have the degrees but might not have the endorsement. That’s why they’re Provisionals. Once they’re hired, they’ve got to take certain courses to get their license.” Pulaski County Public Schools will provide money to complete the program but the employee must agree to work at least five years in PCPS or pay back the money. Radford University reached out to Pulaski County Public Schools to be a part of the inaugural program that will begin in the November-December timeframe.

Leaf pickup underway in Pulaski

The Town of Pulaski Department of Public Works began leaf collection on Monday November 6, 2023 and will continue throughout November and into the first week of December (as needed) weather permitting. Routinely leaf collection begins on the North side of town for two weeks. This will be through November 17. Crews will then pick up on the South side of town during the week of November 20 through November 22. The final pick up week

will be from November 27 through December 1. The Town Pulaski requests of the following:
1. Please DO NOT place leaves in bags.
2. Please do not place any other debris or trimmings in with the leaves
3. Please bring leaves to the edge of the right of way and do not block ditch lines or cover storm drains
4. Please DO NOT place leaves in alleys for pick up.

Please be advised this schedule is tentative and is subject to change in the event of an emergency or under adverse weather conditions. You many contact the Department of Public Works at 540-994-8651 Monday – Friday from 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. if additional information is needed.

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Thank you to everyone who voted for me during the 2023 General Election. Though unopposed, your support was invaluable. I also want to thank those who have encouraged and supported me throughout this journey. I especially want to thank my husband Dean and sister Katrina, my entire network of family members, the office staff, close friends and former coworkers, campaign sign coordinators from the community, former classmates and teachers, church and family friends, the Pulaski Republican Women’s Club, and the Pulaski Republican GOP. You all are the ones who helped me make political history and I appreciate your act of kindness. I will continue to serve with integrity in my role as Commissioner of the Revenue.



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RDL Ribbon Cutting

Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce photo

On October 30th, Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce, local officials, and the business community celebrated the newest addition to RDL Solutions, RDL Paint. Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce President, Bill Cunningham led the ceremony stating, “This expansion, in combination with others we have seen recently in the Town of Dublin, is a testament to the growth taking place in our business community.”

County to host first Pulaski County Gobble and Wobble 5k

PULASKI COUNTY, VA – Pulaski County is excited to host its first ever Pulaski County Gobble and Wobble 5k race on Thanksgiving Day. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Emergency Needs Taskforce of Pulaski County. The taskforce provides and facilitates emergency assistance to individuals and families in need.

The race will be held on Nov. 23, at 8:30 a.m. at Randolph Park. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Participants will sample pumpkin flavored treats from local businesses including Fazoli’s, Food City, Mary Lee Candies, Mochi’s Cafe, Sal’s Jr., TJ’s Place, and more at each kilometer of the race. Racers can vote for their favorite treat after completing the 5k. The winning business will take home the annual “Gobble & Wobble Taste of Pulaski County” award for the year. The event also welcomes Space Rabbit Coffee onsite who will be selling coffee and assorted breakfast items.

The cost for runners and walkers is \$25, \$15 for children ages 11 and under, and \$10 for leashed dogs. Participants registering by November 13, are guaranteed a long sleeve shirt or dog bandana. Early registration is encouraged. To register visit <http://www.pulaskiountyparksandrec.org> or call 540-674-1513.

Chamber of Commerce to hold annual awards event

Patriot Publishing Staff

The Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce will celebrate the achievements of the local business community on Nov. 16 at its Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet.

The theme of this year’s event is “Honoring Our Workforce,” and will shine a light on the local workforce and some often-overlooked careers.

During the awards segment of the event, the chamber will recognize outstanding businesses, non-profit organizations and business executives making strides throughout the community.

Nominations for the awards to be presented at the event, to be held at the Volvo Customer Experience Center, are as follows:

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Losing It All in the St. Louis Fire

by Freddy Groves

On July 12, 1973, a fire in St. Louis, Missouri, at the National Personnel Records Center destroyed between 16 and 18 million military personnel files. My mother’s file was one of those.

The files covered the period from pre-World War 1 to 1963. There began decades of veterans struggling to prove military service in order to access their benefits.

When I sent away for my mother’s records, what I received back was a certificate, similar to a Little League participation certificate. It has the information that I had provided: dates of service, branch of service, rank, but not much more. Thankfully, I’d had enough information on hand to send them to prove service, including a copy of a newspaper photo taken as she took the oath.

But what of people who don’t have even those things? What if you have ... nothing?

After the fire, the Records Center started a new rule for all military facilities: Save everything. No matter where in the country a record was likely to be found, it was to be saved and indexed. In this way they were able to index approximately 6 million files. When a claim for benefits came in from a veteran whose file was burned, instructions were sent out to attempt to reconstruct the file from the pieces here and there.

The Veterans Affairs, Office of Inspector General was asked to audit the process of reconstructing a file. Here is what they found:

Last year it was taking an average of 450 days from time of claim to a claim decision, compared to 146 days for a non-fire claim.

Staff were not following the steps outlined in their instructions, thereby adding 73 days to the process.

Staff did not complete follow-up procedures 25% of the time due to lack of training.

If there’s good news, I’ll never have to send away for my father’s military records. The man saved everything, and I mean everything: every transfer, pay stub, promotion notice, TDY order ... everything.

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Poll: Most say cut spending, not raise taxes

By Brett Rowland

(The Center Square) – American voters would rather see lawmakers cut government spending than increase taxes, but new poll results show the cuts voters want would have little effect on the nation’s \$33.17 trillion in debt.

The Center Square Voters’ Voice Poll, conducted in conjunction with Noble Predictive Insights, found that 65% of registered voters would opt to cut federal spending to address the growing deficit. Some 14% would rather increase taxes than cut

spending. The rest were either unsure or wanted to deal with the deficit in the future.

The poll of 2,605 voters includes 1,035 Republicans, 1,074 Democrats, and 496 true Independents, and is among the most comprehensive in the country.

Of the registered voters who favor spending cuts, 75% would cut services for people in the U.S. illegally, 55% would cut diversity, equity, and inclusion programs, 32% would cut environmental protections, 23% would cut transportation spending and 23% would cut social

safety net programs, such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as food stamps. The poll surveyed likely and registered voters. Non-citizens, including permanent legal residents, cannot vote in federal, state, and most local elections.

“American citizens tend to think that the government should spend money on American citizens,” said David Byler, chief of research at Noble Predictive Insights. “So the percentage of Americans who are willing to spend on foreign aid or on undocumented migrants is going to be low.”

The Federation for American Immigration Reform, a non-partisan, public interest group, estimated the total net cost of illegal immigration was \$150.7 billion in 2023, including \$66.4 billion in federal spending. The single largest expenditure by category in the fiscal year 2023 was \$1.35 trillion for Social Security, according to the U.S. Department of the Treasury. Put another way, the federal government spent more than 20 times as much on Social Security than illegal immigration.

But cuts to major spending cate-

gories were less popular. Some 6% of registered voters would cut Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid. About 12% would cut health care spending other than Medicare and Medicaid, and 21% would cut spending on national defense and the military.

“You can clearly see in the polling why there’s such a logjam in Washington on this,” Byler said. “Because people say they want to cut spending, but say ‘hey, don’t cut spending in any of the areas that are the biggest expenditures.’”

About 51% of annual federal spending in fiscal year 2023 was for the Department of Health and Human Services and the Social Security Administration, according to the U.S. Department of the Treasury. The biggest drivers of the national deficit are spending on Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and other entitlement programs.

“There is a little bit of a chicken and egg situation happening here,” Byler said. “People wonder, why is it that Congress can’t rein in spending and can’t cut the budget deficit and won’t cut entitlement programs? The reason is that their constituents don’t want that.”

