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Suit filed against Pulaski YMCA over drowning death of 5-year-old boy

By WILLIAM PAINE
Patriot Publishing

A multi-million-dollar lawsuit has been filed against the YMCA of Pulaski County on behalf of 5-year-old Auston Seth Wingo Jr., who drowned on December 6, 2021, in the YMCA pool.

Contessa Ann Gallimore, listed as the Administrator of the Estate of Auston Seth Wingo Jr., is suing the YMCA of Pulaski County and five individuals who worked for the YMCA for \$15 million in compensatory damages and \$5 million in punitive damages. The lawsuit alleges that Wingo's death was a result of gross negligence on the part of the YMCA and several of its employees.

The individuals listed in the lawsuit are Former Director of the YMCA Jessica Woods, former Director of the Y Excel program Brandon Smith and Y Excel childcare workers Joi Wayne Stanley, Jordan Patrick Lytton and Maggie Manning. The Y Excel program is a childcare service offered through the YMCA.

Branham James Kellam, who was the lifeguard on duty that day, was also named in the filing.

The lawsuit also lists John Doe, a business entity



and Jane Doe as defendants, a legal process which allows the lawyers to add more defendants if further disclosures merit their inclusion in the lawsuit.

Auston Wingo was one of 38 children between the ages of 5 and 10 years of age who were participating in the Y Excel program that day

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Patriot, SW Times are combined

Beginning with this edition, The Patriot and The Southwest Times have been combined into one newspaper.

"Since The Patriot purchased The Southwest Times on November 1, we've been working hard to find the best way to better serve our readers – while striving to keep both newspapers going as separate entities. During this time, you have all shown us great patience and support and we thank you all for that," said Patriot Publishing's Mike Williams.

Moving forward, if you are a regular Patriot reader, you can still pick up the paper for free as you have in the past at locations all over Pulaski

County, Radford and the Barren Springs area of Wythe County.

If you are a Southwest Times subscriber and receive the paper by mail, or if you buy it from a store or vending machine in the area, you can still do that.

Just remember – they are identical papers just with a different name on the front of some of them.

All this is made possible when the paper is printed each week in Charleston, W.Va.

After The Patriot is printed on Thursday evening, the press crew will replace pages one and two and then print The Southwest Times.

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Tazewell's Day hired as Pulaski's new town manager

By WILLIAM PAINE
Patriot Publishing

The Town of Pulaski has hired a new Town Manager.

At this week's meeting, the Pulaski Town Council officially hired Todd Day as the new Town Manager. Day will start on Feb. 1, 2024. Until then, Darlene Burcham will remain as Pulaski's Town Manager.

Day's hire comes after a nationwide search conducted by the Berkeley Group, a consulting

firm from Bridgewater, Va. Out of the five serious candidates interviewed in the four-month process, Bridgewater recommended Day and council voted unanimously to hire him.

Todd Day currently holds the position of Town Manager of Tazewell, Virginia but has given his 30-day notice.

Day holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration from King University, a Bachelor's

Technology from Bluefield State College and an Associate's Degree in Civil Engineering from Central Virginia Community College.

Todd Day worked as the Town of Bluefield Virginia's Town Engineer/Public Works Director before assuming the role of Town Manager of Bluefield, Virginia, a position he held for several years.

In 2009, Day resigned from

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Suit

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participating in the Y Excel program that day because school had been cancelled so that PCPS employees could attend the funeral of a teacher.

According to the filing, at 2 p.m. that day, the Y Excel program staff allowed all students in the childcare program in the pool, including those that could not swim.

Additionally the suit states that “At that date and time, Defendants could have offered a swimming test to the children, including Plaintiff’s decedent [Auston Wingo], to determine who was able to swim in the deep end.”

Five year old Auston Wingo was loaned swim trunks by the staff because he did not bring any.

“Soon thereafter, Plaintiff’s decedent [Auston Wingo] was allowed in the deep end of the pool without supervision and without a flotation device,” states the lawsuit. “Once in the pool, Plaintiff decedent [Auston Wingo] lost his grip on the side of the pool and began struggling to keep afloat in the deep end of the pool.”

The lawsuit goes on to say that two children in the Y Excel program notified the defendants that Auston Wingo was face down at the bottom of the deep end of the pool, whereupon Jordan Lytton pulled him from the water. According to the suit, CPR techniques were not properly applied and that YMCA did not have an Automated External Defibrillator (“AED”) readily available.

The suit alleges that Kellam, the lifeguard on duty “began to look at what is thought to be

her cellular phone while there were no fewer than thirty-four (34) program children in the pool. While Plaintiff’s decedent [Auston Wingo] was in the pool, the three (3) childcare workers responsible for Plaintiffs decedent’s safety, namely Defendants Lytton, Stanley and Manning, were not properly stationed on the pool deck so as to be able to supervise all children in the pool.”

Neither the former Director of the YMCA, Jessica Woods, nor the former Director of the Y Excel program, Brandon Smith, were at the pool at the time of the incident but both were listed in the lawsuit because both had supervisory responsibilities over their staff.

Attorneys Dirk Padgett and Steve Baker are requesting a trial by jury to make their case.

Auston Seth Wingo, Jr was survived in death by his biological mother and father, Stacey Nunn and Auston Seth Wingo Sr. and his sister.

Dave Adkins, Chief Executive Officer of the YMCA of Pulaski County sent this statement in reply to the lawsuit.

The YMCA of Pulaski County staff and volunteers were devastated when Auston Wingo passed away following an incident in our pool in December 2021. We are aware that the YMCA of Pulaski County has been named in a lawsuit stemming from his death. While we cannot comment on pending litigation, the Y takes all allegations of misdoing very seriously and are fully cooperating in all facets of the legal process.

Democratic Richmond Mayor Stoney announces run for Virginia governor

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Democratic Richmond Mayor Levar Stoney officially joined the 2025 race for Virginia governor on Monday, touting his executive experience over two terms in office and pledging to be a pragmatic voice for equality and progress.

Stoney, 42, made his formal announcement in a video that highlighted his modest upbringing and the struggles he overcame to become the first in his family to graduate from high school and college.

“That’s why I’m running for governor. For families like mine that just need an opportunity. For kids like me, who will thrive in school if they just get the right chance,” he said. “And for parents like my dad, who work multiple jobs and still struggle to live a secure, middle-class life.”

Stoney’s entrance into the race sets up a Democratic nomination contest with U.S. Rep. Abigail Spanberger, a former CIA officer who has cultivated an identity as a bipartisan consensus builder over three terms in Congress. Spanberger, who if elected would be the state’s first female governor, announced her bid last month, and others could still enter the field.

No Republicans have announced campaigns yet, though Attorney General Jason Miyares and Lt. Gov. Winsome Earle-Sears are seen as likely contenders. Under state law, GOP Gov. Glenn Youngkin cannot seek a second consecutive term.

In his video announcement and an interview Monday morning, Stoney criticized

Youngkin’s leadership as out of step with voters’ values.

“I think many Virginians are sick of a governor who was out there focused on banning abortion and banning books and making it harder for people to vote instead of actually focused on how do they climb the economic ladder into the middle class,” he said.

Youngkin’s press office defended his record in a statement that noted his solid approval ratings. And the Republican Party of Virginia criticized Stoney as a “far-left radical,” saying he failed Richmond as

mayor and would be a “a disaster for Virginia.”

Stoney, who has two decades of experience in Virginia politics, served as the first Black Secretary of the Commonwealth — a cabinet position — under former Democratic Gov. Terry McAuliffe, with whom Stoney is close.

In that role, Stoney oversaw the process of restoring the voting and other civil rights of felons who had completed their sentences, an effort that McAuliffe accelerated and called the most important legacy of his term.

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Beginning immediately, the new yearly subscription rate for The Southwest Times will drop from \$96 per year to \$59. A six-month subscription is now \$30, and a three-month subscription is now only \$15.

And we’ll be looking at on-line rates soon.

Current print subscribers will

see their subscription terms extended to reflect the new rates.

Patriot readers who currently receive their paper by mail or by home delivery, will now receive a Southwest Times in the mail, because of the lower delivery costs the postal permit allows. But, rest assured, except for the name on the top of the front page, the paper is identical to The Patriot. And in most cases, you’ll get your paper sooner.

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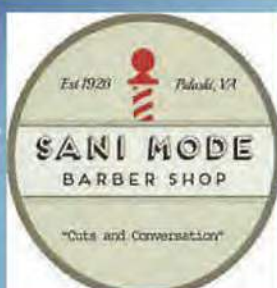
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“The Patriot is nearing its 15th anniversary covering Pulaski County, while The Southwest Times is in its 117th year. We look forward to continuing this long tradition of coverage for years to come,” Williams said.



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Pulaski Council with new Town Manager - From left: Greg East, Jeremy Clark, Brooks Dawson, Michael Reis, Todd Day (new Town Manager), Shannon Collins, Tyler Clontz and Jamie Radcliffe.

Day

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his position in Bluefield, Va. and entered into the private sector.

“When I left Bluefield, I felt that I accomplished everything that I could,” said Day. “I went into the private sector for about 2 ½ years and then got into local government in Tazewell.”

Day’s deep southern accent is a result of his upbringing in Appomattox, Virginia.

“Well, you should have heard it 20 years ago,” said Day with a chuckle. “People used to wear me out over that.”

Day has held the position of Town Manager of Tazewell for 11 years, but seems eager to take on his new role in Pulaski.

“I’m looking for a change,” said Day. “I’m looking for a new fresh start ... a new opportunity. I’m humbled at the opportunity to be here, especially after a national search.”

Council members expressed their enthusiasm over the new hire, as well.

“Welcome Mr. Day,” said council member Jamie Radcliffe. “We’re going to hit the ground running with you. Mrs. Burcham has been one hell of a good manager. I know you’re going to step right in there and go to town. So, welcome aboard!”

As Town Manager, Day will receive a salary of \$160,000 a year with standard benefits. Day will now start looking



for a residence. His contract stipulates that he has one year to find a residence somewhere in the town.

Day’s employment contract with the town is for two years.

“I didn’t ask for an extended contract,” said Day. “This town is taking a chance on me and vice-versa, so I’m just glad to get this opportunity. Hopefully within a year I’ll earn my way into a three- or four-year contract.”

“I think our town is in the right place,” said Mayor Shannon Collins of the new hire. “It’s been left in the right place, so he’ll have an easier time. He’s got a much easier start than our last one and I think that we are going to move forward. I’m optimistic that better days are ahead and Pulaski is on the rise and we will be much better. We are ready, primed and ready to go.”

Two presentations were also held at Tuesday’s meeting of the Pulaski Town Council. Outdoor Facilities Coordinator Nate Repass outlined plans for

turning a vacant lot at the corner of 6th Street and Washington Avenue into a park.

Additionally, Transportation Manager Monica Music updated the council on pending grant requests for Pulaski Area Transit.

In her manager’s report, Burcham announced that the Pulaski Jaycees had volunteered to provide hot chocolate for the town’s Christmas Parade. Burcham noted that the Pulaski Jaycees are celebrating their 75th Anniversary, which makes their chapter the oldest Jaycee organization in the state of Virginia.

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Wreat laying ceremony set for Veterans Cemeteries Dec. 16

(RICHMOND) - The Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS) and community partners will hold holiday wreath laying events on Saturday, December 16, 2023 at Virginia’s three state veterans cemeteries: the Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Amelia, the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin, and the Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery in Suffolk.

At the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin, the annual wreath laying ceremony is scheduled for 1 p.m. in partnership with the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery Volunteers and other community partners. Parking is available at Dublin Park directly across from the cemetery with shuttle bus service to the cemetery beginning at 11:30 a.m. There is also a new staircase constructed for easy walking access from the park. Disabled parking will be available at the cemetery on a first-come first-served basis. Additional information available at <https://swvavcv.org>. The cemetery is located at 5550 Bagging Plant Road, Dublin, VA 24084.

There will be a special program with speakers and patriotic music at each event. At the conclusion of the programs, volunteers will place a wreath on each gravesite.

“The Commonwealth’s three state veterans cemeteries are beautiful and fitting final resting places for thousands of Virginia’s veterans. We encourage all Virginians See CEREMONY, page A5

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OBITUARIES



HARRY BECKWITH
“H.B.” WHITT, JR.
November 21, 1941
December 4, 2023
Harry Beckwith “H.B.” Whitt, Jr., 82, passed away Monday, December 4, 2023, at his home in Radford. He was a member of Unity Christian Church and taught at River Heads High School , Pulaski County High School and retired from VA Tech.

