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# Election Day is Tuesday in county, across state

By MIKE WILLIAMS  
The Patriot

Tuesday is Election Day in Pulaski County and across the Commonwealth.

On the state level, voters will elect new members of the Virginia House of Delegates and State Senate.

Locally, all Constitutional offices will be decided, as well as all five seats on both the Board of Supervisors and School Board.

Some offices are already set. Treasurer Melinda Worrell, a Democrat; Commissioner of the Revenue Kim Matthews, Commonwealth's Attorney Justin Griffith and Sheriff Mike Worrell, all three Republicans face no opposition this year.

In the race for Circuit Court Clerk, Democrat Terri Nicewander-Hager and Republican Spencer Rygas are vying to replace current clerk, Maetta Crewe.

Four of five members of the



Board of Supervisors face no opposition this year. Republicans Mike Mooney (Massie District), Dirk Compton (Draper District), Jeff Reeves (Robinson District) and Laura Walters (Ingles District) are running unopposed. All are Republicans.

The lone supervisor race is in Cloyd District with incumbent Chris Stafford, an independent being challenged by Andy Cullip, a Republican.

Voters in Massie District should

be aware that when they see their ballot, they will note that Mooney is opposed by William Hensley, a Democrat. Hensley is no longer a candidate as he withdrew from the race. However, his withdrawal came too late to be removed from the ballot.

The school board election has races in all five districts.

In Massie District, incumbent Beckie Worrell Cox is opposed by Josh Taylor. In Ingles District, incumbent Penny Golden is opposed by Gina Paine. In Robinson District, incumbent Dr. Paige Cash is opposed by Sabrina Smith Cox. In Draper District, incumbent Timothy Hurst is opposed by Billy Williams, Jr.

In Cloyd District, incumbent board member Bill Benson ended his campaign early in the race after two other candidates came forward to seek the seat. Vying for the Cloyd seat on the board

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# Parrott Fire climbs up Big Walker Mountain

By WILLIAM PAINE  
The Patriot

Early Sunday afternoon, a forest fire sprang to life near Parrott River Road at the far northeastern edge of Pulaski County, where big Walker Mountain meets the New River. The fire spread quickly through this heavily forested and lightly populated section of the county and as yet, there have been no deaths or injuries reported as a result of this fire.

"The fire started on the dirt side of Parrott River Road and the wind just caught it and took it straight up the mountain," said Twin Community Volunteer Fire Chief Chuck Nester on Monday afternoon.

"Currently, our crews and a dozer crew are constructing hand

lines along the top of the mountain," said Brad Wright, the Pulaski County Emergency Services Coordinator. "a hand line is a fire break to stop the spread of the fire and it's dug in by hand. This is done by removing flammable materials and creating a barrier. If we hold it within the lines that we want to hold it in, it's 300 plus acres."

The containment area stretches from Parrott River Road to locations on Dry Branch Road and across Big Walker Mountain into Giles County.

How does the fire department get water to the steep slopes of Big Walker Mountain to douse the flames?

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This Tax must be paid on or before December 5, 2023 by 5:00 pm to avoid penalty or interest being added. Payments should be address to the Town of Pulaski Finance Dept. PO Box 660 Pulaski VA 24301 Notice is hereby given that the Finance Office for the Town of Pulaski will be open Monday – Friday 8:30 – 5:00, except for holidays to receive payments for Real Estate Taxes. The Town of Pulaski office is located in the Municipal Building at 42 1st St. NW Pulaski VA 24301. For the convenience of the taxpayer there is a night drop located at the rear of the building. Payments can also be made Online -www.pulaskitown.org and click Bill Pay Or by phone 1-833-998-4764. Please have your account number and WIPP Pin # that is located on the front of your bill.

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are Aaron Carr and Jacob Price. One other race, for Soil and Water Conservation Director – Skyline District – has George Hudson and Lewis A. “Andy” Pratt as candidates. Pulaski County’s two members of the House of Delegates are unopposed this year – incumbent Jason Ballard in the 42nd District and Jonathan “Jed” Arnold in the 46th District. Both are Republicans. In the 5th State Senate District that includes Pulaski County, incumbent Travis Hackworth, a Republican is opposed by challenger,

Robert Beckman, a Democrat. Pulaski County has 23,662 people registered to vote in this year’s election, according to Leann Phillips, Director of Elections. Phillips reported Thursday morning that 1,564 people had so far voted early in the election. She added that her office at 87 Commerce Street in Pulaski would be open on Saturday in the final day of early voting. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. She said her office had sent out 1,084 absentee ballots by mail and, as of Thursday, 731 had been

received back by her office. Polls on Tuesday will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. and voters are reminded to bring an ID to the polls. ID requirements have not changed since last year’s election. “I would like to remind voters that redistricting took place last year. If they have any questions regarding their districts or precinct information, to please call our office at 540-980-2111. We are happy to help voters with these details, so they can educate themselves before going to the polls,” Phillips said.

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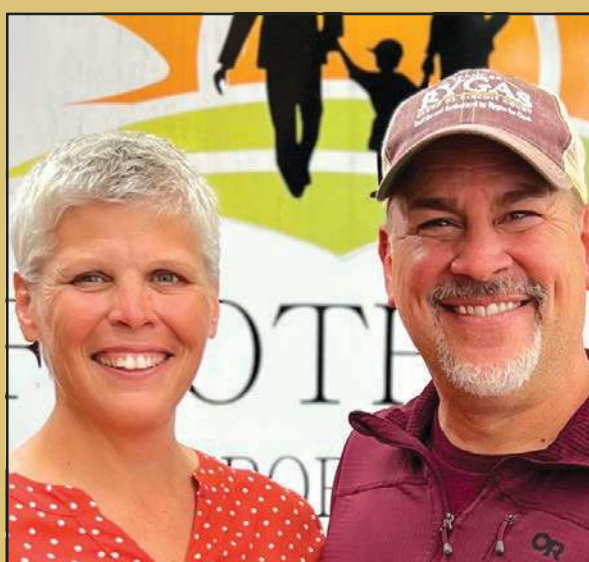
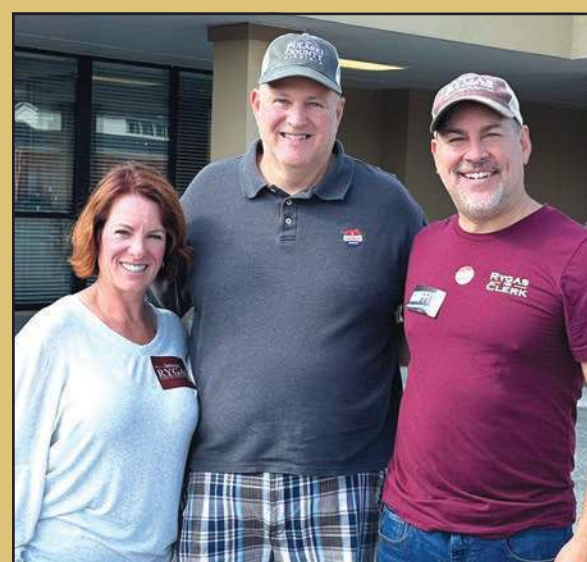
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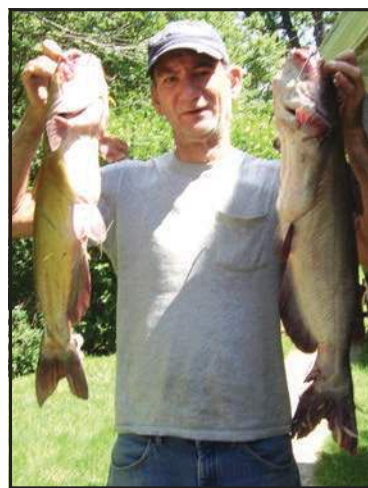


**LEWIS VERNON CARDEN**  
Lewis Vernon Carden, age 90 of Parrott, died Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at his residence. He was born in Parrott on January 11, 1933, and was the son of the late Sarah Gertrude Warf Carden and the late Everett Oral Carden. He was a brick layer by trade, for many years.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by seven brothers. He is survived by five sisters: Lola Lytton of Dublin, Evelina Kinley of Montgomery Co, Bettie Clemons of Parrott, Brenda Assad of Fairlawn, and Bonnie McCoy of Parrott. Also survived by a special caregiver, Mary McCoy of Parrott.

Graveside funeral services were held on Tuesday, October 31, 2023, in Sifford Cemetery in Parrott, with Pastor Patrick Carden officiating.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be sent to Pulaski County High School Boosters Club in his memory. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.seaglefuneralhome.com](http://www.seaglefuneralhome.com) Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski 540-980-1700



**FREDDIE LEE CHEWNING**  
Freddie Lee Chewning, age 71 of Pulaski, died Thursday evening, October 26, 2023 at Radford Health and Rehabilitation Center. He was born on June 9, 1952 and was the son of the late Betty Ann Clark Chewning and the late Wylie Earl Chewning. Along with his parents, Freddie was preceded in death by his brother-in-law, Tom Beavers.

Freddie enjoyed fishing, gardening, and spending time outdoors.

He is survived by his brother, Timothy Dale Chewning and his wife Michele of Pulaski; his sister, Vickie Lynn Beavers of Pulaski, along with his friends and neighbors, Jerry and Jeanette Hollingsworth of Pulaski.

Funeral Services were held Monday evening, Oct. 30 at Seagle Funeral Home with Rev. Randall Lawrence officiating. The burial in Oakwood Cemetery was private.

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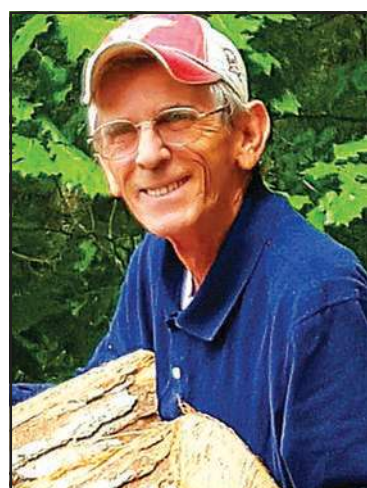


**DONNA JEAN JOHNSTON ARNOLD**  
Donna Jean Johnston Arnold, age 52, of Ferrum, VA, died Monday October 30, 2023 at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital. She was born on December 28, 1970, and is the daughter of William Preston Johnston and the late Myra Louise Conner Johnston. Donna was a nurse by profession and was a graduate of the Pulaski County High School Class of 1989.

She is survived by her husband: Jerry Wayne Arnold of Ferrum; son; Michael Lee Roberson of Dublin; daughter; Melinda L. Johnston of Willis; step-son; Jerry Dakota Arnold of Ferrum; step-daughter; Kayla Nicole Arnold of Ferrum.

Funeral Services will be held on Friday, November 3, 2023, at 3:30 p.m. at Seagle Funeral Home, with Pastor N.R. Taylor officiating. Interment will follow in Oakwood Cemetery, Pulaski. The family will receive friends on Friday at the funeral home from 2:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

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**JOHN HENRY TINLEY**  
John Henry Tinley, age 74, passed from death to eternal life on Wed Oct. 25, 2023. He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Annette, and his beloved son, Ricky. He was preceded in death by his parents, Wilmer and Ruby Tinley and his two brothers, Jackie and Tommy. Johnnie retired from Quadrant EPP in Wytheville, Va. He attended Grace Baptist Church in Dublin, Va. Johnnie, an avid outdoorsman, loved gardening, canning and cutting wood. He will be missed by his furry sidekick, Sophie, who was his constant companion. A Celebration of Life will be held Sat., Nov. 4, 2023 at 11 a.m. at Grace Baptist Church located at 552 E. Main St. in Dublin, Va. The service will be officiated by Pastor Doug Testerman. The family will receive visitors at 10.a.m. at the church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Grace Baptist Church.



**GAYNELLE COVEY SPANGLER**  
Gaynelle Covey Spangler, age 84 of Pulaski, Va. died Sunday, October 29, 2023, at Spring Oak at Christiansburg. She was born in Pulaski on September 10, 1939, and was the daughter of the late Emily Virginia Esther Guynn Covey and the late Arlie W. Covey.

Gaynelle was a lifelong member of Max Creek Baptist Church. She enjoyed feeding everyone, especially family and friends at Jefferson Mills and Max Creek Baptist Church. She was especially known for her crockpot macaroni and cheese! Gaynelle worked at Jefferson Mills from 1958 to 2014, as their personnel manager. Over the span of her work years, she became acquainted with over 10,000 people through the plant. She loved and appreciated everyone.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, David B. Spangler; brother, Oakley Covey; sister, Joyce Smith. She is survived by her two sons: Marc (Nancy) Bishop of Pulaski, and Brian (Kelly) Bishop of Pulaski; four grandchildren, Jeremy (Beth) Bishop, Emily Bishop, Caroline Bishop and Hunter Bishop; two great-grandchildren, Abigail Bishop and Mackenzie Bishop.

Funeral Services were held Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at Max Creek Baptist Church with Pastor Mike Coleman officiating. Entombment was on Thursday, November 2, 2023 at Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin. The family would like to extend heartfelt thanks to the staff at Spring Oak in Christiansburg for taking care of Nana when we were unable to do so.

In lieu of flowers, expressions may be made in the form of donations to Max Creek Baptist Church. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.seaglefuneralhome.com](http://www.seaglefuneralhome.com) Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. 540-980-1700



**SHIRLEY JEAN KEMP**  
Shirley Jean Kemp, age 76 of Pulaski passed away Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at the Lewis-Gale Hospital, Pulaski. Born January 15, 1947 in Princeton, West Virginia she was the daughter of the late Cletus & Meredith Pettrey Poole. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Wade Poole; son, Charles Calvin (Charlie) Poole and brother-in-law, Shirley Ray Kemp.

Shirley is survived by her Husband – Lonnie Pierce Kemp Children – Donna (Troy) Settle, Shirley (Eddie) Williams, Steve (Jackie) Burr

Stepchildren – Derick (Alisha) Kemp, Heather Kemp & Rusty Carpenter

Grandchildren – Brandon Ha-

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## JAMES WALLACE “TINY” MUSTARD

James Wallace “Tiny” Mustard, 75, of the Bearspring Community of Pearisburg, VA, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, October 31, 2023 at Carilion New River Valley Medical Center, surrounded by his family.

He was born June 27, 1948, at home, the son of William Woodrow & Mary Hamblin Mustard.

Jimmy Wallace was a devout Christian who loved the Lord and living a life of service to Him. He attended Riverview Baptist Church and enjoyed attending the Men’s Prayer Breakfasts and providing the cooked apples.

He worked in the mines and at the Lynchburg Foundry. He retired as a Corrections Officer at

the Bland Correctional Center after many years service.

He was an avid outdoorsman who loved his farm and enjoyed hunting and fishing. He enjoyed working on engines and attending tractor pulls. Jimmy loved his family and would do anything to help each and everyone of his family members and friends. He

will be greatly missed by those who loved him.

Jimmy Wallace was preceded in death by his parents, William Woodrow & Mary Hamblin Mustard, his loving wife of 42 years, Susan Carol Ferrell Mustard, and his brothers & sister-in-law, Ba-

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## The Rygas Family



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**HENRY “JUNE” JACKSON HORTON**

Henry “June” Jackson Horton, age 67 of Chester, Virginia passed away Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at the Bon Secours St. Francis Medical Center in Midlothian, Virginia. Born April 22, 1956 in Tennessee, he was the son of the late Henry Jackson Horton, Sr. & Eunice Burton. He was also preceded in death by his daughter, Desiree (DeeDee) Horton and brother, Allen Horton.

Henry was an avid sports fan and especially enjoyed watching the Denver Broncos and the Chicago Cubs. He absolutely loved his family.

Henry is survived by his  
Wife – Donna Reed Horton – Chester, VA

Daughter – Danielle Hope Horton – Chester, VA

Grandchildren – Christopher Adam Austin and Amber Renae Grosshans

Brother – Ronald Alex (Robin) Horton – Charlotte, NC

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Brothers-in-law –Timothy Reed – Radford, Jerry Reed-Radford, David Able – Iowa

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Special Uncle- Carl Goad-Pulaski

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Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 31, 2023 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Max Doty officiating. Interment followed at the Thornspring UMC Cemetery, Pulaski County.

To sign Henry’s online guest-book,visit [www.bowerfuneral-home.com](http://www.bowerfuneral-home.com)

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

# Kemp

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vens & fiancée, Danielle, Meagan (Shane) Webb, Blake (Kelsey) Williams, Shanna (Greg) Grogan, Jason (Lavitta) Poole, Jeremy Burr, Steven Burr, Timmy (Samantha) Burr, Josh Burr & fiancée, Halee, Caroline Carpenter, Hannah Cook, Haleigh Cook, Jamyson Kemp, Alexis Kemp, Avery Goins and Dakota Goins

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Sisters – Sharon (Roger) Bailey, Patsy Culberton

Brothers – Ernest (Sharon)



**JAMES WILLIAM BLANKENSHIP**

James William Blankenship died on October 28, 2023 at his home. Born on September 24, 1941 he was the son of the late Harold Thomas, Sr. and Elizabeth Wymer Blankenship. Jim was a veteran of the United States Navy serving from 1962 to 1965. He worked for American Electric Power, retiring after 35 years of service. In retirement, Jim kept busy as a tour bus driver for Sunshine Tour, Pulaski Area Transit and in 2009 he went to work for FEMA. His ten years with FEMA allowed him serve those affected by natural disasters, and he met many people in the organization with whom he kept in contact. Jim was a faithful member of Faith Bible Church.

Jim is survived by his wife of 59 years, Barbara, daughters, Jennifer K Blankenship, son-in-law Jeffrey W Repass; Jeanette B. Jones (Jeff), grandson Chief Navy Counselor Adam L Jones (Krystal) of Grovetown, Georgia, twin granddaughters Kenley E Jones of Charlotte, NC and Audrey J Phillips (Sam) of Shawsville, VA. and five great grandchildren. Also sur-

# Mustard

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sil & Hazel Mustard and Bobby Mustard.

Jimmy Wallace is survived by many special nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and neighbors, and a sister-in-law, whom he loved very much.

Per his wishes, Jimmy Wallace has been cremated. His family is planning a memorial service to celebrate his life on Saturday, November 11, 2023 at 1:00 P.M. at Riverview Baptist Church with Pastor Shahn Wilburn and Charles Henderson officiating.

The Mustard family is in the care of A. Vest & Sons Funeral Home, White Gate, avestandsons.com, (540) 921-2985.

Poole, Raymond (Sandy) Poole, Johnny (Debbie) Poole, Jerry (Phyllis) Poole

Sister-in-law – Martha Kemp  
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Funeral services will be 2:00 PM – Sunday, November 5, 2023 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski. Private family interment will be at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Dublin.

The family will receive friends one hour before services Sunday at the Funeral Home.

To sign Shirley’s online guest-book, visit [www.bowerfuneral-home.com](http://www.bowerfuneral-home.com)

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living are his longtime friend and companion of many adventures Gary Meade and wife Vicky. Jim is survived by siblings Rebecca Brim (Kenneth), Michelle Blankenship and sister-in-law Jean Blankenship; his brother Harold Thomas predeceased him in 2020.