Of the voters who want to raise taxes, most want the wealthy and corporations to pay more. Seventy-five percent of registered voters said they want people making more than \$200,000 a year to pay more in taxes, and 69% said they want corporations to pay more in taxes. About 10% said they want individuals and businesses to pay more through a higher sales tax.

The poll was conducted by Noble Predictive Insights from Oct. 20-26 with a margin of error of 1.92%. Noble Predictive surveyed 1,000 registered Republicans, 1,000 registered Democrats, and 500 independents, culminating in a sample size of 2,500.

Early Resolutions for 2024

Having stuck with less than half of the New Year’s resolutions I made for January 2023, I decided that for 2024 I need to give much more thought to what I commit to. In other words, not to take on more than I can actually do ... and to give a much longer period of consideration to the whole thing. Hence this early start in talking about resolutions.

I’m leaning toward one-time efforts, things I commit to doing once, not whole lifestyle changes that, frankly, I’m probably too old to actually make at this point. I’m looking for success in smaller areas.

To that end, I can likely accomplish the following in 2024:

Hire someone to paint the bathroom. Surely the neighborhood handyman will be looking for extra cash. Better for him, rather than me, to climb a ladder and hang out over the tub to paint the wall.

Sell my father’s coin collection, specifically the tiny gold coins I found in his jewelry box. I’m already watching the price of gold, and when it reaches a certain number, I will pounce and head for the

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

coin shop where I’ve already made inquiries.

Visit the local gym and try out ellipticals and stair climbers, which will surely convince me once and for all that I do not need one in the house.

Learn to juggle. Yes, this is something that will take more than one attempt, but once I learn to juggle three soft balls (they come in a kit on Amazon, along with a how-to booklet), I’ll be able to cross that particular accomplishment off my life list.

A final resolution that will need lengthy consideration: adopting a young kitten for my cat, to give him a little pal.

I think I’ll be more successful with this list of resolutions than I’ve ever been before. It will certainly be more fun.

Behaving Well Around Service Animals

DEAR PAW’S CORNER: Can you kindly remind your readers that service animals and companion animals are not there for other people’s amusement? Too often, people who see a service dog in public will rush up and try to pet the dog or even hug them. Please educate them on the proper etiquette when they see a service pet. -- Janine D. in Syracuse, New York

DEAR JANINE: Thank you for this timely reminder. Service animals are highly trained to provide assistance to their owners for specific health or mobility issues. Companion animals provide crucial emotional support to owners as well.

With any pet, it’s not just good manners to ask before approaching or trying to touch them. It’s also a safe way to interact with pets and their owners.

This is especially important with service and companion animals. They’re doing a job when out in public. For example, seizure alert dogs are trained to detect an approaching seizure and will gently warn their owners to get to a safe place. Mobility assistance dogs help owners maintain their balance, or with tasks like pressing buttons and opening doors.

It isn’t always evident that they’re



Paw's corner
by Sam Mazzotta

working, either. For example, you may see an autism support dog sitting or lying next to their owner. They’re not off duty; they’re helping their person stay calmer in a social setting.

Some good behaviors around service animals include:

- Speak to the owner/handler, not to the animal.
- Don’t touch, talk to, feed or handle the service animal.
- Guide/service dogs have the right of way.

Here are a few more helpful guidelines from the Guide Dog Foundation: <https://tinyurl.com/yspwk6er>

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Friday Night Dance Band

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Blue Connection

NRCC Concert Series to hold free concert on Nov. 11

The music of Blue Connection and Friday Night Dance Band will be featured during New River Community College's Concert Series event on Sat., Nov. 11, 2023. Music will begin at 6 p.m. in 117 Edwards Hall at NRCC in Dublin.

Blue Connection is a hard driving traditional style bluegrass band that was formed in 2013. They play traditional standard bluegrass and country songs with some contemporary country and rock as well. The band includes Matt Spence, from Catawba, on bass, lead and harmony vocals; Kenny Hamblin, from Catawba, on banjo, lead and harmony vocals; Paul Boone, from Hardy, on mandolin, lead and harmony vocals; and John Hamilton, from Eagle Rock, on guitar, lead and harmony vocals.

The Friday Night Dance Band is an old-time band from Callaway, Va. Over the years, the band has played at many different venues including jam sessions at Cannaday's Store in Boones Mill and the Floyd Country Store and regular fundraising shows at the Floyd Fire Department. The band also received a commendation from the Virginia General Assembly for their contributions to the Redwood Community Center, where they have played for over thirty years, and to the town of Rocky Mount, where they played for benefit dances.

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The doors open at 5 p.m. for the show. Admission is free; however, donations will be accepted to help offset the travel expenses for the musicians. The music events are typically held the second Saturday of each month through April at NRCC, a Crooked Road affiliated venue.

For more information about the NRCC Concert Series, please contact Tim Jones at (540) 674-3625 or visit www.nr.edu/concerts.

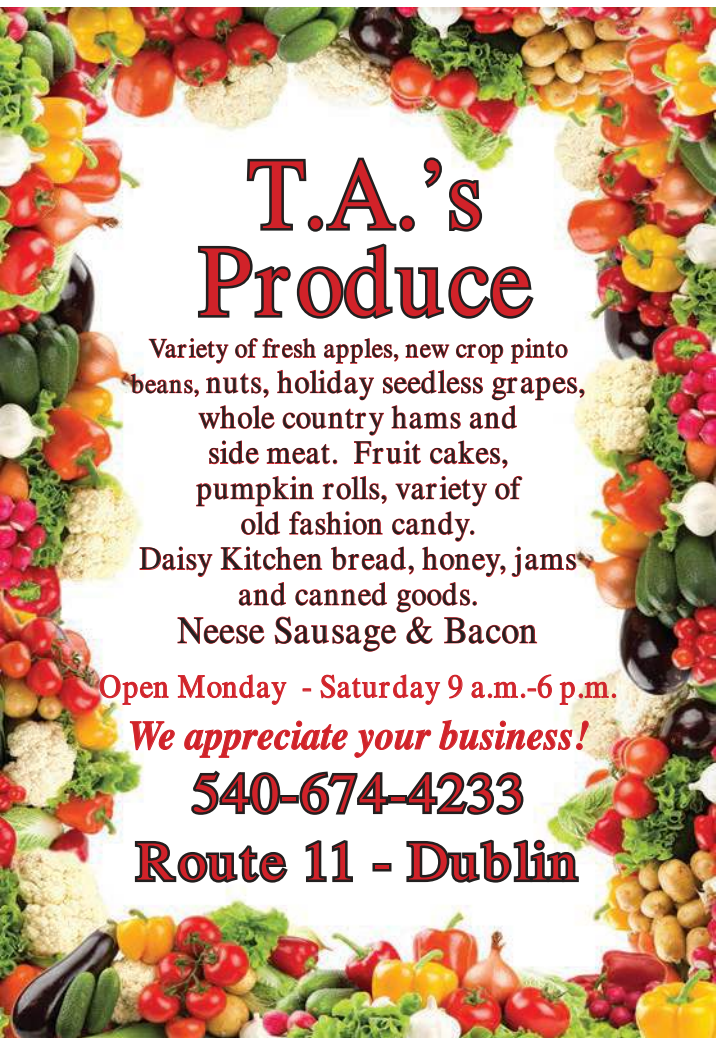


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Cougars open playoffs at Byrd

High School Football Scores



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Cougar fullback Trevor Gallimore leaves the Knights in his wake on his way to a touchdown against Cave Spring.

PCHS holds off Cave Spring to reach postseason

By BRIAN BISHOP
The Patriot

On a cold night at Dobson Stadium, the Cougars took care of business beating the Cave Spring Knights, 27-20. This win moves Pulaski County to 4-6 on the season and into the Class 3, Region D playoffs.

