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Rep. Morgan Griffith

## Griffith announces bid for re-election

Salem - Congressman Morgan Griffith has declared his intention to seek re-election to Virginia's Ninth Congressional District.

"I have called Southwest Virginia home my entire life, and I have worked tirelessly for the communities I represent. I am so fortunate to be currently representing some of the state's most friendly, loving, and patriotic Americans. Despite the tremendous size of the Ninth Congressional district, I have been amazed by the overwhelming support I have received as I travel throughout the regions. This support has made my job as your U.S. Representative special," said the Salem Republican.

"Unfortunately, the last year under the Biden administration has been anything but ideal for my constituents. We are seeing an unprecedented assault on our civil liberties, families are struggling to make ends meet as gas prices and grocery prices rise, and drug abuse continues to be a major problem in our communities."

"By addressing legislation that focuses more on fulfilling Democrat wish lists as opposed to serving the people, it is clear that the radical left in Washington D.C. does not hold the interests of

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## Minimum wage set to increase to \$11 on Jan. 1

By TYLER ARNOLD

(The Center Square) – Virginia's minimum wage will increase to \$11 per hour in less than a week, which is getting some mixed reactions from members of the commonwealth's business community.

On Jan. 1, the minimum wage will increase by \$1.50 per hour, going up from \$9.50 to \$11. This is the second phase in the state's incremental minimum wage increase. In May of 2021, the minimum wage went up from \$7.75 to \$9.50.

Although this will put more of a burden on businesses, many have already been forced to increase wages in recent months because of a pressing labor shortage, according to Nicole Riley, the Virginia director for the National Federation of Independent Business.

Riley told The Center Square that most businesses are already paying their employees more than \$11 per hour to incentivize potential workers. However, she said the higher minimum wage

could negatively impact certain businesses who would normally hire younger and inexperienced workers later in the year.

Any time labor costs increase, there will be a trickle down effect, Riley said. To absorb costs, a business might spread work out among current staff, rather than hire another worker, she added. In some cases, a business could pass the costs down to the consumer through higher prices, but she said the high inflation rates could make that difficult to sustain and result in losing customers.

One organization called Business for a Fair Minimum Wage is embracing the higher wage. The group's CEO, Holly Sklar, released a statement in which she said low minimum wages hurt workers who can't afford basics and hurt businesses that count on people having money to spend. Michael Lastoria, the CEO of &pizza and member of the group, said higher wages show workers they are valued.

"Since the start of the pandemic

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# NRV Passenger Rail Station study launched

The Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA) would like to announce the launch of the New River Valley Passenger Rail Station Feasibility Study, which is a study of potential passenger rail station locations in and around the New River Valley. The following information provides a brief highlight of activities to-date that have led to the New River Valley Passenger Rail Station Feasibility Study:

- On May 5, 2021, the Governor of Virginia announced that the Commonwealth had reached an agreement with Norfolk Southern to extend passenger rail service along the former Virginian line from Roanoke to the New River Valley for the first time since 1979.

- The Governor's announcement outlined Virginia's intent to:
  - o Purchase 28.5 miles of right-of-way and tracks along the former Virginian Line from the Salem Crossovers west of Roanoke to Merrimac (Christiansburg) from Norfolk Southern.

- o Increase and extend passenger rail service from Roanoke to the New River Valley through infrastructure improvements along the existing rail line and move forward a new passenger station.

- In Fall 2021, VPRA began a feasibility study to examine five potential station locations in and around the New River Valley.

- o The station locations are along existing Norfolk Southern railroad corridors that are currently operated for freight trains

## Griffith

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Southwest Virginia to heart.”

“As such, I feel the need to continue my fight in Congress to make sure our region is heard and ensure traditionally conservative values ultimately prevail. There is still much work to be done in Congress. Accordingly, I announce my candidacy for re-election to represent the Ninth Congressional District.”

Griffith was first elected to represent the Ninth Congressional District of Virginia in the U.S. House of Representatives on November 2, 2010 when he upset longtime representative Rick Boucher.

In his sixth term, Griffith is a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, which has jurisdiction over some of the most important issues facing Virginia's Ninth District including public health and federal regulations.

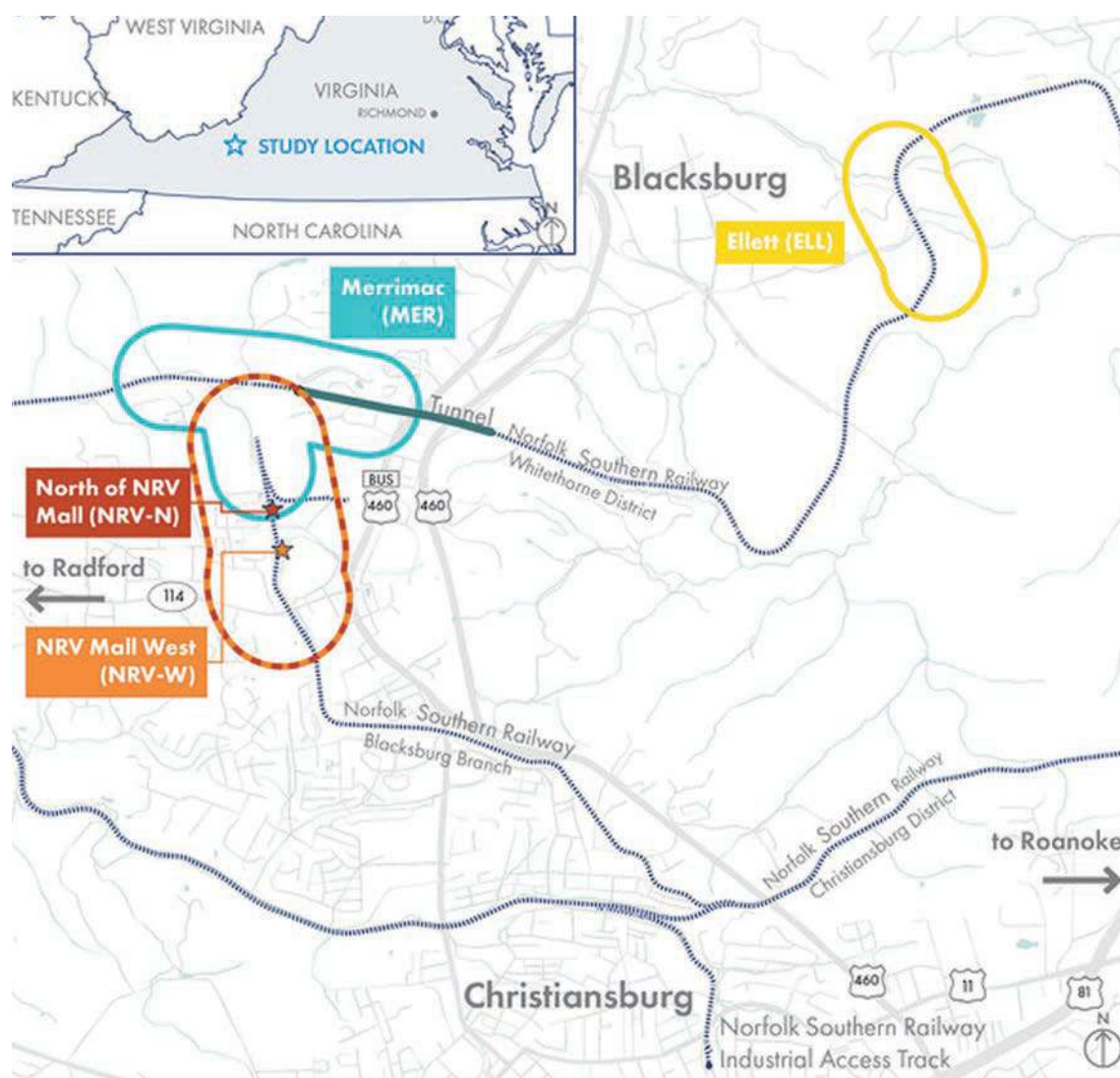
For the 117th Congress, he was named Republican Leader of the

Energy and Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations. He is a member of the Subcommittee on Health and the Subcommittee on Energy.

Prior to his election to the U.S. House of Representatives, Griffith served as a member of the Virginia House of Delegates from 1994 to 2011, where he represented the Eighth District. In 2000, Morgan was elected House Majority Leader, the first Republican in Virginia history to hold that position.

He is a graduate of Salem's Andrew Lewis High School and an honors graduate of Emory & Henry College. After completing studies at the Washington and Lee University School of Law, Griffith returned to Southwest Virginia where he practiced law for nearly three decades.

He is married to Hilary, and together they have three children.



only.

- o The New River Valley Passenger Rail Station Feasibility Study reflects on previous work conducted for the New River Valley Passenger Rail Station locations in the region, while examining what station location opportunities are possible following the Governor's May 2021 announcement.

- o The feasibility study will examine and screen potential station locations to inform a Federal Railroad Administration National En-

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## Wage

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ic, & pizza has opened 20 new locations [nationally] and we are planning to open 40 more in the next 12 months or so,” Lastoria said in a statement. “Our focus has always been on providing quality jobs and higher wages is the single clearest way to say to our workforce, ‘We value you.’ All of our work counts for nothing if our people cannot live on the wages we pay them.”

The restaurant has five locations in Virginia, all of which are in the Washington, D.C. metro area.

Stephen Haner, a senior fellow for state and local tax policy at the free-market Thomas Jefferson Institute for Public Policy, told The Center Square that most businesses have likely already prepared

for the increase.

“The increase to \$11 has been scheduled for more than a year, so businesses should have it baked in,” Haner said. “If it means fewer people, they’ve done it already. Economic events have basically overtaken it and plenty of employers are already there or have gone higher. We are now in the ‘dog chasing its tail’ phase, where wages and prices just rise in lockstep.”