A time of visitation with the family will be on Friday, November 3 at Seagle Funeral Home from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. Funeral services will be conducted by Pastor Jim Linkous beginning at 11:00 am. Interment, with full military honors, will follow at Thornspring Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to Faith Bible Church 110 Lagrange Street, Pulaski, VA or the charity of one’s choice. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.seaglefuneralhome.com](http://www.seaglefuneralhome.com) Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. 540-980-1700



**THEODORE (TED) JEFFREY COX**

Theodore (Ted) Jeffrey Cox, 80, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Thursday, 26 October 2023. He was born on 17 September 1943 in Pulaski. He was preceded in death by his beloved parents, Theodore James and Freda Turpin Cox of Dublin, and his

brother, Dean Cox of Pulaski, and four-legged baby Polar Bear. He is survived by his son Theodore (TJ) J. Cox II, his daughter and son-in-law Kelli and Mike Clayton, his grandsons, Michael, Trey, and Zachary Clayton, his great-grandson Luka Clayton and great-granddaughter Tatum Clayton. He is survived by his beloved sister-in-law Garda Cox, his niece and nephew-in-law Dena and Stuart Radcliffe, great nieces Amanda, Morgan, and Haley Radcliffe. He leaves behind many loved cousins and has now reunited with the many cousins he had lost.

Ted proudly served his country in the United States Navy from 1961-1965. He was a plank-owner on the USS Enterprise CVA-N 65, served her well as she completed a world cruise, Operation Sea Orbit, to showcase our country’s 1st nuclear powered aircraft carrier. He saw the world and earned his Shellback, Knight in the Order of the Golden Dragon, Order of the Rock, and Mossback.

Ted spent his life bringing out the beauty in every kind of wood, he shared the love of building with his brother, their father taught them all he knew, and they continued to build all over the NRV, Virginia, surrounding states, and all around the world. He built furniture for his mother, children, grandchildren, and family. He built homes, buildings, and nursing homes. He loved his old cars and truck, showing them off riding around. Loved spending time fishing down at the river and lake. For many years he entertained his family and friends with his outstanding cooking skills, hosting fish fries and cooking on “Miss Piggy”.

If you would like, in lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery Volunteers and the Wreath Laying Program in memory of

Theodore (Ted) Cox at P.O. Box 11373 Blacksburg, VA 24062.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, November 2, 2023 at Seagle Funeral Home with Pastor Terri Sternburg officiating. Interment followed in Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery with military honors at 3:00 p.m.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.seaglefuneralhome.com](http://www.seaglefuneralhome.com) Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. 540-980-1700



**DANIEL AARON HUGHES**

Daniel Aaron Hughes, 36, went peacefully to his heavenly home on October 26, 2023, where his beloved dog, Sandi greeted him. Daniel graduated from Pulaski County High School in 2005 and earned his associate degree from New River Community College in 2009. He loved Hokie Football, Marvel Comics and WWE Wrestling.

Daniel was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Maury Shepherd, Lillian Dunnigan and Raymond Dunnigan and his paternal grandparents, Mary Edwards and Henry Hughes.

Left to cherish his memory are his parents Gary and Gwen

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# We have a new Speaker

On October 3rd, a motion to vacate was brought to the House floor and eight Republicans voted with Democrats to oust the Speaker of the House Kevin McCarthy.

The Republicans were frustrated that Congress was unable to pass all 12 fiscal year 2024 appropriations bills before the September 30th deadline and so we had to pass a continuing resolution to give us 45 more days of government funding so that the House could further debate and vote on the bills.

Though I understood their frustration, I disagreed with this move. It was my belief that there was nobody at that point in time who could quickly obtain the 217 votes needed to become speaker.

It seems I had a point. For the next three weeks, Republicans debated and voted on who to nominate. Three



**Morgan Griffith**  
9th District Representative

different candidates were put forward by the Republican conference: Steve Scalise, Jim Jordan, and Tom Emmer. But they did not have

the votes to win on the floor.

On October 24th, after numerous rounds of voting, it became clear Mike Johnson of Louisiana had the support within the Republican conference and on the floor to become the 56th Speaker of the House.

On the floor, he received all of the votes of Republicans present, 220.

Besides calling on all of us to work together and for a restoration of trust, Speaker Johnson laid out his vision for how the House should conduct itself moving forward. Below are his core principles for our nation.

First, Individual Freedom.

All Americans are endowed with individual, God-given liberties that are to be preserved against government intrusion. We must all work to maintain and promote our rights and liberties.

Second, Limited Government.

This country was founded on the belief that legitimate government is more efficient and less corrupt when its size and scope are limited. This means decentralizing authority, limiting government regulations, and reducing bureaucracy.

Third, The Rule of Law.

In order to maintain a civilized society and for our liberties to be respected, we must adhere to the Constitution and ensure that justice is administered equally and impartially to all Americans.

Fourth, Peace through Strength.

A strong America is good for the entire world. As our greatest ally in the Middle East, Israel, faces violence and with tensions high in the Indo-Pacific region, it is more important than ever to show the world that we are able to defeat any adversary or threat, no matter the circumstance, because we have the strongest and most capable military in the world.

Fifth, Fiscal Responsibility.

Our country's national debt has reached over \$33 trillion, and Congress has a duty to rein in spending, balance the budget, modernize federal entitlement programs, pursue pro-growth tax reforms, and restore regular order in the budget and appropriations processes. Speaker Johnson said that he would be establishing a bipartisan debt commission to begin working on the debt crisis immediately.

Sixth, Free Markets.

Free markets and free trade encourage entrepreneurs and business owners to pursue their dreams and with that, our country and economy can thrive. Our country will see more growth, more jobs, and a greater chance of upward mobility because of free markets.

Seventh, Human Dignity.

All men and women are created equal, and every American deserves respect and dignity. As a society, we must encourage education and hard work so that every American has a fair shot at a good and fulfilling life.

In fact, earlier in his speech Speaker Johnson talked about how G. K. Chesterton, the English author and philosopher, noted that the United States is the only nation in the world that is founded on a creed. That creed, spelled out in our Declaration of Independence, is that all men are created equal and are endowed with the same inalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Thankfully, once elected, Speaker Johnson immediately got to work.

His first move was to bring a resolution to the floor to show our support for Israel and its right to defend itself. As our number one ally in the Middle East, it was imperative that the House show its bipartisan support for Israel.

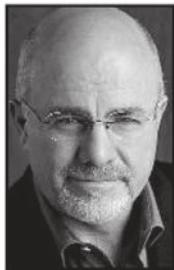
After the Israel resolution, we immediately began debate on the Energy and Water Development appropriations bill. I was able to speak on the House floor on behalf of my amendment to better balance fossil fuel and renewable energy research funding at the Department of Energy.

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](http://www.morgangriffith.house.gov).

# Don't Buy a House Together Before You're Married

Dear Dave,

My fiancée and I plan to get married in May, and we are preparing to buy a house. We both work in sales, and combined we bring home about \$7,400 a month before commissions. Our average commissions usually boost that to \$12,000 a month. I'm worried that the house we're looking at doesn't fit our budget, though. The home costs \$350,000, and we're looking at monthly payments of \$2,840 with taxes and insurance figured in. Do you think this scenario will work for us?



**Dave Says**  
Dave Ramsey

J.T.

Dear J.T.,

Are you doing this on a 15-year fixed-rate mortgage? If you're not, you need to change that right away. That's the only kind of mortgage loan I recommend. With the numbers you've given me, you two can afford that on the shorter terms I mentioned.

Now, let's move on to the next thing. You're speaking about buying a home as if you're already married, and you're not. I will not advise you to buy a house with someone to whom you're not married. You're talking to a guy who's been doing this for 35 years, and I've heard all the horror stories that go along with, "We bought the house together, but we didn't make it to the altar together." Talk about an ugly breakup!

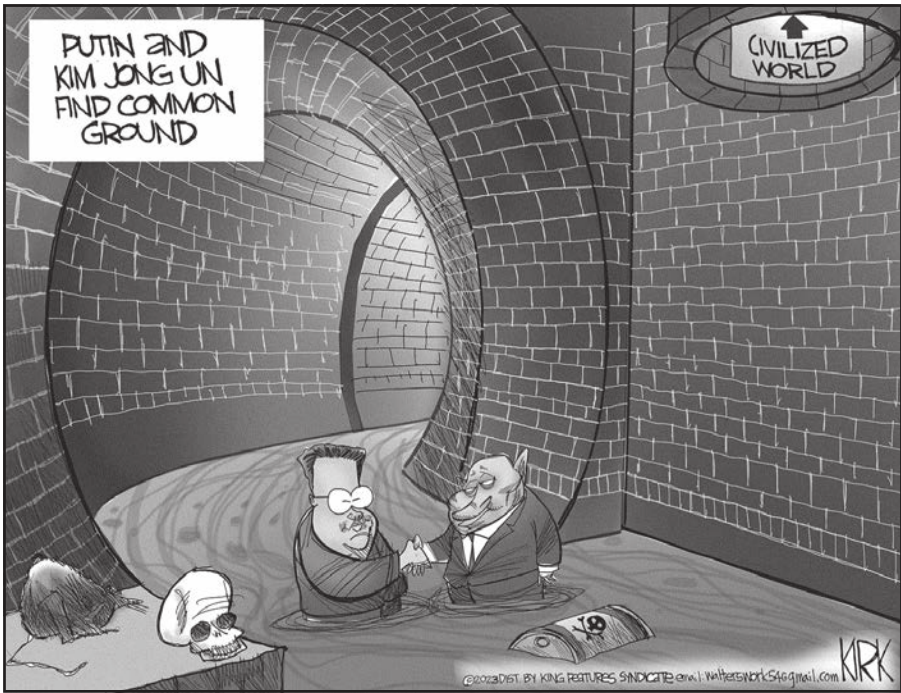
You two have a bad case of house fever right now. Believe it or not, you aren't required by law to run out and buy a home just because you're planning to get married. Please, wait until after the wedding to buy a home. And even then, wait another year or so. Buying a home is the biggest—and most expensive—life decision most people ever make. Take some time to just enjoy being married and getting to know each other even better for a while.

Listen, if you've already jumped the gun, you already have this house under contract or anything like that, I would not close the deal. I'd talk to the sellers and tell them they can keep my earnest money, but I'm walking away. And get ready, because if you do this, your fiancée is liable to look at you like you've got snakes coming out of your ears. Make sure to communicate with her about where you're coming from and why you're doing it. It's the best, and smartest, thing you can do in the long run, J.T.

I'm not predicting you two are going to break up or anything. I hope with all my heart nothing like that happens. But I'm begging you, buddy. Don't buy a home with someone you're not legally married to. The potential downside is just too great.

— 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.**



# Accountability

Do you sometimes struggle with a thought and find it's hard to conceptualize what you want to convey? This week, I've started and abandoned three articles...feeling none of them was quite right for today's column.

But at the "eleventh hour" a friend called me and we discussed current social issues, focusing on how different our Nation's attitudes are from those (as we perceive) of our Founding Fathers. The recurring theme of our conversation became the concept of accountability.

We discussed how accountability was taught in public schools during our formative years when the Bible was still an approved textbook. Read what our 16th President, Abraham Lincoln, said about the Bible: "All the good from the Savior of the world is communicated through this Book: but for the Book, we could not know right from wrong. All things desirable to man are contained in it."

We recalled how national personalities and some political leaders have been chastised for taking strong stands on morality and personal accountability; but how the current administration doesn't seem to know right from wrong or truth from deception. Cowardly as it is, they are glossing over the truth because it might offend someone...and lose votes.

You may recall some Old Testament

# One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

examples where God held people accountable for their actions. For instance, Cain for Abel's death (his blood cried out from the earth); Sodom and Gomorrah for their degenerate lifestyles; King Saul for his rebellion and consulting the witch of Endor; Achan for 35-lives lost because he took spoils of war against God's explicit command; and Romans remind us that we all are accountable to God for our words and our actions.

Our Founding Fathers acknowledged that we were personally and nationally accountable for our actions. Thomas Jefferson expressed it this way: "Indeed I tremble for my country, when I reflect that God is just; that His justice cannot sleep forever..."

God also holds His Church accountable for what we do and don't do. I was reminded of this Truth when I read Penny Lea's article, "Sing a Little Louder." It is very appropriate considering what is

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**Rich Lowery**

Editor, National Review

# The Trump Doctrine

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In other words, Trump spoke loudly and carried a stick of indeterminate size, and this was perhaps as good as carrying a big stick.

It's worth noting, though, that he followed through on his promise to bomb ISIS into near-oblivion, and when given the chance to hit a committed enemy of the United States, the notorious Iranian operative Qasem Soleimani, he targeted him for killing despite the considerable risks.

The New York Times reported at the time:

"After initially rejecting the Suleimani option on Dec. 28 and authorizing airstrikes on an Iranian-backed Shiite militia group instead, a few days later Mr. Trump watched, fuming, as television reports showed Iranian-backed attacks on the American Embassy in Baghdad, according to Defense Department and administration officials."

"By late Thursday, the president had gone for the extreme option. Top Pentagon officials were stunned."

If U.S. officials were stunned, how must anyone around the world with American blood on his hands have felt? And wouldn't it have made adversaries think twice about doing anything to set the president to "fuming"?

In an interview with Bret Baier back in June, Trump made vague reference to a threat he issued to Vladimir Putin about a pro-

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# Congressman Morgan Griffith gives news from U.S. Congress

By WILLIAM PAINE  
The Patriot

Congressman Morgan Griffith stopped by a meeting of the Ninth District Republican Committee in Wytheville this past Sunday and spoke about the latest developments at the Capitol.

Top of mind for Griffith was the ousting of Speaker of the House Kevin McCarthy by eight members of his own Republican Party. On October 3, a motion to Vacate the Speakership removed McCarthy from his post. Since then, members of the U.S. House of Representatives had been engaged in a contentious struggle for power, with several candidates for the Speakership failing to secure the post since McCarthy's removal.

Virginia Congressman Morgan Griffith was not in favor of the motion to vacate.

"That is correct, and the reason is that we were on track to get these appropriations bills done and one of the big complaints with McCarthy was we hadn't gotten the appropriations bills done," stated Griffith. "When the motion was made to vacate the chair, it stopped the process for three weeks. As you know, you can take up no business when you have no speaker. Anybody who understood the dynamics of the Republican side of the aisle, understood this was not going to be easy. So, there were lot of hard feelings and a lot of political blood spilled, figuratively speaking."

Finally, on Oct. 25, Republican Congressman Mike Johnson of Louisiana became the new Speaker of the House by a unanimous party vote.

Congressman Matt Gaetz led the charge for vacating the speakership. One of his main concerns centered on spending bills that bundled all appropriations into one omnibus bill and the fact that Congress is seemingly addicted to passing continuing resolutions in lieu of passing budgets in a timely manner. On September



Ninth District Rep. Morgan Griffith

30 of this year, Congress enacted yet another continuing resolution, which expires on Nov. 17, to avoid a government shutdown.

"I wrote the new rule of Single Subject (spending bills)," Griffith responded. "And he's right, it's not being fully followed. The point is that would have happened faster if we didn't vacate the chair or if

we'd been in session for a couple of weeks in August or certainly that first week in September, we might have gotten it resolved ... if you did the same thing in mid-November or late December, you don't have near this problem."

Griffith had earlier described the heated arguments that resulted from major differences of opinion, as to who should take the role of Speaker of the House.

"It is not necessarily a bad thing, other than it slowed us down for three weeks," Griffith said of the disruption. "If Speaker Johnson can keep everybody feeling that they have a seat at the table and they were moving in the right direction, then it may very well be that history will say that this was a good thing. If he can't, history may very well say this was the beginning of the destruction of the Republican Party."

"Keep in mind that it requires a lot of compromise from the right side of the Republican Conference, which I'm on, and the moderates in the Republican Confer-

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## Lowery

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## Nation

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happening in to the nation of Israel right now.

She recalls a man's story: "I lived in Germany during the Nazi Holocaust. I considered myself a Christian. I attended church since I was a small boy. We had heard the stories of what was happening to the Jews; but like most people today in this country, we tried to distance ourselves from the reality of what was really taking place. What could anyone do to stop it?"

"A railroad track ran behind our small church, and each Sunday morning we would hear the whistle from a distance and then the clacking of the wheels moving over the track. We became disturbed when one Sunday we noticed cries coming from the train as it passed by. We grimly realized that the train was carrying Jews. They were like cattle in those cars! They were on their way to the death camps.

"Week after week that train whistle would blow. We would dread to hear the sound of those wheels because we knew that the Jews would begin to cry out to us as they passed our church. It was so terribly disturbing! We could do nothing to help those poor, miserable people; yet their screams tormented us.

"We knew exactly at what time that whistle would blow, and we decided the only way to keep from being so disturbed by the cries was to start singing our hymns. By the time that train came rumbling past the church yard, we were singing at the top of our voices. If some of the screams reached our ears, we'd just sing a little louder until we could hear them no more.

"Years have passed and no one talks about it much anymore, but I still hear that train whistle in my sleep. I can still hear them crying out for help. God forgive all of us who called ourselves Christians, yet did nothing to intervene.

"Now, so many years later, I see it happening all over again in America. God forgive you as Americans for you have blocked out the screams of millions of your own children. The Holocaust is here. The response is the same as it was in my country... SILENCE."

I never thought we'd see the Holocaust mentality reanimated after the terrible lessons of WW II, especially in America. But here we are again. And my question is, Church...what are we doing about it this time? We are accountable to God for our response or lack of it.

## Hughes

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Hughes, his brother Blake Hughes, sister-in-law Vickie Hughes, and nephews Eric and Evan. Also surviving him are his aunts and uncles Lynn and Butch Jackson, David and Betty Shepherd, Debbie Hughes, and Roger and Anita Hughes, along with many other extended family members.

Daniel is now free from the earthly constraints of his degenerative condition. He never lost his sweet, loving spirit. Being with family meant more to Daniel than anything.

Funeral Services were held Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at Fairlawn Baptist Church with

Rev. Greg Harrell and Rev. Danny Collins officiating. Interment followed at Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the National Niemann-Pick Disease Foundation (nnpdf.org), which has guided the family through this journey.

The family would like to thank the staff at Carilion New River Valley Medical Center.

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

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In addition, Terri has served in the civil area where she entered case information in the Case Management System and filed and indexed pleadings and orders in each civil case. She is presently serving as office manager and bookkeeper where she is responsible for entering financial information in the Financial Accounting System and processing all checks. Terri is the main contact in the office in the probate area of the office where she assists citizens with the complicated process of recording wills and settling the estates of their deceased loved ones. These are only some of the duties that Terri has performed and continues to provide to our citizens. These tasks are very difficult to perform and take years to master. To serve in these capacities requires extensive experience and training.

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I urge you to vote for Terri Nicewander-Hager on November 7, 2023.