H.B. was preceded in death by his parents, Harry Beckwith, Sr. and Alma Virginia Linkous Whitt; and his brother, Robert “Bob” Whitt.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Janet Whitt; sons, Scott Whitt (Lori) and Johnny Whitt (Karen); grandchildren, Justin (Bailey), Dillon (MaKayla) and Riley; brother, Cabby Whitt (Diane); and many other relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends from 2 until 4 p.m. on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at Unity Christian Church in Radford. Memorial services will follow at 4 p.m. with Rev. Wendy Wilson officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to St. Jude Children’s Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959.

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



SCOTT ALAN WEIKEL
Scott Alan Weikel, 61 of Max Meadows, died Friday, December 1st, 2023 at Lewis Gale Hospital Salem. He was born in Pulaski, Virginia on August 18, 1962 to the late John Edward Weikel and Elizabeth Childress Weikel.

Scott is survived by a son, Cody Alan Weikel of Pulaski; his mother, Elizabeth (Susie) Weikel of Dublin; his brother, John Weikel (Donna) of Dublin; sisters, Hope Shomaker (Darrell) of Dublin and Jennifer Weikel of Dublin; granddaughter, Starla Weikel of Pulaski, and Norma Jean Coffey, his partner in life, of Max Meadows. Also surviving are his nieces and nephews: Ryan, Audrey, Bryce, Ginny, Elijah, Little Ryan, Liam, Brittany, Shaylen, and Kaylea.

The family wishes to thank the doctors and nurses, especially Tammy, for their dedicated care of Scott and his family while in the ICU unit.

Memorial service will be held at later date.

BONNIE SUE NELSON
Bonnie Sue Nelson, age 78 of Pulaski, died Tuesday morning, December 5, 2023 at her residence. She was the daughter of the late Mary Elizabeth Whittaker Nelson and the late Olaf Sylvester Nelson, and the mother of Jason Nels Nelson.

Arrangements are pending at this time.

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GARNETT DEWEY BYRD
Garnett Dewey Byrd, 89, of Pulaski and a lifelong servant of God has died at his home in the early hours of Sunday, December 3, 2023. Garnett was born on December 20, 1933, to Amos Franklin Byrd and Flora Alice Manuel Byrd who preceded him in death.

Also joining him in eternity is his wife (of 63 years), Alma D. Byrd as well as brothers: Vivian Eugene (V.E) Byrd, Glenn Edward Byrd, Avery Franklin Byrd, Ronald Wade Byrd, John Leonard Byrd, and Richard Darnell Byrd.

Left to cherish his memory are his surviving siblings: Leroy George Byrd (June), Henry Arnold Byrd (Libby), Robert Lindsey Bird (Vada Brandau), Donald Wayne Byrd (Sylvia) and Alice Marie Byrd.

Also missing him, will be his neighbor and closest friend as well as care giver, Patricia Hancock.

Garnett also enjoyed the companionship of his two cats, Tobey and Robey. He loved them both dearly.

Garnett spent over forty years preaching and sharing the gospel while saving the souls of many. A dedicated follower of his savior while also being a loving husband, supportive brother and a God send of a friend to all that knew him.

Funeral Services will be held in the sanctuary of Grace Ministries Church of God of Prophecy, Friday, Dec. 8, 2023 at 1021 MacGill Street in Pulaski. Service will begin at 10:30 with Pastors, Dan Lawson and Donald Byrd officiating. Interment will follow at the Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin.

Floral condolences may be sent by visiting www.pulaskiflowers.com. Online condolences may be sent by visiting www.stevensfuneralhomepulaski.com

The family is being cared for by Norris Stevens Funeral Home in Pulaski.



GEORGE B. MARSHALL
George B. Marshall, age 96 of Allisonia, VA went to be with the Lord and the love of his life, Madelin (wife of 72 years) on Thursday, November 30, 2023. Born June 1, 1927 to the late Harley Marshall and Pherbe Bonds Marshall. He was also preceded in death by his wife Madelin S. Marshall; his son Gary G. Marshall; his stepmother Bessie Marshall; his brothers Alvin, Tommy and Harley; sisters Paul Ena Anderson and Faye Marshall.

He leaves behind his son Larry (Connie) Marshall; daughter Janice (Gene) Holt; grandchildren Michael (Windy) Marshall, Jeff (Paige) Marshall, Karri Queen, Kyle (Summer) Scaggs, Sara (Pip) Cornish, Kevin (Michelle) Marshall and Beth (Dwayne) Caldwell; 16 great grandchildren and 10 great, great grandchildren.

George operated Marshall’s Store in Allisonia, Virginia for 63 years. During WW II he worked as a welder, repairing Liberty Ships. He loved to travel and had visited all but three states. He was a deacon of Farris Mines Christian Church and was known for his acts of kindness in the community.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at the Farris Mines Christian Church with Pastor Ray Bolen officiating. Interment followed at the Farris Mines Christian Church Cemetery.

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

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



LILLIAN ERNESTINE
“TENA” FREEMAN
DUNCAN

Lillian Ernestine “Tena” Freeman Duncan, age 76 of Hiwassee passed away Thursday, November 30, 2023. Born December 3, 1946 in Pulaski she was the daughter of the late Ernest Carl Freeman & Helen Eugene Linville Freeman. She was also preceded in death by her husband, George A. Duncan, Jr., daughter, Teresa Lynn Duncan, sister, Faye Dean and brothers, Douglas Carlyle Freeman, Dillard Ray Freeman and George Thomas Freeman.

Tena is survived by her Grandson – Shawn Duncan & father, Rick Thompson

Sister – Arlene Freeman Boyd & Calvin Boyd – Hiwassee

Brother – Ricky Freeman – Pulaski

Several nieces and nephews

Funeral services were held Monday, December 4, 2023 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Angie Lucas & Ricky Freeman officiating. Interment followed at the Shiloh Cemetery.

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

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



RODNEY CARLOS
COOK

Rodney Carlos Cook, 80, of Pulaski passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by family on Wednesday, November 29, 2023 after a year-long battle with cancer. He was born August 6, 1943, in Pulaski, to Willie and Elsie Cook. He was a graduate of Pulaski High School Class of 1961, where he served as class president. After attending VPI (Virginia Tech) for 3 ½ years, he joined the U. S. Army in 1964. After completing basic training at Ft. Gordon, Georgia, he became a member of White House Communications stationed at Camp David in Thurmont, Maryland, under Presidents Lyndon B. Johnson and Richard M. Nixon. Rodney had the opportunity to travel to Hawaii, England and Belgium, as well as to the Johnson Ranch in Texas and Nixon’s “Southern White House” in Florida. He received an honorable discharge in 1969.

Rodney met his wife Susan while stationed in Maryland. After marrying, they settled in Pulaski and raised three beautiful, caring children. He worked at Radva Plastics in Radford for five years and then opened a Tastee-Freeze restaurant in Fairlawn, where he prided himself on serving fresh burgers with homegrown tomatoes. After completing remodeling work on his home, he decided to become a building contractor with the assistance of his favorite uncle and mentor, Delmer “Monk” Guynn, building many houses and helping homeowners with renovations and projects. He later worked for and retired from Volvo Trucks North America maintenance department. After his children finished college, Rodney fulfilled a life-long dream of purchasing a small farm in the county and began raising cattle. He relished his retirement as a farmer, spending happy days caring for his cows

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Thank You!

The family of Aaron “Jay” Peake, Jr. wish to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude for the support we received during the loss of our beloved husband and father. For all the wonderful acts of kindness we received during this difficult time we are truly grateful.

We wish to thank Bower Funeral Chapel, Rev. Mike Ingo, Rev. Melton Johnson, and the Joe Riddle Family.

Also, for the lovely flowers, food, phone calls and cards.

A very special thank you to Promedica Hospice of Roanoke and Radford Rehabilitation Center for the excellent care that he received.

God bless you all!

*Thank you,
The Family*



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CYNTHIA KAY O’DELL DOSS SHOOK

Cynthia Kay O’Dell Doss Shook, age 74 of Dublin passed away Thursday, November 30, 2023 at Lewis Gale Hospital, Pulaski.

Born June 8, 1949 in West Virginia, she was the daughter of the late James Hawley O’Dell, Sr.

and Lois Aliene Nunn O’Dell. She was also preceded in death by husbands, Charles Lee Doss, Sr

and John Weaver Shook, Sr., Brother, Dennis Raymond O’Dell and granddaughter, Kayla Doss.

She is survived by Children- John Richard Doss, Sr and Terry-Pulaski



Charles Lee Doss, Jr and Tracy-Pulaski

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A Tradition Of Trust

Cook

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while enjoying the fresh air and sunshine.

Rodney was a member of Christ Episcopal Church in Pulaski, where he served as a choir member, lay reader, youth group leader and Sunday school teacher. He had a love for gardening and took pride in the fresh vegetables he grew. Rodney enjoyed hiking, biking, camping and beach trips with his family. He loved music and was an avid bluegrass fan, who passed this appreciation on to his children by taking them to local concerts whenever possible. Rodney was a good friend and neighbor to everyone he met. He had a genuine, friendly personality and never met a stranger. Rodney always shared a smile and a laugh, and his passion for living was infectious.

During his final days, his family worked tirelessly so he could rest comfortably in his home. The family would like to thank the Reverend Steve Weston and Jesse Cantelero for their assistance and comforting fellowship, as well as his wonderful hospice nurses for their expertise and care.

Rodney was preceded in death by his parents, Willie Carlos and Elsie Dalton Cook. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Susan Glover Cook; children, Stephanie C. Krafft (Chris) of Fort Mill, South Carolina, Bryan T. Cook of Pulaski, and Meredith C. Novak of Salem, Virginia. He is also survived by 7 grandsons: Malcolm, Sam and Elliott Krafft, Gavin and Mason Cook, and Jack and Chase Novak; his sister, Patsy C. Ashley (Kenneth, Sr.) of Newport News as well as nephews, Kenneth Ashley, Jr. (Kelly) and David Ashley (Christie), great nephew, K. Carter Ashley, III and great niece, Ava Grace Ashley. He is also survived by his beloved pets, Kirby (German Shepherd) and Harper (black kitty). In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Christ Episcopal Church.

There will be a Celebration of Life service with Holy Eucharist at Christ Episcopal Church, 144 N. Washington Ave, Pulaski on Saturday, Dec. 9 at 2pm. Following the service, the family will receive guests during a visitation and reception in the church Parish Hall.

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

Pedestrian seriously injured in Wythe County

The Virginia State Police is investigating a serious injury crash involving a pedestrian that occurred at 10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023, on Lead Mine Road in Wythe County.

A woman, who was not wearing reflective clothing, ran onto Lead Mine Road south of the intersection with Loafers Nest Road. A 2008 Chevrolet Silverado heading northbound swerved to try and avoid the woman but was unable to do so.

The woman, Debra C. Dunford, 72, of Austinville, Va., was taken to a nearby hospital with serious injuries.

The driver of the Silverado was not injured.



ELLA LOUISE RINER
Ella Louise Riner, age 80 of Dublin, died Thursday afternoon November 30, 2023, at Lewis Gale Hospital – Montgomery. She was born in Monroe County, West Virginia, on January 28, 1943, and was the daughter of the late Porter Edward Riner and the late Geneva Louise Morris Riner.

Ella was a member of the Dublin Christian Church. She received her Bachelor of Arts Degree with a concentration in Christian Education from Atlanta Christian College. With this degree, she spent 50 years as a teacher at Mountain Mission School in Grundy, VA, where she helped mold the minds of many children.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother: Alvin Grey Riner. She is survived by a brother: Pastor Porter Edward Riner, Jr. and his wife Sue of Christiansburg: two sisters; Lorena Mae Garlic of Vinton VA, and Martha Ann Davis of Newbern: a special son; Estefan Roberto Samuria along with his children, Aryella Samuria and Avyanna Samuria, all of Pound, VA. Ella is also survived by her special support unit Kim (Billy) Dalton of Snowville, Valerie (Robbie) Goad of Pulaski and Michele (Bryan) Newton of Christiansburg. Special friend of more than 50 years, Janice Whitaker of Ohio and special friend, Sarah Young of Christiansburg. She was also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Monday, December 4, 2023, at Newbern Community Christian Church with Pastor Porter Edward Riner, Jr. and Pastor Richie Goad officiating. Interment followed in Newbern Cemetery. Pallbearers were Josh Peters, Russ Hertzog, Ernie Hertzog, Estefan Samuria, Nathan Rodda, Curtis Mullins.