An incremental increase in minimum wage was passed by the General Assembly and signed by Gov. Ralph Northam last year. After it increases to \$11 this weekend, it is set to go up to \$12 on Jan. 1 of the following year, 2023.

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# Java Brothers, Nobody’s Business headline 8 jamboree

NRCC Fiddle, Banjo and Dance Club Jamboree to be held Jan. 8

The music of Java Brothers and Nobody’s Business will be featured during New River Community College’s Fiddle, Banjo and Dance Club Jamboree on Sat., Jan. 8, 2022. Music will begin at 6 p.m. in 117 Edwards Hall at NRCC in Dublin. NRCC requires all individuals to wear masks indoors, and social distancing protocols will be observed.

The Java Brothers bluegrass band members met during a Monday Night Radford Fiddle and Banjo jam. Their musical influences include Bill Monroe, Stanley Brothers, Jimmy Martin, Old and In the Way, The Seldom Scene, Sam Bush, Tony Rice, JD Crowe and Doyle Lawson. The Java Brothers mix standard bluegrass and newgrass with fiery original tunes in their live shows. The band includes Joe Abercrombie on banjo, Ralph Berrier on fiddle, Chris Burgoyne on mandolin, Doug Capobianco on string bass, and Wayne Frye on guitar.

Nobody’s Business is an old-time band from the Grayson Highlands mountain region of Southwest Virginia where the state meets North Carolina and Tennessee. The band is steeped in the traditions of rural old-time mountain music that have been passed down through generations in this unique area of the

Blue Ridge mountains. Nobody’s Business shows feature a diverse and entertaining collection of hard driving fiddle/banjo tunes, mountain ballads, old time sacred songs and square dance music. Performing with the band will be Jackson Cunningham on guitar and mandolin, Trevor McKenzie on fiddle, Stu Geisbert on bass, and Hanna Traynham on clawhammer banjo, backup guitar and harmony vocals.

Corporate sponsors of the jamborees include Anderson Audiology, Dublin; August Jewelers & Boutique, Inc., Radford; Castle Rock Insurance Agency, Pearisburg; Estes Auto & Truck Parts Inc., Pilot; First Community Bank, Pulaski; Food City; Gregory Seeding and Landscaping Company, Pulaski; Martin’s Pharmacy, Pulaski; Pepsi Cola Bottling Co., Dublin; Pulaski Patriot, Pulaski; SERVPRO, Montgomery & Pulaski Counties; and Southern Furniture Warehouse, Radford.

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

For more information about the NRCC Fiddle, Banjo, and Dance Club, please contact Tim Jones at (540) 674-3625 or visit [www.nr.edu/fiddle](http://www.nr.edu/fiddle).



## Paw’s Corner

DEAR PAW’S CORNER: During the pandemic, my cat “Rusty” would jump into my lap or roam across my keyboard during Zoom meetings with the rest of my team. Everyone thought it was funny. Last month I was hired to work remotely for a new company. My supervisor told me the cat cannot appear on screen. If I put Rusty into the bathroom during video calls (I have a studio apartment), he yowls loudly until I let him out. What can I do? I need to keep this job. -- Jake V., Alexandria, Virginia

DEAR JAKE: Pets can be a lot of fun to introduce in casual business meetings, but they can’t always be present, especially if your boss has forbidden it. Here

are some things you can try:

-- Create a “go to work” routine. We tend to follow the same format every morning (wake up, drink coffee, get dressed, sit at our computer), so add two things to the routine: attention time with Rusty, and leaving for work. Give Rusty 10-15 minutes of undivided attention somewhere between coffee and getting dressed. Once you’re dressed, say “I’m going to work!” loudly, and ignore Rusty for several minutes.

-- Make Rusty more comfortable when separated from you. Put his favorite cat bed, toys and drinking water into the bathroom when he’s sequestered.

-- Teach “go away” signals. Make a hissing noise or snap your fingers when Rusty tries to jump up.

## Rail

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vironmental Policy Act (NEPA) Class of Action determination.

VPRA has created various ways for the general public and key stakeholders to learn more about the New River Valley Passenger Rail Station Feasibility Study and to provide input:

- A dedicated website, <https://transformingrailva.com/projects/new-river-valley-station/>, hosts all project-related information including survey links and public meeting details.

- A community meeting to present the results of New River Valley Passenger Rail Station Feasibility Study to the public. This meeting is scheduled for winter, with a target date in February. Details will be posted on the project website as we get closer to the meeting. Post-meeting material will be archived and available on the project website.

- A social media campaign to advertise and broadcast the study, focusing on key outreach milestones and ways the public

can play a role in this important planning process.

- Two surveys to engage stakeholders, property owners and the general public during the planning process:

- Survey 1 solicits public input and will allow VPRA to consider the public’s priorities and knowledge about the locations as part of the location screening process. Survey 1 will launch December 22 and close January 31. The survey is available on the project website and also by visiting: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NewRiverValleyStation-Survey1>

- Survey 2 solicits public input about the study results to interpret stakeholder feedback after the community meeting.

For more information on the New River Valley Passenger Rail Station Feasibility Study, please go to <https://transformingrailva.com/projects/new-river-valley-station/>.

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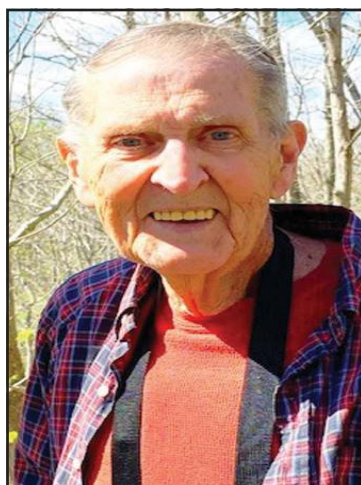
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**JACKIE DELMER GUNTER**

Jackie Delmer Gunter, 84, of Fairlawn, passed away Sunday, December 26, 2021. He was a U. S. Army veteran and retired from Burlington Mills. He was preceded in death by his wife, Martha Whitlock Gunter; parents, Clarence and Virginia Gunter; and sisters, Wanda Bain and Betty Sowers.

Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Carol Gunter; granddaughters, Kayla Gunter and Ashley Parah and her husband Luke; great grandchildren, Jackson Sadler, Ember Lattimer and Katherine Parah; brother and sister-in-law, Leonard and Kitty Gunter; and many other relatives and friends.

Also, a special thanks for all of his memories of friends from Burlington Mills, his daily walks at Bisset Park and Riverlawn Elementary School, and especially the associates of Walmart in Fairlawn – you were like family to him. And don't worry Dad, we'll feed Jake.

The family will receive friends from 12 until 2 p.m. on Thursday December 30, 2021 at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, December 31, 2021 at the West View Cemetery in Radford with Pastor Chandler Jones officiating.

The Gunter family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford. ([www.mullinsfuneralhome.com](http://www.mullinsfuneralhome.com))



**ROGER LEE DUNCAN**

Roger Lee Duncan, age 73 of Draper went home for Christmas, Friday, December 24, 2021 at his home.

Born January 22, 1948 in Pulaski, he was the son of the late Price Farley Duncan and Ethel Bandy Duncan. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by infant son; infant brother, Gary Allen Duncan and mother-in-law and father-in-law, Arlie and Ann O'Dell.

Roger was a member and pastor for Pilgrims Rest Church in the Delton Community. He was retired from Lowe's with 20 years of service. He had also worked with Rose's department store.

Surviving  
His wife of 55 years – Jacqueline "Jackie" O'Dell Duncan-Draper

Children – Angelica Ann (David) Edney – Draper, Crystal Lynn (Wayne) Latsch – Pulaski, Roger Thomas (Laura) Duncan – Cleveland, TN

Grandchildren – John Thomas Edney (Kelsey), Jacqueline Kathleen (Joey) Neidigh, Herbert Eli Duncan, Abigail Lynn Latsch, Lily Josephine Duncan, Zachary Henry Latsch, Addy Grace Duncan

Sister – Jean (David) Wall – Dublin

Brothers – Jim (Shelby) Duncan – Beaver Dam – VA, Michael (Velvet) Duncan – Pembroke, Wayne Duncan – Pulaski

Brothers & Sisters-in-law – Arlie (Gail) O'Dell – Bonneau, SC, Kathy (Clifford) Millirons – Draper,

Sarah (Johnny) Hawley – Draper

Funeral services will be private due to family health issues with Rev. David O'Dell officiating. Burial will follow at the O'Dell-Moore Cemetery in Hiwassee.

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



**DAVID HILDRETH RANDALL**

David Hildreth Randall, age 80 of Pulaski passed away Wednesday, December 22, 2021 at his home. Born June 23, 1941 in Fairfax County, Virginia he was the son of the late Hildreth Florence Randall and Garna Alice Tiller Randall Lacey. He was also preceded in death by a son, Michael Brent Randall; grandson, Steven Michael, two sisters and one brother.

He is survived by his

Wife – Joan Leah Randall- Pulaski

Children – John Allen Randall & wife, Roberta Short Randall, Cindy Chantal Johnson, Michelle Randall Cox & Michael Cox, Jessica Ann Randall

Grandchildren – Gregory, Jordan, Alex, Emma, Erica (Matt), Laura, Dusten (Emily), Morgan Adamo

3 Great Great Grandchildren

Brother – Ronnie Lee Lacey & Cathy Martin

A Celebration of Life will be held this summer at his home on Saturday – June 25, 2022.