Terri is the only candidate who possesses the trajning, qualifications, certification, and expertise that the clerk's office requires. Her long-time experience and knowledge make her the ONLY choice for Clerk of Circuit Court.

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# NRCC to hold 2023 Veterans Day Ceremony

From NRCC

New River Community College Veterans Office will host a Veterans Day Ceremony on Friday, Nov. 10 at 11 a.m. The event will be held on NRCC's campus in Dublin in Edwards Hall, Room 117.

The program will include presentation of the colors and retiring of the flags by Pulaski VFW Post 1184 led by Captain Steve Wallen. Music will be provided by the Radford High School Chamber Ensemble under the direction of Darren Goad. Ryan

Adams, NRCC veterans and dependents student services advisor and U.S. Army veteran; Barry Cox, NRCC industry training coordinator and U.S. Navy retiree; and Dr. Pat Huber, NRCC President, will represent the college during the ceremony.

Dr. Peter Anderson, NRCC vice president of instruction and student services and former U.S. Army Ranger and a war veteran, will serve as the keynote speaker. Anderson earned a doctorate from Old Dominion University, a master's de-

gree from Radford University, a bachelor's degree from Virginia Tech, and an associate degree from NRCC. Anderson is an 82nd Airborne Division "Operation Desert Storm" combat veteran.

The ceremony is free and open to NRCC students, faculty, staff and the public. A reception with light refreshments will follow the ceremony.

For more information call the NRCC Veterans Office at (540)674-3693 or email veterans@nr.edu.

## Griffith

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ence," Griffith continued. "There are going to be a few things we have to give on. I don't know what they are. I don't know if I'm willing, but we have to at least think about it instead of just saying no, no, no. Now that the Conservative wing is in the Speakership, we can't go scorched earth and expect to remain in power."

Does Congressman Griffith prefer the newly installed House Speaker Johnson to McCarthy?

"Other than the fact that it created so much turmoil to get here, yes," replied Griffith, who mentioned that he and Johnson had jointly produced a letter concerning the certification of the 2020 election.

"Johnson and I took the position that it was a state responsibility to figure out if there was fraud in the election," said Griffith. "Our job is to certify electors ... or not. We worked together to craft a letter explaining that legally what many of the states did was a violation, which called the count into question. It's not saying there was fraud. It's saying that we don't know because they didn't do it right."

"So, I know he's smart," said

Griffith of Johnson. "I know he's capable. I know he's a good man. That usually means he's gonna be a good leader and I think he needs at least 6 or 7 months to get his administration in the House underway."

The War in Israel is also foremost in the Congressman's mind.

"Israel has the right to defend themselves," Griffith declared. "The first thing we did after we elected the speaker was to pass a resolution supporting Israel. All but one Republican voted for it. Thomas Massie believed there were some things in the bill that could lead to us getting involved on the ground."

Are you concerned that this regional conflict could escalate into a world war?

"This could turn out to be a significant war if this thing isn't ended quickly and people aren't brought to the peace table," said Griffith. "That being said, I think it's a bit disingenuous for the UN General Assembly to say we need a ceasefire. I think Israel has to make sure this isn't going to happen again next week before they should come back to the peace table. We should help bring Israel to

the peace table after they've had a chance to clean out all the nests of vipers. Not all Palestinians are bad people, obviously, but they elected Hamas. One of the reasons they don't have water is that they took the water pipes and turned them into shells."

Does Congressman Griffith still believe the U.S. should be sending billions of dollars to Ukraine?

"I think we need to make sure we know where the money's going," said Griffith. "I think we need to make sure that we're doing things that help the American military be prepared. That may mean that we can both help the United States military get better situated and help Ukraine. If we send them some of our older equipment, that could be a win, win, as long as we know they're not selling that equipment off to some other country because they just want the cash and we have to be careful that."

Griffith finished the conversation by emphasizing the importance of the upcoming local elections, and though he is not on the ballot this cycle, he urged everyone (especially Republicans) to vote for GOP candidates.

# How Much Exercise Do We Really Need?

What does "vigorous physical activity" mean? Per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, it means the hard stuff, like playing basketball or singles tennis, or swimming laps or running, ideally for 75 minutes per week. "Moderate intensive activity," such as playing doubles tennis or pushing a lawn mower, requires that we double the number to 150 minutes per week.

Those are the kinds of numbers that will keep the sedentary among us from even trying. The first step would be to check in with our doctor, certainly, to make sure we can start vigorous exercise. And the second step would be to find a basketball court. At the very least, for moderate exercise, we would need a walking partner or a lawn to mow.

Leave it to the Brits to come up with a study that we can get behind. This study concluded that a mere 15 to 20 minutes of vigorous physical activity per week was associated with a 16-40% lower mortality. Bump that up to 50 or 57 minutes per week, and the numbers are even better. What this says to us is that small amounts of exercise per week can add up to reduced mortality and chronic disease.

## SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Even the CDC agrees that at least some amount of physical activity is better than none.

Get out of the chair, walk around ... take an exercise class for seniors.

SilverSneakers, a seniors exercise program, is available online if you have a membership. If you have a Medicare Advantage plan, see if the SilverSneakers membership is part of your plan. If so, you can attend in person in your area or sign in and watch online.

The National Institute on Aging has a section with exercise information videos for seniors ([www.youtube.com/@NIHAg-ing](http://www.youtube.com/@NIHAg-ing)). Included are videos on balance, endurance, flexibility, strength and standing on one foot.

While you're on YouTube, do a search for "exercise for seniors" and see if anything appeals to you.

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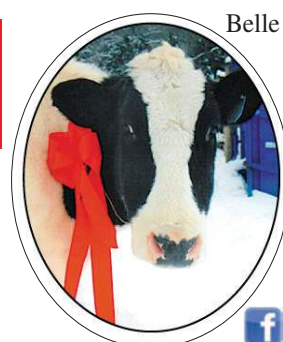
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**Fire**

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“You just put fire breaks in and let it burn out. We take all the burnable material away and just take it to the dirt. We have a dozer but couldn’t get but so far because It’s such a rough and rocky mountain-side.”

Goldie and Zach Page live on Dry Branch Road and several members of their immediate family have houses along Parrott River Road, which is where the fire began. The mother and son were anxiously eyeing the flames as they drove along Parrott River Road.

“Our house is very much in danger,” said Zach Page.

“With the wind changing direction, I’m afraid this fire is going to jump to this mountain and our house would be right smack in the middle,” said Goldie, who claims the fire started when a neighbor’s controlled burn got out of control.

When asked about their immediate plans, Goldie Page replied, “My mom’s already got a hotel room but I’ll probably just sit right here and watch my hometown burn.”

As Monday afternoon turned to evening, the wind once again picked up and a light rain began to fall.

“The wind direction keeps changing on us,” said Chief Nester. “But it’s starting to rain, so that’s helping us out and it’s blowing back into the burn area now and that’s helping us out a lot. That’s what we were hoping for. We’d like to have a little more rain but we’ll take what we can get right now. If this keeps this up. We’ll be okay.”

In addition to the Twin Community Volunteer Fire Department, members of the Snowville and Fairlawn volunteer fire departments were also on scene. The Virginia Department of Forestry worked with the Pulaski County Emergency Management to coordinate a response to the fire. Members of the Pulaski County Wildlife Mitigation Module and

the Southwest Virginia Incident Management Team were also on scene.

**Parrott Fire Update  
10 a.m. Wednesday Nov. 1**

The smattering of rainfall Monday evening and the less windy conditions on Tuesday allowed firefighters some time to shore up their firebreaks but there is still fire on the mountain.

Wednesday morning brought freezing temperatures and heavy Northwest winds.

At 10 a.m. Emergency Services Coordinator Brad Wright said, “The fire is 50% contained and most of that containment is on Parrott River Road and the railroad tracks going into Giles County back to the intersection of Dry Branch Road.”

As of Wednesday morning, the tiny community of Parrott was out of danger but residences along Dry Branch Road were now threatened. It turns out, Goldie Page had reason to be worried, the fire that had begun along Parrott River Road had shifted and was now threatening the Dry Branch Road section of Pulaski County where she lives.

“Four of the five homes that were threatened in Dry Branch have been fired out around those homes yesterday (Tuesday). So that only leaves us one home within the containment area that is still threatened. We hope to mitigate that today. We did it under favorable weather conditions, no winds, higher humidity, you know ... the opposite of what today is.”

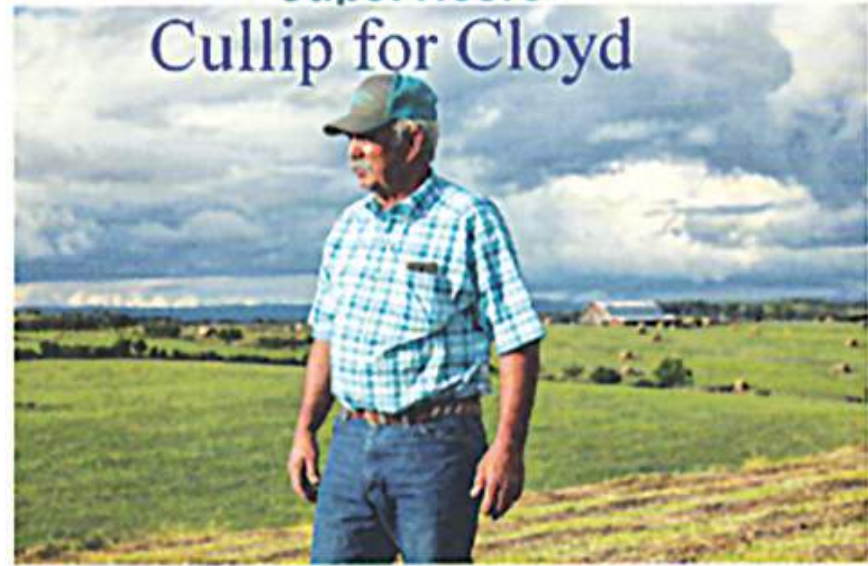
Several members of the Virginia Forest Department continued putting in break lines further up the mountain, as local firefighters concentrated on keeping residences out of harm’s way by burning out all the fuel around the home.

“We burn it on our terms and

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# Fire

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not the fire’s terms,” said Wright.

The hand lines/fire breaks are typically 5 to 6 feet across or 8 feet if made by a bulldozer. The fire crews try to use existing trails, fire roads or paved roads to make these fire breaks whenever possible.

“I’m concerned today because of the high winds and the low humidity,” Said Wright. “The fire became active again at about 3:30 this (Wednesday) morning. Power went out because a burning tree fell on the power lines but power was restored. We’re still having burning trees falling on Parrott River Road.”

Even though this forest fire has drawn uncomfortably close to mountain communities, as of Wednesday, no evacuations had been ordered.

“I was getting phone calls from Giles County last (Tuesday) night because when the winds picked up it started coming down the mountain on their side,” recounted Wright. “They hadn’t seen that much fire in the day and then all of the sudden there was a big blob of fire coming down the mountain. In daytime you see the smoke and at nighttime you see the flame. So, it looks worse in the nighttime.”

“This morning we checked to make sure the fire was still in the containment lines, which it was, and then we reassured the homeowners,” Wright continued. “At 3:30 this morning the fire was threatening homes on Dry Branch. As the day goes on, it’s going to come down the mountain and up Dry Branch. It’s not going up the mountain as much. It’s going out the side of the mountain and down.

According to Wright, as of noon Wednesday, the Parrott fire had burned at least 300 acres, though it had not yet reached many of the firebreaks/hand lines that had been made to contain the flames. If and when the fire extends to the full area of containment, that would equal nearly 500 acres of burnt woodlands.

“It if gets outside of those



**Mother and son Zach and Goldie Page stand in front of the fire off Parrott River Road. They live together on Dry Branch Road, where the fire is potentially threatening their home and have relative that live in Parrott.**

lines, it will be back to the drawing board,” said Wright. “You know, where are we going to put the next section of line in that’s going to hold. Pop up fires are a risk as well. We’ll have to keep going back and blowing the lines off. Some of the lines we put in Monday have already been covered up because the leaves are still falling. Even after it burns out, it’s still going to have smoke coming from it because it’s so dry. The smoke will decrease but there will probably be some smoke until we get significant rainfall.”

More as this story develops, until then, Wright asks non residence to stay clear of both Dry Branch and Parrott River roads.



William Paine/The Patriot

The fire ravaged this hillside off of Parrott River Road

# TIMOTHY HURST FOR SCHOOL BOARD

Endorsement Letter from Jim Davis,  
Retired Sheriff of Pulaski County



I would like to take this opportunity to endorse and ask for your support to re-elect Tim Hurst for our school board. Speaking as a citizen of Pulaski County and a longtime friend and family member, I truly appreciate his past and future dedication to the school system and his desire to keep our children safe. Tim has supported our schools for many years, and I truly feel his continued service to our greatest assets, our children, should continue.

Please consider voting and supporting Tim Hurst in his re-election as your representative from the Draper District to the Pulaski County School Board.

Sincerely,

**Jim Davis**  
Retired Sheriff, Pulaski County

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# Educational Benefits Scam

You wouldn't think that a barber school would be a hotbed of scams and schemes, but apparently it can be. A barber school in a southern state was caught defrauding the Department of Veterans Affairs by stealing money from veterans' education benefits.

The Post-9/11 GI Bill program pays schools directly to cover the tuition and fees for veterans attending those schools. To be paid, the schools need to submit a thick stack of documents, including an initial application. Once approved, they then need to provide information about the courses, the number of hours per week, the dates of enrollment, the costs and so on. Part of this is an agreement to charge veterans the same tuition and fees that civilian students pay.

That is where this particular barber school went over to the dark side. Where civilian students were charged \$2,400, veterans were charged \$22,400 for the course. Not only did the



by Freddy Groves

owner charge more for veterans, but accurate records weren't kept, and worse, the students weren't given their certificates of completion when they finished. The total scammed was in excess of \$235,000. The government is seeking treble damages, three times that amount, as penalty.

Thankfully, not all schools engage in scams and theft like the barber school. Most are probably legit. If you want to go to school, the VA might pay for it if you qualify. Take a look at [www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/post-9-11](http://www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/post-9-11) for the dates and number of days of service required. On this page you'll also

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NRVRC photo

Award recipients (from left) Del. Jason Ballard, Cathy Hanks and Rob Graham.

# Hanks receives NRVRC Citizen of Valley Award

Radford – On October 19, 2023, the New River Valley Regional Commission board of directors, comprised of elected officials and citizen appointees across the region, hosted a dinner event at the Volvo Customer Center in Dublin, VA to honor their annual award recipients. Approximately 100 local government elected officials, state and federal representatives, and local government planning commission chairs were in attendance.

Ms. Cathy Hanks, with Friends of Peak Creek and the New River Conservancy, received the Citizen of the Valley award. This award is given to a citizen within the New River Valley who has made significant contributions to the betterment of the region. Ms. Hanks was selected based on her leadership in environmental stewardship having served as President of Friends of Peak Creek since 2015. She has led the organization to accomplish numerous watershed improvement projects all the while focusing on engaging the community to increase their stewardship of Peak Creek.

Delegate Jason Ballard, Virginia House of Delegates, and Mr. Robert Graham, Pulaski County Schools Superintendent, were recipients of the Champion of the Valley award. This award is given to an appointed or elected official within, or representing, the New River Valley who has greatly assisted communities and residents during their service to the public.

Delegate Ballard's selection is in recognition of his accomplishments during his service in the Virginia General Assembly to include passing Noah's Law, an increase in the severity of abduction of a minor from a class five felony to class two; along with his leadership serving on the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority. He is a former member of the Pearisburg Town Council and served as the town's representative to the New River Valley Regional Commission during which he was an active participant that brought a local voice to regional issues.

Mr. Graham was recognized for his passion in serving as a leader in education throughout his career to

date having served Radford City Public Schools in numerous capacities to include teacher, coach, principal, and superintendent and currently serving as superintendent of Pulaski County Public Schools. His charismatic leadership coupled with countless acts of extreme caring have had life-long impacts on the children and families he serves.

Each award recipient was provided a custom stained-glass piece of art by the local artist Sandy Davenport, a member of 'Round the Mountain, Southwest Virginia's Artisan Network.

The New River Valley Regional Commission is one of 21 regions in Virginia whose commissions are chartered under Virginia law. The organization encompasses the counties of Floyd, Giles, Montgomery, and Pulaski, and the City of Radford. The purpose of the Regional Commission is to promote regional cooperation, to coordinate the activities and policies of member local governments, and to provide assistance to local governments.



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- Advocate for a multi-faceted school experience for students that includes the arts, advanced academic opportunities, sports, clubs, and CTE Programs.

**Draper District**







**Mr. Timothy Hurst**

- Lifelong resident of PC and graduate of PCHS
- 40 yrs. Experience managing a large financial firm
- Served as SB Chair and Vice Chair
- Advocate for students both within and outside of the classroom that celebrate the diversity of PCPS programs and the successes of its students.

**Ingles District**







**Mrs. Penny Golden**

- 23-yr. resident of PC; Parent of two PCHS graduates
- HR Director w/10+ years of HR experience.
- Committed to a diversity of educational programs, including state-of-the-art CTE offerings that challenge and recognize student achievement
- Advocate for creating a secure, exemplary workplace to attract and retain the best educators for PCPS as well as keeping our students safe.

**Robinson District**







**Dr. Paige Cash**

- Lifelong resident of PC and graduate of PCHS
- 25 years of experience as an educator including PCPS and NRCC.
- Extensive Community Leadership, SB Chair and Vice-Chair, YMCA Board as President, Vice President, and Treasurer.
- Committed to service with a long and diverse history of volunteerism in PC

**Cloyd District**





**Mr. Jacob Price**

- Except for military service, life-long resident of PC; Graduate of PCHS
- US Army veteran; 20 yrs. Experience with PC Sheriff's Office with 9 yrs. as a School Resource Officer and 4 yrs. With the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court
- Extensive volunteerism in PC
- History of protecting students as a former SRO with a unique perspective on school safety and discipline







# Study: Cost of ‘fueling’ an EV equal to \$17.33 per gallon

By Kenneth Schrupp

(The Center Square) – The complete costs of “fueling” an electric vehicle for 10 years are \$17.33 per equivalent gallon of gasoline, a new analysis from the Texas Public Policy Foundation says.

The study authors say the \$1.21 cost-per-gallon equivalent of charging a car cited by EV advocates excludes the real costs born by taxpayers for subsidies, utility ratepayers for energy investments, and non-electric vehicle owners for mandate-and-environmental-credit-driven higher vehicle costs, which they say total \$48,698 per EV. Those costs must be included when comparing fueling costs of EVs and traditional gas-powered vehicles, TPPF maintains.

“The market would be driving towards hybrids if not for this market manipulation from the federal government. We’d be reducing emissions and improving fuel economy at the same time on a much greater scale,” study author Jason Isaac told The Center Square in an interview. He then cited Toyota estimates that the batteries from one EV can power 90 hybrids and reduce emissions 37 times more than that one EV.