Flowers will be appreciated, but for those who wish may make memorial contributions, in her memory, to the Mountain Mission School 1760 Edgewater Drive, Grundy, VA 24614.

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Shook

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John Weaver Shook, Jr.-Dublin
James Christopher Shook- and Danielle

Five Grandchildren- John Richard Doss, Jr., Kimberly Ann Doss, Chelsea Doss Morris, Caylee Jane Hodge, and Isiah Christopher Shook.

Numerous Great Grandchildren

Brother- James Hawley” Jimmy” O’Dell, Jr-Pulaski
Graveside funeral services were held Thursday, December 7, 2023 at the Oakwood Cemetery, Pulaski.

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

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



Photo courtesy of Va. Dept. Veterans Services

Wreath laying ceremonies will be held at all three veterans cemeteries in Virginia.

Ceremony

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to visit the state cemetery nearest to them during this holiday season to behold the breathtaking and humbling sight of each veteran grave adorned with a wreath,” said Virginia Department of Veterans Services Commissioner Daniel Gade. “A special thank you goes to the hundreds of wreath

committee members and other volunteers who raise the funds to purchase the wreaths and place them at each grave each December.”

The holiday wreaths will remain in place through early January. For more information, please visit <https://www.dvs.virginia.gov/cemeteries/cemetery-information> or

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EDITORIAL

Energy and Inflation

As December begins, Virginians have begun to experience cold winter weather once again. Lows so far have reached the teens in some areas and that means it's time to crank up the heat in our homes to stay warm.

Unfortunately, for many, turning on the heat comes with extra costs these days. Due to energy policies enacted in the Obama years and continued during the Biden Administration, the cost of energy has been driven up. These increased energy costs have in turn been one of the major contributors to the high inflation we've experienced in the past few years.



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

Republican members of the U.S. Senate Joint Economic Committee recently analyzed Consumer

Price Index and Consumer Expenditure Survey data and announced that, due to inflation, the typical American household must now spend an additional \$11,434 annually in order to have the same standard of living as they had in January of 2021.

This is unacceptable! How many Americans have an extra \$11,000 to spend the same items they normally buy?

Americans all around the country are feeling the burn from inflation.

According to an October AP/NORC poll, 69% say their household expenses have risen over the last year, but only 23% have seen their income increase during the same period.

And it makes sense why Americans are feeling this way. According to Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), since President Biden took office, the consumer price index (cost of goods and services) is up 17.1% percent, meanwhile average hourly earnings are only up 13.6%.

Now Americans head into another season of high costs.

In early November, the U.S. Energy Information Administration released their winter fuel outlook for the 2023-24 season. And as predicted, things aren't looking good.

According to the agency, southern states are projected to see their electricity bills increase by 2%, the cost of propane increase by 6%, and the price of heating oil increase by 8%. (Natural gas prices, thankfully, are projected to decrease by 15%.)

That's not all, if winter is just 10% colder than predicted, these prices skyrocket.

With everyone's margins already so thin, these increases will be painful for many.

But wait, there's more. It was just announced that Virginia customers of Appalachia Power will see yet another cost increase. Virginia state regulators have just approved a rate hike of about 10%, or around \$16 a month, which will take effect on January 29th. This is after the average Appalachian customer saw their monthly bill increase by \$35 between July 2022 and July 2023.

Then there are gas prices. The Biden Administration is trying to tell Americans that the price of gas is in a good place. A recent tweet from President Biden reads, "Folks, no matter where you're headed this holiday season, you'll be heading there for less. Gas prices are down \$1.70 from their peak..."

Unfortunately, these talking points don't hold much water.

I'm sure many people remember how low gas prices were before President Biden took office. The national average in January 2021 was \$2.39 per gallon. In some parts of the Ninth District, it was as low as \$1.99 per gallon.

Gas prices being down \$1.70 from their national peak of over \$5 in June of 2022 is nothing to write home about! In November, the Ninth District experienced gas prices of around \$3.20 per gallon – that's more than a \$1 more per gallon than before Biden took office.

Just another increased expense many can't afford.

As I mentioned in a recent Energy and Commerce Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee hearing, Americans of lower income will be hit the hardest this winter.

Folks in the Ninth District, and around the country, may be faced with the decision of heating their homes, affording their medications, and/or feeding their children.

Additionally, some folks may turn to alternate unsafe ways to heat their home, like a kerosene heater, which can turn deadly. This is an avoidable tragedy if we are able to find ways to keep energy prices down.

It's time to get real about the inflation and the impact it is still having on Americans. We must work together to cut spending and enact commonsense energy and economic policies that will benefit everyone's pocketbook.

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

Alone With Jesus

"You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you." Isaiah 26:3

While many of my friends are always "looking for the next party," I absolutely love my time alone. It is in my time alone with the Lord that I refill my cup, refresh my spirit, and prepare to continue the work for the kingdom of God. It is in the pause where I reflect on Christ's love and protection. It is in precious alone time that I often feel closest to Him.

When Christ was told about the death of John the Baptist, the Bible says He pulled away from the crowds to be alone.

"When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place." Matthew 14:13

Right after this we are told the crowds followed Him, and He fed over 5000 people with two small fish and five loaves of bread. I reflect on His great compassion for people, neglecting His own needs to meet the needs of others.

Immediately after the feeding of the 5000 people, the text tells us that He sent the disciples on ahead of Him in a boat, and He went on a mountainside, alone to pray.

Jesus knew what would refill Him on His earthly mission, and while He was here to do the work of His Father, Jesus often sought time alone to pray.

Are you talking the time you need to refill your cup? Life is fast and furious, and it seems someone is always pulling you away from the time you need for the Lord.

Satan loves to whisper, "You don't have time to stop. You don't have time to read the Bible, and you certainly



Journey To Faith

By Pat Priddy

don't have time to pray." Remember, anytime you hear that voice, it is not of the Lord. Every minute and hour of the day belongs to the Lord, and He gives it freely to you.

Take the time to be with Jesus, and watch how your life unfurls in front of you. When you take time with Him, you will scratch your head in wonder at all the time that is given back to you.

"Now therefore stand still and see this great thing that the Lord will do before your eyes." 1 Samuel 12:16

About Pat Priddy

Pat Priddy (Farrell)'s gifts and talents include being a coach, speaker, retreat leader, student, teacher, and Certified Lay Minister for the United Methodist Church. Finding her own life's purpose came in the desert of her life. She has survived and endured many hardships and lives to help others know they are enough, and they not only can survive but also thrive.

Pat speaks from the heart to women and men in an effort to help them understand the power they hold to change other's lives. There is no meeting by coincidence, and there are incredible opportunities for us to share and grow as we journey through life.

Pat Priddy (Farrell), RN, MSN, CPVA, CEP Life Coach, Certified Lay Minister for the Wytheville District UMC



It's a Credit Card Addiction

Dear Dave,

I think my mother-in-law has a serious credit card problem. She can't afford stuff, but she shops anyway, chucks up more and more debt, acquires more credit cards, and thinks she'll pay for it all later somehow. Her ex-husband has bailed her out a few times, but he's unwilling to help anymore. My wife and I, and my wife's sister, want to address this issue, but we're all worried about her reaction, and we don't know where to start. Do you have any advice?

Randall

Dear Randall,

First, everyone involved should understand they're likely to receive an angry response from this lady if she's confronted over her actions. Sometimes people get ticked off when they hear the truth, especially when it's connected to their own misbehavior. It may even be a good idea for your wife and her sister to get some advice from a family counselor beforehand. Really, what we're talking about here is an intervention.

Also, you need to stay out of the discussion. This is something for her daughters to handle. Support your wife and her sister through it all, but if you're in there asking questions and probing around, you're liable to come off as the evil son-in-law. And you folks don't need to add any more problems to the mix.

They need to sit down with her in a quiet setting, one where there are no interruptions, no television and no one else. Start with the fact that they love her and care about her deeply. That's very

important in a situation like this. But they also have to walk through what's really going on, and let her know they're tired of watching her destroy herself, and her finances, with her irresponsible behavior.

If she had a drinking problem, you'd want to try to make her see how alcohol was hurting her and the relationships she has with her family. In this case, she basically has a credit card addiction. And it's wreaking havoc on her financial well-being and people who care about her.

So, show as much love and understanding as possible. But someone needs to say something soon.

—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.



Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

Was Napoleon a dullard?

The figure of Napoleon has long been an object of fascination, but the new Ridley Scott biopic makes one wonder why.

The film, perhaps inadvertently, partakes of the spirit of the times. The so-called Great Man theory of history -- that it is exceptionally talented men who bend events to their will -- is out of favor. Accordingly, the movie renders the stereotypical great man, Napoleon, as doltish and uninteresting.

No man is a hero to his valet, goes the old saying. But can't he at least be a hero, or a compelling persona, to the director of a \$200 million movie about him?

Apparently not.

Napoleon can be considered a proto-fascist dictator, or an enlightened reformer, or some of both, but he could never be considered dull, at least not until portrayed by a stolid Joaquin Phoenix, seemingly unaware that the general was a sparkling personality, a hugely energetic reformer and an inspiring leader of men.

As the Wall Street Journal critic Kyle Smith puts it, "Mr. Phoenix's Napoleon could never have commanded so much as a squadron of the Salvation Army."

The Great Man theory is now considered simplistic and even dangerous, and has about it the stale stench of dead white males. Academic historians tend to obsess with broad economic and social forces or with minutiae, while the largest impersonal force of all, the climate, occupies an outsized place in the political debate of advanced countries.

We don't have to swoon like the philosopher Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel, who enthused after catching sight of Napoleon in Jena about "this world-soul, riding out of the city on reconnaissance."

But the general and emperor demonstrates that great men matter -- not that they are virtuous or good, or that they can overcome every obstacle put in their way by themselves or others, or that large-scale factors don't count, but that individual leaders take a hand in shaping events, sometimes decisively.

Would any Macedonian other than Alexander the Great have toppled the Persian empire and marched on India? Would any Frenchman besides Charlemagne have united much of Europe under his rule and brought about an intellectual and cultural renaissance? Would any Russian other than Peter the Great have modernized the Russian empire, defeated the Turks and Swedes, and built St. Petersburg?

How different the 20th century would have looked without Hitler, Stalin and Mao.

By the same token, only Napoleon -- who rose to power in France only six years fleeing his native Corsica with almost nothing -- would have undertaken his historic campaign of institution-building in France and conquest in Europe. Many of his changes in France proved worthy and enduring, while his ambitions in Europe were rightly resisted by other powers, England foremost among them.

At the end of the day, he was

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Santa’s Big Red Express coming Dec. 11-15

Pulaski County Parks and Recreation announces “Santa’s Big Red Express” which will occur throughout Pulaski County districts the week of December 11th – December 15th.

Santa will drive through select neighborhoods during the evening hours Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings. Santa’s Big Red Express will also participate in the Dublin Christmas Parade on Saturday, 12/16 before reaching its final destination at the New River Valley Airport.

Santa is expected to fly back to the North Pole around 12:30 pm on Saturday, 12/16. His plane will make a pass over Riverlawn Elementary School in Fairlawn, Randolph Park in Dublin, and Loving Field in Pulaski on his way back to the North Pole. The public is invited to safely park at one of these three locations to view the fly by following the 12:30 pm takeoff.

Route details for Santa’s Big Red Express will be included on the Pulaski County Parks and Recreation Facebook page. Visit “Pulaski County VA Parks & Rec” on Facebook to view details or contact the department at 540.674.1513.

A Message of Acknowledgement and Appreciation: To the Governing Bodies of Pulaski

The Positive Impact of Collaboration and Support for The Emergency Needs Task Force of Pulaski County (ENTF)

To the County Governing Body, we thank you again for the \$20,000 monetary contribution. Your contribution enabled ENTF to reinstate our rent/mortgage assistance. This is particularly important because having a roof overhead makes all the difference to the individuals and families facing financial hardship.

To the Town’s Governing Body, we thank you again for the \$10,000 monetary contribution. Your contribution allowed for continued utility assistance to low-income individuals and families at risk of having their utilities shutoff. Having access to essential utilities is crucial to meet basic needs which contribute to a healthier community.