To sign David's online guestbook, visit [www.bowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.bowerfuneralhome.com)

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



**JOHNNY ERNEST TICKLE**

Johnny Ernest Tickle, 69, of Draper, departed this life on Thursday, December 16, 2021. He was born January 8, 1952, in Pulaski, but spent his entire life living in Draper. He was a graduate of Dublin High School and worked for Overnite Transportation Company & Estes Express Lines for over 44 years. Johnny also drove a school bus for Pulaski County as a high school student, and again years later. He was a member of the Draper Volunteer Fire Department for more than 40 years. He was a member of Memorial Christian Church in Draper. While he loved each of his jobs, Johnny was happiest on the farm, where he spent most of his time after retiring.

Johnny was preceded in death by his parents, James Philip & Ruby Windle Tickle, and his brother, James P. Tickle, Jr. Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Ruby Williams Tickle; daughter & son-in-law, Daphne & Dalford Phillips of Draper; son & daughter-in-law, Derek & Kim Tickle of Dublin; his cherished grandchildren, Josh Tickle & fiancé Abby Jones, & Emma Tickle; brother & sisters-in-law, Jerry & Linda Tickle of Morris, MN & Bessie Tickle of Draper; and numerous other brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins, & friends.

In light of current events, to promote public safety and social distancing, A graveside service will be held on Sunday, January 2, 2021 at 2:00 PM at the Draper Valley Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making donations to the Draper Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 90, Draper, VA 24324, or a charity of your choice.

The Tickle family is in the care of Norris-Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski. Online condolences can be made at [www.stevensfuneralhomepulaski.com](http://www.stevensfuneralhomepulaski.com).



**JOHN EVERETT BRYANT**

John Everett Bryant of Pulaski, Virginia, passed away December 25, 2021, surrounded by his loving family. He was born to parents Johnnie C. and Boyde M. Bryant on October 10, 1930 in Hanes, North Carolina. He was preceded in death by his wife of fifty-five years, Kathleen (Kay) Cable Bryant, step-granddaughter Angie Miller, mother, father, and sister. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Carl and Debbie Bryant, daughter and son-in-law, Sandy and Jimmy Smith, grandchildren Madison and Trey Smith, step-granddaughter April Gilbert, and step-great grandchildren, Gabe Davidson, Carla Davidson, Jackson Gilbert, and C.J. (Catherine) Gilbert. He is also survived by his dear, special friend, Ms. Billie Gerringer.

John was an Air Force veteran, serving as an air traffic controller at Travis Air Force Base in California for five years. After the Air Force he attended barber school and began working at the OK Barbershop in the 1950s. He sold the shop in the early 1970s and began work at White Motor Company as a supervisor, retiring from Volvo in 1992. After retirement he worked part-time as a barber for many years, hanging up his scissors in 2016 from Bob Donley's shop in Dublin. The barber shop is where he could always find someone to play a game of checkers. Very few competitors won against him.

John was a member of Memorial Baptist Church in Pulaski where he taught Sunday school for thirty-five years and served as a church deacon for several decades.

In addition, John was an avid gardener. He was especially known for his tomatoes. He was also an avid fisherman, spending many a day on Claytor Lake with his fishing partner, Arnold Anderson. He also loved attending Fiddle, Banjo, and Dance Club jamborees at New River Community College with Billie.

John loved sports such as football and baseball, games such as pool, ping-pong, corn hole, and horseshoes, and outdoor events such as air shows. He lived life to the fullest and will be dearly missed.

The family would like to express a special thank you, to the staff of Pulaski Community Hospital for their kindness.

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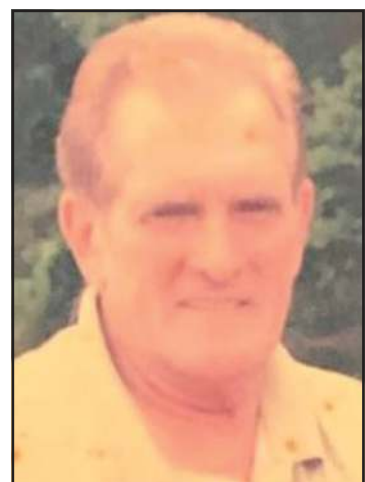
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2:00 PM – Thursday, December 30, 2021 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Mike Jones officiating. Interment will follow at the Oakwood Cemetery.

To sign John's online guestbook, visit [www.bowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.bowerfuneralhome.com)

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



**RICHARD WEBSTER QUESENBERRY**

Richard Webster Quesenberry, age 81 passed away Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at the Roanoke Memorial Hospital. He was born December 17, 1940 in Hiwassee, Virginia to Rosie and Kermit Quesenberry. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife of 56 years, Brenda Kemp Quesenberry, sons Randall E. Quesenberry and Tracy J. Quesenberry (died at birth), brothers, Clayton (Buster), Tommy, Bobby, Artie, Leon, Lonnie, Roger and Phillip Quesenberry and sisters Alice Arnold and Barbara Chrisley Scott.

Richard was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps. He was retired from Lynchburg Foundry with over 30 years of service. He enjoyed golfing and the time he spent with his golfing buddies, fishing and playing Bingo.

He is survived by his Brother & Sister-in-law – Jack & Kathy Quesenberry Sisters – Dixie Crockett and Nora Quesenberry

Sister-in-laws – Edith Jarrells, Barbara Quesenberry, Ruby Quesenberry and Clara Quesenberry

Nephew and Nieces – Darrell Jarrells, Sandra (Donald) Boyd, Margie (Glen) Bryant and numerous other nephews/nieces.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. To sign Richard's online guestbook, visit [www.bowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.bowerfuneralhome.com)

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

## ROSIE MCPeAK WEEKS

Rosie McPeak Weeks, 84, passed away Friday, December 24, 2021 at her home in Pulaski County. She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Ollie McPeak; son, Johnnie Ray Weeks; brother, Elwood McPeak; and sisters, Alma Sutphin and Margaret Waller.

Survivors include her daughters and sons-in-law, Rose and Doug Yett, Roxane and Tim O'Donnell, and Lilly Bechtel; 4 grandchildren; multiple great and great great grandchildren; sisters, Nancy Ogle, Meritha Waller, and Mildred Vires; and many other relatives and friends.

Services will be private.

The Weeks family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford. [www.mullinsfuneralhome.com](http://www.mullinsfuneralhome.com).

## OTTIS CLYDE MARTIN

Ottis Clyde Martin, age 79 formerly of Draper passed away Wednesday evening December 22, 2021 at the Radford Health & Rehabilitation Center. Born September 19, 1942 in Wythe County he was the son of the late Edgar Jefferson Martin & Estelle Underwood Martin. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Nancy Elaine Lawson Martin; brothers, Ralph Jefferson Martin, Alfred McKinley Martin, William "Burt" Martin and sisters, Pauline Frances Chrisley, Annie Louise Ratcliffe, Eula Fay Lawson, Virginia Lee Frazier, Ruth Naomi Wall and Brenda Darlene Jarrells.

He is survived by his

Sons – James "Jay" Martin &

Perry Duncan – Pulaski, Stanley Lloyd Martin – Draper Special Grandson – Dakota Chase Cummins

Granddaughters – Hanna, Nica and Sierra

Numerous Great Grandchildren Sister– Juanita Davis – Dublin Numerous nieces and nephews

Memorial services will be held at a later date. To sign his online guestbook, visit [www.bowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.bowerfuneralhome.com)

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

## EDNA MARIE SNIDER LEONARD

Edna Marie Snider Leonard, 72, of Dublin, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Sunday, December 26, 2021.

The Leonard family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford. [www.mullinsfuneralhome.com](http://www.mullinsfuneralhome.com)

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# Truckers battling historic labor shortage

**By Joe Dodson  
Capital News Service**

RICHMOND, Va. -- From hand sanitizer and vaccines to groceries and toilet paper, truck drivers are trucking through the COVID-19 pandemic despite a historic labor shortage.

Many industries moved workers home during the start of the pandemic, but truckers worked "to meet the needs of this country."

"The trucking industry has stepped up and delivered through this whole pandemic," said Dale Bennett, who has served as president of the Virginia Trucking Association since 1989.

The VTA is a dues-paying membership organization that supports members and lobbies the General Assembly.

Bennett said the trucking industry is experiencing the worst labor shortage that he has ever seen. The American Trucking Association estimated that by the end of 2021 there will be a shortage of over 80,000 workers, and it will double by 2030. The exact shortage in Virginia is unclear, according to Bennett.

"That is the highest that it's ever been," Bennett said. "The driver shortage may be as bad as I have seen it in my time here."

In an October report to Congress, the American Trucking Association, or ATA, laid out eight primary reasons for the industry shortage:

- High retirement numbers due to an aging workforce.
- Women account for just over 6% of the workforce.
- Failed drug tests.
- Federally mandated minimum age of 21 to drive commercially across state lines.
- Lifestyle issues, such as long hours away from home.
- Barriers such as potential candidates inability to meet hiring standards for driving record or criminal histories.
- Truck driver training schools trained far fewer drivers than normal in 2020.
- Infrastructure and other issues, like a lack of truck parking spots causing drivers to stop earlier to rest for the night. Congestion also limits drivers' ability to safely and efficiently make deliveries.

## Refueling the pipeline of workers

The industry will have to recruit nearly 1 million new drivers over the next decade to replace drivers and hire needed ones due to industry growth, the ATA forecast.

The trucking industry hauls over 70% of U.S. freight, according to the ATA. Consumer demand is high and 42% of Americans say they plan to spend \$500 more this holiday season than last, according to the quarterly MassMutual Holiday Finances Consumer Spending and Saving Quarterly Index.

The number of heavy, or CDL-licensed, tractor-trailer drivers decreased from 43,620 in

# Supreme Court of Virginia signs off on legislative maps

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — The Supreme Court of Virginia said Tuesday that it had unanimously approved maps establishing congressional and state legislative districts under the commonwealth's new redistricting process.