The study adds up the costs of direct subsidies to buyers of the car and chargers; indirect subsidies in the form of avoided fuel taxes and fees, as well as electric

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Subsidies and Excess Charging Costs Accrued by a MY2021 Electric Vehicle Over 10 Years, Expressed in Terms of the Cost per Equivalent Gallon of Gasoline

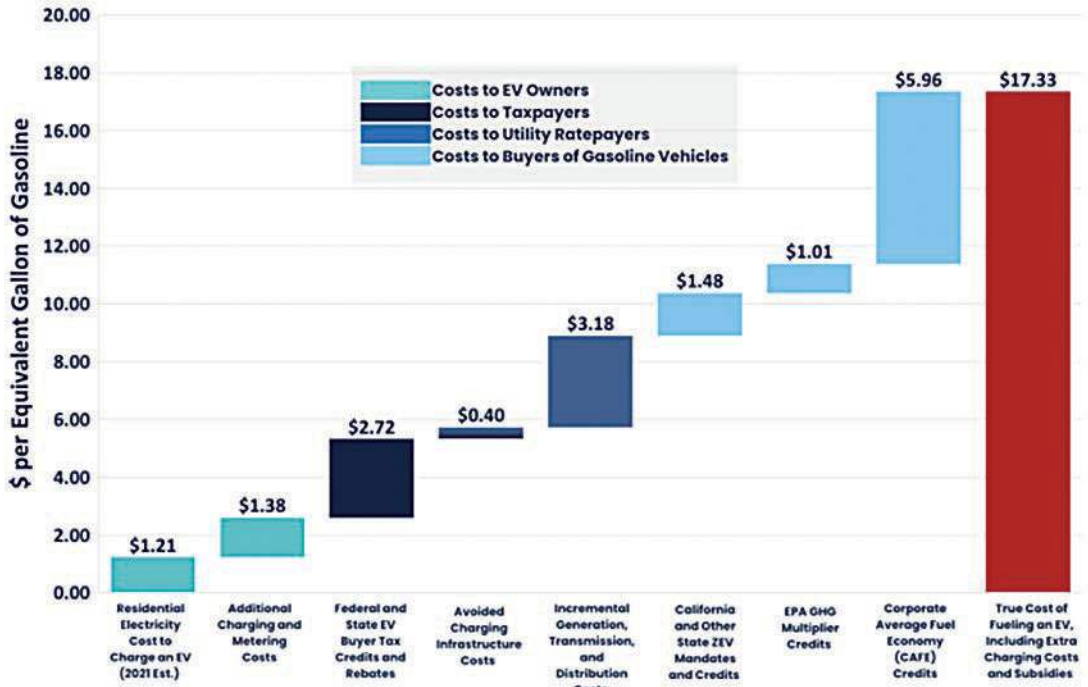


Image courtesy of the Texas Public Policy Center

grid generation, transmission, distribution, and overhead costs for utilities; and regulatory mandates that include fuel economy standards, EPA greenhouse gas credits, and zero-emission mandates.

The study also assumes EVs will be driven for 10 years and 120,000 miles, which the authors claim is a generous estimate. According to J.D. Power, EVs lose 2.3% of their range each year due

to battery degradation, in part driving EVs to lose value faster than internal combustion cars.

With Ford losing an estimated \$70,000 per EV and subsidies reaching \$50,000 per EV, Isaac says the real cost of a vehicle such as a Ford Lightning is over \$150,000, and those costs are carried by everyone, including non-EV owners and even Americans without cars.

“The real cost of a Ford Lightning is closer to \$172,00 and no one would buy them at that. I know their sales have tanked. The [electric] Silverado sold 18 electric trucks last quarter,” Isaac said. “Buying a car is more expensive today and people don’t understand why that is. I’m trying to help them understand if they buy a gas or diesel car they’re paying for an electric vehicle for a wealthy EV owner.”

To reach the \$17.73 per gallon equivalent figure, the authors created categories for costs borne by EV owners, taxpayers, utility ratepayers, and buyers of electric vehicles. For reference, the cost per gallon equivalent is computed by dividing the number of miles over a car’s ten year lifetime by the average new vehicle’s fuel efficiency of 36 miles per gallon equivalent, and using that number to divide the total cost presented.

EV owners only pay \$1.21 for the cost of residential electricity and \$1.38 for charging and metering costs per equivalent gallon, which makes charging still cheaper than gasoline in terms of costs paid by EV owners. However, taxpayers pay \$2.72 per gallon in federal and state EV buyer tax credits and rebates (\$8,984 over a vehicle lifetime), a cost of \$0.40 per gallon (\$1,318 over a vehicle lifetime) in avoided charging infrastructure costs split between taxpayers and utility ratepayers. Utility ratepayers then pay \$3.18 per gallon (\$10,515 over a vehicle lifetime) in increased costs to enable the grid to charge electric vehicles at mass scale through increased power generation, transmission and distribution. Lastly, buyers of non-electric vehicles face increased vehicle costs equating to \$1.48 per gallon equivalent (\$4,881 over a vehicle lifetime) due to requirements in many states that manufacturers sell a certain number of often money-losing EVs to continue selling other cars, \$1.01 per gallon equivalent (\$3,322 over a vehicle lifetime) due to EPA GHG emissions standards, while Corporate Average Fuel Economy Credits add a whopping \$5.96 per gallon equivalent (\$19,678 over a vehicle lifetime).

CAFE standards are the single largest externalized cost of EVs, a cost that researchers attribute to the fact that automakers whose fleets do not meet the necessary average fuel economy must purchase credits from automakers with excess credits, with these credit markets worth billions of dollars per year and contributing \$1.78 billion to Tesla’s bottom line in 2022. The average fuel economy of an average EV with a 300 mile range in 2021 was estimated to be 113 miles per gallon equivalent, making automakers strongly incentivized to build these often money-losing cars to meet CAFE goals. To increase the adoption of cars that don’t use diesel or gasoline, the federal government created a 667% multiplier in MPGe for vehicles that use alternative power. With a fleetwide CAFE standard of 37 MPG for 2021 and a 2021 EV rated at 113 MPGE, an EV is worth 507 MPG worth of credits, or more than what Ford loses directly on its EVs.



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NOTE: Pre-registration for Pulaski Co. residents begins on Nov. 18th through Dec. 4th for children infant to 16 for our Big Christmas Celebration to be held at our ministry location on Sat. Dec. 16th at 3 pm. You may pre-register at the Patriot News Paper, Cougar Express, Emanuel Book Store or call 276-620-4293 to register at Taking It To The Streets Ministries. Children must be present to receive gifts.

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# Basic Training

DEAR PAW’S CORNER: You often mention that owners should spend time with their dogs in basic obedience training. What are “the basics” exactly? -- Ferris T., Huntington, N.Y.

A: While the specifics of basic obedience training for dogs are better detailed through books or by professional trainers, I can list these training requirements here.

-- Housetraining: The most basic and most important to you and your dog’s peace of mind. Teaching a new dog where and when to eliminate, and training yourself to keep a proper schedule, is a crucial initial step.

-- Heel: Your dog should walk calmly alongside you, and not struggle against the leash, pull you down the street or chase after birds, cars or other dogs.

-- Sit: A well-trained dog will sit on command. When training on the leash, have the dog sit on your left side.

-- Down: The dog should lie down (on his belly, paws forward) on command.

-- Stay: In the “sit” or “down” position, the dog should not move until you release him with a verbal command.

-- Come: At your command, the dog should come to you, or respond to further directional commands (such as tugging the



leash right or left to signal a turn).

That’s essentially it: five basic commands and housetraining. It doesn’t sound like much, but teaching a dog of any age these skills will take at least several weeks, if not months. And they must be taught correctly: no hitting or yelling, maintaining dominance over the dog. Training books provide many more details on effective ways to do this, while a professional trainer can demonstrate additional effective techniques to ease the basic training process.

Remember that basic obedience training doesn’t stop once these skills have been learned. Dogs need regular reinforcement, even if it’s just a five-minute review during their daily walks.

Send your tips, comments or questions to ask@pawscorner.com.

# Ninth Traveling Staff

Congressman Griffith’s Ninth District STAFF will be available at the following locations during the month of November. Traveling office hours follow the status of local government offices, which vary across the 23 counties and five independent cities of the Ninth District.

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525-1405 with any questions or to schedule an appointment time in the event of office hour closure.

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Spencer and I worked together at Pulaski Furniture for 10 years while he served the company as Vice President of Administration, General Counsel and Secretary. While working together, I found Spencer to be intelligent, focused and caring. If he did not know precisely how to answer a proposed question, he knew where to look to ensure that he gave an accurate considered response.

Through the years, while maintaining a private law practice, Spencer has also served the area on the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Pulaski Planning Commission. He has served as Pulaski’s town attorney for the last 7 years. In these positions, Spencer has had an opportunity to learn a great deal about our local government and work directly with the Clerk of the Court office. His degree in accounting and business administration will also make him a valuable asset.

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*Cloyd District*



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**LAURA WALTERS**  
*Ingles District*



**MIKE MOONEY**  
*Massie District*



**JEFF REEVES**  
*Robinson District*

## Candidates for School Board

While candidates for School Board run as independents, the Pulaski County Republican Committee supports the following candidates



**AARON CARR**  
*Cloyd District*



**BILLY WILLIAMS**  
*Draper District*



**GINA PAINE**  
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**JOSH TAYLOR**  
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**SABRINA SMITH COX**  
*Robinson District*

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Pulaski County GOP

Sample Ballot

County of Pulaski

General Election

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

Instructions to Voters

To vote for a candidate, use a black pen to fill in the oval next to the name.

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☐ Michael D. Mooney

Robinson District

☐ Jeffery G. Reeves

The Pulaski County GOP supports the following candidates for Pulaski County School Board

NOTE: School Board candidates run as independents in Virginia. The position of the candidates we support on the ballot is noted under their name.

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☐ P. Aaron Carr  
(2<sup>nd</sup> on ballot)

Draper District

☐ W. E. "Billy" Williams Jr.  
(1<sup>st</sup> on ballot)

Ingles District

☐ Gina M. H. Paine  
(1<sup>st</sup> on ballot)

Massie District

☐ Joshua D. Taylor  
(1<sup>st</sup> on ballot)

Robinson District

☐ Sabrina Smith Cox  
(2<sup>nd</sup> on ballot)

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It All Comes Down To This



Antonio Nottingham/Pulaski County Cougar Football  
Cougar running back Trevor Gallimore rushes behind Chase Lawrence against Hidden Valley last Friday night.

Playoffs at stake for Pulaski County  
Friday night at home vs. Cave Spring

By MIKE WILLIAMS  
The Patriot

It all comes down to this. Pulaski County will host Cave Spring this Friday night in Dobson Stadium with playoff spots on the line. According to this week's Virginia High School League rankings, the Cougars look to have the 7th spot in the eight-team playoff field locked up if they win Friday night. However, there are a number of scenarios that could occur – a couple of which might knock the Cougars out. For instance, if Cave beats Pulaski County and another Class 3D team – Staunton River – also wins, Pulaski County would drop to ninth in the region and out of the playoff picture. If Cave wins, but Staunton River loses, the Cougars would sneak into the playoffs at No. 8 in the region, as the top eight schools in each region qualify for the postseason. If both Cave and Staunton River lose, then the Cougars are in. Likewise, if Staunton River wins

and Cave loses to the Cougars, Pulaski County is in. The most sure thing is for the Cougars to beat Cave Spring Friday night and Pulaski County should be okay. At least they'll know they've done all they can to reach the playoffs. Cave Spring is at 3-6 on the season under their first-year head coach Hunter Shepherd and currently sit in the No. 9 spot in the rankings. Staunton River is at No. 8. The two teams are actually tied in the rankings, but Staunton River owns the tie-breaker. Cave Spring (3-6) beat the Cougars last year after losing seven straight. Like Pulaski County, the Knights' record isn't exactly indicative of how the team has played this year. Cave Spring enjoyed a bye week last week. Last week, the Cougars moved to 3-6 on the season as well by whipping Hidden Valley, 41-19 on the road. The Cougars rolled to 426 yards rushing on 65 carries on the ground and added another 50

See COUGARS, page B5

WEEK 11  
Schedule

Week 11 of the region's high school football games for Friday, Nov. 3:

Fort Chiswell at Giles  
Lord Botetourt at Franklin County  
Amherst County at LibertyMartinsville at Halifax County  
Auburn at George WytheGlenvar at Carroll CountyWilliam Fleming at StauntonRiver, Parry McCluer at Eastern Montgomery  
Holston at ChilhowieNarrows at Bath CountyNorth Cross at Potomac School  
Bland County at Montcalm  
Galax at Grayson County  
Patrick County at James River  
Jefferson Forest at Liberty  
Christian Academy,William Byrd at Northside  
Patrick Henry at Hidden Valley  
Rockbridge County at William Floyd County at AlleghanyCave Spring at Pulaski County  
Marion at Virginia High-Honaker at Rural Retreat

Salem at Blacksburg, forfeit

**Note: All games start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.**

High School  
Football  
Scores

Alleghany 57, James River 0  
Altavista 50, Nelson County 26  
Amelia County 28, Central of Lunenburg 21  
Atlee 28, Mechanicsville High School 3  
Bassett 46, Martinsville 0  
Battlefield 49, Osbourn 0  
Bayside 55, Princess Anne 14  
Benedictine 42, St. Michael Catholic 13  
Brentsville 37, Skyline 0  
Broadway 35, East Rockingham 7  
Buckingham County 49, Cumberland 0  
Clarke County 30, Luray 0  
Collegiate-Richmond 38, Norfolk Academy 7  
Courtland 45, Caroline 7  
Culpeper 42, James Monroe 35  
Dinwiddie 56, Meadowbrook 12  
E.C. Glass 17, Heritage (Lynchburg) 6  
Eastern View 58, Chancellor 15  
Eastside 40, Auburn 0  
Edison 42, Falls Church 0  
Essex 38, Lancaster 28  
Forest Park 17, Colgan 0  
Fort Defiance 21, Staunton 13  
Frank Cox 22, Kempsville 21  
GW-Danville 57, Mecklenburg County 19  
Gainesville 51, Freedom 18  
Galax 42, Fort Chiswell 27  
Gate City 43, Central - Wise 6  
George Marshall 35, Yorktown 33  
George Wythe 23, Grayson County 0  
Glen Allen 42, J.R. Tucker 0  
Glenvar 49, Floyd County 15  
Gloucester 15, Woodside 14  
Grafton 62, Jamestown 0  
Graham 49, Tazewell 6  
Granby 30, Manor High School 8  
Green Run 47, Tallwood 7  
Gretna 44, Chatham 7  
Grundy 32, Tolsia, W.Va. 12  
Hanover 38, Douglas Freeman 35  
Hayfield 48, Justice High School 0  
Heritage 41, Rock Ridge 27  
Holston 29, Rural Retreat 28  
Honaker 48, Northwood 7  
Huguenot 30, Midlothian 15  
Hurley 60, Castlewood 20  
IMG Academy, Fla. def. Life Christian, forfeit  
Independence 21, Potomac Falls 20  
Indian River 33, Great Bridge 13  
James Madison 38, Oakton 12  
James River 21, Monacan 7  
Jefferson Forest 42, Amherst County 7  
John Battle 42, Lee High 34  
John Champe 55, Broad Run 54  
K&Q Central 48, Middlesex 13  
Kettle Run 56, Fauquier 6  
King George 48, Spotsylvania 6  
King William 48, West Point 8  
King's Fork High School 48, Deep Creek 7  
Lake Taylor 34, Norcom 28  
Landstown 56, First Colonial 17  
Liberty Christian 49, Brookville 6  
Liberty-Beaeton 35, James Wood 29, OT  
Lightridge 35, Riverside 7  
Lord Botetourt 48, Northside 21  
Loudoun County 49, Park View-Sterling 7  
Louisa 28, Albemarle 13  
Magna Vista 54, Halifax County 25  
Manchester 61, Richmond 8  
Marion 47, Richlands 28  
Massaponax 28, Stafford 7  
Matoaca 45, Prince George 0  
Maury 81, Churchland 0  
McLean 14, Wakefield 11

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Antonio Nottingham/Pulaski County Cougar Football  
Isaiah O'Dell carries the mail for the Cougars.

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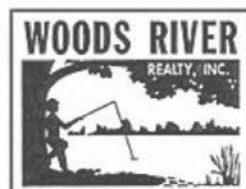
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## LEGAL NOTICE

**VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF PULASKI**

**THE TOWN OF PULASKI, VIRGINIA, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia,**

**Plaintiff,**

**v.**

**STEPHANIE L. SMITH, formerly known as STEPHANIE LYNN HERNANDEZ, ROGER L. GOAD, BRENDA S. GOAD, BETTY A. ANDERSON, RITA DALTON LEGO, THE COUNTY OF PULASKI, VIRGINIA, and PARTIES UNKNOWN,**

**Defendant(s).**

**ORDER OF PUBLICATION**

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

**ORDERED** that the named Defendant(s) and all Parties Unknown appear on or before 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

I Ask For This:

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## LEGAL NOTICE

**Pulaski Town Council Public Hearing**

Pulaski Town Council will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 8th at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at 42 First St. NW

To replace Chapter 46, Flood Insurance Rate Map, with language required by the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

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.

## Scores

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Meridian High School 28, Warren County 7  
Mills Godwin 35, Deep Run 15  
Monticello 27, Orange County 22  
Mountain View 42, North Stafford 7  
Nansemond River 66, Lakeland 6  
Narrows 54, Craig County 0  
Norfolk Christian School 42, Roanoke Catholic 6  
North Cross 71, Hargrave Military 6  
Northumberland 50, Colonial Beach 18  
Oscar Smith 41, Hickory 14  
Patrick Henry 35, Chilhowie 13  
Patrick Henry 62, Blacksburg 0  
Patriot 55, Gar-Field 7  
Poquoson 42, Bruton 7  
Portsmouth Christian 42, Catholic 32  
Potomac 13, Woodbridge 0  
Pulaski County 41, Hidden Valley 19  
Radford 56, Carroll County 0  
Riverbend 41, Brooke Point 6  
Riverheads 60, Waynesboro 35  
Rustburg 74, Liberty-Bedford 0  
Rye Cove 46, J.I. Burton 0  
Salem 49, Christiansburg 10  
Salem-Va. Beach 17, Kellam 13  
Smithfield 27, New Kent 24, OT  
South County 28, Lake Braddock 20  
South Lakes 45, Centreville 3  
Southampton 49, Windsor 0  
St. Annes-Belfield 49, Isle of Wight Academy 0  
Stone Bridge 29, Briar Woods 12  
Strasburg 30, Madison County 21  
Sussex Central 22, Brunswick 20



TJHS 28, Armstrong 12  
Thomas Dale 28, Hopewell 24  
Turner Ashby 55, Rockbridge County 0  
Tuscarora 28, Woodgrove 12  
Twin Springs 73, Thomas Walker 29  
Union 37, Abingdon 20  
Unity Reed 47, Osbourn Park 0  
Va. Episcopal 46, Rappahannock County 16  
Virginia High 20, Lebanon 12  
Washington-Liberty 35, Langley 21  
West Potomac 46, W.T. Woodson 19  
West Springfield 44, Fairfax 20  
Western Albemarle 35, Charlottesville 14  
Western Branch 20, Grassfield 14, OT  
Westfield 56, Chantilly 12  
William Byrd 34, Staunton River 6  
William Campbell 24, Dan River 22  
William Fleming 21, Franklin County 0  
Wilson Memorial 14, Stuarts Draft 12  
Woodstock Central 57, Page County 0

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## LEGAL NOTICE

**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

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Public Notice Pulaski County Planning Commission**

The Pulaski County Planning Commission will host a public hearing to consider three applications for the Month of November. In accordance with the Code of Virginia, the Planning Commission will host a public hearing on these petition(s) at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 14, 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.