The attentiveness to the needs of community members demonstrated by both the County and Town is commendable. Your generous contributions anchored our ability to further provide and facilitate emergency financial assistance to low-income individuals and families who are experiencing a financial crisis.

Once again, thank you for your invaluable support. We look forward to continuing our collaboration and making a positive difference in the lives of those we serve.

Balancing your favorite foods over the holidays

By Andrea K. Wann
Virginia Cooperative Extension

Eat the Foods You Love at the Holidays, While Making Healthy Choices Along the Way

What an exciting time of the year! It can be difficult to pinpoint your favorite thing about the upcoming Holidays – for many it is the togetherness; for children it can be the eagerness of opening a present or two; but for just about everyone, it is safe to say, holiday foods are a highlight! Mouthwatering ingredients, aromatic smells and family traditions are just a few of the essentials that go into creating these delicious dishes. If you are trying to find a balance of eating the dishes you love and still trying to not overindulge too much, you are not alone. Here are four simple thoughts that may be helpful along the way.

1. Always incorporate fresh fruits and vegetables
2. Try swapping out certain ingredients to make your recipe more nutrient-dense
3. Use herbs and spices to infuse flavors
4. Keep hydrated with water

If you are a grazer, meaning you tend to munch on foods throughout the entirety of festivities, a good tip is to fill half of your plate with fresh fruits and vegetables, and the other half with your holiday favorites. This can help prevent the dreaded feeling of being miserably full and bogged down. This will also provide you with the fiber you need from the fruits and veggies, to keep your GI system feeling great and working properly – giving you a head start for any New Year’s resolutions you are seeking. A win-win all around!

If you are somewhat of a food explorer and are searching for ways to make classic dishes a bit lighter, try swapping out certain ingredients to make your holiday dish more nutrient-denser! These swaps can still offer a rich flavor while boosting the vitamin and mineral content of holiday foods. Some common

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Hospital

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area from its current location with 147 licensed beds and an expansive range of inpatient and outpatient medical, surgical and emergency care services.

“And whereas LewisGale Hospital Pulaski’s community roots run deep. In 1915, the General Chemical Company founded the Pulaski Hospital Association to operate a seven bed Cottage Hospital. In 1926, Dr. D S. Divers, Dr. R. F. Thornhill, Dr. R. H. Pauling and Dr. H.R. Farley founded Pulaski Hospital Incorporated and built Pulaski General Hospital on Randolph Avenue in Pulaski.

Finally in 1973, the new \$3 million state of the art Hospital was built on the 23-acre site on Pulaski’s northern corporate limits on Route 11.

“And whereas LewisGale Hospital Pulaski has won numerous prestigious awards and recognitions throughout history and is committed to providing quality health care, while making a difference in patients and family lives.

“Whereas above all else LewisGale Hospital Pulaski is committed to an improvement of human life with a vision to be recognized as a health care provider and employer of choice in the New River Valley.

“And whereas since 1973 Lewis Gale Hospital Pulaski has significantly invested to keep their facility on the leading edge of technology and provide the best possible patient experience continually working to serve the community by delivering top quality, cost effective health care throughout the region.

“And whereas for 50 years LewisGale Hospital Pulaski has partnered with community organizations to promote health and wellness, the hospital’s staff, physicians and volunteers providing on site health education, free health screenings, counseling, event speakers, blood drives and more.

“Now, therefore, the town council of the town of Pulaski do hereby congratulate LewisGale Hospital Pulaski on 50 years of delivering comprehensive health care to residents of the Town of Pulaski, Pulaski County and the New River Valley.”

After the speeches were given, the ceremonial gauze was cut, photos were taken and those in attendance eagerly went inside, out of the cold and into the reception area.

There, Dr. Ojomo, Radiation Oncologist at the Cancer center, talked with reporters.

“In addition to being on the Board of Trustees, I’m also a physician here in the cancer center and have been here since 1999,” said Ojomo. “The hospital has grown because of community and the hospital will continue to serve such a wonderful community. It being a community hospital, though, it has all the fixings and trappings and technology of what would be found in a metropolitan city. Even patients from other metropolitan cities come here to receive their cancer care and their surgery, as well as X rays and we have an excellent, excellent Cancer Care Center. We have such a robust cancer center that we are the only Cancer Center that is ACR accredited in the southwest Virginia area and that is a major accolade for us.”

LewisGale Hospital Pulaski CEO Sean Pressman also made himself available for interviews.

“In an emergency people need to have access to care close by and first and foremost, we know we provide that service and we provide it at a high level, which is something we’re very proud of. It’s so critically important for patients to be able to receive care where they live, so that their family and their friends can visit and help them support them on a healing journey.”

“The other really positive impact of a hospital is the economic engine that it creates not just from the people that it employs and the taxes that it pays, but also it’s a huge resource for our economic development and our county and town administrators in recruiting new businesses to come to this community. Because when you have a strong hospital and great health care, it’s an easier pitch to those organizations who are maybe looking for a new place to build a plant to start a company.”

“I would just say that I’m really, really proud of all of our staff,” Pressman Continued. “Our medical staff are colleagues who have showed up for work for the last 50 years to make this a healthy community.”



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LewisGale Hospital Pulaski celebrates 50 years

By WILLIAM PAINE
Patriot Publishing

LewisGale Hospital Pulaski employees, members of the Board of Trustees and several local dignitaries braved a cold blustery Wednesday morning to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of LewisGale Pulaski Hospital's location on Lee Highway.

Shayne Dwyer, LewisGale Hospital Pulaski Director of Marketing and Public Relations emceed the event, which included a symbolic gauze cutting ceremony and a reception afterwards.

After Reverend Terrie Sternberg gave the invocation, LewisGale Hospital Pulaski CEO Sean Pressman gave his remarks.

"Welcome and thank you for joining us on this very special day," said Pressman. "Today marks an exciting and momentous milestone. Fifty years ago, what we now know as LewisGale Hospital Pulaski opened its doors for the very first time. Since then, our colleagues, some whom have been here since the very beginning, have delivered comprehensive health care to this community through pandemic, through recession, through natural disasters, the people of Pulaski and the New River Valley have been able to count on LewisGale ... by the numbers, 50 years equates to well over 3 million patient encounters here on this campus. ER visits, inpatient stays, lab tests, cancer screenings and surgical treatments. Lives saved, lives improved. A community made healthier by the work of this hospital and its people."

Next, Karanita Ojomo, a Radiation Oncologist at the hospital who serves as the



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LewisGale Pulaski DEO Sean Pressman cuts the ceremonial Gauze as board of trustee members and local dignitaries stand by.

Chairwoman of the Board of Trustees, gave her remarks.

"The first line of our mission above all else, we are committed to the care and improvement of human life," said Ojomo. "'We treat those we serve with compassion and kindness' has never rang truer than today. Since the hospital's first inception in 1950, we continue to accomplish our

mission. Commitment to care includes growth, hard work and compassion. Improvement of human life includes we show up and we deliver. On this 50th anniversary, we can humbly say we have grown beyond the dreams of the original founders. What was once a seven-bed hospital is now a licensed 147 bed facility."

"Our mission statement is the living aspect of LewisGale Hospital Pulaski continuing to serve our patients, community and each other," Ojomo continued. "Our hospital is

highly regarded in Southwest Virginia and sets the bar for exceptional excellence and rural health care. We moved to Route 11 in 1973 and the last 50 years we've employed over 300 individuals and 50 affiliated physicians. We hold accreditation from the American College of Cardiology and Chest Pain, the American College of Surgery Commission on Cancer, the American College of Radiology and Radiation Oncology. We also have many other accolades and honorable mentions ...

as a resident of Pulaski, a physician and at times a patient here, I am honored to congratulate and celebrate this 50th Anniversary."

Pulaski Mayor Shannon Collins then took his place at the podium.

"I am happy to share this proclamation from the town council," said Collins.

"Whereas LewisGale Hospital Pulaski is a landmark hospital in the community and since 1973 has served the

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OPEN FORUM

World of Entitlement

To the editor,

Dave Ramsey's good advice (Nov. 24 Patriot) on "Pay Off Their Student Loans?" is sound. In a way, he is instilling self-respect in our young people as well as their parents. He calls government loans "garbage." He says, "That the whole thing works backwards for 30 years, and it's the very definition of a stupid government program."

He is ever so right. All that breeds is entitlement.

Young people are lead to believe that if they are clever or tricky enough, they never have to re-pay government loan. Where is self-respect?

It seems that Student Loan recipients are encouraged to be clever rather than responsible. As Dave Ramsey stated: The loan recipients hear, "they're going to forgive it all." After that, it's, "no, we're not. Yes, we are. No, we're not. Yes, we are."

"The fact is, they don't intend to forgive it. It's the biggest scam in history — mathematically speaking — perpetrated on the American public by our government."

In the end, the hard working taxpayers have to pay for these loans.

Yes, there millions of students who earn their degrees and pay for them. I agree with Mr. Dave Ramsey who is a wise and dedicated Patriot.

Val Hoover
Dublin

Lowery

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a captain of war who knew one thing above all -- the offensive to seek and destroy the enemy army. He had speed on his side, a feel for topography and the flow of battle, and innovative tactics. These enabled him to destroy enemy armies and pick apart coalitions arrayed against him for years, as his legend grew.

As always happens, though, his rivals learned from him, and his military advantages slipped away. He lost a long battle of attrition, in masses of broken men, horses and weapons. His operational prowess, synonymous with great victories at Ulm and Austerlitz, didn't

translate into success in the ultimate geopolitical war. It all ended in ashes and exile, twice. Napoleon was unforgivably careless with the blood and treasure of France, and that of the rest of Europe that struggled so mightily to stop him.

It's not a story that should occasion hero worship, or romantic images like the famous Jacques-Louis David painting of Napoleon crossing the Alps. But it's not a story devoid of interest, or featuring a slightly ridiculous dullard at its center. Hollywood, in a rank distortion, somehow has made it so.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.




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Winterfest 2023 features Count Pulastree lighting

By WILLIAM PAINE
Patriot Publishing

Pulaski County hosted its third Winterfest event this past Saturday, temporarily turning Randolph Park into an outdoor holiday themed venue complete with carriage rides and the lighting of the newly installed county Christmas tree.

According to Pulaski County Parks and Recreation Director Shay Dunnigan, a total of 47 vendors lined the pathways of Randolph Park for Winterfest with upwards of 3000 people attending the event between 1 and 5 p.m. Saturday. Many of those in attendance were younger children, who were given the opportunity to ride the “trackless railroad,” or roast marshmallows by the fire or even meet Mr. and Mrs. Claus under the gazebo.

Pulaski Parks and Recreation and the Tourism Department coordinated Winterfest, with some assistance from the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce.

“It’s a great turnout and I’m very excited,” said Pulaski County Tourism Director Erica Tolbert. “All it’s been all day is See WINTERFEST, page A10

Food

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swaps may include: Greek yogurt in place of sour cream, ground flaxseed in place of eggs (for baking), or adding cooked, pureed veggies (i.e. spinach, cauliflower) to savory sauces or casseroles.

Incorporating herbs and spices are a sure way to guarantee rich flavor! You can use fresh herbs or dried. The most commonly used this time of year include sage, cloves, garlic, thyme, cinnamon, and vanilla. Fresh does tend to offer a more fragrant infusion, but not every grocery store offers fresh. Don’t forget to reach out to your local farmers market to purchase locally grown herbs or spices. Many markets still offer winter and extended holiday hours.

If you are reading to this point



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Vendors at Winterfest - There were a total of 47 vendors at this year’s Winterfest

and none of these have struck a chord – don’t fret! Holiday foods can be rich with so many added sugars, saturated fat and salt; so, for those who just don’t want to sacrifice their joys of holiday foods, a most important suggestion is to stay hydrated with water throughout all of your festivities. Staying hydrated can keep the G.I. system working the way it needs to and it can also help with not over indulging and feeling so full. Aim for at least 80 ounces of water per day – this will also help with festivity fatigue!

The bottom line is to find a balance that works for you this holiday season. Food is meant to provide our bodies nourishment and also enjoyment via flavor and texture. Finding a balance is truly possible. Cheers and Happy Holidays to all!



The carriage rides proved to be one of the most popular attractions at Winterfest.



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The crowd clapped and cheered as Pulaski County officially began the Christmas Holiday celebrations for 2023.