Pulaski County broke several long runs against the Knights, starting with the Cougars' first possession when Bryant Nottingham ran for 68 yards to the three yard line, but fumbled into the end zone with Cave Spring recovering.

In the second quarter, Isaiah O'dell returned a kickoff for 79 yards to the Cave Spring 13 yard

line. Three plays later, Trevor Gallimore scored his second touchdown on the night, putting the Cougars up 14-7.

With the game tied during the third quarter, Chase Lawrence ran for an 86-yard touchdown, and a Nottingham PAT gave the Cougars a 21-14 lead.

Cave Spring scored on a Jackson Steffen three-yard run, after a Pulaski County fumble on their own 16 yard line. Cave missed the extra point, giving Pulaski County the lead at 21-20 with 10:58 left to play.

Both teams punted on their next possessions before Pulaski started a drive on their own 26 yard line. After gaining two first downs, Gallimore ran for a 30-yard touchdown

with 2:01 remaining.

The Cougars went for two points to make it a two-score game, but Gallimore was tackled in the backfield and the score stood at 27-20.

Pulaski attempted a squib kick on the ensuing kickoff, but the Cave Spring front line handled it and had the ball on their own 47 yard line.

Nottingham broke up a long pass play on first down and a poor snap to the quarterback on second down put the Knights in a hole.

On third and long, Tyler Underwood sacked the Cave Spring quarterback. A fourth down pass was unsuccessful and gave the Cougars their second straight win and their fourth of the season.

The Cougars had 312 yards rush-

ing to Cave Springs' 112.

Gallimore had 122 on 31 carries with three TD's. Lawrence had 115 on 6 carries with one TD. Nottingham had 69 yards on four attempts and O'Dell had 1 yard on one carry.

Nottingham completed one pass to O'Dell for 21 yards. He attempted 6 passes.

Pulaski County outgained Cave Spring on the night, 328 yards to 249.

The Cougars will now travel to Vinton to face the William Byrd Terriers in the first round of the region playoffs. Byrd is 9-1 with their only loss to Christiansburg. They have wins against Lord Botetourt, Franklin County and William Fleming.



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Several area football teams are in post season action

Patriot Publishing Staff

Pulaski County opens the Class 3 Region D Quarterfinals on Friday night as the No. 7 seed and will take on No. 2 seed William Byrd in Vinton.

William Byrd finished the season at 9-1, while Pulaski County finished 4-6.

In the other Region D quarterfinal contests, No. 8 Staunton River travels to top seed Magna Vista. No. 5 Abingdon travels to No. 4 Chris-

tiansburg, and No. 6 Bassett plays at No. 3 seed Lord Botetourt.

Elsewhere in the area, No. 1 Radford hosts No. 8 James River in the Class 2 Region C quarterfinals.

In Class 1 Region C, No. 7 Fort Chiswell travels to No. 2 Narrows, while No. 8 Giles heads to No. 1 Grayson County.

No. 5 Galax travels to No. 4 Bath County and No. 6 Parry McFluer takes on No. 3 George Wythe.

Here's the whole schedule for Class 1, 2 and 3 – Regions C and D:

Region Quarterfinals

Class 3
Region C

No. 8 Fluvanna County at No.1 Liberty Christian
No. 5 Rustburg at No. 4 Alleghany
No. 7 Heritage at No. 2 Turner Ashby
No. 6 Monticello at No. 3 Spotswood

Class 3
Region D
No. 8 Staunton River at No. 1 Magna Vista
No. 5 Abingdon at No. 4 Christiansburg
No. 7 Pulaski County at No. 2 William Byrd
No. 6 Bassett at No. 3 Lord Botetourt

Class 2
Region C
No. 8 James River at No. 1 Radford
No. 5 Chatham at No. 4 Appomattox County
No. 7 Floyd County at No. 2 Gretna
No. Patrick County at No. 3 Glenvar

Class 2

Region D
No. 8 Virginia High at No. 1 Union
No. 5 Ridgeview at No. 4 Tazewell
No. 7 Lee at No. 2 Graham
No. 6 Marion at No. 3 Gate City

Class 1
Region C
No. 8 Giles at No.1 Grayson County
No. 5 Galax at No. 4 Bath County
No. 7 Fort Chiswell at No. 2 Narrows
No. 6 Parry McCluer at No. 3 George Wythe

Class 1
Region D
No. 8 Rural Retreat at No. 1 Honaker
No. 5 Grundy at No. 4 Patrick Henry
No. 7 Eastside at No. 2 Rye Cove
No. 6 Chilhowie at No. 3 Twin Springs

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West Springfield 48, W.T. Woodson 0
William Byrd 35, Northside 22
William Monroe 42, Rockbridge County 6
Woodberry Forest 45, Fork Union Prep 7
Woodbridge 14, Gar-Field 7
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Assists with daily needs including maintenance and upkeep of apparatus and equipment. Responds to EMS calls as needed.

Applicant must possess a current Virginia EMS Certification, VDFP Firefighter II Certification, OEMS and VDFP approved EVOC Class I, II, and III Certification, several years' experience in firefighting and EMS is preferred. The salary scale for these positions depends on education, certification, and experience. Applicant must successfully pass a drug screen, background check, and a physical agility test.

Interested individuals may apply at the appropriate Virginia Employment Commission or download and submit an application to Tammy Nichols, Human Resources Director, tnichols@pulaskicounty.org.

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Pulaski County Facilities Manager

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Full-time position with benefits such as health, dental, optional vision, retirement, vacation, sick leave and paid holidays. Applicant must pass a criminal background check and drug test. Salary scale is \$54,797 - \$86,785 and is based upon education and experience.

Interested individuals may apply at the appropriate Virginia Employment Commission Office or may download and submit an application from www.pulaskicounty.org to Tammy Nichols Human Resources Director, tnichols@pulaskicounty.org or 143 Third Street, NW, Suite 1, Pulaski, VA 24301.

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF PULASKI

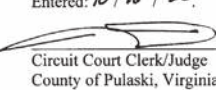
THE TOWN OF PULASKI, VIRGINIA, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia,)
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Plaintiff,)
)
v.) Case No. CL23-451
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STEPHANIE LYNN HERNANDEZ,)
ROGER L. GOAD, BRENDA S. GOAD,)
BETTY A. ANDERSON,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

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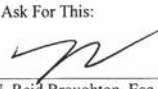
The object of this suit is to enforce a lien for delinquent real estate taxes against the property known as Tax Map No. 072-098-0002-011A, Tax Map No. 072-098-0002-0011, and Tax Map No. 072-098-0002-0010 (lots at end of Craig Street). An Affidavit having been filed stating that due diligence has been 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 November 3, 2023, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause.

Entered: 10 / 16 / 23


Circuit Court Clerk/Judge
County of Pulaski, Virginia

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Public Notice Pulaski County Board of Supervisors

The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors will host a public hearing to consider two applications for the Month of October. In accordance with the Code of Virginia, the Board of Supervisors will host a public hearing on these petition(s) at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 27, 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;

1. Rezone Application submitted by Kayla Lewis and Earl Hagee, rezone request for Tax Map 074-018-0000-0002 from Low Density Residential (LR) to Agriculture (A) located at 4535 Peak Creek Road Pulaski, VA 2430, Draper District.
2. Rezone Application submitted by Sergio Panuco, rezone request for Tax Map 055-001-0000-018C from Agriculture (A) to Commercial (CM) located at 4241 Lee Highway, Pulaski, VA 24301, Massie District.
3. Rezone Application submitted by Steve and Kimberly Johnston, rezone request for Tax Map 037-006-0000-0003,4,5 from Low Density Residential (LR) to Agriculture located at 6469 Lee Highway, Radford, VA 24141, Cloyd District.

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.