In an order, the court said it had reviewed final redistricting maps — which were put together by two court appointees called special masters — as well as extensive public comment on earlier draft maps.

The special masters fully complied with state and federal law in creating the maps, the court said. The final maps are approved and adopted, effective immediately, according to the court order.

The once-a-decade redrawing of political maps had fallen to the court after a newly created bipartisan redistricting commission failed to agree on maps for either Congress or the General Assembly.

The special masters who drew the maps, Sean Trende and Bernard Grofman, were nominated

by each political party. The process also included public comment both in writing and through hearings before the court.

"We drew maps which did not unduly favor either party. These maps came about as part of a partisan and incumbency blind process based on good government map making," Trende and Grofman wrote in a 63-page memo dated Monday that outlines some of the many changes made between the draft and final versions of the maps.

Trende and Grofman wrote in their memo that the maps reflect "a true joint effort."

They said they agreed on almost all issues initially, "and the few issues on which we initially disagreed were resolved by amicable discussion."

Interested parties were reviewing the maps late Tuesday. None of the General Assembly caucuses had any immediate comment.

OneVirginia2021, a redistricting reform advocacy group that supported the ballot measure creating the new redistricting

process, said in a statement that a first glance at the maps and memo showed the special masters "went above and beyond to incorporate as many specific public comments as possible."

Trende and Grofman wrote in the memo that under the new Congressional maps, like in their draft version, they would generally expect a 6-5 Democratic edge in Virginia's congressional delegation, compared with the 7-4 advantage the party holds now.

They also acknowledged criticism from some parties who said they had paid insufficient attention to protecting incumbents, either by weakening congressional members' districts or pairing together multiple state lawmakers.

"We believe that one reason for employing redistricting commissions, however, is to minimize the power of politicians over the drawing of lines," the memo said.

May 2019 to 42,120 in May 2020 (down 3.4%) while the number of light truck drivers increased from 20,970 to 21,850 during that same time period (up 4.2%), according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Pickup and delivery drivers fall into the light truck driver category.

Bennett warned that Virginia is short of the amount of heavy truck drivers needed to meet demand from consumers.

"We've got a demographic problem in the industry," Bennett said. "The average age is older than the general workforce and a lot of those folks are retiring."

Under federal law, a driver has to be at least 21 to drive outside of the state where they hold a commercial driver's license. Large trucking companies in Virginia like Old Dominion Freight Line have routes reaching from Anchorage, Alaska to Miami. The inability to travel over state lines makes drivers under 21 less valuable.

"A 19 year old can drive a tractor trailer from Norfolk, Virginia all the way to Bristol, Virginia," Bennett said. "But once he gets to Bristol he cannot drive that tractor trailer over state lines into Bristol, Tennessee."

Congress passed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act on Nov. 5, which includes provisions for an apprenticeship pilot program that would enable drivers under 21 to drive interstate after passing the program.

The bill, sponsored by U.S. Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Oregon, will invest \$110 billion into roads, bridges and projects.

**Other issues driving the labor shortage**

COVID-19 vaccine requirements could affect the labor force also. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration issued an emergency temporary standard on Nov. 4 which requires covered employers

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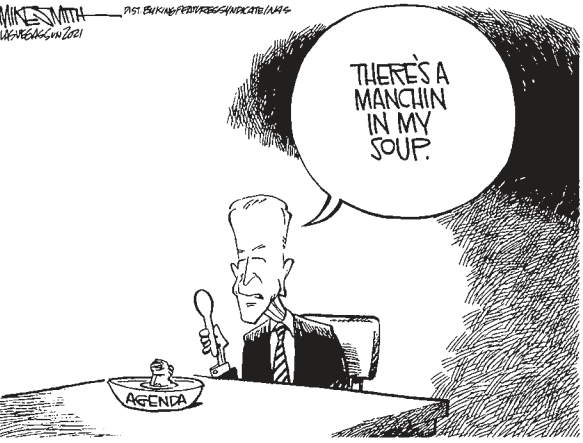
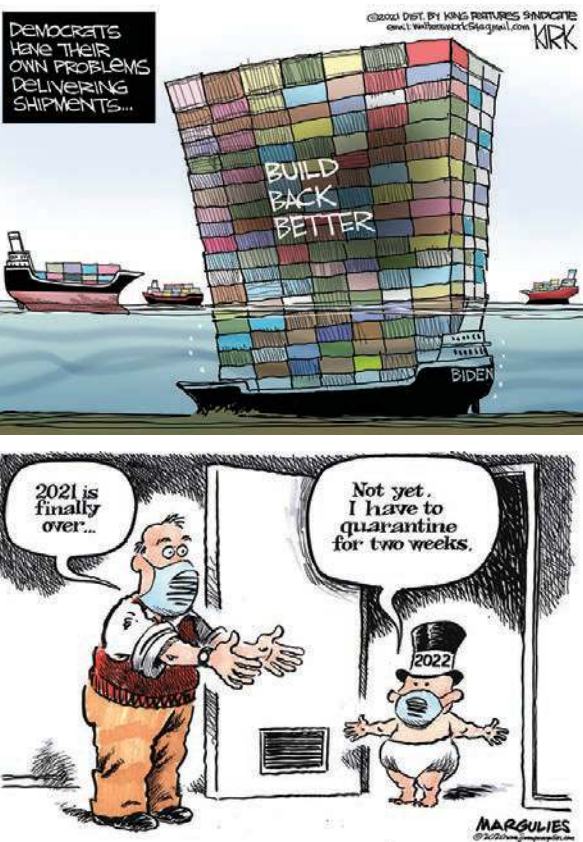
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# A Comedic Close To 2021:



## Happy New Year!

# OPINION

## Biden at the Bat

In the summer of 1888, a 24-year-old American writer named Ernest Thayer published the humorous poem, Casey at the Bat. The poem is about a highly esteemed baseball hero who strikes out, leading to the home team's chagrin; and in disgrace, loses the series for his team.

Although this fictitious poem was never meant to be a political statement, I think it aptly applies to our current administration. If my analogy offends baseball fans or politicians, please forgive me...and play on!

The poem begins:  
"The outlook wasn't brilliant for the Mudville nine that day;  
the score stood four to two, with but one inning more to play.  
And then when Cooney died at first, and Barrows did the same,  
a sickly silence fell upon the patrons of the game."

If you substitute a few key words, then this part of the poem would read:  
The outlook was gloomy for the D.C. establishment that day.

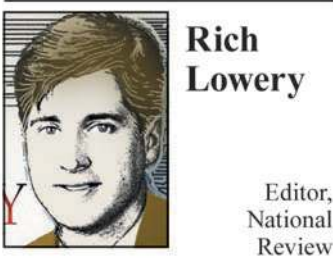
## One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

The score stood at forty-eight minus two holdout Democrats, (Manchin and Sinema) who refused to play. (Thus, delaying passing of left-wing legislation before recess.)  
When the Build Back Better bill and Student Debt Cancellation failed to pass,  
a jarring shock and hopeless despair fell upon the liberal Democrats.

Next stanza: "A straggling few got up to go in deep despair. The rest clung to that hope which springs eternal in the human breast;  
they thought, if only Casey could get but a whack at that –  
they'd put up even money, now, with

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## High-Water Mark of Biden-Era Progressivism

Joe Manchin and London Breed have nothing in common. One is an old-school Democratic senator from West Virginia, surviving and thriving in an increasingly red state; the other is the progressive mayor of San Francisco, a city that is a byword for cutting-edge left-wing politics.

Yet both, in their own ways signaled that Biden-era progressivism has reached its high-water mark. Manchin, of course, delivered an emphatic thumbs down to Joe Biden's signature Build Back Better plan, while Breed reversed field on crime in a stunningly frank endorsement of law-and-order in a jurisdiction infamous for the opposite. The de facto pincer movement by the wildly different Democrats from wildly different parts of the country -- San Francisco is roughly 19 times as large as the biggest city in West Virginia -- shows that the progressive tide that built in the Trump years is finally colliding with political reality and the real-world consequences of progressive extravagance.

This doesn't mean that progressivism is spent obviously. It dominates the media, academia and almost all the rest of elite culture. At the same time, Democrats still control the elected branches of government in Washington. But a growing backlash against progressive excess has found expression in two notable acts of Democratic defiance.

By now, the context of Manchin's "no" on Build Back Better is familiar. Joe Biden campaigned as a pragmatic Democrat only to reverse field after his election and develop a heroic image of himself as the next transformational Democratic president in the line of FDR and LBJ.

This drove the mistake of not realizing that Manchin or any other Democratic dissenter in the 50-50 Senate had the power to derail Build Back Better and accordingly scaling it back from the outset. Instead, the White House and congressional leadership acted as if Manchin could be cajoled or bullied out of his oft-repeated qualms.

Perhaps Democrats will reunite with the senator on a scaled-back spending bill in the new year, but the era of FDR fantasies is definitely over. Democrats should ask themselves, if they had a mandate to remake the country, why the entire project depended on the approval of a single conservative Democrat from West Virginia?

Now, Democrats are looking down the barrel of a mid-term election wipe-out that could give the GOP a durable House majority that will put paid to any thought of BBB-style legislation for years.

If Manchin said "enough" to big-spending federal aggrandizement, London Breed said it to the soft-on-crime consensus in blue cities that has led to spiraling disorder. The Bay Area, home to the smash-and-grab robbery and other routine offenses against basic human

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## Testing, Testing

By Cal Thomas, Tribune Content Agency

President Biden has attempted to tamp down the frustration many feel over his inability to crush the pandemic, as he promised he would do when campaigning for the office he now holds.