A large, conical Christmas tree stands as the centerpiece in a dark night yard. It is densely covered with hundreds of warm-white lights that create a bright, glowing effect. Interspersed among the lights are various ornaments, including white and silver baubles, red berries, and larger, more decorative pieces. The tree's base is partially visible, showing some dark branches and a small, dark object on the ground. The surrounding area is dark, with the silhouettes of other trees or bushes visible in the background. The ground in the foreground appears to be a mix of dirt and grass, illuminated slightly by the tree's light.

Count Pulastree – Pulaski County's Christmas Tree, dubbed Count Pulastree was ceremoniously lit, as part of Winterfest at Randolph Park.



Saeleh Viars performed solo at Winterfest and didn't let the weather bother her, though the rain fell heaviest when she sang late that afternoon.



GFL, town announce holiday schedule

The GFL pickup schedule for the Christmas and New Year's Holidays will be as follows:

There will be no garbage pickup on Monday, December 25 or Monday, January 1.

Trash will be one day late being picked up due to the holiday. GFL encourages customers to still put their garbage out on their regular pick up day by 6 am to ensure that it is there when the truck arrives for pick up. Trash cans need to be placed at least three feet from any other object for pick up. Also, cans need to be placed with the opening lid facing the street for emptying.

Also, as a reminder, bulk pick up week for December will be the week of December 11th on the customer's regular pick up day. There is a limit of 3 bulk items. Please have your bulk items out by 6 am for pick up. A different truck will pick up bulk than the regular truck that empties the cans.

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SPORTS

Cougars beat Floyd for first win

Akers notches first win as head coach

By RODNEY YOUNG Patriot Publishing

DUBLIN – Joy comes from a lot of things. The Pulaski County Cougars defeated a very good Floyd County team Tuesday night, 59-56 in boys basketball. It was the Cougars’ first win in the young basketball season, and it was head coach Anthony Akers’ first win as the Cougar head coach.

It’s been a trying off season for the basketball program, as Akers wasn’t named the head coach until the middle of October.

The Cougars (1-1) had three players to score in double-digits. Senior Lane Nester hit a game high 22 points and had 12 rebounds for a double-double. He scored nine of the Cougars’ 11 fourth-quarter points. He hit a huge three-pointer to tie the game at 55 with 1:44 left. He then hit a jumper to put Pulaski County ahead, 57-55. He followed that up with two foul shots to secure the victory with 7.6 seconds to go.

Nester got help from Junior Chandler Hollins, who scored 11 and sophomore Jalere Harlow who chipped in with 10, coming off the bench.

Floyd County (0-2) was paced by Gavin Herrington with 10 points. Micah Underwood and freshman Noah Farley both had nine points apiece.

“Pulaski County played well and hard tonight,” said Floyd head coach Brian Harman. “We just missed some shots down the stretch, and we’re just out of sync right now.”

“This was a super sweet win,” said a very emotional Akers. “This is a community, a coaching staff, and a team win. Proud of the players, they played really hard tonight and this was a big win. Floyd is really good, and Coach Harman does a really great job with them.”

Akers then remarked, “I just want to say thank you to all the

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Cougar Sophomore Justus Hash drives against a Floyd County defender.

Radford to face Riverheads in Class 2 state title game

By ELIZABETH KANIPE Patriot Publishing

CHRISTIANSBURG – At a packed Christiansburg stadium on Saturday the Radford Bobcats faced the defending state champion Graham G-Men for a shot to go to this season’s Class 2 state championship game. To move on, Radford would need to contain Graham’s Ty’drez Clements who rushed for over 300 yards the previous week.

Radford’s defense forced a Graham punt and took over at their own 20. On third and long, Landen Clark hit Sincere Taylor on a skinny post route to get a first down. At midfield Clark launched a pass that Max Kanipe went over two Graham



Brian Bishop/Patriot Publishing

Radford’s Sincere Taylor hauls in a 66 yards down the sidelines for a Bobcat touchdown.

defenders to bring down at the 10 yard line. On 4th and goal from the 2 yard line, Clark hit a wide open Kanipe to give Radford the early lead.

Graham got good field position after a failed onside kick attempt. QB Dalton

Roberts connected with Chris Edwards for multiple short passes to get to the red zone. Clements finished the drive running off the right side for a 13 yard score to tie the game

See BOBCATS, page B5



PREP FOOTBALL VHSL State Semifinal Scores

Class 1
Essex 16, Altavista 8
Galax 49, Honaker 36

Class 2
Radford 22, Graham 10
Riverheads 37, Poquoson 7

Class 3
Lafayette 17, Brentsville 7
Liberty Christian 49, William Byrd 6

Class 4
Phoebus 25, King George 13
Salem 31, Tuscarora 21

Class 5
Maury 55, Indian River 0
Stone Bridge 21, Matoaca 10

Class 6
Freedom 55, James Madison 14
Highland Springs 35, Lake Braddock 10

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Class 1
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Essex vs. Galax

Class 2
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11:30 a.m.
Radford vs. Riverheads

Class 3
At Liberty University
5 p.m.
Lafayette vs. Liberty Christian

Class 4
At Liberty University
11:30 a.m.
Phoebus vs. Salem

Class 5
At University of Virginia
5 p.m.
Maury vs. Stoneridge

Class 6
At University of Virginia
11:30 a.m.
Freedom vs. Highland Springs

Reception set for NHRA champ Hagan

CHRISTIANSBURG – Christiansburg native Matt Hagan clinched a sensational 4TH NHRA Funny Car World Championship at the Camping World Series finale in Pomona, CA on November 12.

Hagan’s title places him in an elite group of only four racers to have won four funny car championships in the history of the sport. Racing greats John Force (15 championships), Don Prudhomme (4), and Kenny Bernstein (4) round out the list.

Hagan’s fourth title is the first for the TSR Nitro organization, owned by Indy/NASCAR champ Tony Stewart, who made the move to NHRA team ownership two seasons ago.

Hagan’s remarkable achievement will be celebrated in his hometown on December 16, 2023, with a Champion’s Celebration Reception.

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

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

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

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Deferred Inflows	<u>-142,949</u>
Net Position	<u>34,169,032</u>
Revenues	\$ 6,614,537
Expenses	-5,803,876
Non-operating revenue/expense	<u>191,635</u>
Net Change in Net Position	<u>\$1,002,596</u>
Detailed financial statements may be obtained by writing to: NEW RIVER RESOURCE AUTHORITY, P O BOX 1246, DUBLIN, VA 24084 540-674-1677	

LEGAL NOTICE



Public Notice Pulaski County Board of Zoning Appeals


Notice is given pursuant to the Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance and Section 15.2-2310 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, that a public hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 19, 2023 in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, Pulaski, VA 24301. The Pulaski County Board of Zoning Appeals is hosting a Public Hearing and will receive public comments in relationship to the applications as listed below:

A) Petition by Foresight Design Services on behalf of Golden Triangle Development, Variance to Article 5.4 Parking, in a High-Density Residential Zone District, of the Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance. The property is located at 6189 Belspring Rd. Radford, VA 24141 Tax Map # 029-001-0000-0007/7B, 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, Pulaski, VA 24301.

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LEGAL NOTICE



Public Hearing Town of Pulaski Town Council

The Town Council of the Town of Pulaski, Virginia will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 42 First Street, N.W. to appropriate the following funds.

Revenue	Expenditure	Appropriation
FROM Virginia Department of Health		\$1,745,000
TO	Water Treatment Plant Backwash System	\$1,745,000

All persons desiring to speak for or against the proposed budget amendment should appear at the Town Council Meeting or to submit their comments in writing to the Town Manager prior to the public hearing.

For disabled individuals who may require special auxiliary aids or services, reasonable accommodations will be made by the Town upon request. Please contact the Clerk of Council at (540) 994-8600 prior to 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.

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Virginia
VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104
Case No. CL23000512-00
Pulaski County Circuit Court
45 Third Street, NW, Ste. 101, Pulaski, VA 24301

Gary Henry Belcher Jr. v. Cassandra Rhnea Belcher

The object of this suit is to: TO OBTAIN A DIVORCE

It is ORDERED that CASSANDRA RHNEA BELCHER appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before FEBRUARY 2, 2024.

December 4, 2023 Trisha Albert, Deputy Clerk

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).

Case No. CL23-451

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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

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

Entered: 10/31/23

Circuit Court Clerk/Judge
County of Pulaski, Virginia

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Radford senior Landen Clark snags an interception - one of his two in the fourth quarter - to stop a Graham drive.

Bobcats

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7-7. On Radford's next play, Clark hit Taylor on a short stop route where Taylor avoided the first defender and ran 57 yards before being brought down at the G-Men 23 yard line. The Bobcats drove to the 6 yard line before turning the ball over on downs.

Both teams exchanged punts but Radford kept the G-Men pinned deep in their own territory. Feeling the pressure, the Graham punter kicked a short punt that bounced backwards for a negative 3 yard punt. The Bobcats quickly scored when Clark took the snap and ran up the middle and bounced left to find the endzone. Radford ran the muddle huddle where Clark hit Taylor on the left side for a 2 point conversion to give the Bobcats a 15-7 lead.

Graham's next drive got to the Radford 20 yard line before a turnover on downs. Radford threw an interception on the next play to give the G-Men good field position late in the first half. Several runs by Clements got Graham inside the 10 yard line. Dylan Nash kicked a 24 yard field goal on 4th down to narrow the score to 15-10 with 29 seconds left in the first half.

Radford received the halftime kickoff and was forced to punt. The Bobcats recovered a Graham fumble but fumbled it back to Graham two plays later near midfield. The Bobcat defense forced another three and out for the G-Men. Another bad punt gave Radford the ball at their own 32 yard line. Clark hit Taylor on the run on a crossing route and Taylor turned up the sideline for a 66 yard touchdown run. With the extra point good, Radford increased its lead to 22-10 with 7:08 left in the 3rd quarter. Graham needed to respond but a Dawson Martin sack put Graham at 4th and 17 and they were forced to punt. Radford took over on the plus side of the field but turned the ball over on downs after failing to get a first down.

Both offenses struggled to sustain drives in the second half. They either punted or turned the ball over on downs the last half of the third quarter and most of the fourth quarter. Neither team made it to the

redzone the rest of the game. Graham constantly started deep in their own territory. The G-Men's last drive ended when Clark intercepted a pass and ran it out of bounds at the Graham 15 yard line with under 2 minutes left. Radford took a knee to run out the clock and seal the victory.

Clark completed 10 of 21 passes for 199 yards and 2 touchdowns. He also ran 15 times for 27 yards and a touchdown. JD Grubb ran 12 times for 38 yards. Taylor had a big game catching 4 passes for 152 yards and one touchdown. Kanipe caught 3 passes 47 yards and 1 touchdown. For Graham, Dalton Roberts completed 20 of 38 passes for 146 yards. Clements ran 30 times for 135 yards and one touchdown. Chris Edwards caught 13 passes for 90 yards.

Radford advances to the State Championship game and will face the Riverheads at Salem Stadium on Saturday Dec. 9 at 11:30am. Tickets can be purchased online at gofan.co, on the GoFan app, or at the gate.

Hokies to face No. 23 Tulane in Military Bowl

By The Associated Press

No. 23 Tulane (11-2, AAC) vs. Virginia Tech (6-6, ACC), Dec. 27, 2 p.m. ET

LOCATION: Annapolis, Maryland

TOP PLAYERS

Tulane: RB Makhi Hughes. The AAC rookie of the year led the league in rushing with 1,290 yards to go with seven touchdowns.

Virginia Tech: RB Bhayshul Tuten. He leads the team with 610 yards rushing to go with seven scores, but he showed his explosiveness with a 32-yard TD run and a 94-yard kickoff return for a score in a rivalry win against Virginia.

NOTABLE

Tulane: The Green Wave will be led by interim coach Slade Nagle after Willie Fritz was hired at Houston.

Virginia Tech: This is the first bowl trip for Brent Pry as the Hokies' head coach, but he was part of three bowl games while a member of Frank Beamer's staff in the 1990s.

LAST TIME

Virginia Tech 30, Tulane 13 (Oct. 28, 1989)

BOWL HISTORY

Tulane: The Green Wave are in a bowl for the fifth time in six years and 16th overall. Last year, Tulane stunned USC in the Cotton Bowl.

Virginia Tech: This is Virginia Tech's 35th bowl appearance in program history, though the Hokies have lost four straight and haven't won a bowl since the 2016 season.