Public Hearing Town of Pulaski Town Council

Pulaski Town Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 21st at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at 42 First St. NW To remove Section 18-5 Administration (a) from the Town of Pulaski Code of Ordinances

All persons desiring to speak should appear at the stated time and place or submit comments in writing to the Clerk of Council by Friday, November 3rd.

For disabled individuals who may require special auxiliary aids or services, the Town will make reasonable accommodations upon request. Please contact the Clerk of Council (540) 994-8602 before the above meeting date to arrange these accommodations. For individuals with visual or hearing impairment, contact Virginia Relay at 711 for assistance in reaching the town.



Public Hearing Proposed Issue of Bonds by the Town of Pulaski

The Council of the Town of Pulaski, Virginia (the "Council") will hold a public hearing on the proposed issuance of bonds by the Town of Pulaski at one time or from time to time. The estimated maximum amount of the bonds is \$465,000.

The proposed uses of the bond proceeds are to pay costs of developing a lead service line inventory and to pay costs of replacing lead service lines connected to the Town's water system.

The public hearing, which may be continued or adjourned, and at which persons may appear and present their views on the proposed bonds, will be held at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on November 16, 2023, before the Council in the Council Chambers, Pulaski Municipal Building, 42 First St. NW, Pulaski, Virginia.

Handicapped persons needing aid or assistance should contact the government prior to the meeting by calling (540) 994-8600.

Darlene Burcham, Town Manager
Town of Pulaski

Cougars Claw The Knights



Pulaski County's Tyler Underwood sacks the Cave Spring quarterback on a crucial third down play as time ran down in last Friday's Cougar victory.

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Parks and Recreation Adult Soccer Club – Championship



Pulaski County Parks and Recreation launched an Adult Soccer Club this fall as part of the Pulaski County Clubs platform. The club welcomed more than 100 soccer players ranging from 14-55 years of age. Games were held weekly on Sundays at the Dublin Lions Club soccer field.

The six participating teams brought heart and skill to the playing field each week with eyes on the Championship game. The Championship games were held 11/05/2023 with Team Galaxy claiming the club champion title. Galaxy (pictured) is led by coach Luis Gomez.

Parks and Recreation will pivot to facilitate an indoor Adult Futsal League in January which will be held at the Old Riverlawn Elementary School gym. Team registrations are now being accepted. For more information, contact CJ Burgis at cjburgis@pulaskicounty.org or call 540.674.1513.

The outdoor Adult Soccer Club will resume in Spring, 2024. Parks and Recreation extends a special thanks to our game officials as well as Henry Reed for facilitating this successful club.

Blaney wins his first NASCAR Cup title in Phoenix

By REID SPENCER
NASCAR Wire Service

AVONDALE, Ariz. – For the first time in 10 years of the elimination Playoff format, the NASCAR Cup Series champion failed to win the title race—not that it mattered one bit to 2023 champion Ryan Blaney.

When he took the checkered flag in second place in the NASCAR Cup Series Championship race, the driver of the No. 12 Ford gave Team Penske its second straight title in NASCAR's premier series and gave Ford a sweep of Championship Weekend at Phoenix Raceway.

Oh, and as Blaney was pulling away from Kyle Larson and William Byron over a 31-lap green-flag run to the finish to claim his first Cup championship on Sunday, Ross Chastain secured his second victory of the season.

In a fierce battle for the title against 2021 champion Kyle Larson, Blaney edged ahead of the Hendrick Motorsports driver on Lap 292 and secured second place behind Chastain, who grabbed the top spot from Denny Hamlin after a restart on Lap 282.

Chastain crossed the finish line 1.230 seconds ahead of Blaney, whose elation wasn't dulled one iota by the runner-up result—given the bigger prize he won by finishing second.

"Unbelievable year, unbelievable Playoffs for us," said Blaney, who won last week at Martinsville to advance to the Championship 4 with Larson, Byron and Christopher Bell. "To win back-to-back

Cup titles for (team owner Roger) Penske, that's so special. Having my family here, winning my first Cup title, I got emotional in the car. I'm not a very emotional guy.

"You never want to count yourself out. I mean, I think in the summer we were struggling a little bit, but we never gave up. We just went to work. I've said that all week, like, this group goes to work, and they figure out problems. That's why they're such an amazing group to be with, with the Team Penske folks, 'cause they just put their head down and do the work, accept the challenge."

Bell fell out of the race on Lap 108, but Blaney, Larson and Byron came home second, third and fourth. Blaney's margin over Larson at the finish was 2.243 seconds. Though Larson beat Blaney off pit road during the final caution for Kyle Busch's spin in Turn 3 on Lap 275, Larson couldn't hold off Blaney's superior car.

"Yeah, his car was really fast," Larson acknowledged. "Really the last few months. Yeah, especially here today. Our pit crew and pit road really kept us in the game. We weren't the greatest on the track, but I was just hoping for pit stops 'cause I knew the way our team executed... the way our pit crew can execute a fast pit stop, I knew that was going to be our only shot really to win."

"They did everything in their power to give us the winning job done there. Huge thank you to them. I needed to come out the

leader on that restart. Ross got a really good start from the second row. Was hoping I could get clear of Denny and get the lead, have Ross kind of protect for me behind me.

"I'm not sure if it would have made a difference."

Byron took off from the pole position and won the first 60-lap stage wire-to-wire but not without a challenge from third-place starter Kevin Harvick and a charge from Chastain, who was eighth on the grid to start the race.

Over the final three laps of the stage, Byron used the high line through the corners to hold off

Harvick, who finished second. Chastain was third after 60 laps, 0.584 seconds behind the stage winner at the green/checkered flag.


First off pit road from stall one, Byron opened a lead of more than a second after the break. Larson, Blaney and Bell all improved their positions on pit road and soon were running fourth, fifth and sixth with Byron in the lead and Harvick and Chastain in front of them.

On Lap 86, Bell made a deft pass of Blaney for fifth. Lap 93 brought a dramatic change at the front of the field, as Harvick surged to the outside of Byron in Turns 1 and 2 and

cleared him down the backstretch. Byron dropped another spot to Chastain and traded third with Blaney, who secured the position on Lap 107.

"Once the track rubbered in, we got really tight," Byron said. "Especially when we lost the lead on track, we just had a big balance shift and got tight back in second through fifth, just couldn't gain a lot of speed through (Turns) 1 and 2, just kind of having to really overslow the car, get it to the bottom."

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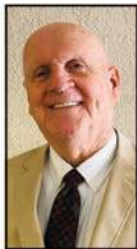
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The Church, Persecuted but Not as much good Destroyed

Acts Chapter 12 in a very thought provoking and fascinating book in the Bible. In this Chapter we see the harsh, cruel persecution of the Church growing with each passing day. It became so intense that the turn out to Church Services in Jerusalem was declining. The Jews hated the Christians and were persecuting them on every hand. To add to the utter dismay of the Christians, King Herod Agrippa, the puppet king of the Roman Empire, joined in with more oppression.

The Christians however faced the fiery trial of their faith by leaning on God and receiving renewed courage and strength to stand firm against intimidation and maltreatment.

Our God is an ever present help in times of trouble. He's always there for us to help us get through the difficult times in our lives. When we run into opposition, adversity, persecution, or any other fiery trials of our faith, we can call upon God and our prayer answering God will send help from above. We can look unto the hills from whence cometh out help. Our help cometh from the Lord Which made Heaven and Earth. (Psalm 121:1) And God, Who never leaves us or forsakes us will always be there for us to help us through the lowest places of our lives.

When we lift up our eyes towards heaven, the place of the habitation of our God, and call upon His holy Name for help, we can expect to receive the deliverance that we need. Prayer changes things. God changes things. There is great power in heartfelt prayer and we ought to pray always. I came upon this great saying posted by Jennifer Flanders who is one of many who have also quoted it. "If you only pray when you're in trouble, you're in trouble."