In a Tuesday afternoon address from the White House, the president promised to ramp up testing sites and the number of "free" tests that will be made available to those who want them. He said a website will soon be established through which people can request test kits to be sent to their homes. And it's all "free," he repeated. He sounded like those Medicare supplement adds that just ended after open enrollment season closed.

I have several questions about these kits, which the president said would number 500 million. First, what happens when they run out? The at-home kits I have seen contain a limited number of swabs. When they are used, do you order more and for how long? Will the government pay for these, too? If so, will it continue to pay for them and for how long? Taxpayers have a right to know, given the deepening debt.

Second, because tests are self-administered will the results be accepted by airlines for international travel? Airport testing sites I have seen in recent weeks charge up to \$179 for a rapid test. On a trip to Italy in October, my wife and I were charged \$150 each for a rapid test at O'Hare Airport in Chicago. They were the most expensive Q-Tips we have ever purchased. Tents and vans have popped up, especially in major cities. They, too, often charge a lot of money. On a recent visit to a shopping mall, I saw a van in the parking lot that offered drive-thru testing for \$150 a pop. Talk about price gouging. Will these be put out of business because tests will now be almost universally free?

Two things the president was right about.

In a rare moment, he gave credit to "the previous administration," meaning former President Trump, for its rapid development of a vaccine. The other was his denunciation of misinformation promoted on some cable TV channels and on social media. I am still seeing claims that vaccines are part of a "one world government" plot and a conspiracy between politicians and Big Pharma to make gobs of money and erode our freedoms. This is reminiscent of other conspiracy theories through the ages. As noted, a virus doesn't discriminate when it comes to parties, politics, or countries. The president made a compelling argument when he said his urging to get vaccinated and boosted "is not to control your life, but to save it."

There is a better way to approach this than to make test kits available to everyone, because not everyone needs or wants them. As with the initial rollout of vaccines, make the kits available first to the most vulnerable. Their names are on a list. That list is called Medicare. Allow older people and those with underlying health conditions to go to the head of the line.

By acknowledging that people are "tired" of this virus, its variants, masks, and other limitations on our freedoms, at least the president was trying to tap into the emotions most people are feeling. That's what a good politician should do. There is still too much contradictory information coming from too many sources and too many Americans remain skeptical and not sure whom they can trust. This is a hurdle the president has yet to clear, and it may turn out that not even presidential powers are sufficient for him to do so.

Readers may email Cal Thomas at [tcad@tribpub.com](mailto:tcad@tribpub.com). Look for Cal Thomas' latest book "America's Expiration Date: The Fall of Empires and Superpowers and the Future of the United States" (Harper-Collins/Zondervan).





# Nation

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Casey at the bat.”

My modificatioins:  
The far left squad ran to the media, whining how it wasn’t fair.  
The mainstream liberals conspired together to change the rules; there was trickery in the air.  
Thinking that if the President could coerce those traitors two,  
The bills would pass, his victory at last would the opposition subdue.

Third stanza:  
“There was ease in Casey’s manner as he stepped into his place;  
there was pride in Casey’s bearing and a smile on Casey’s face.  
And when, responding to the cheers, he lightly doffed his hat, no stranger in the crowd could doubt ‘twas Casey at the bat.”

My modifications:  
The President’s handlers coached him and showed him where to stand.  
A confused expression crossed the his face, sheets of talking points trembled in his hand.  
“Rely on the tele-prompter,” they told him; but when the beast was all cued up,  
He lost his place, mumbled in disgrace, his speech did interrupt.

Next stanza:  
“And now the leather-covered sphere came hurtling through the air,  
and Casey stood a-watching it in haughty grandeur there.  
Close by the sturdy batsman the ball unheeded sped—  
“That ain’t my style,” said Casey. “Strike one,” the umpire said.

My modifications:  
Get my agenda passed NOW! was the Presidents demand.  
He sits enthroned with over-confidence and disdain for the average American: pen ready in hand.  
A modified bill is given to him, but the President grumbles, “Come on, man!  
That’s not my style. I want it all. Changing our democracy is why I ran.”

Last stanza:  
“Oh, somewhere in this favored land the sun is shining bright;  
the band is playing somewhere, and somewhere hearts are light,  
and somewhere men are laughing, and somewhere children shout;  
but there is no joy in Mudville — mighty Casey has struck out.

My modifications:  
Years ago in America, politics was more civil.  
The opposing parties compromised to benefit “We the people.”  
Alas, there is no joy with liberals in D.C. today.  
The legislation is put on hold; there will be much delay.  
So, they’ll stomp their feet in anger and give a mighty shout  
But others are rejoicing – ‘cause the President has struck out.

For a great audio rendition of the complete poem by James Earl Jones, go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1xWtysMlrcA>



# Pulaski County January Meetings

- Tuesday, January 4, 2022, Pulaski County Board of Supervisors Organizational Meeting, New River Room, Pulaski County Innovation Center, 6580 Valley Center Drive, Radford, Virginia, 5:30 p.m. (Contact: Ashley Edmonds, Executive Secretary and Clerk to the Board of Supervisors, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, aedmonds@pulaskicounty.org). The Board of Supervisors is the governing body for Pulaski County and is responsible for the budget and concerns of its citizens.
- Tuesday, January 11, 2022, Pulaski County Public Service Authority Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, 9:00 a.m. (Contact: Ashley Edmonds, Clerk, Pulaski County Public Service Authority, 143 Third Street, N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, aedmonds@pulas-

## Truckers

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with more than 100 workers to mandate the COVID-19 vaccine or require regular testing. ATA CEO and president Chris Spears predicted in a letter released on Oct. 21 that the policy could lead to companies losing up to 37% of their drivers to retirements, attrition to smaller carriers or conversion to independent contractor owner-operators.  
Age is not the only demographic where the trucking industry is an outlier. Women account for over 6% of truck drivers compared to over 47% of the general workforce, according to a 2017 survey conducted by the Census Bureau.

## Lowery

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decency, has been Exhibit A.  
Concluding that even the tolerant people of perhaps the country’s most tolerant city wouldn’t put up with it much longer, Breed had her Howard Beale moment. In a speech clearly meant to set down a political and rhetorical marker, she called for an end to “the reign of criminals who are destroying our city.”  
The Breed turnabout, from police-defunder a year ago to would-be Rudy Giuliani now, marks an end to the period after George Floyd’s death when anti-police sentiment was ascendant.  
There are other signs that the progressive momentum is beginning to give way. A rightward shift among Latinos shows the limits of paint-by-the-numbers identity politics. That the left’s response to the grassroots movement against critical race theory in schools has been to deny there is any critical race theory in schools speaks to a telling defensiveness. Next year, the Supreme Court may well knock out Roe and Casey, cornerstones of the progressive social agenda.  
Of course, the political and cultural war will continue apace. Still, December 2021 looks like an inflection point when, as Breed put it in her speech, “the bull\*\*\*t” finally got a reality check.

**Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.**

hicounty.org) This Board is responsible for the operation of water, sewer, garbage and streetlight service in Pulaski County.  
• Tuesday, January 11, 2022, Pulaski County Planning Commission Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, 7 p.m. (Contact: Markie Quesenberry, Clerk, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7710, mquesenberry@pulaskicounty.org). This Commission oversees land – use, zoning and subdivision issues related to Pulaski County properties.  
• Monday, January 17, 2022, Pulaski County Offices will be closed and will reopen on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Birthday. The Pulaski County Public Service Authority Billing Office will be closed on Monday, January 17, 2022, and will reopen on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, in

observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Birthday. The Dora Highway, Pulaski, Bagging Plant Road, Dublin and Mason Street, Fairlawn Convenience Centers will be open on Monday, January 17, 2022, and garbage collection will remain on regular schedule.  
• Tuesday, January 18, 2022, Economic Development Authority Board of Directors Meeting, 10:00 a.m. (Contact: Megan Bird, Clerk to the Board, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, mwbird@pulaskicounty.org). The Economic Development Authority serves as the economic development arm of Pulaski County working with local industries and providing building spaces to local employers.  
• Monday, January 24, 2022, Pulaski County Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Vir-

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

Tuesday, January 25, 2022, Fairlawn Sewer Authority Board of Directors Meeting, Conference Room, Peppers Ferry Regional Wastewater Treatment Authority Administration Building, 7797 Mason Street, Fairlawn, Virginia, 6:30 p.m. (Contact: Fairlawn Tax and Bookkeeping, 7436 Peppers Ferry Boulevard, Fairlawn, Virginia, 24141, 540-639-6926). This Board manages daily operations for the sewer infrastructure in the immediate Fairlawn area.

The pandemic also caused temporary shutdowns of driver training schools and the Department of Motor Vehicles, which made addressing the urgent labor shortage difficult.  
Duncan Quicke, coordinator of the truck driving training school at Southside Virginia Community College in Brunswick County, said the school closed for three months at the start of the pandemic. Demand for CDL classes is now at an all time high, but it’s more difficult to schedule appointments at DMV, Quicke said.  
“Our classes prior to COVID were probably averaging seven to eight individuals per six-week period,” Quicke said. “Our class size today is probably averaging 10 to 11.”

**Weak links in the supply chain**  
Truck companies are also feeling the impact of the supply chain issue. Companies have trouble or-

dering new trucks or parts to fix their fleets, Bennett said. A global microchip shortage has driven up the value of new and used cars. People are buying auto parts to keep their old vehicles running, which creates an extreme demand for parts.  
“They are cannibalizing parts off of older vehicles just to keep them running and moving freight,” Bennett said.  
The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act includes a 38% increase in funding for bridges and roads. The Virginia Department of Transportation will manage the funds but a portion of funding is expected to be allocated to growing the Norfolk Harbor, according to a press release from Rep. Abigail Spanberger, D-7th.  
Long delays at ports have made getting freight delivered on time a challenge for carriers.  
“It’s called a chain for a lot of reasons, because it’s got a lot of

links in it,” Bennett said. “Not all of those links are operating as efficiently as they need to be.”