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Virginia High School League Football Rankings

High School	Group	Region	District	-----VHSL-----			-----District-----			Rating
				Won	Lost	Tied	Won	Lost	Tied	
Region	3D									
Magna Vista	3	3D	Piedmont	9	0	0	5	0	0	27.77778
William Byrd	3	3D	Blue Ridge	8	1	0	4	0	0	26.55556
Lord Botetourt	3	3D	Blue Ridge	7	2	0	3	1	0	25.11111
Christiansburg	3	3D	River Ridge	7	3	0	4	2	0	24.60000
Abingdon	3	3D	Mountain 7	5	4	0	3	2	0	21.44444
Bassett	3	3D	Piedmont	5	5	0	3	3	0	19.90000
Pulaski County	3	3D	River Ridge	3	6	0	2	3	0	19.11111
Staunton River	3	3D	Blue Ridge	3	6	0	1	3	0	18.22222
Cave Spring	3	3D	River Ridge	3	6	0	2	3	0	18.22222
Carroll County	3	3D	Three Rivers	2	7	0	1	4	0	17.22222
Northside	3	3D	Blue Ridge	2	7	0	0	4	0	16.55556
Hidden Valley	3	3D	River Ridge	1	8	0	1	4	0	15.44444
Tunstall	3	3D	Piedmont	1	8	0	1	4	0	14.00000

High School	Group	Region	District	-----VHSL-----			-----District-----			Rating
				Won	Lost	Tied	Won	Lost	Tied	
Region	2C									
Radford	2	2C	Three Rivers	10	0	0	6	0	0	27.40000
Gretna	2	2C	Dogwood	7	2	0	5	0	0	23.77778
Glenvar	2	2C	Three Rivers	7	2	0	3	2	0	22.44444
Appomattox	2	2C	Dogwood	4	5	0	3	2	0	20.55556
Chatham	2	2C	Dogwood	6	3	0	3	2	0	19.00000
Patrick Co.	2	2C	Three Rivers	4	5	0	1	4	0	17.66667
Floyd Co.	2	2C	Three Rivers	3	6	0	3	2	0	17.11111
Dan River	2	2C	Dogwood	3	6	0	1	4	0	16.00000
James River (B)	2	2C	Three Rivers	3	6	0	0	5	0	15.88889
Nelson County	2	2C	Dogwood	4	6	0	0	6	0	14.90000
Liberty (Bed)	2	2C	Seminole	0	9	0	0	6	0	14.44444
Martinsville	2	2C	Piedmont	0	9	0	0	5	0	12.22222

High School	Group	Region	District	-----VHSL-----			-----District-----			Rating
				Won	Lost	Tied	Won	Lost	Tied	
Region	1C									
Grayson County	1	1C	Mtn. Empire	8	1	0	3	1	0	22.00000
Bath County	1	1C	Pioneer	9	0	0	3	0	0	20.66667
George Wythe-W	1	1C	Mtn. Empire	6	3	0	3	1	0	20.44444
Narrows	1	1C	Pioneer	7	2	0	3	0	0	20.11111
Galax	1	1C	Mtn. Empire	6	3	0	4	0	0	19.66667
Parry McCluer	1	1C	Pioneer	5	4	0	1	2	0	16.22222
Fort Chiswell	1	1C	Mtn. Empire	4	5	0	1	3	0	15.88889
Giles	1	1C	Mtn. Empire	2	7	0	1	3	0	14.11111
Auburn	1	1C	Mtn. Empire	2	7	0	0	4	0	12.11111
Eastern Montgomery	1	1C	Pioneer	2	6	0	1	2	0	11.75000
Craig Co.	1	1C	Pioneer	2	7	0	0	4	0	11.33333
Bland County	1	1C	Mtn. Empire	1	5	0	0	0	0	8.00000

NASCAR’s Final Four set for this Sunday

From NASCAR

PHOENIX – In his eighth full-time season in the NASCAR Cup Series, Ryan Blaney has finally clinched his ticket to the Championship 4. On Sunday, he took the checkered flag at Martinsville Speedway after leading 145 laps. He’s heading to Phoenix Raceway with a shot to win the 2023 title alongside Kyle Larson, Christopher Bell, and William Byron on Sunday, Nov. 5. The first of those four drivers to cross the finish line at Phoenix Raceway will become the 2023 NASCAR Cup Series champion.

Blaney, driver of the No. 12 Team Penske Ford Mustang GT, came into Martinsville 10 points above the playoff elimination line and had finished no worse than 11th at the 0.5-mile short track since 2019. Having two prior wins at Charlotte and Talladega this year along with a sixth and second place finish in the two prior races in the Round of 8, momentum has carried the 29-year-old into victory lane and a chance at a championship.

All that is left is Sunday’s race at Phoenix Raceway, a track where he has two straight runner-up finishes and four consecutive top-fives.

“Yeah, just overall really proud of the whole effort,” Blaney said. “RP (Team Penske owner Roger Penske) couldn’t be here, unfortunately, but I know he’s watching. This is awesome. Can’t wait to get to Phoenix next week.”

“Our worst race of the year,” said William Byron, who was the final driver that locked himself into the Championship 4 on Sunday. “I just had to drive the hell out of it. The guys stuck with me, they kept motivating me through little bits and pieces, just kind of keeping my mind straight.”

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A LETTER TO THE CITIZENS OF PULASKI COUNTY WHO VALUE PUBLIC EDUCATION



Beckie Cox



Dr. Paige Cash



Tim Hurst



Penny Golden



Jacob Price

My name is Mary Ingles Barbour. I am a retired teacher in Pulaski County. I live in the Ingles District where my family has owned property continuously for the past 270 years. My ancestors were pioneers, farmers, soldiers, entrepreneurs and businessmen. My parents were educators and their love of teaching students inspired me to become a teacher as well.

I spent most of my career teaching elementary school in Pulaski County. Our son attended Pulaski County Schools from kindergarten through his graduation from high school. After I retired and our son had graduated, my husband served on the school board in Pulaski County for most of a decade. I am very knowledgeable of our school system and I have been invested in the success of our students in Pulaski County not only while I was teaching, but also in my retirement. It is my opinion that Pulaski County has a very good school system, and our school system has benefitted from having knowledgeable and dedicated persons serving on our school board who have been devoted to the best interests of all of our students.

Our current school board has served our students, parents and community well. I fully support their re-election. I can easily point to a number of their successes of which I believe there are many. Here are just a few of them:

Our current school board has worked extremely hard to expand dual enrollment classes at Pulaski County High School with more classes being offered and more students taking advantage of them than ever before. Each dual enrollment class completed by a student at Pulaski County High School saves the student and their parents or guardians approximately \$1,500.00 in in-state tuition costs. The expansion of dual enrollment classes at Pulaski County High School has saved Pulaski County parents hundreds of thousands of dollars in what would otherwise be spent on college tuition costs.

The current school board has wisely used one-time federal funding received in the aftermath of the COVID pandemic to replace roofs and HVAC systems in our older schools and add building security features in many of our schools. These wise investments not only have made our schools safer, but also greatly increased the longevity of our school facilities. Coupled with the building of the new Pulaski County Middle School, a state-of-the-art facility, the addition to Dublin Elementary School, and other improvements, we have never had better school facilities in Pulaski County than we have today.

Rural school districts such as Pulaski County struggle to attract qualified teachers. Larger and better funded school districts can offer more attractive pay and benefits. Nonetheless, our current school board has fought year after year to provide our teachers and administrators with pay increases in order to stay competitive with our neighboring school districts. Our school board has had success in this effort. Before I retired from teaching, our school system’s third-party health insurance had become unaffordable

for many teachers and school system employees. I remember the double digit premium increases that seemed to come every year. Our current school board worked to adopt a self-insurance plan for the school system. Our school system’s self insurance plan has not only put an end to annual premium increases but has also reduced insurance costs for our teachers and school system employees. As an example, the employee share of family insurance coverage is less than one-half what it cost eight years ago. How many employers have reduced their employees’ insurance cost in this manner? The self-insurance plan has saved our teachers, school system employees and the school system itself millions of dollars since it was implemented.

Our current school board has overseen significant increases in career and technical education opportunities for Pulaski County students. We have some of the best career and technical education class offerings to be found in Western Virginia. Of particular note is the new state-of-the art welding lab at Pulaski County High School.

While approximately two-thirds of our students choose to attend college following their high school graduation, our school board and school system has made sure that our students have opportunities to develop real world career and technical skills that allow them to go directly into the workforce following graduation if that is what they choose to do.

I certainly understand that over the past several years virtually every aspect of our lives and our community have been affected by partisan politics. Unfortunately, the school system is no exception. Partisan politics have no place whatsoever in our school system. Our schools must serve every student in our community regardless of their political beliefs or those of their parents or guardians. I believe that our current school board members have been successful in keeping politics out of our school system and I am very concerned that several of the candidates seeking election to the school board this year appear to have based their campaigns on little more than their personal political beliefs. These same candidates say they represent “change,” but a politicized school system is not a change that anyone in Pulaski County should want.

I support responsible and dedicated leaders for our school system who will make decisions in the best interests of all of our students and not based on their personal political opinions. I urge you to re-elect Tim Hurst, Paige Cash, Beckie Cox and Penny Golden. They have served us well. As for the school board seat held by Bill Benson who is not running for re-election, I support Jacob Price, a retired soldier and police officer. His work in our schools as a school resource officer gives him a valuable perspective that will benefit our school system.

Mary Ingles Barbour  
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# Cougars

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yards on two pass receptions. If it hadn't been for 13 Cougar penalties covering 140 yards, the final score could have been even worse for Hidden Valley. Trevor Gallimore led the Cougars with 229 yards on the ground on 41 carries. Isaiah O'Dell added nine carries for 51 yards along with a pass reception for 51 yards. Chase Lawrence added 71 yards on seven rushes. QB Bryant Nottingham gained 64 yards on five carries, while Savion Thompson rushed three times for 11 yards. Through the air, Marcus Reed gained 15 yards on one reception.



Game Time Friday Night is 7 p.m. in Kenneth J. Dobson Stadium

# NASCAR

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Byron, who drives the No. 24 Chevrolet Camaro ZL1 for Hendrick Motorsports, has had a career year up to this point. He's garnered six wins, 14 top fives, and 20 top 10s, all being career-bests. He has also won at every variant of track this year, with three wins on intermediates (Las Vegas, Darlington, and Texas), one on a superspeedway (Atlanta), one at a road course (Watkins Glen), and the most recent winner at Phoenix Raceway, our 1-mile doglegged short track. His consistent speed will be put to the ultimate test at Phoenix, where he'll look to become the third-youngest NASCAR Cup Series Champion of all time at just 25 years of age.

"I knew when I got out of the car I was just beat. But the result means more than anything. These guys work so hard. We've worked so hard all season. I'm just really proud of them."

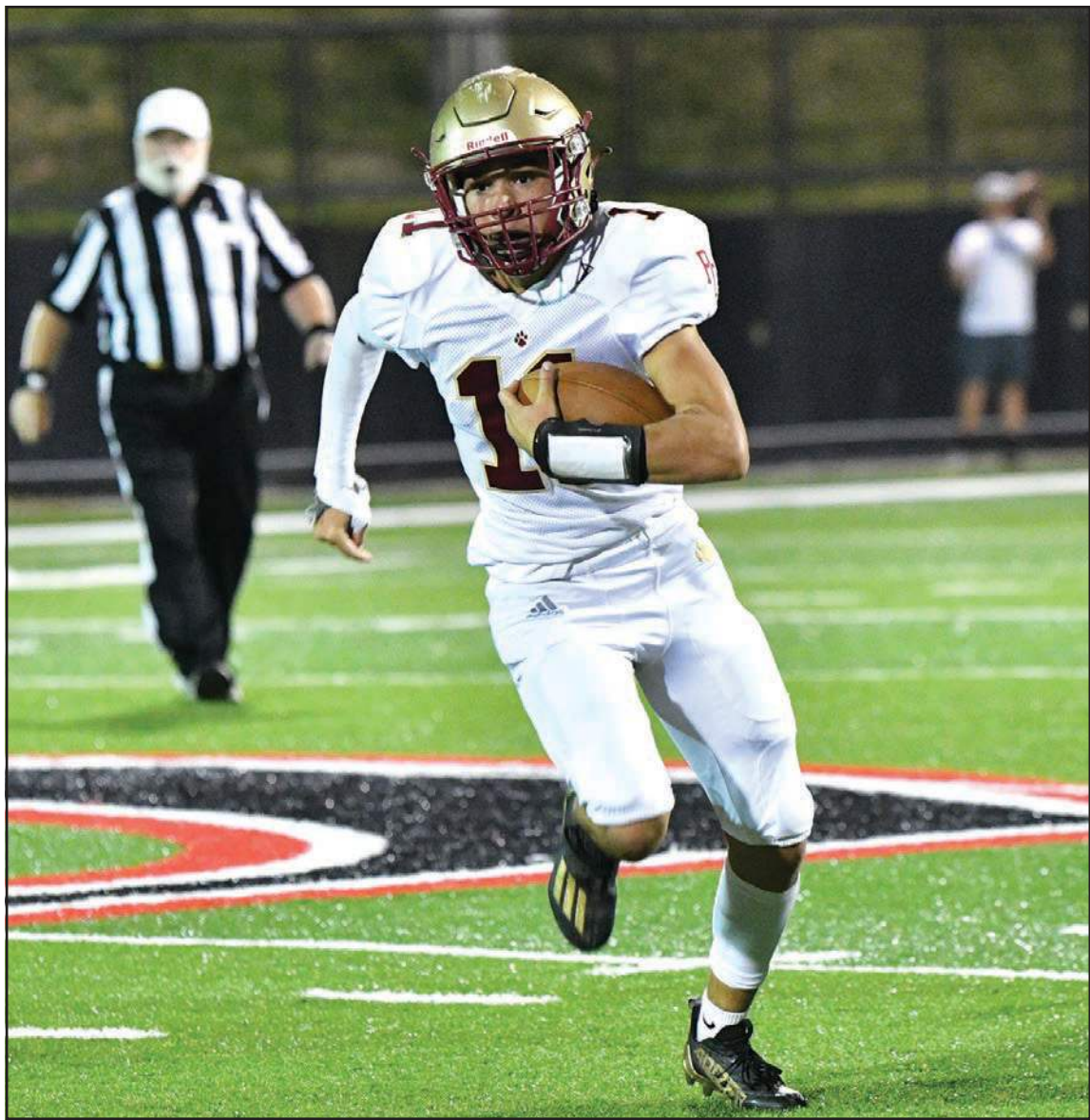
The two drivers that locked themselves into the Championship 4 before Sunday's Xfinity 500 had quiet but solid outings at Martinsville. Kyle Larson, the 2021 NASCAR Cup Series Champion and driver of the No. 5 Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet Camaro ZL1, came away with a sixth-place finish. In 2023, he has raked in four wins (five including the non-points paying All-Star Race at North Wilkesboro), 14 top fives, and 17 top 10s. And although he has collected eight total DNFs (Did Not Finishes) on the year, his successes have given him the opportunity to win a second title in two years.

After leading 201 laps in the spring at Phoenix and being the only Championship 4 driver to have already won a title in the past, Larson could join elite company and become the third current multi-time champion in the NASCAR Cup Series.

Christopher Bell left Martinsville Speedway finishing one spot behind Larson in seventh. And while he did not have the walk-off win like he did a year ago, there is plenty to look forward to for the only returning Championship 4 driver from 2022. Consistency and showing out in clutch moments have been key for the driver of the No. 20 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota Camry TRD. Bell has amassed two wins, 10 top fives, and 19 top 10s in 2023. Keep an eye out for the 28-year-old to out-do himself from last year and become the fourth different champion in Joe Gibbs Racing's history.

The Cup Series Playoff Standings after the Xfinity 500 are as follows:

NASCAR Xfinity Series



Antonio Nottingham/Pulaski County Cougar Football  
Cougar QB Bryant Nottingham looks for daylight against Hidden Valley.



### Update

The Dead On Tools 250 at Martinsville Speedway was a barnburner that had JR Motorsports' Justin Allgaier beating Richard Childress Racing's Sheldon Creed by a nose length and securing his shot for a championship at Phoenix as the field crashed behind them. This came after Creed and teammate Austin Hill were aggressively battling for the lead after an overtime restart that saw Allgaier as the benefactor. Allgaier became the second driver to win his way into the Championship 4 whereas Joe Gibbs Racing's John Hunter Nemechek and Stewart-Haas Racing's Cole Custer pointed their way in. All three will join Sam Mayer to determine who will walk away as a first-time NASCAR Xfinity Series Champion.

The Xfinity Series Playoff Standings after the Dead On Tools 250 are as follows:

### NASCAR CRAFTSMAN Truck Series Update

The NASCAR CRAFTSMAN Truck Series set its Champi-

onship 4 lineup last week after Niece Motorsports' Carson Hocevar took the checkered flag in the Baptist Health Cancer Care 200 at Homestead-Miami Speedway. Hocevar earned his series-best fourth win after fighting off Smith who was in a must-win situation to advance to the Championship. Smith, who originally finished second, was disqualified after post-race inspection found his No. 38 car used an unapproved windshield support. This resulted in Ben Rhodes gaining one spot more on the day which helped point his way into the Championship 4. He joins race-winner Carson Hocevar, Regular Season Champion Corey Heim, and Grant Enfinger to race for a title at Phoenix.

The CRAFTSMAN Truck Series Playoff Standings after the Baptist Health Cancer Care 200 are as follows:

The 2023 NASCAR season has all come down to this. Watch as four drivers race for a championship in each of their three respective series' during NASCAR Championship Weekend

from Phoenix Raceway. On Friday night, Nov. 3, the NASCAR CRAFTSMAN Truck Series will be the first to crown their champion in the CRAFTSMAN 150 at 7 p.m. MST. Then on Saturday, Nov. 4, the NASCAR Xfinity Series will determine their title-winner under the lights in the NASCAR Xfinity Series Championship Race at 4 p.m. MST. Finally, four drivers will race for the acclaimed Bill France Cup in the NASCAR Cup Series Championship Race on Sunday, Nov. 5, at 1 p.m. MST.