As Christians, we ought to always be praying, both during the good times and the bad times of our lives. We ought to stay prayed up. And if we are prayed up, then we know that when we call upon God for His help, that He'll be with us to help us through the most trying times of our lives and to put down all evil that would rear its ugly head against us.

King Herod Agrippa began a severe persecution of the Church in Jerusalem. He had James killed. James was an Apostle and one of the chief leaders of the Church at Jerusalem. When Agrippa saw that it pleased the Jews, meaning the Jewish Religious Establishment, those who had plotted against Jesus and caused Him to be crucified, he had Peter captured and locked up in a prison. The Church had already been suffering persecution by the Jewish Religious Leaders, and now they were also persecuted by the civil Authority.

The word [persecute] means to hurt; to mistreat; to harass; to subject someone to hostility and ill-treatment; to oppress; and to trouble persistently.

His main target was the Leaders of the Church. James was the brother of John, one of the sons of Zebedee, and Herod had him executed. Next he went after Peter. He wanted to execute Peter as well. He thought if he could cut off the head, the body of Christ would die. If he could destroy the pillars of the Church, the Apostles, that the whole building would fall. However, the Apostles were not the real head of the Church. Jesus Christ, our resurrected Lord, is the head of the body of Christ, the Church.

Severe and cruel persecution caused many of the Christians to leave Jerusalem and to move to other parts of the world to escape it. God allowed the persecution because it caused the Christians to leave Jerusalem and to go into the uttermost parts of the earth to preach the gospel, thus fulfilling their part of the great commission. God brought good out of the bad, proving again that all things work together for good, to them who love the Lord, who are the called according to His purposes. Some of God's greatest promises are fulfilled while we are going through the greatest fiery trials of our lives.

Our faith is sometimes tested to the limits, because where there is faith, it is sure to be tested. The bible says we are not to think it strange when our faith is tested by a fiery trial. Everyone's faith is tested at times, to give us the opportunity to prove that our faith is genuine. Its then we turn to God for strength and it is through the fire that our weakness is made strong.

"We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed,

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Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening, 5 p.m.
email: drapervalleybc@gmail.com
www.drapervalleybaptist.org

Grace Baptist Church
552 E. Main Street
Dublin, Va. 24084
Pastor: Doug Testerman
674-1762
Primary Services:
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11 a.m. Sunday worship
Sunday Night Power Hour, 6 to 7 p.m.
Wednesday Night 7 to 8 p.m.
Grace Kids and Teens Bible Study

Open Door Baptist Church
4576 Miller Lane
Pulaski, VA 24301
Pastor: Rev. N.K. Howlett
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Worship, 11 a.m.
Wednesday Night, 7 p.m.
Phone: 980-2046

Draper Methodist Church
3080 Greenbriar Road
Draper, VA 24324
Pastor: Lee Wiggins
Email: office@draper-methodist-church.com
Primary Service Times:
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Worship, 11 a.m.

Christ Episcopal Church
144 North Washington Ave., Pulaski
P.O. Box 975
Service: 10 a.m. every Sunday
Phone: 980-2413
Email: christ24301@gmail.com

Jordan Chapel Methodist
Pastor: Ginny Tompkins
Worship: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Cecil's Chapel Church
5801 Cecil's Chapel Road
Hiwassee, VA 24347
Interim Pastor: John Kellam
540 230 8837
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Sunday School: 10am
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Dublin, VA 24084
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Wednesday School 7 p.m.
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Dublin Baptist Church
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secretary@dublinbaptistchurchva.org
Website: dublinbaptistchurchva.org
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.
Tuesday Women's Bible Study: 11 a.m.
Wednesday Youth Bible Study, 7 p.m.
Food Pantry: Wednesdays 10 a.m - 2 p.m.

Allisonia Pentecostal Holiness Church
1560 Julia Simpkins Road
Allisonia, VA
Pastor Justin Phillips
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.

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

Belspring Baptist Church
6887 Depot Street
Belspring, VA 24058
Pastor Darrell Linkous
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Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study and
Youth Group: 7 p.m.
Darrell Linkous: 353-0081
belspringbaptistchurch@gmail.com

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of Prophecy
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deltoncogop@gmail.com (276) 620-3191
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Joe Ratcliff, Pastor
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Sundays, 10 a.m.
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Website: www.heritagechurch.net
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Associate Minister:
Rev. Annette Cheek
Clerk: Mrs. Carlotta Lewis
Sundays:
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
The Lord's Supper - Each First Sunday
Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting &
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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Interim Pastor: Rev. David Gilleran
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:15 p.m.
Wednesday Youth Groups and Adult Prayer
& Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
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e-mail - drapers.valley@dvpca.org
website - www.dvpca.org
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2 Fifth Street, N.W., Pulaski
540-980-3624
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trinitypulaski@gmail.com
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
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(June - Aug.)
Sunday Worship Live stream on Facebook
Bible Study: Wednesday, Noon
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Pastor: Bill Schoeneman
540-695-0054
Sunday Worship - 9:45 a.m.
Bible Study - Wednesday, 7 p.m.
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Pastor Mike Williams
Children's Ministry
Aaron & Becky Sampson
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Children's Church 10:30 a.m.
Men's & Women's Ministry Wed. 6:30

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Pastor: Jim Linkous
Associate Pastor: T.J. Cox
540-980-5433
www.facebook/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.

Trinity Baptist Church
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Pulaski, VA 24301
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Sunday Worship - 10 a.m.
Sunday Bible Study - 6 p.m.
Wednesday - Adult Bible Study and Youth
Group - 7 p.m.

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Preaching: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service: 7:30 p.m.
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980-7287
www.fwcpulaski.church
Jeff Willhoite, Pastor
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Sunday Worship 10:45 am
KidsZone 10:45 am
Alpha & Omega Pentecostal Spanish service
10:45 am
Sunday Evening Worship 6 pm

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

New Hope Church
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Services:
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Dublin, VA 24084
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Worship: 11 am

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7th Street N.W., Pulaski
Phone: 980-6511
Fax: 980-6511
Priest: Fr. Francis Boateng
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Warriors for Christ II
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Pulaski, VA
540-315-2317
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Worship: 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Thursday: 7 p.m. Service

Aldersgate United Methodist
1946 Medallion Drive
Pulaski, VA 24301
(540) 980-1349
Pastor Jim Goddard
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Pathway to Heaven Worship Center
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 434
Dublin, VA 24084
Physical Address: 7889 Cleburne Blvd.
Dublin, VA 24084
Pastor Winfred Keene - Phone 540-239-
8092
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Tuesday Evening Worship Service: 7 p.m.

Community Christian Church
5382 Grace Street, Dublin VA, 24084
540-674-4308
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Children's Director: Kristen Edwards
Youth Director: Ashley Coake
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ty Christian Church|Dublin, VA; email: tri-
plecsecretary@gmail.com
Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meet-
ing at 6:30 p.m.; C3Kids and C3Youth meet-
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Pulaski County meetings, closings for November

Friday, November 10, 2023, Pulaski County Offices will be closed in observance of Veterans Day. The Pulaski County Public Service Authority Billing Office will be closed in observance of Veterans Day. The convenience centers (Bagging Plant Road, Dublin and Mason Street, Fairlawn) will be open on Friday, November 10, 2023, and garbage collection will remain on regular schedule.

Tuesday, November 14, 2023, Pulaski County Public Service Authority Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, 9:00 a.m. (Contact: Ashley Edmonds, Clerk, Pulaski County Public Service Authority, 143 Third Street, N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, aedmonds@pulaskicounty.org) This Board is responsible for the operation of water, sewer, garbage and streetlight service in Pulaski County.