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# Taking It To The Streets Crusade, Event and Missions Center nears completion

The Taking It To The Streets Crusade, Event & Missions Center is nearing completion at 235 N. Jefferson Ave. in downtown Pulaski.

“We thank God for calling us into a higher level of ministry and for bringing so many individuals, churches, businesses and organizations together to make this possible,” says Pastor Charlie Barbettini.

“We hope to be in our new location and resume services in early 2022.

“We pray that this will be a

work that Pulaski will be proud of but more importantly that it will bring glory and honor to God.

“We will sign in our Warming Station guests at the new location between the hours of 6 and 8 pm when temperature is 40 degrees or lower at 6 pm and use the Motel and Meal Card concept to finish out this winter.

“We wish everyone a happy, healthy and blessed New Year.”

**Pastor Charlie Barbettini &  
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Taking It To The Streets Ministry photo

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# Madden, Hall of Fame coach, broadcaster, dies at 85

By JOSH DUBOW  
AP Pro Football Writer

John Madden, the Hall of Fame coach turned broadcaster whose exuberant calls combined with simple explanations provided a weekly soundtrack to NFL games for three decades, died Tuesday morning, the league said. He was 85.

The NFL said he died unexpectedly and did not detail a cause.

Madden gained fame in a decade-long stint as the coach of the renegade Oakland Raiders, making it to seven AFC title games and winning the Super Bowl following the 1976 season. He compiled a 103-32-7 regular-season record, and his .759 winning percentage is the best among NFL coaches with more

than 100 games.

But it was his work after prematurely retiring as coach at age 42 that made Madden truly a household name. He educated a football nation with his use of the telestrator on broadcasts; entertained millions with his interjections of “Boom!” and “Doink!” throughout games; was an omnipresent pitchman selling restaurants, hardware stores and beer; became the face of “Madden NFL Football,” one of the most successful sports video games of all-time; and was a best-selling author.

Most of all, he was the preeminent television sports analyst for most of his three decades calling games, winning an unprecedented 16 Emmy Awards for outstanding sports analyst/personality, and covering 11 Super Bowls for four networks from 1979-2009.

“People always ask, are you a coach or a broadcaster or a video game guy?” he said when was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame. “I’m a coach, always been a coach.”

He started his broadcasting career at CBS after leaving coaching in great part because of his fear of flying. He and Pat Summerall became the network’s top announcing duo. Madden then helped give Fox credibility as a major network when he moved there in 1994, and went on to call prime-time games at ABC and NBC before retiring following Pittsburgh’s thrilling 27-23 win over Arizona in the 2009 Super Bowl.

“I am not aware of anyone who has made a more meaningful impact on the National Football League than John Madden, and I know of no one who loved the

game more,” Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said in a statement.

Burly and a little unkempt, Madden earned a place in America’s heart with a likable, unpretentious style that was refreshing in a sports world of spiraling salaries and prima donna stars. He rode from game to game in his own bus because he suffered from claustrophobia and had stopped flying. For a time, Madden gave out a “turducken” — a chicken stuffed inside a duck stuffed inside a turkey — to the outstanding player in the Thanksgiving game that he called.

“Nobody loved football more than Coach. He was football,” NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said in a statement. “He was an incredible sounding board to me and so many others. There will

never be another John Madden, and we will forever be indebted to him for all he did to make football and the NFL what it is today.”

When he finally retired from the broadcast booth, leaving NBC’s “Sunday Night Football,” colleagues universally praised Madden’s passion for the sport, his preparation, and his ability to explain an often-complicated game in down-to-earth terms.

Al Michaels, Madden’s broadcast partner for seven years on ABC and NBC, said working with him “was like hitting the lottery.”

“He was so much more than just football — a keen observer of everything around him and a man who could carry on a smart conversation about hundreds and

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## Boys win, girls lose in tournament action

Patriot Staff Report

Pulaski County’s Lady Cougars opened play Tuesday in the Andrew Johnson Bank Ladies Classic in Greenville, Tenn.

Pulaski County fell in their first outing of the tournament, losing to perennial state power Oak Ridge, 71-64.

The Lady Wildcats jumped out to a 14-9 lead after one quarter and took a 38-26 lead into the locker room at halftime. However, Pulaski County would come storming back in the third quarter, outscoring Oak Ridge, 20-12 to cut the lead to 50-46.

Pulaski County was able to cut the lead to just two on three occasions in the fourth quarter, but Oak Ridge was able to hold on for the seven point victory.

The Lady Cougars (4-2) got 17 points from Ally Fleenor, 14 from Hannah Keefer and 10 from Keslyn Secrist.

Also scoring for the Lady Cougars were Erin Russell with 6, Paige Huff with 7, Jaden Lawson with 8 and Tori Vest with 2.

The Lady Cougars were due to take on Shelby Valley Wildcats from Pikeville, Ky. at noon Wednesday as the tournament continued.

The 20-team tournament ends Friday.

The Cougar boys won their first game in the 2021 First Community Bank Varsity Christmas Tournament, held at Fort Chiswell High School, beating George Wythe, 54-47.

JJ Gulley led the way for the Cougars with 20 points. Josh Bourne added 14 followed by Lane Nester’s 10, Peyton McDaniel’s 8 and Khalib Horton’s 2.

In the JV contest, Pulaski County won 41-31.

Pulaski County was to return to action Wednesday night against Bassett, who advanced to the second round after their first round opponent – Radford – had to drop out reportedly due to COVID concerns.

The tournament is due to conclude Thursday.



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Hannah Keefer goes up for two in an earlier game this season. Keefer tallied 14 points in the Lady Cougars’ loss to Oak Ridge.

## WVU falls in Guaranteed Rate Bowl, 18-6

PHOENIX (AP) — Ky Thomas ran for 144 yards and a touchdown, Mar’Kiese Irving added

129 yards rushing and Minnesota shut down West Virginia to win the Guaranteed Rate Bowl 18-6 on Tuesday night.

Thomas and Irving became the Gophers’ 1-2 punch after Mohamed Ibrahim and Trey Potts sustained season-ending injuries. The two running backs carried most of the load offensively

against West Virginia (6-7), accounting for 273 of Minnesota’s 358 total yards.

They were good, but Minnesota’s defense was flat-out dominating.

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# Madden

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hundreds of topics. The term ‘Renaissance Man’ is tossed around a little too loosely these days, but John was as close as you can come,” Michaels said.

For anyone who heard Madden exclaim “Boom!” while breaking down a play, his love of the game was obvious.

“For me, TV is really an extension of coaching,” Madden wrote in “Hey, Wait a Minute! (I Wrote a Book!).”

“My knowledge of football has come from coaching. And on TV, all I’m trying to do is pass on some of that knowledge to viewers.”

Madden was raised in Daly City, California. He played on both the offensive and defensive lines for Cal Poly in 1957-58 and earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the school.

Madden was chosen to the all-conference team and was drafted by the Philadelphia Eagles, but a knee injury ended his hopes of a pro playing career. Instead, Madden got into coaching,

first at Hancock Junior College and then as defensive coordinator at San Diego State.

Al Davis brought him to the Raiders as a linebackers coach in 1967, and Oakland went to the Super Bowl in his first year in the pros. He replaced John Rauch as head coach after the 1968 season at age 32, beginning a remarkable 10-year run.

With his demonstrative demeanor on the sideline and disheveled look, Madden was the ideal coach for the collection of castoffs and misfits that made up those Raiders teams.

“Sometimes guys were disciplinarians in things that didn’t make any difference. I was a disciplinarian in jumping offsidies; I hated that,” Madden once said. “Being in bad position and missing tackles, those things. I wasn’t, ‘Your hair has to be combed.’”

The Raiders responded.

“I always thought his strong suit was his style of coaching,” quarterback Ken Stabler once said. “John just had a great knack for letting us be what we wanted

to be, on the field and off the field. ... How do you repay him for being that way? You win for him.”

And boy, did they ever. Many years, the only problem was the playoffs.

Madden went 12-1-1 in his first season, losing the AFL title game 17-7 to Kansas City. That pattern repeated itself during his tenure; the Raiders won the division title in seven of his first eight seasons, but went 1-6 in conference title games during that span.

Still, Madden’s Raiders played in some of the sport’s most memorable games of the 1970s, games that helped change rules in the NFL. There was the “Holy Roller” in 1978, when Stabler purposefully fumbled forward before being sacked on the final play. The ball rolled and was batted to the end zone before Dave Casper recovered it for the winning touchdown against San Diego.

The most famous of those games went against the Raiders in the 1972 playoffs at Pittsburgh. With the Raiders leading 7-6 and 22 seconds left, the Steelers had

a fourth-and-10 from their 40. Terry Bradshaw’s desperation pass deflected off either Oakland’s Jack Tatum or Pittsburgh’s Frenchy Fuqua to Franco Harris, who caught it at his shoe tops and ran in for a TD.

In those days, a pass that bounced off an offensive player directly to a teammate was illegal, and the debate continues to this day over which player it hit. The catch, of course, was dubbed the “Immaculate Reception.”

Oakland finally broke through with a loaded team in 1976 that had Stabler at quarterback; Fred Biletnikoff and Cliff Branch at receiver; tight end Dave Casper; Hall of Fame offensive linemen Gene Upshaw and Art Shell; and a defense that included Willie Brown, Ted Hendricks, Tatum, John Matuszak, Otis Sistrunk and George Atkinson.