### NASCAR Championship Weekend at Phoenix Raceway, Nov. 3-5

Only a limited number of tickets remain available for the 2023 NASCAR Championship Weekend, Nov. 3-5. The action on Friday, Nov. 3, includes the ARCA Menards Series West championship race, the Desert Diamond Casino West Valley 100, and the NASCAR CRAFTSMAN Truck Series Championship Race. On Saturday, Nov. 4, the NASCAR Xfinity Series Championship Race caps a day that also includes NASCAR Cup Series practice and qualifying.

And then on Sunday, Nov. 5, following a pre-race concert by Diplo presents Thomas Wesley, the 2023 NASCAR Cup Series Championship Race will close the season in exciting fashion.

# ACC lists future schedule model for football

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (theACC.com) – The Atlantic Coast Conference announced this week its future football schedule model for the next seven years, 2024 through 2030.

With the addition of the ACC's three new member institutions next summer – University of California (Cal), Southern Methodist University (SMU) and Stanford University – the new football scheduling model will go into effect beginning with the 2024 season. After more than a month of significant discussions, the format has been adopted by the league's athletic directors.

The 2023-24 Football Schedule Model was revealed live on ACC PM: Football Schedule Model Release at 6 p.m. ET on ACC Network.

The new schedule will continue with no divisions, feature 17 schools and will increase the number of annual conference matchups from 56 to 68. The top two teams based on conference winning percentage will compete in the ACC Football Championship Game on the first Saturday in December at Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, North Carolina.

"We are extremely excited to welcome Cal, SMU and Stanford to the ACC and look forward to having them compete beginning in the fall of 2024," said ACC Commissioner Jim Phillips, Ph.D. "Throughout the entire scheduling model process, the membership was incredibly thoughtful and purposeful in building a creative, flexible and aggressive conference scheduling model while keeping the student-athlete experience at the forefront. The excitement and anticipation for our teams, alumni and fans will undoubtedly build as we look ahead to the future of this incredible conference."

The approved format will continue to have each member institution play eight conference games per season, with all 17 teams playing each other at least twice over the next seven seasons – once at home and once on the road. The current 14 conference teams will play a total of three times each in California over the seven years and none will travel west to California in back-to-back seasons.


The new scheduling model protects 16 annual matchups. Of the 16 matchups, 11 are retained from the current 3-5-5 schedule model, two are restored rivalries

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# Radford completes perfect 10-0 season

By ELIZABETH KANIPE  
The Patriot

The Radford Bobcats missed a perfect season last year after losing to Glenvar on the last play of the game. After losing its top two receivers and top running back, the Bobcats needed new players to step up and fill those positions to make another run at perfection this season. Radford has been able to exceed last year's performance and set itself up for a run in the playoffs. The perfect regular season was completed with a 56-0 win over Carroll County.

The Bobcat defense forced the Cavalier's to punt on their first possession. Landen Clark scrambled and zig zagged across the field to gain 66 yards deep into Cavalier territory. William Dehart-Lewis took the handoff and ran 9 yards for the first score of the game. Radford's next score came after Charlie Davis recovered a Carroll County fumble. Clark threw a strike to Luke Woodard at the 5 yard line and Woodard escaped the defender and crossed the goal line to put Radford up 2 scores.

Radford held Carroll County on downs and took over in



Luke Woodard catches one of two of his touchdowns against Carroll County.

Elizabeth Kanipe/The Patriot

lor at the 5 and Taylor escaped two defenders to score. The Bobcat reserves took over after that. Taylor would take over for a series at quarterback. He handed off to Kimbrough who sprinted 34 yards for another Bobcat score. The Cavaliers established a drive and moved into Bobcat territory. That drive ended with Colton Garner-Rollins tipping a Cavalier pass and Alex Roberson caught it for his first interception. Luke Gaither then took over at quarterback and threw to Garner-Rollins on a screen pass. Garner-Rollins got behind his blockers and made a few defenders miss to score from 63 yards away to make the score 56-0 with under five minutes left in the game.

Clark completed 13 of 24 passes for 218 yards and 4 touchdowns. He also ran 3 times for 73 yards. Woodard caught 3 passes for 74 yards and 2 touchdowns. Garner-Rollins had 2 receptions for 74 yards and 1 touchdown. Radford had 509 total yards to Carroll County's 124 yards.

Radford completed its second shutout in a row. It is the first time the Bobcats have had an undefeated season since 1986. The Bobcats have their bye week next week and will be preparing to host a first round regional game at Bobcat stadium against a yet to be determined opponent.

## ACC

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from the divisional format in Miami-Virginia Tech and NC State-Wake Forest and the three new schools fill the remaining three. The annual protected matchups are Boston College-Syracuse, Boston College-Pitt, Syracuse-Pitt, North Carolina-Virginia, North Carolina-Duke, North Carolina-NC State, NC State-Wake Forest, NC State-Duke, Duke-Wake Forest, Virginia Tech-Virginia, Florida State-Clemson, Miami-Florida State, Miami-Virginia Tech, Stanford-Cal, Stanford-SMU, and Cal-SMU.

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# Former Pulaski Phillies skipper, Lloyd dies at age 91 in Georgia

(Submitted by Tom Hufford)

Harry Lee Lloyd, Jr., manager of the 1971 and 1972 Pulaski Phillies, passed away on October 12, 2023, in Canton, Georgia. He was 91.

Born on March 3, 1932 in Durham, NC, Harry was educated in the Durham school system. He attended the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, receiving a Bachelor of Arts in Education in 1955 and Master of Education degree in 1960.

Harry married Carolyn Jean Speed in Durham, NC, on September 4, 1954. They built a life and family of three sons, together enjoying 51 years of loving marriage before Carolyn passed away in 2005. Later, Harry was blessed to find love and abundant happiness again with Joanne Wampler. They enjoyed 14 beautiful years together.

Harry's passion in life was baseball. He played high school ball at

Durham (NC) High School and was an all ACC second baseman for his beloved UNC Tar Heels.

He played semi-pro ball in summer leagues from 1951 to 1960. He was an assistant coach at UNC for two years. Harry coached at high schools in the Durham area before accepting a position at The Westminster Schools in Atlanta, where he coached and taught for 37 years.

He was also a part-time scout for the Philadelphia Phillies in the 1970s, and managed three seasons in their minor league system. In addition to 1971 and 1972 in Pulaski (Appalachian League), Harry piloted the Auburn Phillies (New York-Penn League) in 1973, when they won the pennant and he was named Manager of the Year.

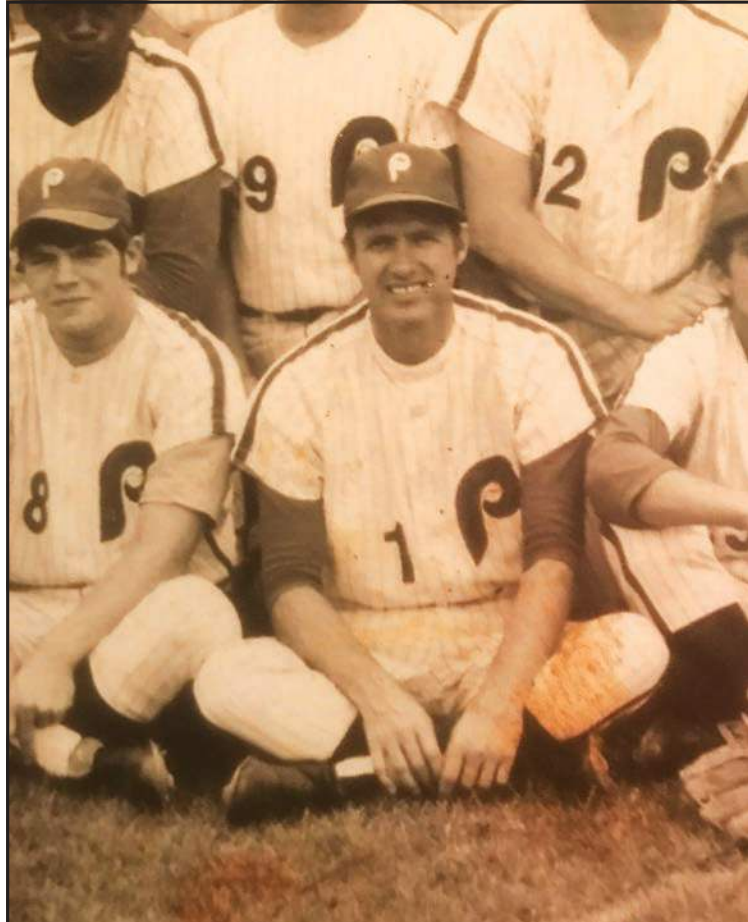
He was a founding member of the Georgia Dugout Club. Harry was inducted into the Westminster

Baseball Hall of Fame in 1997 and the Georgia High School Coaches Hall of Fame in 2002.

Harry and Joanne shared a love for golf, reading and enjoyed their life together on Lake Chatuge. However, what Harry enjoyed the most was spending time with his Lloyd and Wampler families. Together, Joanne and Harry had a combined 12 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Harry will be remembered for his integrity, quick wit, wisdom, passion for coaching, sharp dressing, steadfast faith and the unconditional love he had for his family.

A celebration of Harry's life was held on Saturday, October 28, 2023, in the Georgia Memorial Park Funeral Home Chapel, Marietta, Georgia.



Submitted By Tom Hufford

Former Pulaski Phillies manager Harry Lloyd wore No. 1.

# Blaney claims playoffs spot with win at Martinsville

By REID SPENCER  
NASCAR Wire Service

MARTINSVILLE, Va. – Ryan Blaney did what Denny Hamlin couldn't do in Sunday's Xfinity 500 at Martinsville Speedway.

As a result, Blaney will race for the NASCAR Cup Series championship next Sunday at Phoenix Raceway, and Hamlin exits the Playoffs after a hard-luck Round of 8.

During a 168-lap green-flag run to the finish, Blaney tracked down Aric Almirola and passed him for the lead on Lap 478 of 500. Twenty-two laps later, Blaney took the checkered flag 0.899 seconds ahead of Almirola to earn advancement to the Championship 4 race.

Blaney joins fellow Round of 8 winners Kyle Larson and Chris-

topher Bell in race for the title, along with William Byron, who fought an ill-handling car all day but edged Hamlin for the final Playoff spot by eight points after finishing 13th.

Hamlin came home third, 4.149 seconds behind the race winner.

Chris Buescher, Martin Truex Jr. and Tyler Reddick joined Hamlin on the sidelines after finishing eighth, 12th and 26th, respectively.

The victory was Blaney's third of the season, his first at Martinsville and the 10th of his career, and it propelled him into the Championship 4 for the first time. Blaney aced the Round of 8 with a sixth-place finish at Las Vegas, a runner-up result at Homestead and the win at Martinsville.

"Well, I mean, felt like we put together really strong Play-

offs—especially the Round of 8... we had a good run in the whole Round of 8," Blaney said. "Yeah, just overall really proud of the whole effort. RP (Team Penske owner Roger Penske) couldn't be here, unfortunately, but I know he's watching. This is awesome. Can't wait to get to Phoenix next week."

In front of a sold-out crowd at the .526-mile short track, Blaney earned the grandfather clock trophy he has long coveted.

"I grew up in High Point, not too far from here," Blaney said. "Really cool. Wanting to win here for a long time. Been super close for many years. Awesome to close it out."

Hamlin won the 130-lap first stage, finished second to Blaney in

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## PET OF THE WEEK

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# Blaney

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Stage 2 and was in position to ad-



Ryan Blaney, driver of the #12 Discount Tire Ford, celebrates after winning the NASCAR Cup Series Xfinity 500 at Martinsville Speedway on October 29, 2023 in Martinsville, Virginia. (Photo by Jonathan Bachman/Getty Images)

vance to the title race until the race turned under caution for Michael McDowell's spin in Turn 2 on Lap 323. Blaney pitted from the lead, with Hamlin behind.  
But 10 cars stayed on the track

under the yellow, among them Almirola and Chase Elliott, who led 77 consecutive laps before Almirola passed him for the top spot on Lap 412. On newer tires, Blaney was able to work his way

through traffic and take the lead, where Hamlin could only advance to third.

Hamlin entered the race 17 points below the cutoff for the final round because of a power steering failure that cost him dearly at Homestead the week before.

"The mechanical failure last week with the power steering, that sealed our fate," said the driver of the No. 11 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota, who led a race-high 156 laps to Blaney's 145. "Really proud of this whole FedEx Toyota team for showing up today when we really needed to, having probably a mid 50-point day. They did great. They did absolutely great.

"The 12 car (Blaney) was the best car today, so congrats to them—all the final four that made it. It's going to be great. Hate we're not in it. Definitely, I was happy with the performance we had today. Really all-around.

"Just in the Round of 8, you can't have one bad week. Unfortunately, mechanical failure takes us from running really well to in the 30s. That's it."

Truex, the regular-season champion, led the first 47 laps from the pole, but a pit road speeding penalty on Lap 219 mired him in traffic, a circumstance he couldn't overcome.

"I felt like we did really good to get back to where we did," Truex said. "You just burn the tires off so much worse back there in the hot, dirty track, dirty air. You're in more rubber. It's just a dogfight.

"I don't know. We gave it a hell of an effort. I felt like we had a really strong car. I don't think we could have beat the 12 (Blaney). He was really, really strong. We were definitely close."

When Hamlin or Truex led the race, Byron was out of the Championship 4 as they ran. But the driver of the No. 24 Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet held onto the final berth with a determined effort over the final green-flag run. Byron was 13th at the finish, the

first driver one lap down.  
"Obviously we were not very good," Byron said. "Our worst race of the year. These guys deserve it so much. They work so hard. Honestly, probably with 50 to go I felt really, really bad. I just had to drive the hell out of it. The guys stuck with me, they kept motivating me through little bits and pieces, just kind of keeping my mind straight.

"I'm just really thankful for them. It was just, yeah, a slugfest. Everyone raced me good there at the end. Congrats to Ryan. I was really happy for him... but, man, we just had to hang on. Just had to dig a little bit deeper.

"I knew when I got out of the car I was just beat. But the result means more than anything. These guys work so hard. We've worked so hard all season. I'm just really proud of them."

Chase Briscoe and Joey Logano finished fourth and fifth. Larson, Bell, Buescher, Austin Cindric and Todd Gilliland completed the top 10.

## NASCAR Cup Series Race - Xfinity 500 Martinsville Speedway Martinsville, Virginia Sunday, October 29, 2023

1. (11) Ryan Blaney (P), Ford, 500.
2. (12) Aric Almirola, Ford, 500.
3. (4) Denny Hamlin (P), Toyota, 500.
4. (3) Chase Briscoe, Ford, 500.
5. (15) Joey Logano, Ford, 500.
6. (5) Kyle Larson (P), Chevrolet, 500.
7. (7) Christopher Bell (P), Toyota, 500.
8. (18) Chris Buescher (P), Ford, 500.
9. (21) Austin Cindric, Ford, 500.
10. (17) Todd Gilliland, Ford, 500.
11. (6) Bubba Wallace, Toyota, 500.
12. (1) Martin Truex Jr. (P), Toyota, 500.
13. (16) William Byron (P), Chevrolet, 499.
14. (13) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 499.
15. (28) Harrison Burton, Ford, 499.
16. (8) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 499.
17. (14) Chase Elliott (P), Chevrolet, 499.
18. (2) Ty Gibbs #, Toyota, 499.
19. (20) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Chevrolet, 499.
20. (9) Ryan Preece, Ford, 499.
21. (29) Erik Jones, Chevrolet, 499.
22. (30) Corey LaJoie, Chevrolet, 499.
23. (26) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 499.
24. (34) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 499.
25. (23) Michael McDowell, Ford, 499.
26. (19) Tyler Reddick (P), Toyota, 498.
27. (31) Kyle Busch, Chevrolet, 498.
28. (25) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 498.
9. (33) Ryan Newman(i), Ford, 497.
30. (24) Justin Haley, Chevrolet, 497.
31. (32) Carson Hocevar(i), Chevrolet, 496.
32. (22) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 496.
33. (10) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 306.
34. (27) Daniel Suarez, Chevrolet, DVP, 274.
35. (35) JJ Yeley(i), Ford, Accident, 271.
36. (36) BJ McLeod(i), Chevrolet, Overheating, 147.

Average Speed of Race Winner: 75.244 mph.


Time of Race: 3 Hrs, 29 Mins, 43 Secs. Margin of Victory: 0.899 Seconds.

Caution Flags: 7 for 61 laps.  
Lead Changes: 12 among 6 drivers.

Lap Leaders: M. Truex Jr. (P) 1-47;D. Hamlin (P) 48-193;R. Blaney (P) 194-218;D. Hamlin (P) 219-226;R. Blaney (P) 227-228;D. Hamlin (P) 229;R. Blaney (P) 230-324;D. Hamlin (P) 325;C. Elliott (P) 326-331;C. LaJoie 332-334;C. Elliott (P) 335-411;A. Almirola 412-477;R. Blaney (P) 478-500.

Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Lead, Laps Led): Denny Hamlin (P) 4 times for 156 laps; Ryan Blaney (P) 4 times for 145 laps; Chase Elliott (P) 2 times for 83 laps; Aric Almirola 1 time for 66 laps; Martin Truex Jr. (P) 1 time for 47 laps; Corey LaJoie 1 time for 3 laps.

Stage	#1	Top	Ten:
11,12,19,14,6,20,54,41,22,4			
Stage	#2	Top	Ten:
12,11,14,22,6,54,41,38,4,20			



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I had the pleasure of working with **Beckie Worrell Cox** on the Pulaski County School Board for the last eight years. During those years, she has been an advocate for the education of all Pulaski County students. She has served in numerous capacities on the board, taking on leadership roles that have helped PCPS to continue to grow and be an example in the New River Valley.

During the past few years, she was on the board for the building of the new Pulaski County Middle School. This took the middle schools from their outdated 1950's (and earlier) buildings to a state of the art educational gemstone. Students are now educated in a building that has large classrooms with computer technology and open spaces for collaboration between teachers and students.

**Cox** has worked diligently for the students of all academic levels, stressing the education of special need students, students involved in the arts, and Career and Technical Education.

Through difficult times with state mandates during the Covid era, the school system was able to advance and work with educational leadership to create a path for all students to continue their education.

Specifically, she has been a champion for the arts in education supporting the Fine Arts Program at PCHS in Art, Band, Choir, and Drama. These programs continually offer students who may not have found their niche in the regular academics, with an opportunity for success. Not only has she worked with these programs, she has continued to enhance the support for the Career and Technical Education Programs for success in building the workforce for Pulaski County. During this time, the Welding Program has a new state of the art facility and we have strong programs in marketing, video production, cosmetology, and the teacher training program.

During the past few years, the relationship between Pulaski County Public Schools and New River Community College has grown to allow the ACCE Program to become a vital opportunity for PCPS students to continue their education at NRCC. This is a tremendous asset for PCPS students who would otherwise have no opportunity to continue their education in nursing, accounting, business, mechanics, welding, drafting, and numerous other programs.