Tuesday, November 14, 2023, Pulaski County Planning Commission Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, 7 p.m. (Contact: Markie Saunders, Clerk, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7710, msaunders@pulaskicounty.org). This Commission oversees land use, zoning and subdivision issues related to Pulaski County properties.

Monday, November 20, 2023, Pulaski County Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia; Executive Session, 6 p.m., Open Meeting, 7 p.m. (Contact: Ashley Edmonds, Executive Secretary and Clerk to the Board of Supervisors, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, aedmonds@pulaskicounty.org). The Board of Supervisors is the governing body for Pulaski County and is responsible for the budget and concerns of its citizens.

Tuesday, November 21, 2023, Economic Development Authority Board of Directors Meeting, Executive Training Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, 10:00 a.m. (Contact: Megan Bird, Clerk to the Board, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, mwbird@pulaskicounty.org). The Economic Development Authority serves as the economic development arm of Pulaski County working with local industries and providing building spaces to local employers.

Tuesday, November 21, 2023, Fairlawn Sewer Authority Board of Directors Meeting, Conference Room, Peppers Ferry Regional Wastewater Treatment Authority Administration Building, 7797 Mason Street, Fairlawn, Virginia, 6 p.m. (Contact: Fairlawn Tax and Bookkeeping, 7436 Peppers Ferry Boulevard, Fairlawn, Virginia, 24141, 540-639-6926). This Board manages daily operations for the sewer infrastructure in the immediate Fairlawn area.

Wednesday, November 22, 2023, Pulaski County Offices will be closed and will reopen on Monday, November 27, 2023, in observance of Thanksgiving. The Pulaski County Public Service Authority Billing Office will be closed on Wednesday, November 23, 2023, and will reopen on Monday, November 27, 2023, in observance of Thanksgiving. The Bagging Plant Road, Dublin and Mason Street, Fairlawn Convenience Centers will be closed on Thursday, November 23, 2023, in observance of Thanksgiving. The Convenience Centers will reopen on Friday, November 24, 2023. There will be no garbage collection on Thursday, November 23, 2023. Thursday and Friday garbage collection will be picked up on Friday, November 24, 2023.

Republican trifecta, agenda thwarted

By Morgan Sweeney

(The Center Square) – Tuesday’s General Assembly general election in Virginia has been called for Democrats, thwarting a possible Republican trifecta and solid push of Gov. Glenn Youngkin’s agenda.

Democrats have secured a minimum of 51 and 21 seats, respectively, according to nonprofit the Virginia Public Access Project which tracks election results. The Associated Press called each chamber after midnight. All seats in the 40-member Senate and 100-member House of Delegates were on the ballot.

A number of variables made the election unique and compelling, from the typical party pushes to one candidate battling through a tie to internet pornography. She lost.

There were a couple of firsts – a large general election after Youngkin’s surprising gubernatorial victory for Republicans, and new redistricting maps from the most recent decennial process.

Political observers have considered the state blue, with Democrats having had a trifecta as recently as 2020 and 2021. Only Youngkin and former Robert McDonnell (2010-14) have represented the GOP in the governor’s office in the last 21 years.

That said, each chamber majority going into this election was modest at four for Democrats in the Senate and three for Republicans in the House. Realistic chances of the red trifecta were possible.

Thus, Tuesday offered Republicans an opportunity to push through more partisan policies in the second half of Youngkin’s governorship, which is limited to one term. Abortion, analysts say, was the Democrats’ winning calling card not only in Virginia but also in a ballot referendum in Ohio and alongside a gubernatorial reelection in the deep red state of Kentucky.

Newly drawn districts resulted in several retirements, some competitive races, and made suburban districts pivotal.

In a statement afterward, Democratic National Committee Chairman Jaime Harrison said, “This is a huge sign of Democrats’ continued momentum heading into 2024. With so much on the line, voters showed up at the ballot box and sent the GOP a stark warning – betting big on the MAGA agenda doesn’t fly with everyday Americans, and it will cost them once again in 2024.”

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Answers

J C Y L N E V A E H
P E B I R C S A Y U
L S M E E D L O W S
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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie’s Spiritual Treasures

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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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Bible Trivia

1. Is the book of Phinehas (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. What harlot’s household was saved in the Jericho siege by displaying a scarlet thread in the window? Milcah, Rahab, Rachel, Jezebel

3. Who answered the Lord about from where he came, “From walking up and down in it (the earth)”?

4. From Genesis 25, who was the first woman to inquire of the Lord? Eve, Adonijah, Rebekah, Ruth

5. Whose death caused Jesus to weep in John 11:35? Jehu, Lazarus, Simeon, Elijah

6. Whose wife urged him to curse God and die? Job, Boaz, Samson, Dan

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Rahab, 3) Satan, 4) Rebekah, 5) Lazarus, 6) Job

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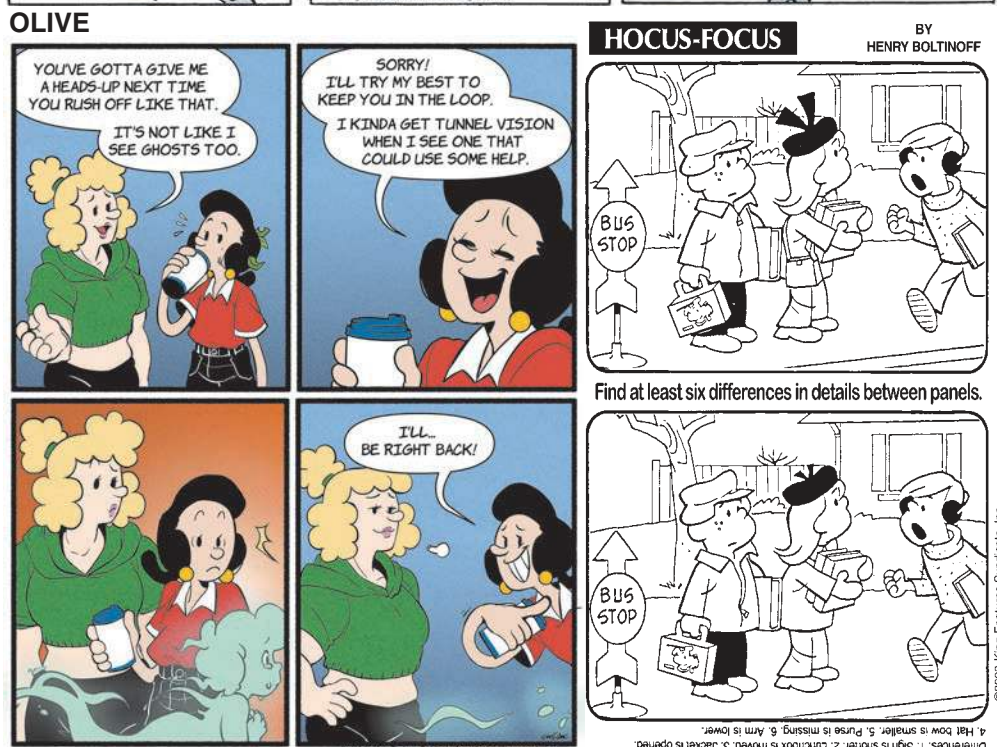
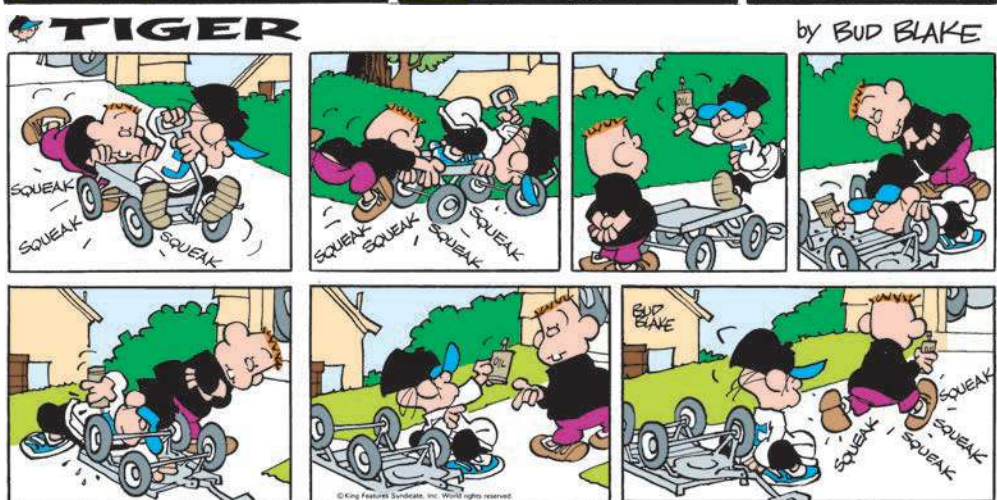
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CryptoQuip