The Raiders went 13-1, losing only a blowout at New England in Week 4. They paid the Patriots back with a 24-21 win in their first playoff game and got over the AFC title game hump with a 24-7 win over the hated Steelers, who were crippled by injuries.

Oakland won it all with a 32-14 Super Bowl romp against Minnesota.

“Players loved playing for him,” Shell said. “He made it fun for us in camp and fun for us in the reg-

ular season. All he asked is that we be on time and play like hell when it was time to play.”

Madden battled an ulcer the following season, when the Raiders once again lost in the AFC title game. He retired from coaching at age 42 after a 9-7 season in 1978.

Madden was a longtime resident of Pleasanton, California, a Bay Area suburb. A 90-minute documentary on his coaching and broadcasting career, “All Madden,” debuted on Fox on Christmas Day. The film featured extensive interviews that Madden sat for this year. His wife, Virginia, and sons Joseph and Michael were also interviewed for the documentary.

John and Virginia Madden’s 62nd wedding anniversary was two days before his death.



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# A Good Trapping Tree

I touched on trapping last week when growing up on Little Creek. Just like hunting and fishing where you may get a trophy buck or some big fish, there are spots that are better at getting good yields in pelts of fur-bearing animals. There was such a place near my home that was about a mile section of the “Creek” that our gang of three to four took in as our place to make a few dollars in the long winter months. This was possible then before animal rights groups and others objected to the wearing clothes made from animal skins. You can see old rerun movies today, especially gangster ones, where classy women could be seen having several fox skins draped about their shoulders or full-length coats made from a number of mink pelts.

Back then, one could get a few dollars from trapping animals that were found along Little Creek. Most farmers raised corn back then and there were a number of muskrats that thrived on this up until it was harvested and fed to the cattle and other livestock. We caught several muskrats along the water by sticking a part of an ear of corn on a stick at the water’s edge with the trap set under it where the animal was caught and drowned as the trap was anchored to a stake out in the water. We even caught racoons the same way as they often came from the woodland to the water looking for fish and crawdads. Opossums were relatively easy to catch but brought only about two bits and were not worth the time in skinning. Muskrats brought two to three dollars and were well worth the time catching and skinning them.

Foxes and minks brought the most money, but were two of the most difficult animals to catch. We made a few sets in the woods for foxes, but trapped mostly for minks along the “Creek.” There was a large black oak that stood leaning over and near the water’s edge that we caught several muskrats. Bob & Joe, my two buddies, shared the money we got for we had gone in together and purchased some traps from Sears, Roebuck & Co. You could, at that time, sell your hides to them but we never had enough at any one time, (say 20 to 30) to justify this and instead sold them at an old country store and post office at Poplar Hill in nearby Giles County. I had obtained a pamphlet from Sears, Roebuck giving trapping tips.

One of the ways of catching minks was to set traps in their repeated routes of travel; one being they liked to go through narrow places and this was how this large black oak stood with



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just enough room to place a trap between the tree and water. Bob had caught a large mink in his trap and his brother, Ed, and I found it when checking the trap line one morning. He gave us equal shares of the money for the mink and we shared the same on several muskrats we sold them. We made several dollars trapping together for a couple of years. I continued to trap by self and caught a few minks, muskrats,

racoons etc. after Bob and Ed moved away. Today, there is little to made from trapping and some animals such as minks are ranch-raised individuals supplying the commercial market.

Comparing the oak tree and the narrow passage to the Bible and the direction of what is recommended for life’s journey, Matthew 7:13-14 KJV states, “Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in there at: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.” For those traveling the broad way, there could not be a better way to start the New Year way than to get on the Good Lord’s side that leads to eternal life.

Until next time

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### Public Hearing Town of Pulaski Town Council

The Town Council of the Town of Pulaski, Virginia will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Pulaski Municipal Building, 42 First Street, NW to consider the following:

1. A request from Marathon Realty Corp. to rezone property located at 1201 E. Main Street [tax parcel(s) 072-1-55] from I-1 Light Industrial to B-2 General Business.

All persons desiring to comment on the proposed requests should submit their remarks to Brady Deal, Planner/Economic Developer, by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, to 42 First Street, NW/ PO Box 660, Pulaski, VA or via email to [bdeal@pulaskitown.org](mailto:bdeal@pulaskitown.org). A copy of the application and other pertinent materials are available for public review in the Planner/Economic Developer’s office, Pulaski Municipal Building, 42 First Street, NW from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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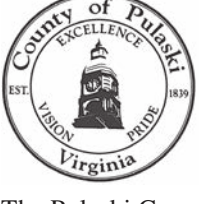
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1. A request from Marathon Realty Corp. to rezone property located at 1201 E. Main Street [tax parcel(s) 072-1-55] from I-1 Light Industrial to B-2 General Business.

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## LEGAL NOTICE



### Pulaski County Planning Commission Public Notice

The Pulaski County Planning Commission will convene to review four (4) applications in January. In accordance with the Code of Virginia, the Planning Commission will host four (4) public hearings beginning at 7:00 p.m. on TUESDAY, January 11, 2022 in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, in the Town of Pulaski to receive comments about the applications as listed below;

1. Application by Jonathan Cottle, to rezone the property from Low Density Residential (LR) to Agriculture (A), at Tax Map # 092-007-0000-0001 located at Ferncliff Road. , Draper District.
2. Application by Howard Gilmer & Su Su Ellen Owen Sadler, to rezone the property from Low Density Residential (LR) and Industrial (I) to Agriculture (A), at Tax Map # 064-001-0000-0017, 064-001-0000-0005, 064-001-0000-0014A located at Peppers Ferry Road. , Massie District.
3. Application by David Stowers, to rezone the property from Agriculture (A) to Rural Commercial, at Tax Map # 107-001-0000-009A located at Wysor Road. , Draper District.
4. Application by Paul & Tracy Riggins, Special Use Permit in an Agriculture Zone District, located at Tax Map # 107-001-0000-0010, 11 at Wysor Road, Draper District.

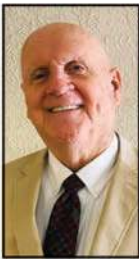
The public can receive information and/or submit comments as part of the public hearing process, by using any one of the following methods; E-mail: [mquisenberry@pulaskicounty.org](mailto:mquisenberry@pulaskicounty.org) Phone: 540-980-7710 Regular Mail: Planning & Zoning Department, County of Pulaski, 143 Third Street, NW, Suite 1, Pulaski, VA 24301. In Person: By attending the meeting at the location listed.

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540-808-3949





Teach Me Your Word O Lord

Terry McCraw

What is an Evangelist?

Philip the Evangelist was one of the seven men chosen to attend certain temporal affairs in the Church at Jerusalem. Serving tables and overseeing the financial assistance and distribution of food from the Church to poor and needy widows.

Philip is called an Evangelist in the Bible. Acts 21: 8. "And the next day we that were of Paul's company departed, and came unto Caesarea: and we entered into the house of Philip the Evangelist, which was one of the seven; and abode with him."

He had four daughters who prophesied. He raised his daughters to love and serve God. He preached to the Ethiopian Eunuch about God's great plan of salvation through Jesus, baptized him in water, and then sent him on his way back to Ethiopia to where tradition says, this Eunuch established the first Christian Church in Ethiopia.

We know he was carried away in the Spirit of God at least once although we don't know for sure just exactly how it happened. Some believe he was literally picked up by the Holy Spirit and set back down in another place and some believe he was simply led by the Holy Ghost to another place.

We know for sure that he was an Evangelist. An Evangelist is someone who travels around from place to place seeking to convert others to Christ through the preaching of God's word. The office of Evangelist is one of the fivefold ministry gifts given by God to the Church. These fivefold ministry gifts are Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers. Ephesians 4:11.

Acts 8: 4. "Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word. Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them. And the people with one accord gave heed unto these things which Philip spake. For unclean spirits, crying with loud voices, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed. And there was great joy in that city."

Verses 9 through 13. "But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the Name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, Acts 8:26.

"And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip saying, arise, and go toward the South unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. And he arose and went: and, behold a man of Ethiopia, a Eunuch of great authority under Candace, Queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship. Afterwards returning, he was sitting in his chariot, reading Esaias (Isaiah) the Prophet."

Philip the Evangelist was in the middle of a great revival. Some may wonder why God would take a man out of a great revival that he was preaching where many were being saved and healed, and send him to witness to one man. Because every soul is important to God.

Philip had evangelized the city of Samaria. Now God wanted Philip to go and evangelize a whole country. And he did that by winning the Ethiopian Eunuch to Christ. Tradition has it that when this saved, baptized, Ethiopian Eunuch returned to his own country of Ethiopia, he started the first Christian Church in the country of Ethiopia, and Jesus was introduced to a whole other Nation.

Church Directory

**Draper Valley Baptist Church**  
3200 Lee Highway  
Draper, Va. 24324  
Pastor: Alan Pearce  
Service Times:  
Bible Study Sunday, 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening, 5 p.m.  
email: drapervalleybc@gmail.com  
www.drapervalleybaptist.org

**Grace Baptist Church**  
552 E. Main Street  
Dublin, Va. 24084  
Pastor: Doug Testerman  
674-1762  
Primary Services:  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11 a.m. Sunday worship  
Sunday Night Power Hour, 6 to 7 p.m.  
Wednesday Night 7 to 8 p.m.  
Grace Kids and Teens Bible Study

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

**Draper United Methodist Church**  
3080 Greenbriar Road  
Draper, VA 24324  
Pastor: Rev. Jason Crandall  
423-716-2570  
Primary Service Times:  
Sunday School, 10 a.m.  
Worship, 11 a.m.  
Phone: 276-477-3835

**Newbern Christian Church**  
Disciples of Christ  
5183 Wilderness Road, Newbern  
Rev. Denise and Ken Walker  
540-440-8733

**Christ Episcopal Church**  
144 North Washington Ave., Pulaski  
Service: 10 a.m. every Sunday  
Phone: 980-2413  
Email: christ24301@gmail.com  
www.christpulaski.dioswva.org

**Jordan's Chapel UMC**  
Pastor: Jim Goddard  
Worship: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

**Cecil's Chapel United Methodist Church**  
5801 Cecil's Chapel Road,  
Hiwassee, VA 24347  
Pastor Mark Asbury  
Worship service is 8:45am-9:45am  
Sunday School is 10 - 10:45am  
Ricky Dishon, 540 239 6360, www.facebook.com/cecilschapel.umc

**Newbern United Methodist Church**  
5155 Wilderness Road  
Exit 98 off I-81 Newbern  
Rev. Paige Wimberly  
674-6111  
Worship Services: 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday School: 11 a.m.