Under her leadership over the past eight years, Pulaski County Public Schools have grown to be respected as a leader in creativity and education. I highly recommend her for reelection to the Pulaski County School Board.

**Jeff McCoy**  
Retired Director of Theatre Arts  
Pulaski County High School

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# A Word From the Stacks: More Than Books!

As librarians, it's a given that we love books; it's what inspired many of us to work in the library field. However, our overall mission is about access – not just to books, but to information, help, entertainment, and many other things. As times change and technological innovations make it easier to deliver all those things to us, the library has changed (and continues to change) with them.

Just a few examples of what we are doing to keep with our mission and serve the community

include providing access to digital libraries, providing materials other than books for checkout, offering study and meeting spaces, wifi access, and a multitude of programs and events.

Our ever-growing digital library collection offers access to material such as e-books, audiobooks, music, movies, and television shows. However, it doesn't stop there! You can also find online newspapers, help with veteran benefits, genealogical research, language learning, legal forms, and job searches.

Along with books, you can come to the library and check out other types of materials, such as audiobooks, movies (in DVD and blu-ray format), and mobile hotspots for home wifi. Also, we have backpacks filled with items for birdwatching, bug observation, stream exploration, and free access pass to Virginia State Parks!

Sometimes, people just need space. Space to study, to reflect, to meet with a friend, or even just a somewhere to go when you want to get out of the house. People



ple typically think of coffee shops or restaurants for these needs, but the library is also a popular destination for this. We have spaces all through the library for just such activities, and our meeting space is regularly utilized by various public clubs, organizations, committees, and tutoring groups.

Both branches offer programming and events for families and people of all ages! Just to name a few for this month, we are showing the silent film adaptation of Peter Pan on Wednesday, November 15 at 6pm at our Dublin branch, and our Lego Club meets in Dublin on Tuesday, November 21 at 4pm. Our Imagination Library party, celebrating our collaboration with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library book giveaway program for kids up to age 5, takes place at our Pulaski branch on November 9 from 2 to 6pm (there will be cake)!

There's so much more to discover at our libraries! For more details on any and all of these exciting offerings, swing by one of the branches or visit our website at [www.pclibs.org](http://www.pclibs.org).

## Griffith Announces \$453,743 to Va. Tech for Construction Workforce Project

Congressman Morgan Griffith (R-VA) announced today that the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) has awarded \$453,743 to Virginia Tech for their Setting Appalachia's Workforce on Track to Adapt to the Changing Construction Industry project.

According to ARC, this investment will allow Virginia Tech to develop a training roadmap, workforce gap analysis, and plan for large scale implementation supporting the emerging field of industrialized construction.

"This investment by ARC is great news, as it will help Virginia Tech better understand what is needed to develop the growing field of industrialized construction," said Griffith. "This project could lead to a more skilled construction workforce and increased economic development in Southwest Virginia."

Industrialized construction aims at improving productivity and efficiency by increasing mechanization and automation.



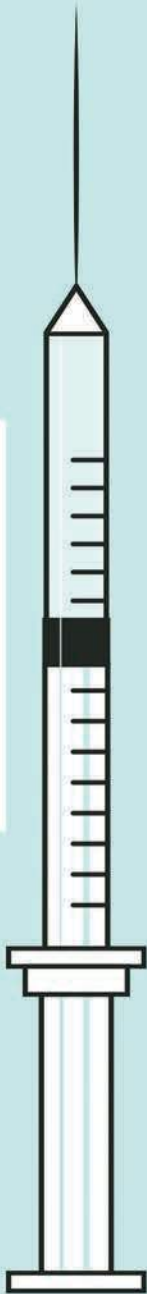
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Saturday, November 4, (10am – 12:30pm)

### Dublin Public Library

Tuesday, October 10, (10am – 12pm) and (4pm – 6pm)


### Pulaski Public Library

Tuesday, October 24, (10am – 12pm) and (4pm – 6pm)

### Riverlawn Elementary School

Thursday, October 19, (4:30pm – 6:30pm)



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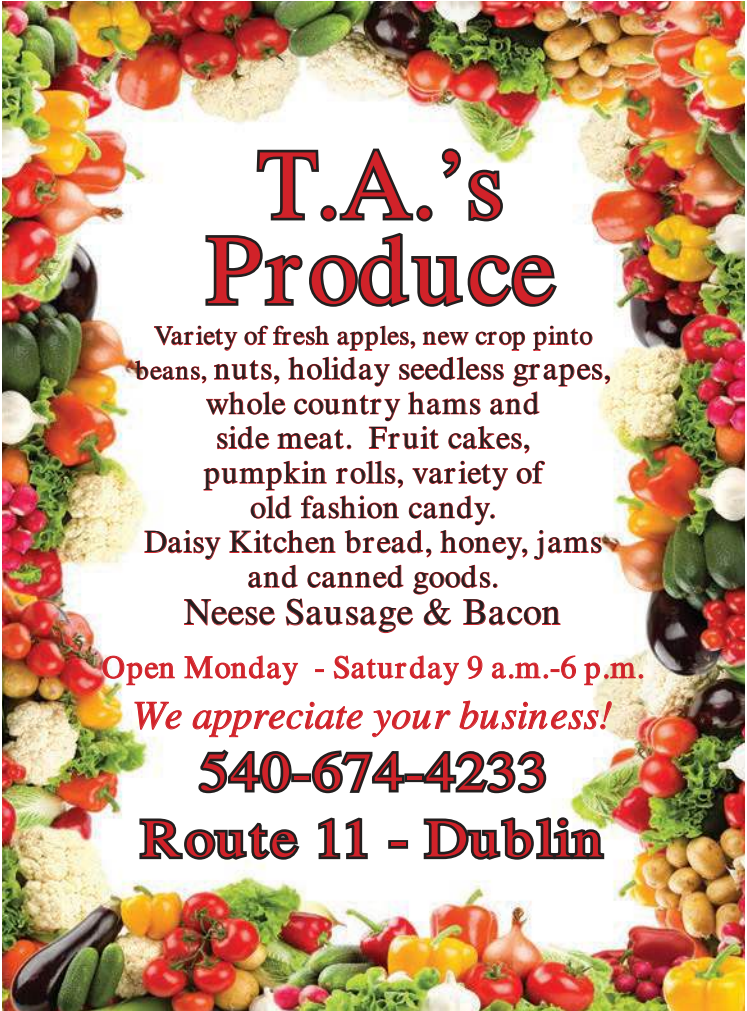
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# Domestic terror concerns grow over U.S. border issues

By Bethany Blankley

(The Center Square) – There were 736 known or suspected terrorists (KSTs) apprehended at the northern and southern borders in fiscal 2023.

The Center Square initially reported 659 were apprehended for the fiscal year, as of Sept. 15, 2023. The fiscal year ended Sept. 30.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection published new data this weekend revealing that federal agents apprehended an additional 77 in the last two weeks of September.

The total of 736 is the greatest number of KSTs apprehended in recorded U.S. history.

A significant majority – 66% – were apprehended at the northern border, 487. By comparison, 249 were apprehended at the southwest border.

These numbers don’t include gotaways, which are believed to also include KSTs. “Gotaways” is the official U.S. Customs and Border Patrol term that refers to those who illegally enter the U.S. between ports of entry, don’t return to Mexico or Canada, and are not apprehended. They total at least nearly 1.7 million since January 2021. However, the number is believed to be much higher because not all gotaways are known and or reported.

With people illegally entering the U.S. from over 170 countries, former ICE Chief Tom Homan told The Center Square some of these countries they are coming from are sponsors of terrorism.

“If you don’t think a single one of the 1.7 million [gotaways] is coming from a country that sponsors terrorism, then you’re ignoring the data,” he said. “That’s what makes this a huge national security issue.”

KSTs are primarily apprehended two different ways by two different federal agents. Office of Field Operations (OFO) agents, who work at land ports of entry, are tasked with stopping “in-admissables,” or illegal foreign nationals, KSTs and a range of other people or contraband prior

to entering the U.S.

Border Patrol agents work between ports of entry, patrolling the border to apprehend foreign nationals who’ve already illegally entered the U.S.

In addition to the majority of KSTs apprehended at the northern border, the majority were also caught attempting to enter through ports of entry.

OFO agents working at northern ports of entry have apprehended more than those at southwest ports of entry in four out of the last seven fiscal years.

In fiscal 2023, OFO agents apprehended 484 KSTs at northern border ports of entry and 80 KSTs at southwest border land ports of entry, totaling 564 at ports of entry at both borders.

Border Patrol agents apprehended 169 KSTs between ports of entry along the southwest border and three between ports of entry along the northern border, totaling 154.

The Terrorist Screening Dataset is the federal database that contains sensitive information on terrorist identities, CBP said. It originated as a consolidated terrorist watchlist “to house information on known or suspected terrorists but evolved over the last decade to include additional individuals who represent a potential threat to the United States, including known affiliates of watchlisted in-

## Turn up the heat on nutrition

Last month I had the opportunity to tour the Tabasco Factory in Avery Island, Louisiana with a group of 4-Hers from Southwest Virginia so I thought it would be fun to highlight everyone’s favorite condiment: hot sauce! Hot sauce is typically made from an acid, like vinegar or lime juice, peppers, herbs, and spices.

The acid actually prevents the sauce from oxidizing, or spoiling, and decreases the pH.1 In addition to adding flavor to your food, did you know that hot sauce actually has known health benefits?

Here are a few –

- It’s low in calories, fats, and carbohydrates. However, some can be high in sodium so be sure to read the nutrition facts label and pay careful

*This table provides a summary of OFO encounters of all persons at ports of entry with records within the TSDS at the time of their encounter.*

	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23YTD
Office of Field Operations TSDS Encounters at Land Border Ports of Entry of All Nationalities*							
Southwest Border	116	155	280	72	103	67	80
Northern Border	217	196	258	124	54	313	484
Total	333	351	538	196	157	380	564
U.S. Border Patrol TSDS Encounters Between Ports of Entry of Non-U.S. Citizens							
Southwest Border	2	6	0	3	15	98	169
Northern Border	0	0	3	0	1	0	3
Total	2	6	3	3	16	98	172
Percentage of Total USBP Encounters	0.0007%	0.0015%	0.0004%	0.0007%	0.0010%	0.0044%	0.0083%

*This table provides a summary of USBP encounters of non-U.S. citizens with records within the TSDS at the time of their encounter between U.S. ports of entry.*  
U.S. Customs and Border Patrol website

dividuals.”

By comparison, OFO and Border Patrol agents combined apprehended a total of 478 KSTs in fiscal 2022, 173 in fiscal 2021, 199 in fiscal 2020, 541 in fiscal 2019, 357 in fiscal 2018, and 353 in fiscal 2017.

attention to the amount of sodium in your favorite sacue.The Dietary Guidelines for Americans recommends adults limit their sodium intake to about 2,300 mg per day which is about one teaspoon of salt.

- Chili peppers, one of the main ingredients in hot sauce, are low in fats, carbohydrates, and calories. They are high in vitamins, minerals, and fiber. They are a great way to boost nutrition without added fats or calories.

- Capsaicin is a natural chemical compound found in chili peppers and in hot sauce. This is actually the compound that causes hot sauce to have that kick of heat! Researchers have found that it helps to manage weight and weight loss.

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Terry McCraw

# Jesus, the Great Physician

The earthly Ministry of Jesus was a ministry of Redemption. The miracles that he did were wonderful, but that wasn't all that made up the ministry of Jesus. The miracles undergirded His ministry, which was to win the lost at any cost; to heal the sick; to preach the gospel of the Kingdom; and then to die in our place on the old rugged cross to purchase our salvation.

Mark 2, Verses 1 through 4. "And they come unto Him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four. And when they could not come nigh unto Him, for the press, they uncovered the roof where He was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the Palsy lay." Palsy was a paralyzing disease. It was one of the least curable of diseases; but Jesus healed it with just a few words.

When we read of the person with the withered hand, most likely, he had Palsy. As one preacher said, there is a palsy of the body; and there is also a palsy of the soul, which Jesus, the Great Physician can heal. Sin paralyzes the soul. No Doctor could have healed this poor man. Jesus was the only One who could do it. We know that he had sin in his life for when Jesus healed him He said, "Thy sins be forgiven thee." Jesus healed his body and his soul. News had gone out of Jesus being in this place and multitudes came out to see Him to hear Him speak the wonderful words of God, and many came to be healed by Him.

On this particular day, the house was packed. There were so many people there to see and hear Jesus, no one else count get inside the house. This poor crippled man had something good going for him. He had 4 friends who cared for him, took him, bed and all, because he couldn't walk himself, to the house where Jesus was. And isn't it great to have friends who really and truly care about us? These four men were affectionately sympathetic for this poor man and his condition. They cared deeply for him. That is the mark of a true friend. They went to a considerable amount of trouble to get their friend to Jesus, to Whom they believed emphatically could and would heal the man of his affliction. These four men were Heroes. Heroes of faith. They had faith FOR this man and firmly believed Jesus knew genuine faith when He saw it, and would act accordingly upon it.

One of the best things that a person can have is faithful friends. They were very interested in helping their friend, which is the mark of a good friend. Dale Carnegie, author of How to Win Friends and Influence People, said, "You can make more friends in two months by becoming interested in other people than you can in two years by trying to get people interested in you." The Bible says in Proverbs 18:24 "There is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother." That friend is Jesus. Rodney Johnston said, "A Brother can cry with you/Jesus can wipe away all your tears. A Brother can pray with you/Jesus can answer your prayers. A Brother can share your storm/Jesus can calm your storms. A Brother can die for you/Jesus rose for you. A Brother can carry your body to a Grave/Jesus can carry your soul to Glory. A Brother can stand by you/Jesus can stand for you." Jesus is our most faithful friend!

Bernard Meltzer said, "A true friend is someone who thinks that you are a good egg, even though he knows that you are

See **MCCRAW**, page B11

# Church Directory

<p><b>Draper Valley Baptist Church</b>  3200 Lee Highway  Draper, Va. 24324  Pastor: Alan Pearce  Bible Study Sunday, 10 a.m.  Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.  Sunday Evening, 5 p.m.  email: drapervalleybc@gmail.com  www.drapervalleybaptist.org</p>	<p><b>Delton Church of God of Prophecy</b>  4570 Boyd Road, Draper, VA 24324  Pastor Vickie Lee Viars  deltoncogop@gmail.com (276) 620-3191  Sunday mornings - 11 AM to 12 PM  Sunday evenings-Facebook live services announced on Facebook  Wednesday evenings- To be announced at later future time until COVID-19 ceases  Delton COGOP is following all COVID-19 safety guidelines of social distancing, masks, cleaning, and disinfection.</p>	<p><b>Dublin Christian Church</b>  5605 Dunlap Road  P. O. Box 1330  Dublin, VA 24084  (540) 674-8434  www.dublinchristianchurch.com  Charles Pruett  Minister  Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  Sunday Evening Youth and Children's Meetings 5:00 p.m.  Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  Wednesday Night Bible Study, Youth and Children's Classes 7:00 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Grace Baptist Church</b>  552 E. Main Street  Dublin, Va. 24084  Pastor: Doug Testerman  674-1762  Primary Services:  9:45 a.m. Sunday School  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</p>	<p><b>Heritage Church</b>  6195 Cleburne Boulevard, Dublin  Joe Ratcliff, Pastor  Service Times:  Wednesdays, 7 p.m.;  Sundays, 10 a.m.  (540) 674-9220  Website: www.heritagechurch.net  Facebook.com/  HeritageChurchDublinVA</p>	<p><b>Snowville Christian Church (DOC - Disciples of Christ)</b>  5436 Lead Mine Rd.  Hiwassee, VA 24347  Pastor: Jerry King  Website:  www.SnowvilleChristianChurch.com (and Facebook)  Office: 540-633-3761  Email:  office@SnowvilleChristianChurch.com  Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.  Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  Thursday Bible Study: 6:00 p.m.  "Inspiring hope, helping people grow their faith, and sharing God's love with others!"</p>
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<p><b>First United Methodist Church</b>  301 N. Jefferson Ave. - Pulaski (physical)  135 Fourth St., NW - Pulaski (mailing)  Pastor's Name: Josh Kilbourne  Sunday Service: 10:00 AM  Hispanic Service: 3 p.m.  Contact Info. Phone: 540.980.3331  e-mail: office@fumcpulask.org  website: www.fumcpulask.org  FACEBOOK@FirstUMCPulaski and WBLB 10:00 am</p>		
<p><b>Belspring Baptist Church</b>  6887 Depot Street  Belspring, VA 24058  Pastor Darrell Linkous  Service Times:  Sunday School: 10 a.m.  Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.  Wednesday Bible Study and Youth Group: 7 p.m.  Darrell Linkous: 353-0081  belspringbaptistchurch@gmail.com</p>		
<p><b>Mountain View United Methodist Church</b>  6648 Wilderness Road  Dublin, Va 24084  Pastor: Darlene Marshall  Phone: 540-392-2702  Sunday School - 9:45am  Sunday Service - 11:00am</p>		

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slightly cracked.” This poor man had four good and faithful friends who had only his best interests at heart. They did the best thing for him than anyone can do for another. They took Him to meet Jesus, made a way to get him to the Master and when he met Jesus, He was never the same again. Jesus forgave his sins, healed him of the palsy, and sent him back to his family, healed in every way a person can be healed.

If you know of someone who isn’t saved yet, and you really want to be their friend, lead them to Jesus. Because when they meet Jesus and enter into a relationship with the Savior, they will be set free from every sin, from every bondage, and from every condemning thing that is in their life. Their name will be written down in Heaven. They’ll receive eternal Life. Verse 5. “When Jesus saw their faith.” They were determined to get him to Jesus, and they had faith that Jesus would heal him. Jesus looked into the hearts of these four men and what he saw that impressed him the most was their faith. Jesus recognizes faith when He sees it. He didn’t pay any attention to their destruction of the roof. All Jesus saw in them, was their faith. And faith moved Jesus to action. Faith moves God to action.

If we’ll just have faith, there is nothing that we can seek God for, that we can’t have though and by faith. Jesus saw another need in this crippled man’s life that was even greater than his need to be healed from his Palsy. He needed to be saved. Not only was Jesus the Healer; He was also the Savior; the Forgiver of sin. Psalm 30:2. “O Lord my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.” Psalm 103: 2, 3. “Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases.”

## Bible Trivia

1. Is the book of Abaddon (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
  2. From Matthew 12, when an evil spirit returns to a person, how many companions does it bring? 2, 3, 7, 16
  3. In which book’s 22:18 does it state, “Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live”? Exodus, Numbers, Isaiah, Hebrews
  4. The mark of the beast number (666) is found in which chapter of Revelation? 1, 7, 11, 13
  5. From 1 Samuel 16, which king of Israel was tormented by an evil spirit? Solomon, David, Elah, Saul
  6. Who called the city of Nineveh the mistress of witchcraft? Ahab, Nahum, Lucifer, Peter
- ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) 7, 3) Exodus, 4) 13:18, 5) Saul, 6) Nahum
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by Elie’s Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 28:8-9

The **LORD** is the **strength** of **his people**, a **fortress** of **salvation** **for** his **anointed one**. **Save** your people **and** **bless** your inheritance; be **their shepherd** and **carry** **them** **forever**.