No. 18 Liberty takes undefeated season into Fiesta Bowl against No. 8 Oregon

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Liberty held up its end all season, knocking off every team on its schedule.

The run, not to mention having the nation's best rushing attack, should have been good enough to get the Flames into a New Year's Six bowl game.

Even so, Sunday's selection show came with some anxious moments until pairings showed they will face No. 8 Oregon in the Fiesta Bowl on New Year's Day.

"Today was surreal to our program and our players and to see our name or logo up there in the Fiesta Bowl was something that really caught beyond our dreams," said first-year Liberty coach Jamey Chadwell, who coached the previous five seasons at Coastal Carolina. "And then on top of that to play one of the premier college football programs in the country with Oregon, it was something that typically doesn't happen to, you know, programs like us."

The Flames have been building toward this since becoming a full Division I member in 2018.

Liberty won six games its first season under Turner Gill and went to four straight bowls as an independent while being led by Hugh Freeze before he left for Auburn last year.

The Flames (13-0) took another step in their first season under Chadwell, finishing as one of four

Bowl Roundup

undefeated teams in the FBS. Liberty moved up to No. 18 in the AP Top 25 on Sunday and was No. 23 in the College Football Playoff rankings following its first conference title at the FBS level.

The Flames were the highest-ranked Group of Five conference champion after beating New Mexico State 49-35 in the Conference USA championship game.

Liberty is the first CUSA champion to clinch a New Year's Six bid in the College Football Playoff era.

"This team is playing well and it seems like they're operating on all cylinders," Oregon coach Dan Lanning said. "To go unbeaten in college football is extremely tough."

Liberty faces a huge test against the Ducks after playing one of the nation's weakest schedules.

Oregon (11-2) had a stellar season as quarterback Bo Nix put himself in the Heisman Trophy conversation, but couldn't get past Washington.

The second-ranked Huskies beat the Ducks during the regular season and ended their College Football Playoff hopes with a 34-31 win in the Pac-12 championship on Friday night in Las Vegas.

Oregon was No. 8 in the final CFP rankings in its final Pac-12 season before leaving for the Big Ten next year.

"This is the biggest, obviously, challenge that we faced, maybe ever in the history of our program, and so we know we'll have to play extremely well to try to get a victory," Chadwell said.

NIX'S STATUS

Dejected after the Ducks' loss in the Pac-12 title game, Nix was noncommittal on whether he would play in a bowl game or skip it to prepare for the NFL draft.

Lanning said Nix is all-in for the Fiesta Bowl.

"It speaks to his character, what he thinks of this team, what he feels like he owes the players on this team around him," Lanning said. "He certainly doesn't owe anybody anything and for him to go out there and to go play, I don't think it was really ever a question for him."

Nix threw for 4,145 yards this year to become the second Oregon quarterback to throw for more than 4,000 yards in a season, joining Heisman Trophy winner Marcus Mariota, who threw for 4,454 yards in 2014.

Nix leads the country in passing touchdowns (40) and completion percentage (77.2), and is second in passing yards per game (318.8) and passing efficiency (186.2).

RUNNING FLAMES

Liberty steamrolled its way through an undefeated season with the nation's top rushing offense.

The Flames averaged 302.9 yards rushing per game, finishing more than 27 yards ahead of No. 2 Air Force.

Quinton Cooley led the way, finishing eighth nationally with 1,322 while scoring 16 touchdowns, tied for sixth nationally.



Matt Hagan clinched a sensational 4TH NHRA Funny Car World Championship this season.

Hagan

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Hagan piloted in the season finale in Pomona.

Hagan's other sponsors include Johnson Horsepower Garage, American Rebel, and Rinnai, as well as Shelor Motor Mile, the Christiansburg auto dealership complex co-owned by Hagan's father.

A multitude of photos, videos, and memorabilia will be on display, including all 49 of Hagan's Wallies and the 4 World

Championship Trophies.

Team owner Tony Stewart and Stewart's wife Leah Pruett, driver of the Mopar Top Fuel dragster, will also be in attendance in what promises to be an exciting evening for race fans of all ages.

The event is open to the public from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Motor Mile Toyota showroom (2230 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg).



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Brian Bishop/Patriot Publishing
Senior Lane Nester lead the Cougars against Floyd with 22 points.

Cougars

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community, players and my staff. Great team win. Great big crowd and it's appreciated."

The Cougar junior varsity moved to 2-0 with a 69-59 win. Silas Sweet had 19 points, while Sammy Carrasco added 16, Boone Blevins had 15, and Braxton Merchant added 10 in the win.

Floyd got 19 points from

Gabe Hullet and 16 from Gavin Swortzel.

Pul. Co. 14 - 20 - 14 - 11 = 59
Floyd Co. 14 - 13 - 18 - 11 = 56
FG 's - Pul. Co. - 24, Floyd 22
3 Pt. Goals - Pul. Co. - 7 (Nester 3, Hollins 3, Hash) ,
Floyd - 2 - (Farley, Underwood)

FTs' - Pul Co. 4 of 6, Floyd - 7 of 11
Fouls - Pul. Co. 13, Floyd - 14

Technicals - None
Fouled Out - None

Cougars thrashed by Carroll in '23-24 season opener, 66-48

By RODNEY YOUNG
Patriot Publishing

HILLSVILLE – The season opener for the Pulaski County boys basketball team turned into a long night as the home-standing Carroll County Cavaliers thumped the visiting Cougars, 66-48.

Carroll County jumped out to a 15-9 advantage after the first quarter and never looked back. They would then outscore the Cougars 19-7 to take a commanding 34-16 lead into intermission.

The start of the third quarter was no better for Pulaski County and their new head coach, Anthony Akers.

The Cavaliers were hitting on all cylinders as they would score 22 points in the quarter to the Cougars' nine. Their biggest lead was 31, 56-25 going into the final stanza.

Both teams would then use their entire bench with Pulaski County scoring 23 points – almost as many points in the fourth quarter as they had for

the first three. Carroll only scored 10 to make the final score somewhat better.

"It wasn't the outcome I was looking and hoping for," said Cougar head coach Akers. "We didn't shoot the ball well, we didn't handle the ball well, either."

"Unforced turnovers are very detrimental. We got out-rebounded and missed shots and they hit shots," Akers added.

Carroll County hit eight three's and it seemed they hit more than that.

Carroll County head coach Anthony Barnes said, "We want to pressure the ball and push the ball. I thought we set the tempo in the second quarter against Pulaski County."

The Cavaliers were led in scoring by Davis Reitzel with 21 points. He hit two three's and six other field goals. He controlled the boards and was three for three from the charity stripe. Guard Bryce Smoot tallied 12, while Jason Richardson and Isiah Easter both chipped in with eight points each. Brayden

Smoot came off the bench to score seven.

The Cougars placed two players in double figures. Senior Marcus Reed had 11 points and sophomore Justus Hash had 10, as he scored eight of those in the fourth quarter after the game was no longer in doubt. Senior Lane Nester was held to just nine points and Isaiah "Tootie" O'Dell finished with seven.

Pulaski Co. - 9 - 7 - 9 - 23 = 48
Carroll - 15 - 19- 22 - 10 = 66

Pulaski Co.: 15 FGs - 6- 11 FTs, 3 Pt. Goals - 4 - (Hash 2, Lawrence, Nester)
Carroll Co.: 18 FGs- 6- 7 FTs, 3 Pt. Goals - 8 - (Reitzel 2, Richardson 2, Bryce Smoot 2, Talley, Brayden Smoot)

Total Fouls - PC - 9, CC - 16
Fouled Out - None
Technicals - PC - O'Dell

JV - Pulaski Co. 46, Carroll Co. 25 - PC - Boone Blevins 11, Silas Sweet 6; Carroll Co. - Dane Leonard 11, Blake Reed 8

Cougars win a heart-stopper

By RODNEY YOUNG
Patriot Publishing

Sometimes you win pretty, sometimes you win ugly. The latter was true Wednesday night as Pulaski County defeated the Abingdon Falcons, 61-59 in the Cougar Den.

The Cougars got conservative on offense in the second half, and it almost cost them. They finished with 13 threes for the game after hitting 10 in the first half.

With the Cougars up 61-59 with seven seconds to go, Abingdon in-bounded the ball under their basket.

Adam Pomrenke drove down the right side of lane and shot a jumper at point-blank range. The ball hit the rim and bounced off and another Falcon rebounded and also put up a point-blank shot. The ball rolled off and got tipped up in the air.

With a second left, Cougar senior Marcus Reed caught the ball going out of bounds and threw it straight up in the air as the horn sounded.

The Cougars (2-1) had won their second game in a row. Justus Hash and Tootie O'Dell

both had 14 points on the night, while Chandler Hollins added 12 and Lane Nester eight.

Abingdon was led by 6-9 Reece Ketron with a game-high 24 points.

Cougar head coach Anthony Akers said afterwards, "It turned into an ugly win, for a game that shouldn't have been ugly. This is a learning experience for us all. The bottom line is it's a win."

Pulaski Co. - Hash 14, O'Dell

14, Hollins 12, Nester 8, Reed 5, Turner 3, Harlow 3, Anderson 2
Abingdon - Ketron 24, Turman 12, Pomrenke 12, Meade 6, Honaker 3, Woods 2
Pulaski Co. - 3 Pt. Goals - 13 (Hash 4, Hollins 4, O'Dell 2, Nester 2, Turner), Abingdon - 4 (Turman 3, Ketron)

JV - Pulaski Co. 54, Abingdon 39 - PC - Carrasco 13, Blevins 11, Sweet 10. Abingdon - Taylor 13



Town of Dublin Utility Customers Water Meter Replacement Notice

The Town of Dublin Utility Department along with Bitter Creek Construction will begin replacing meters on or around December 1, 2023. This mass meter changeout will take approximately 3 to 4 months to complete depending upon the weather.

The new meters will give us a more accurate measure of water usage per customer and leak detection will be quicker not only for the town but for you as a customer.

Once all the meters are changed out, then the readings will be pulled into our Utility Billing System by tower transmitters, until then, the meters will continue to be radio and manually read. The changeout process will affect the usage dates on your water bills during this meter changeout time, some bills will be less than 30 days usage and some will be more than 30 days usage depending on when your new meter is installed.

Remember, this is an ongoing process and will take 3 to 4 months to complete. Water outage/changeout per household may take anywhere from 30 minutes to an hour to complete. In some cases, there may be repairs or issues come up that will require additional time to complete the meter changeout. We apologize in advance for any inconveniences that this process may cause you.

LEGAL NOTICE



Public Notice Pulaski County Planning Commission

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

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

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

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

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Pulaski County senior Lane Nester is this week's James Hardie Athlete of the Week.

Nester hit a game high 22 points and had 12 rebounds for a double-double in the Cougars' first win of the season over Floyd County.

He added eight more points in PCHS' win over Abingdon and nine in the season opening loss to Carroll County.



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The Christians in the early Church devoted themselves to a be community of fellowship. They were of one heart and of one soul. They even shared their possessions with one another so that the needs of the needy would be supplied and so that the ministers of the gospel would have sufficient funds to go out and minister.

As a positive example of love and fellowship, Luke calls particular attention to a man named Barnabas who sold land that he possessed and came and laid it at the apostle's feet. Every penny that they received from the sale of the land. In contrast, Ananias and Sapphira his wife, were negative examples of love and fellowship when they claimed to have given the entire proceeds from the sale of some property they owned to the Church but held back part to line their own pockets.

Luke also writes of a breakdown in fellowship because of the community of faith's failure to support a particular groups of widows of the Church. The Jewish widows were receiving support from the Church while the widows who were gentiles were being neglected.

But if the Church can help one, two or three, it can and should support others who are in need of help also.

So to rectify the situation, seven godly men of good report were appointed to deal with the crises. Among them was a man named Phillip, a charismatic preacher who was on fire for God. Phillip became the first one to plant a Church in Samaria. Also among the seven was a man named Stephen. He was a man who was full of the Holy Ghost and faith. He did great wonders and many miraculous signs followed him. Because of his powerful witness for Christ the Jews hated him and he became the first martyr of the early Church.

Acts 6:1. "And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration. Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, it is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables. Wherefore brethren, look you out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom ye may appoint over this business. But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

And the saying pleased the whole multitude; and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenias and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch; whom they set before the Apostles, and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them." These seven men have come to be known as the first deacons of the Church.