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: B equals M

MVFM-IORZVRF BVEVPOIN

UAAVLJI POZVRF SOIP VR O

BCEPV-FOBJ GSUIPG LURPJGP:

O PUCIRJN FJRJIOE.

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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!

Lunch **WINGS**

Increase **SKIPE**

Nearby **IDEAS**

Malice **CRARON**

TODAY'S WORD

"I changed my mind — go back to _____."

Top Movies

1. Five Nights at Freddy's (PG-13) Josh Hutcherson, Piper Rubio

2. Taylor Swift: The Eras Tour (PG-13) Taylor Swift, Amanda Balen

3. Killers of the Flower Moon (R) Leonardo DiCaprio, Lily Gladstone

4. After Death (PG-13) Dale Black, Dean Braxton

5. The Exorcist: Believer (R) Linda Blair, Ellen Burstyn

6. PAW Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) Mckenna Grace, Taraji P. Henson

7. The Nightmare Before Christmas

mas (PG) Danny Elfman, Chris Sarandon

8. Freelance

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1 Angelic ring

5 Little rascal

8 Burlap fiber

12 Switchboard worker

14 Barak of Israel

15 Longtime CBS News anchor Walter

16 Chinese secret society

17 Aachen article

18 Glide

20 Long

23 Pack of cards

24 Wan

25 Wood eater

28 1959 Kingston Trio hit

29 Relinquish

30 Flamenco cheer

32 "Charlotte's Web" author

34 Boring

35 Unctuous

36 Test versions

37 Catch some Z's

40 Flow out

41 Young cow

42 Almost

47 Leer at

48 Acts altruistically

49 Despot

50 "Mayday!"

51 Phoenix cagers

DOWN

1 Ad —

2 Earth Day mo.

3 Zodiac cat

4 Cantankerous

5 "Don't rub —!"

6 Witticism

7 Keep from spoiling

8 Lakeside rental

9 "Oops!"

10 Casserole base

11 Jittery

13 Related

19 Summit

20 Orange veggie

21 Noble Italian family

22 Pequod captain

23 God

25 Hindmost parts

26 Talk up

27 First lady of scat

29 Brainiac

31 Golfer Ernie

33 Stereo component

34 Fixes, as software

36 Cookouts, briefly

37 Highlander

38 Kvetches

39 Stewpot

40 Summers in Paris

43 Tic-tac-toe win

44 Debtor's note

45 Heavy weight

46 Mag. staff

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top ten

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1. Finland

2. Iceland

3. Denmark

4. Switzerland

5. Netherlands

6. Sweden

7. Germany

8. Norway

9. New Zealand

10. Austria

Source: 2021 World Happiness Report

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: What is the second-largest country in South America?

2. COMICS: What is Dennis the Menace's last name?

3. SCIENCE: Who established the universal laws of motion in the 17th century?

4. MOVIES: What is the name of Marlon Brando's character in "A Streetcar Named Desire"?

5. FOOD & DRINK: What is The Dude's favorite beverage in "The Big Lebowski"?

6. TELEVISION: Which long-running TV comedy features a character named Diane Chambers?

7. AD SLOGANS: What item did this ad slogan say you should not leave home without?

8. LANGUAGE: What is chiaroscuro?

9. HISTORY: What was the name of the building where the former Beatle John Lennon was shot to death in 1980?

10. ASTRONOMY: Which planet in our solar system is covered in sulphuric acid clouds?

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WORD LADDERS

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

FLAME

SLITS

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 22 mins.