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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram.  
They run in all directions — forward, backward, up,  
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

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Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
Tuesday Evening Worship Service: 7 p.m.

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600 Skyline Circle  
Pulaski, VA  
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Worship: 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.  
Thursday: 7 p.m. Service

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540-674-4308  
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Children’s Director: Kristen Edwards  
Youth Director: Ashley Coake  
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Thursday 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

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980-7287  
[www.fwcpulaski.church](http://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  
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Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.  
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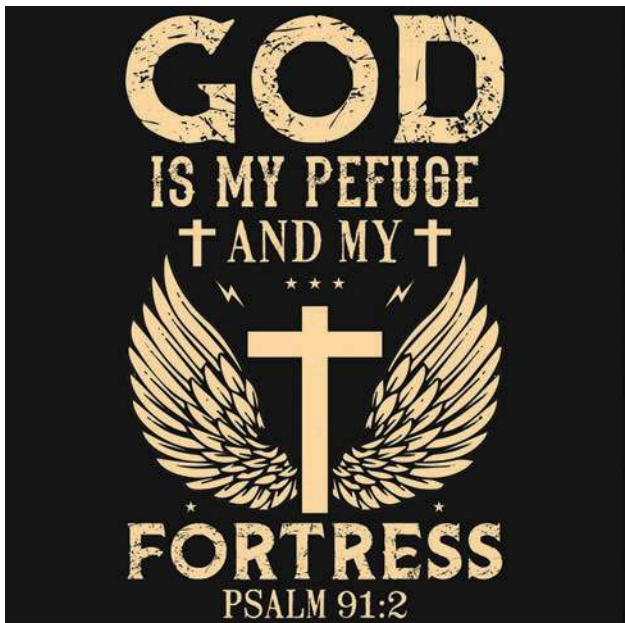
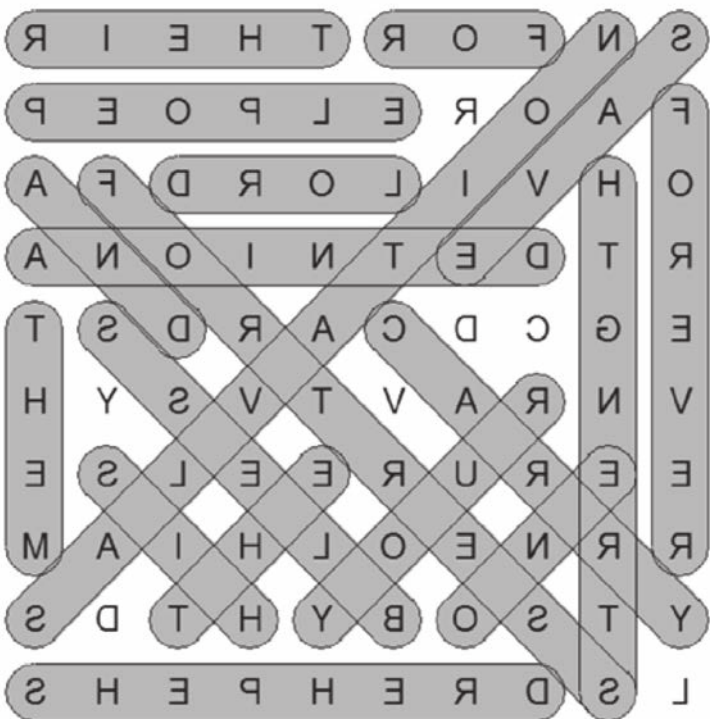
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Services:  
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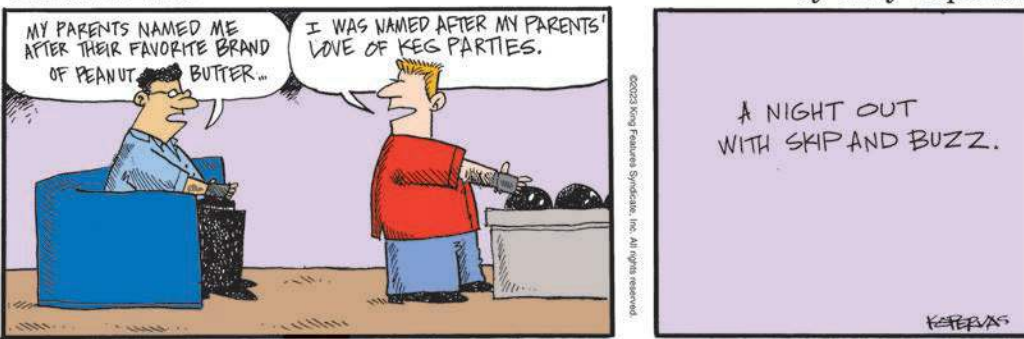
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by Dave T. Phipps



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by Gary Kopervas



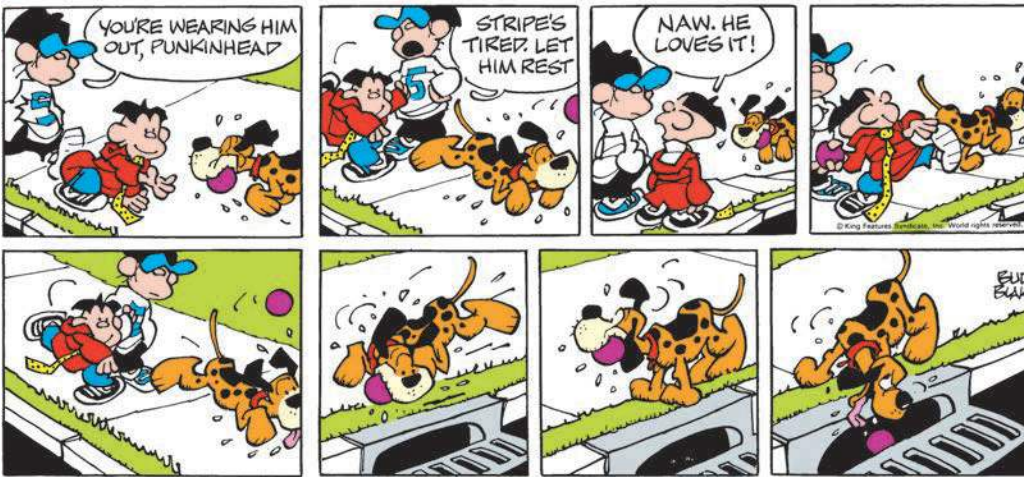
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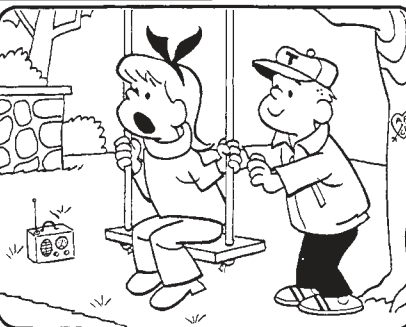


## OLIVE



## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTONOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



## 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: H equals W

HFPE HKLIX ZWZQOSKXO GPII  
EFZ EKR KJJNGNPI IZPXZQ KJ  
XZPQ PSSO'C JPT GILS?  
PXWNGZ RQZCNXZTE.

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## SCRAMBLERS

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

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Cull  
ANGLE  
Crass  
SOURCE

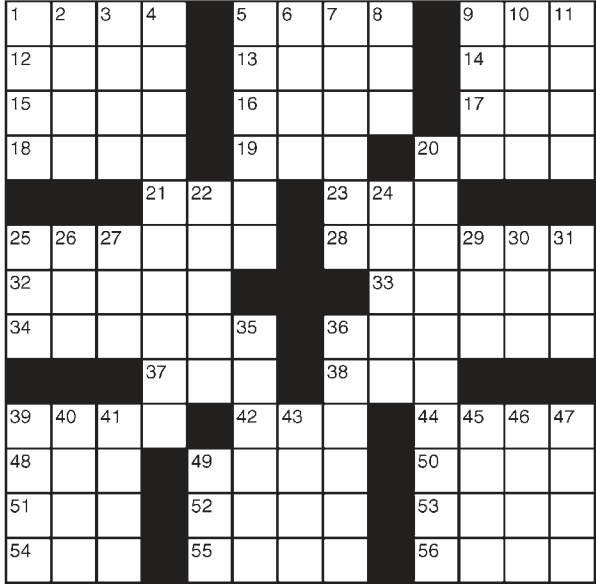
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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- Netting
- Composer
- Porter
- "I'm not impressed"
- Dog food brand
- Send forth
- Chopper
- "Arrivederci!"
- Marathon fraction
- Blemish
- Difficult
- JFK info
- Gentle soul
- Victory
- Greek X
- Quick run
- Cry of distress
- Exact
- moment
- Broadcast again
- Rouse
- Caviar provider
- "Xanadu" band
- "— Blue?"
- Family fight
- Zodiac animal
- Frost
- Hostel
- Future tulip
- Tex. neighbor
- Scribble (down)



- Regarding
- Paris airport
- Equi-
- "Scram!"
- Calendar squares

### DOWN

- Jet speed
- measure
- Director
- Kazan
- Practice pugilism
- Bamboozled
- Solidify
- Skip

- Fragrant flowers
- Summer on the Seine
- Crib cry
- Physical
- Basil or thyme
- Bread and butter, so to speak
- Chip giant
- Seraglio
- Resort
- "Wham!"
- Estuary
- de cologne
- "Top Gun"
- target
- Historic time
- "Take your time"
- Panda's diet
- South Pacific nation
- Eve's grandson
- "Do — others ..."
- Sax range
- Gumbo veggie
- Friend
- Beams
- Some coll. degrees

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## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- SCIENCE: What was Joseph Lister's main contribution to science?
- HISTORY: Which pro football team won the very first Super Bowl?
- MUSIC: What is the title of the Rolling Stones' 2023 album?
- MOVIES: Who played the monster in Mel Brooks' "Young Frankenstein"?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: How much of the popular vote did Abraham Lincoln receive when he was elected president in 1860?
- GEOGRAPHY: In which country is the ancient city of Petra located?
- AD SLOGANS: What product was advertised by a man who kept saying, "I can't believe I ate the whole thing"?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is often called the national dish of Canada?
- LANGUAGE: What does an oologist study?
- TELEVISION: What does SVU stand for in "Law & Order: SVU"?

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## WORD LADDERS

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

SKATE

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PEACH

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- Answers
- Antiseptic surgery.
  - Green Bay Packers.
  - "Hackney Diamonds."
  - Peter Boyle.
  - Less than 40%.
  - Jordan.
  - Alka-Seltzer.
  - Poutine: potato fries, cheese curds and gravy.
  - Eggs.
  - Special Victims Unit.

## Americanisms

"It's useless to hold a person to anything he says while he's in love, drunk, or running for office."  
— Shirley MacLaine

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Solution time: 21 mins.

## Answers

— King Crossword —

## CryptoQuip

What would everybody call the top official leader of Dear Abby's fan club?  
Advice president?

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# Prince Valiant

BEATEN INTO SUBMISSION BY THE BRIGANDS WHOM THEY HAD INFILTRATED, VAL AND GAWAIN REVIVE WITH SPITTING HEADACHES.

BY SCHULTZ AND YEATES

THE FIRST THING VAL NOTICES IS THE LEADER OF LORD GRUNYARD'S KIDNAPPERS IN HEATED ARGUMENT WITH HER MEN. THIS, HE THINKS, IS A GOOD THING.

9/2/12

"WE HAVE CAUSED QUITE A DILEMMA FOR YOU, HAVEN'T WE? IT IS CLEAR THAT YOU ARE INTELLIGENT—YOU REALIZE THAT IF WE DISAPPEAR, THERE WILL COME AN ARMY FROM CAMELOT, SWARMING OVER LOCKBRAMBLE."

NEXT: The plot thickens

"NO—YOU ARE NOT BASE KIDNAPPERS—AND WE HAVE SEEN THAT SOMETHING ABOUT THE REGENCY OF LOCKBRAMBLE UNDER SIR ROGER SMELLS BAD. IF WE KNEW MORE..."

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# FLASH GORDON

THE REVOLUTION AGAINST EMPEROR MING STANDS ON A RAZOR'S EDGE.

SUPPLIES ARE SPARSE. FORCES ARE EXHAUSTED.

IT'S ANYONE'S GAME...

THE COMMAND SHIP OF THE ALLIED MONGOTHIC NATIONS:

--LOST OUR LAST VALKRIAN GUNSHIP--

--HAWKMEN DROPPING LIKE FLIES--

--CAN'T GET THROUGH THAT LIGHTNING SHIELD--!

DOCTOR...

ALMOST THERE, PRINCESS!

WE MUST LAUNCH RIGHT AS THE SHIELD'S FLUX PATTERN REFRESHES--!

DALE ARDEN.

ANXIOUS. OBSERVAN UNDERESTIMATED.

FLASH!

IT'S TIM

DR. HANS ZARKOV (PH.D., M.SC., D.SC.).

ERRATIC. PATERNAL. BRILLIANT.

REMEMBER, MY BOY!

ONCE YOU BREACH THE LIGHTNING SHIELD, YOU'LL ONLY HAVE 2.6 SECONDS OF POWER!

AURA: REBEL DAUGHTER OF MING.

CUNNING. DEADLY. REGAL.

THIS IS OUR ONE CHANCE. OUR LAST CHANCE.

ARE YOU READY?

FLASH GORDON.

ME?

ALWAYS.

FEARLESS.

3RD-DEGREE BLACK BELT. A-RATED FENCER. TEN-GOAL POLO HANDICAP

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# TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

YOU'RE WEARING HIM OUT, PUNKINHEAD

STRIPE'S TIRED. LET HIM REST

NAW. HE LOVES IT!

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# MAGIC MAZE

ENGLISH

O E P M J G D A X V S Q N K I

R F R D A Y X C V T T Q O M J

R E H U F C R H S A Y W U R P

A E T N T **S P A R R O W** L J H

C G H T F A F N N D B Z X M S

C V O C E K R N R O H T U E R

E L D D A S Q E O M I F L K I

N H F E L E D L T B F T Z Y Y

T W R V T L T R Q I S O C V N

L B K E G A U G N A L I H I F

D C A Z X W W B C V U S R Q D

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

Unlisted clue hint: ENGLISH COMMON

Accent	Channel	Language	Setter
Breakfast	Dictionary	Literature	Sparrow
Bulldog	Horn	Muffin	Teacher
Castles	Ivy	Saddle	

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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.

FXU EQCA CLNLF FE EZY

YUBCLRBFLEQ ES FENEYED

DLCC HU EZY KEZHFM ES FEKBA.

— SYBQPCLQ K. YEEMUOUCF

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The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today.

— Franklin D. Roosevelt

answer

**Cryptoquote**

ENGLISH

# 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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PULASKI COUNTY PULSE

Nov. 4

Hot Dog Dinner

The United Voices First Baptist Church, 220 Magazine Street, Pulaski will be having a hot dog dinner on Nov. 4 at 11 a.m. until... Menu will consist of two hotdogs, baked beans, potato chips and drink for \$7.00 Call 540-980-3336.

Holiday Festival

Jordan’s Chapel Methodist Church will hold its Holiday Festival on Nov. 4 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Crafts, vendors, furniture, jewelry and antiques. Breakfast, lunch and home baked goods will be available. 5095 Alum Spring Road, Pulaski.

Craft Vendor Event

November 4, 2023, 10 am - 4 pm, NRV Fairgrounds. \$1 Admission - a portion of which supports Pulaski Dance Productions Competition Teams. We currently have around

100 local crafters/vendors setting up - not to mention baked goods, Snack Time will have food for sale, Squeeze ‘Em & Shake ‘Em Lemonade and Space Rabbit Coffee will be joining us too!

Nov. 11

Veterans Day Breakfast

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 58 at 408 East Main Street, Dublin VA 24084 Will be serving Pancake, sausage, orange juice and coffee for Veterans on November 11th from 8am until 10am. To Honor our Veterans, please come out and see us!

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

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.

On going:

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 still distributing food

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

Town of Pulaski announces its leaf pickup schedule

The Town of Pulaski Department of Public Works will begin 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 from November 6 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 places

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 may 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.

Weekly SUDOKU Answer

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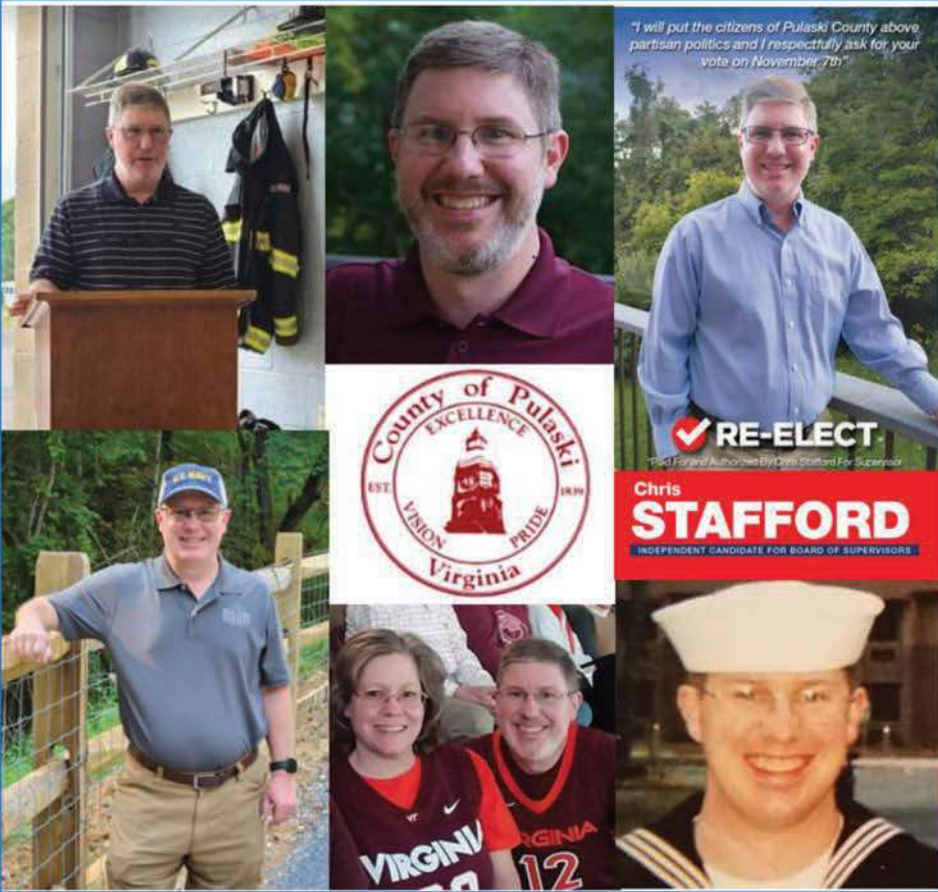
Thank you, Melinda L. Worrell

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