At this time, there were predominately two groups of people in the Christian Community, Converted Hebrews and converted Grecians. The Hebrews mainly lived in and around Jerusalem where the early Church got it's start. While many of the Greeks converted to Christianity were not living in or around Jerusalem, or at least not as many as the Hebrews. The Greeks converts to Christ were scattered from here to yon and were not originally residents of Palestine or Jerusalem.

Most of the women of that day and time were homemakers and mothers and did not work a job for a living. So when their husbands died, they were incapable of supporting themselves. Many depended on the benevolence of the Church for survival.

Because the widows of the Grecians were not as well known around Jerusalem and the Hebrew widows, it was easy

See MCCRAW, page B7

- Draper Valley Baptist Church
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Draper, Va. 24324
Pastor: Alan Pearce
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Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening, 5 p.m.
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www.drapervalleybaptist.org
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Dublin, Va. 24084
Pastor: Doug Testerman
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Service: 10 a.m. every Sunday
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Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
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Wednesday Youth Bible Study, 7 p.m.
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- Allisonia Pentecostal Holiness Church
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Allisonia, VA
Pastor Justin Phillips
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Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
- First United Methodist Church
301 N. Jefferson Ave. - Pulaski (physical)
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Pastor's Name: Josh Kilbourne
Sunday Service: 10:00 AM
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Contact Info. Phone: 540.980.3331
e-mail: office@fumcpulask.org
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Belspring, VA 24058
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Wednesday Bible Study and
Youth Group: 7 p.m.
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Joe Ratcliff, Pastor
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Sundays, 10 a.m.
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Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
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11 a.m. Sunday Service
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Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
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Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
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Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
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Sunday Evening Worship 6 pm
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Coming of Our Lord



Thess.4:16, “For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God.” He will come with the saints. 1 Thess.4:14, “For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.” His appearance will be stunning. Rev. 1:13-16, “And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were as a flame of fire; And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. And He had in His right hand seven stars: and out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword: and His countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.” In view of knowing these things, how should we live knowing Jesus is coming again?

BIBLE TRIVIA

1. Is the book of 1 Corinthians (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. For not believing his wife would conceive, who was struck mute, not being able to speak? Gabriel, Zachariah, Joash, Meshah
3. The Lord's Prayer, the Beatitudes and the Golden Rule are found in what sermon? Lamb blood, Agnus, On the mount, Dry bones
4. According to David, what does God's spiritual cleansing make us whiter than? Light, Clouds, Wool, Snow
5. How many times is the name "Lucifer" mentioned in the Bible (KJV)? 1, 7, 9, 13
6. From Psalm 19, what do the heavens declare? Holiness, Glory of God, Creation, Mighty wind

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) Zachariah, 3) On the mount, 4) Snow, 5) 1 (Isaiah 14:12), 6) Glory of God

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for the Apostles, who were as busy as bees, working for the Lord, establishing Churches, and feeding the flock with the word of God, to overlook them.

It very well could have been that the mainly dominated Hebrews in the early Church at Jerusalem had more love and more concern for the Hebrew widows. Those of their own ethnicity. They were widows of their own culture. Perhaps there was some social separation trying to rear its ugly head between these two groups that resulted in the Grecian widows receiving the short end of the stick so to speak.

Perhaps there was a language barrier that caused some of it. But whatever caused it, it wasn't right. God treats us all equally and so if we're going to be like our Father in Heaven, we need to treat everyone equally too.

Now where did the money come from to help the widows. The Church had a fund set aside for the needy. It wasn't that care of the needy was beneath the Apostles. They simply didn't have time to do ALL of the word needed to help their brothers and sisters. They needed help.

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Pulaski, VA 24301-4618
(540) 980-7144
www.firstchristianpulaski.org
Pastor: Timothy Moore
Men's Sunday School: 10 am
Worship: 11 am

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Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Tuesday Evening Worship Service: 7 p.m.

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Bishop Sherman Buckner
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Worship: 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Thursday: 7 p.m. Service

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Dublin, VA 24084
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Phone: 540-674-6147
www.newdublin.org

Newbern Methodist Church
5151 Wilderness Road
Dublin VA 24084
Pastor: Dave Adkins
540-230-9264
Worship: 9:45 AM
Sunday School : 11:00 AM

James 5:8 says, “Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.” Do you believe Jesus is coming again? If you answered yes, what makes you believe Jesus is coming again? How does what you believe about the return of Christ, affect the way you live? As Christians, the coming of the Lord fills our hearts with joy even when our life seems filled with problems. The return of Christ is one hope that can never be taken away. It will happen. It could happen today. Let's consider that wonderful point in time when Jesus returns for His own.

When Jesus comes for us, our earthly journey will be over. Our earthly life is temporary. Ps.39:5, “Behold, thou hast made my days as an handbreadth; and mine age is as nothing before thee.”

Our earthly life is tempestuous, or turbulent, or stormy. Job said, “Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble.” (Job 14:1) Think for a moment about your life can you agree with this? Yet, as followers of Christ, our earthly lives will end in victory. We will have a new body. Paul said the change will come quickly and will be complete. (1 Cor. 15:51-54) We'll also have a new future. Do you see any hope in the governments of the world? When Jesus comes again, He will rule the world, and we will reign with Him on the earth for 1000 years.

When Jesus comes, our joy will be overwhelming. Now we look for Him, but then, we shall see Him! This is not merely wishful thinking. It is our happy expectation for the future. When things get tough, hold on to this promise.

We will see Jesus. He will appear in the sky. He will come with a shout. I

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 29:10-11

The **LORD** sits enthroned **over** the **floods**; the LORD is **enthroned** as **King forever**. The Lord **gives strength** to **his people**; the Lord **blesses** his people **with peace**.

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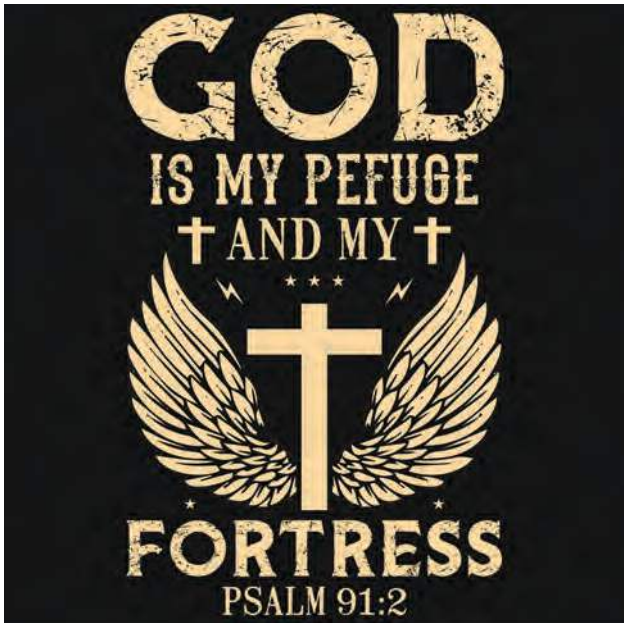
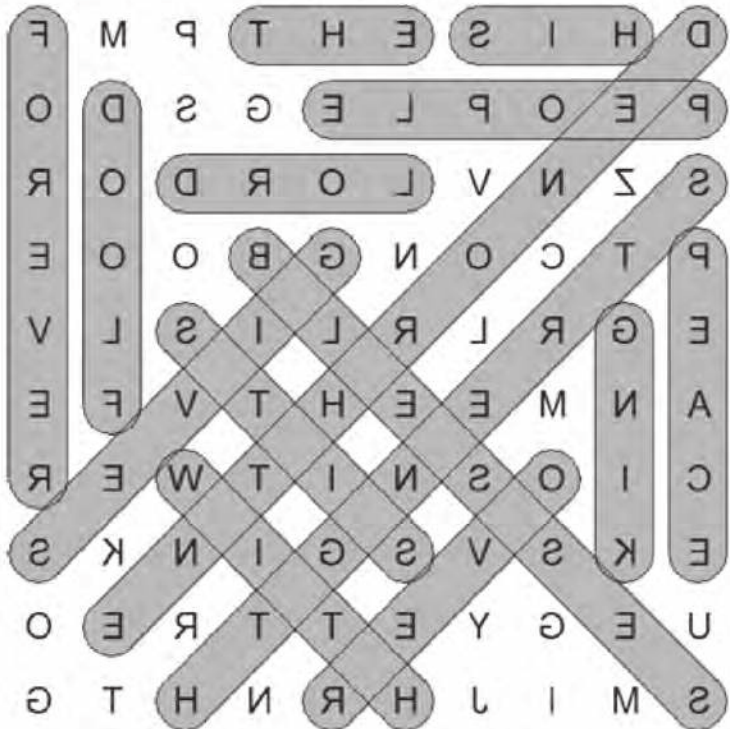
Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram.
They run in all directions — forward, backward, up,
down and diagonally.

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Answers



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. LUKE 2: 6,7

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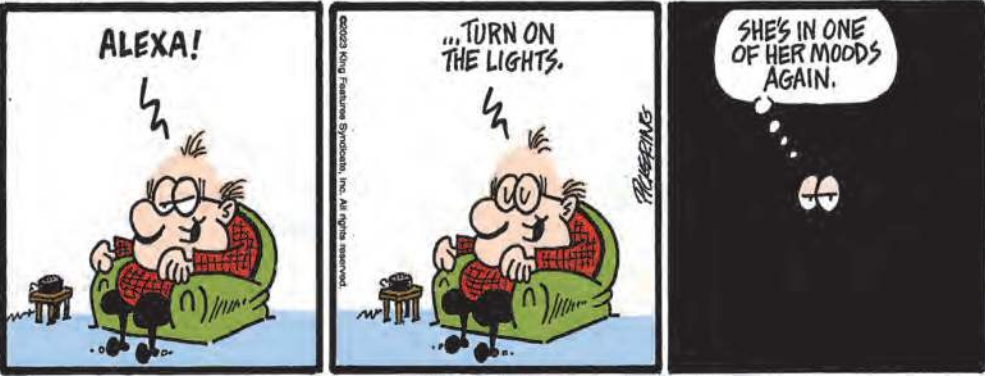
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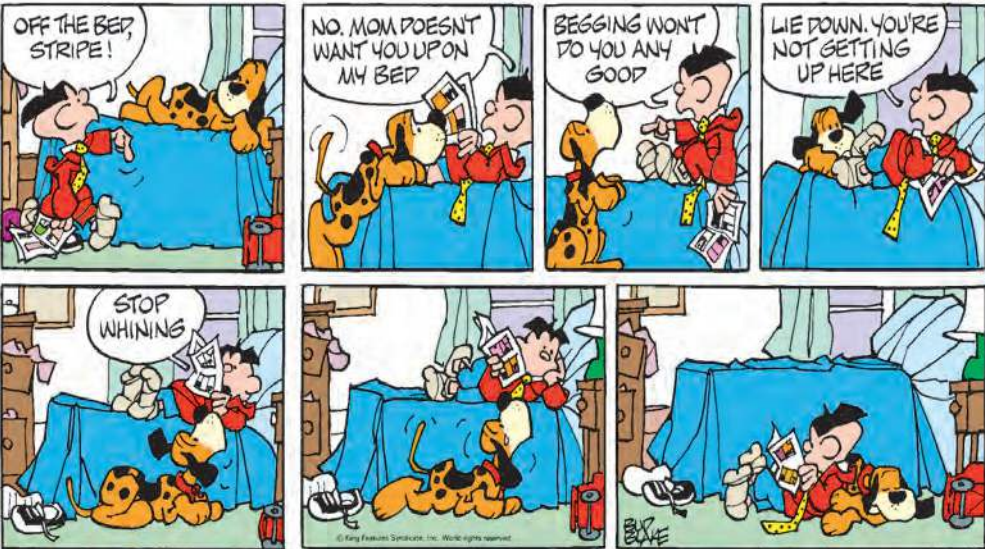
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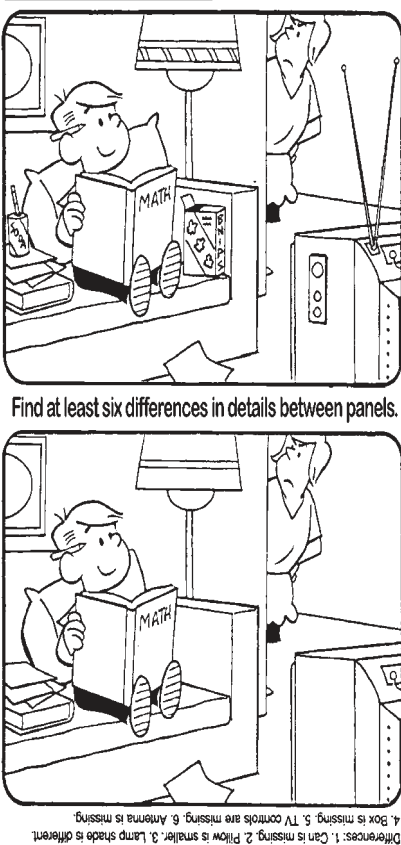


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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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: Z equals H

IZC RN QZT EYZDAEQDYQF NL D
GTKQDEY FNWQZTDFQ DFEDY
EFMDYR DMIDCF FTTS FN
LTDKLWM? ATGDWFT QZTC'KT
QESNK-NWF.