Answers

1. Angelic ring

5. Little rascal

8. Burlap fiber

12. Switchboard worker

14. Barak of Israel

15. Longtime CBS News anchor Walter

16. Chinese secret society

17. Aachen article

18. Glide

20. Long

23. Pack of cards

24. Wan

25. Wood eater

28. 1959 Kingston Trio hit

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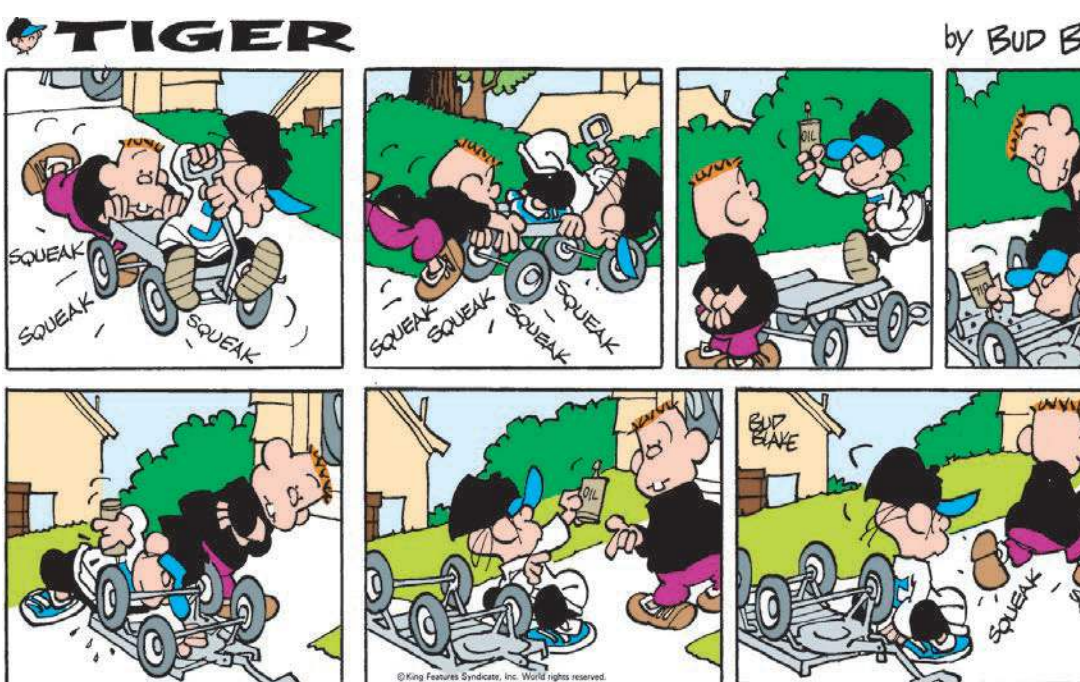
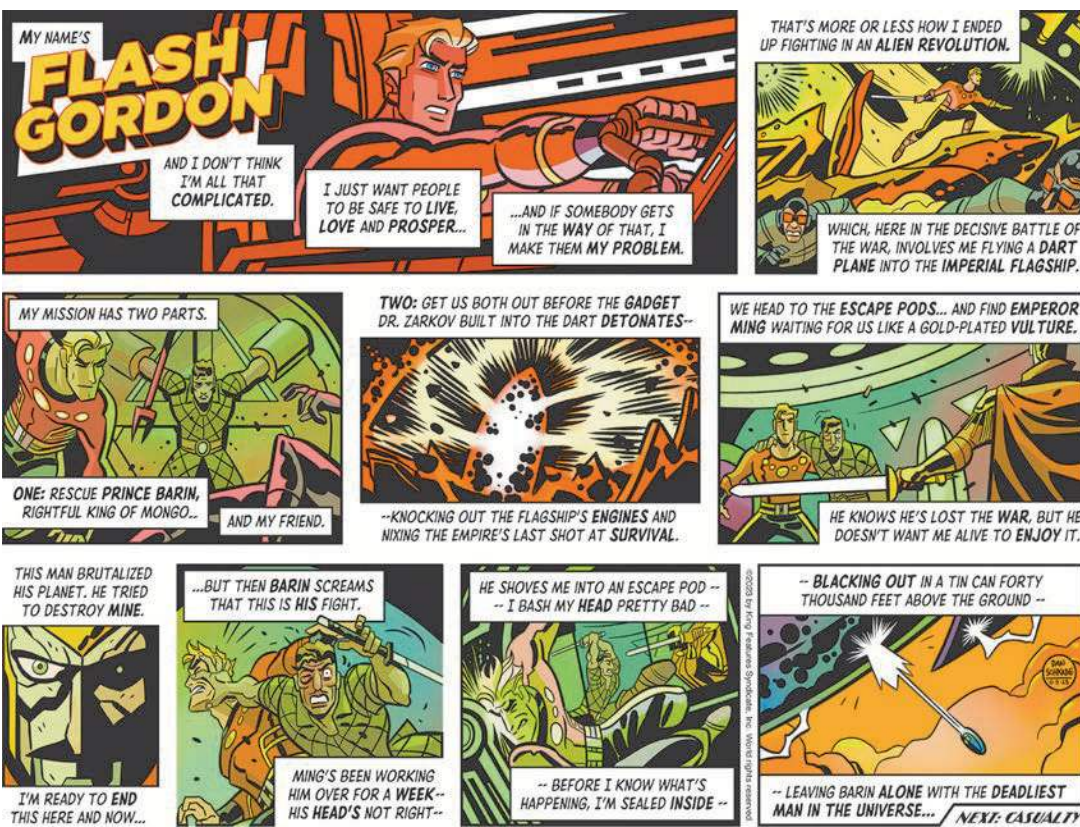
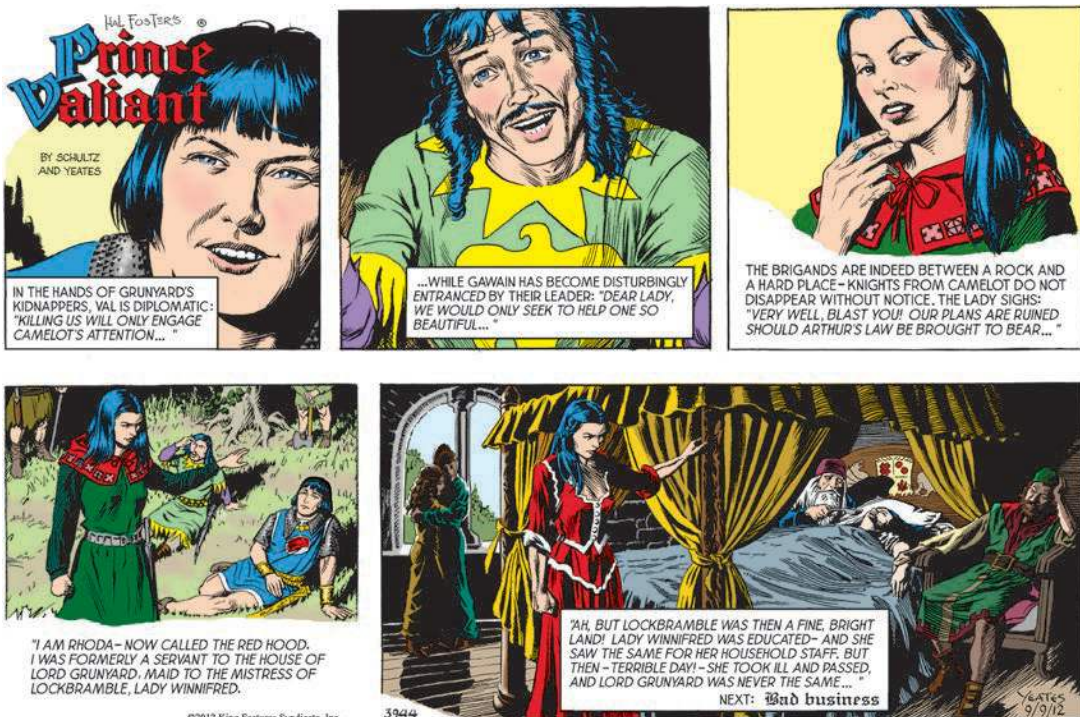
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MAGIC MAZE ● SLEEP, GLORIOUS SLEEP

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: A NUMBER OF WINKS

Catnap	Dreams	Sandman	Slumber
Conked	Hibernation	Sawing wood	Snooze
Crashed	Repose	Shut-eye	<u>ZZZZZ</u>
Doze off	Sack time	Siesta	

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is **LONGFELLOW**

One letter stands for another. In this sample, **A** is used for the three L's, **X** for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

P TAZTBU JTN FJH TSPAPFB FY
UTB VY. FJTF'U JYZ P LTAAHN
RB YZV UJYFU.
— UPNVHB KYPFPHC

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answer

I always had the ability to
say no. That's how I called
my own shots.

— Sidney Poitier

SLEEP, GLORIOUS SLEEP

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging

♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Nov. 11

Veterans Day Breakfast
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Christmas Shoppe Sale
Christ Episcopal Church in Pulaski will hold its Christmas Shoppe Sale on Saturday, Nov. 11 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Community Prayer and Praise Service

First Dublin Presbyterian Church, ECO at 409 Church Street, Dublin will hold a Community Prayer and Praise Service from 6 to 8 p.m. Special music performances and hymn singing will highlight our evening of prayer, praise and worship. Refreshments and a time of fellowship will close out the service.

Nov. 16

Community Lunch
November 16 - 11:30am-1pm - Community Lunch at Cecil's Chapel Church. Everyone is invited to this community event. We'll have soup, sandwiches and desserts. No charge - a time for visiting and fellowship. 5801 Cecil's chapel road, Hiwassee.

Sons of Confederate Veterans
The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet on Thursday, November 16, 7pm at Aly's Family Italian Restaurant on 3204 Riner Rd. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are also invited to attend. Member Johnathan McPeak will give a talk on the Battle of Cloyd's Mountain.
For further information, please call 540-320-4315 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 lose weight, we may have what you need. Contact Bill Brewer at 540-813-1605.

Celebrate Recovery
Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered 12-step program where people gain freedom, healing and accountability for life's hurts, habits, and hang-ups. Group Meeting at 6:15pm every Thursday at Valley Harvest Ministries, 1 Harvest Place, Dublin.

Heritage Cares 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.

Weekly SUDOKU																								
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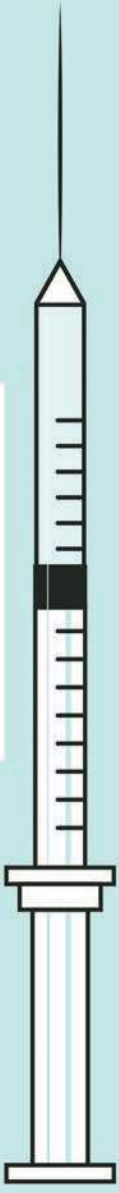
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