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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!

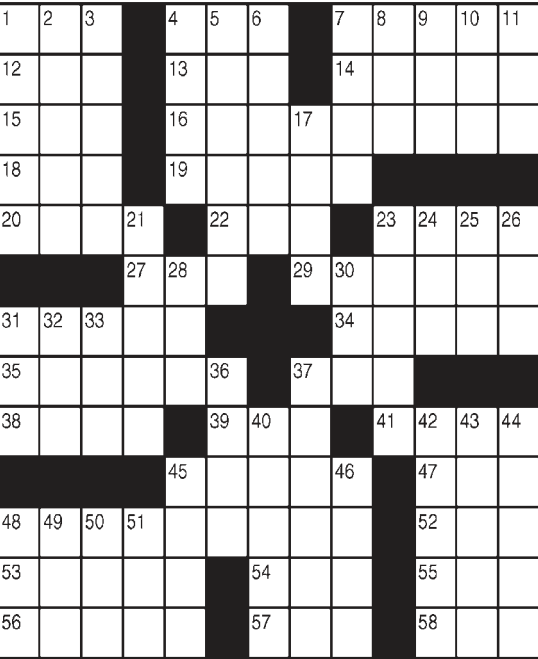
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Companion SECTOR
Lift ARISE
Vast GATER

TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 "Kapow!"
4 British ref. work
7 Holler
12 Director Spike
13 Chemical suffix
14 Fall sign
15 Nest egg acronym
16 Large, luxurious car
18 Brooch
19 Range
20 Collections
22 — tear (raging)
23 First lady of scat
27 Earth Day mo.
29 Transparent
31 Dolphins' home
34 Traces of smoke
35 Agile
37 Obtained
38 Bygone Peruvian
39 Flamenco cheer
41 Vacillate
45 Quick trip
47 Shoe width
48 Pungent cheese
52 Aachen article



- 53 Sports figures?
54 Zsa Zsa's sister
55 Speck
56 Dunkable treat
57 River blocker
58 Actor Brynner
7 Pivot
8 That guy's
9 Kimono sash
10 Samovar
11 — kwon do
17 Ellipse
21 Ballroom dance
23 Radiates
24 Vinyl records
25 Back talk
26 Billboards
28 Picnic dessert
30 — Jima
31 Roman 1051
32 "There's no — team!"
33 "Better Call Saul" network
36 Bellow
37 Swiss metropolis
40 Sledged in the Winter Olympics
42 Like a neglected garden
43 Vowel group
44 Streisand title role
45 Equitable
46 Streetcar
48 Leary's drug
49 Jurist Lance
50 Fortify
51 A/C meas.

DOWN

- 1 Radar dots
2 High nest
3 Signified
4 Fixes a squeak
5 Newspaper chief
6 Fiend



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WORD LADDERS

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

STORE

AMONG

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1. MOVIES: Which Disney animated movie features the song "Whistle While You Work"?
2. GEOGRAPHY: Which two oceans are on Russia's shores?
3. PSYCHOLOGY: What is the fear represented in the condition called euphoria?
4. TELEVISION: What is "The Simpsons" home address?
5. GAMES: How many dimples are on a golf ball?
6. ASTRONOMY: Earth's place in the solar system is how many planets from the Sun?
7. LANGUAGE: What is the only country in South America whose official language is Dutch?
8. FOOD & DRINK: What is a sweetbread?
9. LITERATURE: In which century was "The Canterbury Tales" written?
10. SCIENCE: Who is considered the father of modern astronomy?

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10. Copernicus.
9. Late 14th century.
8. Internal organs of a young animal.
7. Suriname.
6. Third.
5. Generally between 300-500.
4. 742 Evergreen Terrace.
3. Fear of good news.
2. Arctic and Pacific.
1. "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs."

Answers

TITLE
Today's Word
1. Least 2. Escort
3. Raise; 4. Great
solution
SCRAMBLERS

ALONE, ALONG, AMONG
STORE, STONE, ATONE, AMONG
Answer

WORD LADDER

Americanisms



"I firmly believe you should never spend your time being the former anything."
— Condoleezza Rice

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Why do the inhabitants of a certain Southeast Asian island always seem so fearful? Because they're Timor-ous.

King Crossword — Answers

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Dec. 9

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@cecilschapel for more info.

Dec. 10

Candlelight Service and Singing
Cecil's Chapel Church will be having a candlelight service and singing your favorite Christmas hymns, Dec. 10 at 5:30 p.m. Special music will be provided by Sherry Elkins of Open Door Baptist Church and members of Allisonia Pentacostal Holiness Church. Fellowship and a pie social (yes - pie!) to follow. 5801

Cecil's Chapel Road, Hiwassee, VA 24347.

Dec. 14

Community Lunch

Community Lunch at Cecil's Chapel Church, Dec. 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come join us for a warm lunch of soup, chili, sandwiches and all kinds of desserts. No cost, a time for fellowship and good eating. 5801 Cecil's Chapel Road, Hiwassee, VA 24347. See more of our events on our FB page @ cecils chapel

Dec. 17

Christmas Play
Bread of Life / Assembly of God on Robinson Tract Rd, Pulaski will present its 2023 Christmas Play entitled "The Inn, The Star, The Stable" on December 17th at 3:00 pm. The public is invited.

Christmas Caroling
Christmas Caroling with Cecil's Chapel Church Dec. 17 at 2 p.m. Have you ever wanted to go Christmas Caroling like you see in the movies? Or would you or someone you know want carolers to visit you? Singers welcomed as we want to spread Christmas cheer far and wide. Contact us on FB @cecils chapel.

Dec. 21

Radford Photo Club

The Radford Photo Club will meet at 6 p.m. on Dec. 21 at Radford Public Library. Bring your 3 favorite photos from 2023 on a thumb drive to share and select one as a print for the photo contest.

On going:

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

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

Pulaski Al-Anon Family Group
Pulaski Al-Anon Family Group (a support group for friends and families of alcoholics) meet every Monday night at 8 p.m. at Pulaski Presbyterian Church of America located at

975 Memorial Drive. Contact number 540-818-0621.

Lifestyles Changes
If you are currently trying to lose weight, we may have what you need. Contact Bill Brewer at 540-813-1605.

Celebrate Recovery
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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.

Thankful!

Well we made it through Thanksgiving folks and I don't know about you but I am even coming out of my turkey and mashed potatoes coma earlier than usual. (How is it that we can eat like that once a year, swear we will not do it again next year then of course we do, all over again.) So I need to say that I am thankful for that, having more than enough food for me and my family and others around me. As many of you know there are a lot of places in this world where that is not the case, many people go to bed hungry much of the time.

So I am thankful for having all that I can eat, and much more every day of my life. While we are talking about this thankfulness thing, in my usual not so humble opinion, people being thankful for things is a commodity that is in short supply these days, the truth is we are just plain spoiled. So in thinking about all this it occurs to me that we have a lot to be thankful for in the hunting and fishing and outdoor world. You don't think so? Bear with me for minute.

Even though I am one of those old baby boomers I heard those older than me go on about the "good ol days" of hunting and fishing for much of my life. The old timers claimed that the game populations were much better back then and all of the game animals were in short, much more plentiful. Looking at when this golden time would have been, for the hunters that I am talking about, we would at least be going back to the 1950's maybe the 60's and even before that. Truth is, if you start with the deer populations, at least in the southeast, there is no comparison to then and now. "Back in the day" as my older buds would say, there were simply not any deer in many locales. Many of those my age can well remember the first deer or even deer track that they saw. If someone actually bagged a deer in those days, he was an instant hero and often the buck would be paraded around on a car fender or truck bed for all to see. Many who are adults now can recall standing and gazing at the mythical deer as a wide eyed child.

All of this changed in the 70's and going into the 80's, deer numbers skyrocketed with populations growing to heights that were even higher than they are today. Almost overnight deer seemed to be everywhere and where they were once held in awe, now many considered them a pest in their gardens and dodging them on the highway.



GUNS & CORNBREAD

How soon we forget, but I am thankful to live in a time when deer are plentiful.

Same with the king of gamebirds, the Eastern Wild Turkey populations plunged to almost extinct levels after the turn of the century. (the 1900's) Modern conservation practices, especially the advent of the cannon net to capture native wild turkeys and transplant them to other areas really caused the turkey population to explode. Like the deer, turkeys were more populous 20 years ago than they are now. I'm thankful to have lived in a time when there was lots of turkeys.

We live in great country. For all of it's faults and slings and arrows from its many detractors the United States of America is still the greatest country in the world. We have so much freedom in so many areas and we take it all for granted. One area I am very thankful for is our freedom under the Second Amendment. We enjoy much freedom, as we should, to own guns for hunting and shooting sports and home defense. Although it seems there are those who are working every day to take away the rights we have to keep and bear arms, so far we have prevailed under the Second Amendment. I am thankful for that.

I am very thankful for the amount of public land that we enjoy in this country. Many of us would have nowhere to go for hunting and fishing and just getting lost in the wild were it not for the vast amount of public land we have here. There are thousands, no millions of acres of public land in many states for you to take advantage of, if you have not done so, get a map and start scheming where you can go in your area. You may be amazed at the number of Forest Service and Public Hunting Areas you have to chose from. I am thankful for that.

Well as usual I have gone on too long, but maybe you get the idea. We have a lot to be thankful for as hunters and fishermen and sportsmen. Think about that a little bit as you are working you way through all those Thanksgiving leftovers. (The turkey on dinner roll sandwiches is my favorite)

Hokies handle Louisville

BLACKSBURG, Va. (AP) — Sophomore MJ Collins came off the bench to score a career-high 20 points to help Virginia Tech hold off Louisville 75-68 in an early Atlantic Coast Conference opener for both teams on Sunday.

Collins made 5 of 10 shots, including all three of his 3-pointers and all seven of his free throws for the Hokies (6-3). He added four rebounds and four assists. Lynn Kidd had 19 points on 8-for-13 shooting, while Hunter Cattoor scored 12.

The Hokies hit 8 of 10 foul shots from there to hold on for the victory.

Virginia Tech will host Valparaiso on Saturday.



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Mylyjael Poteat dunks for VT.



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REGULAR LIVESTOCK AUCTIONS

Every Thursday at 1:00 pm

**** We are complying with all current COVID-19 regulations, and ask that you sit at least 6 feet apart, do not bring additional guests or children, and do not enter the building if you are sick or have been running a fever.**



Taking It To The Streets



****Big Christmas Celebration****

Saturday Dec. 16, 2023 3pm-5pm

235 N. Jefferson Ave. Pulaski, VA

Bring Your Children For A Big Time

Our Big Christmas Celebration will be Saturday December 16th from 3 - 5 pm. We will have gifts (infant to age 16). Come enjoy an afternoon of fun, fellowship and worship with us.

NOTE: Pre-registration for Pulaski County residents now through Dec. 4th. Forms must be turned in no later than Dec. 4th. Children must be with parent or guardian to receive gifts.

You can sign up at The Street Ministry 276-620-4293, Emanuel Bookstore, The Patriot Newspaper and Cougar Express.

For more information contact Charlie Barbettini (276) 620-4293

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FOOD AND CLOTHING EVENT and BIG CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

A) From 11 am till 1 pm we will have our Food and Clothing event. We will be serving free hot dogs, chips, dessert and drink. Also the Clothing Bank will be open with free men's, women's, boys' and girls' coats and clothing.

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

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Each Service Broadcast Live on streaming video at: www.streets4god.com

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Wear what you have and come as you are! Come expecting a Blessing "Go Ye Into All The World and Preach The Gospel to Every Creature" Mark 16:15