**Valley Harvest Ministries**  
1 Harvest Place  
P.O. Box 458  
Dublin, VA 24084  
Senior Pastor Steve Willis  
Associate Pastors: Perry Slaughter,  
Walter Gueste, Derick Burton  
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.  
Hispanic Ministry Service- Sunday 6 p.m.  
Wednesday School 7 p.m.  
www.vhmdublin.org  
540-674-4729

**Mountain View United Methodist Church**  
6648 Wilderness Road  
Dublin, VA 24084  
Phone: 540-674-6111  
mountainviewumc.yolasite.com/  
Pastor: Paige Wimberly  
Adult Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship with Children's Church at 11 a.m.

**Dublin Baptist Church**  
Dublin Baptist Church  
100 Hawkins Street, Dublin, VA 24084  
540-674-6061  
secretary@dublinbaptistva.org  
Website: dublinbaptistva.org  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship: 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Youth Bible Study, 7 p.m.

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

**First United Methodist Church**  
301 N. Jefferson Ave. - Pulaski (physical address)  
135 Fourth St., NW - Pulaski (mailing address)  
Pastor's Name: Will Shelton  
Hispanic Lay Pastor: Sebastian Ruiz  
Sunday Service: 10:00 AM  
Hispanic Worship: 11:00AM  
Contact Info. Phone: 540.980.3331  
e-mail: office@fumcpulask.org website: www.fumcpulask.org  
FACEBOOK@FirstUMCPulaski and WBLB 10:00am

**Belspring Baptist Church**  
6887 Depot Street  
Belspring, VA 24058  
Pastor Darrell Linkous  
Service Times:  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Sunday worship: 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study and Youth Group: 7 p.m.  
Darrell Linkous: 353-0081  
belspringbaptistchurch@gmail.com

**Memorial Baptist Church**  
995 Peppers Ferry Road  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
Pastor: Michael S. Jones  
Sunday  
9:45 am - Sunday School  
11:00 am - Worship  
Wednesday  
6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting  
(540) 980-4731  
Email: dfarley3@verizon.net

**River of Life Church**  
5311 Black Hollow Road, Dublin, Va. 24084  
Shawn Burchett, Pastor  
Sunday School 9:15 AM  
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 AM  
Wednesday Evening Life  
Building Service 7:00 PM  
www.rolcdublin.com 540-674-4500

**Delton Church of God of Prophecy**  
4570 Boyd Road, Draper, VA 24324  
Pastor Vickie Lee Viars  
deltoncogop@gmail.com (276) 620-3191  
Sunday mornings - 11 AM to 12 PM  
Sunday evenings-Facebook live services announced on Facebook  
Wednesday evenings- To be announced at later future time until COVID-19 ceases  
Delton COGOP is following all COVID-19 safety guidelines of social distancing, masks, cleaning, and disinfection.

**Heritage Church**  
6195 Cleburne Boulevard, Dublin  
Pastor Mike Pierce  
Service Times:  
Wednesdays, 7 p.m.;  
Sundays, 10 a.m.  
(540) 674-9220  
Website: www.heritagechurch.net  
Facebook.com/  
HeritageChurchDublinVA

**Fairlawn Baptist**  
6758 Oxford Avenue  
Fairlawn, VA 24141

**First Missionary Baptist Church**  
7318 Manns Drive / P.O. Box 90  
New River, Virginia 24129  
(540) 639-5331  
email: fmbc1872@verizon.net  
Pastor: Rev. Richard A. Goodman, Sr.  
Associate Minister:  
Rev. Annette Cheek  
Clerk: Mrs. Carlotta Lewis  
Sundays:  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
The Lord's Supper - Each First Sunday  
Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

**Dublin United Methodist Church**  
P.O. Box 577  
424 East Main Street  
Pastor Don Shelor  
(540) 674-5128  
office@dublinumc.com  
Sunday Worship at 9:00 & 11:00am  
Sunday School - 10:00am

**Freedom Fellowship Church**  
1730 West Street  
Radford, VA 24141  
Sr. Pastor: Jerry W. Collins  
540-577-5780  
jcollinsfreedomfellowship@yahoo.com  
Sunday Service: 10 a.m.  
11 a.m. Children's Church  
Wednesday - 7 p.m. Service  
7 p.m. Youth Service

**Grace Episcopal Church**  
210 4th Street, Radford, 24141  
639-3494  
Service: 10:30AM Sundays  
Email: office@graceradford.org  
http://www.graceradford.org  
Facebook: Grace Episcopal Church

**Draper's Valley Presbyterian (PCA)**  
2755 Old Baltimore Road,  
Draper, VA 24324  
Senior Pastor: Rev. Robert E. Davis  
Associate Pastor: Rev. Roland Mathews  
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship Service 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:15 p.m.  
Wednesday Youth Groups and Adult Prayer & Bible Study 6:30 p.m.  
Phone - 540-994-9015  
e-mail - drapers.valley@dvpca.org  
website - www.dvpca.org  
Sunday Morning Worship Live-Stream • 10:30 a.m. (or anytime on YouTube)

**Trinity Lutheran Church ELCA**  
2 Fifth Street, N.W., Pulaski  
540-980-3624  
The Rev. Terrie Sternberg  
trinitypulaski@gmail.com  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
(Sept. - May)  
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.  
(June - Aug.)  
Bible Study: Wednesday, 12:30  
www.trinitypulaski.org

**Trinity United Methodist**  
Pastor: Judy Yonce  
Sunday Worship - 9:45 a.m.  
Bible Study - Wednesday, 7 p.m.  
528 5th Street, S.E.  
Pulaski, Va.  
Phone - 980-0820

**Snowville Baptist Church**  
3238 Gum Log Road, Hiwassee  
Pastor: Rev. Tony Hart  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Sunday Services: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Night Service: 7 p.m.

**Fairlawn United Methodist Church**  
7584 Brandon Road, Fairlawn, Va. 24141  
Pastor Mark A. Miller  
markmiller.psalml@gmail.com  
Cell) 540-320-2431  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship (with children's message): 11 a.m.  
Bible Study, Wednesday: 7 p.m.  
Youth Ministry  
Facebook.com/  
Fairlawn-United-Methodist-Church

**Grace Ministries Church of God of Prophecy**  
1021 Macgill Street  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
Church: 540-980-2118  
Cell: 276-233-8083  
Bus Ministry: 540-385-9972  
www.pulaskigracemin.com  
Email: pulaskigracemin@hotmail.com  
Pastor Mike Williams  
Children's Ministry  
Aaron & Becky Sampson  
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Children's Church 10:30 a.m.  
Children's Free Breakfast 10:30 a.m.  
Ages 5-12  
Men's & Women's Ministry Wed. 6:30

**Faith Bible Church**  
110 LaGrange Street, Pulaski, VA 24301  
Pastor: Jim Linkous  
Associate Pastor: T.J. Cox  
540-980-5433  
www.facebook/faithbiblechurch  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.  
Sunday Children's Church: 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m.  
Children's Meal: 6:30 p.m.  
Children's and Youth's Group Classes: 7 p.m.

**Dublin Christian Church**  
5605 Dunlap Road  
P.O. Box 1330  
Dublin, VA 24084  
(540) 674-8434  
www.dublinchristianchurch.com  
Richard R. Goad, Jr.  
Senior Minister  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship and Youth Meeting, 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study and Children's Bible Classes, 7 p.m.

**First Presbyterian Church**  
408 N. Jefferson Avenue, Pulaski  
Pastor Melissa McNair-King  
(540) 980-2132  
firstprespulaskiva@gmail.com  
www.firstpresbyterianpulaski.org  
Sunday Services:  
Sept.-May: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.,  
Service 11 a.m.  
June-Labor Day: Service 10 a.m.  
Wednesday Family Night, 6 - 7:30 p.m.



# McCraw

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Philip wanted to do the will of God, to be led by God, and He trusted that God would lead him to where ever God wanted him to go, and so he went.

Before the Eunuch spoke with Philip, he had been a God fearing Gentile, but after Philip introduced him to Jesus, he became a blood washed, born again Christian, and then a servant for Jesus himself.

An angel spoke to Philip and told him to go down to Gaza, a desert place, but it was the Holy Ghost who told him to join himself to the chariot. The Holy Ghost is the one who draws men and women, boys and girls to Christ. Angels are ministering spirits but they are not the Holy Spirit. The Angels don't call folks into the kingdom, but are only sent to minster, protect, lead and guide, those who are already in the Kingdom. Just like the Ethiopian Eunuch, many people have an interest in the bible but need for someone to explain it to them so they can understand it. The word of God is Spiritually written and must be Spiritually discerned..

Verse 35. "Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. The Ethiopian Eunuch believed upon Jesus, and asked to be baptized in water by Philip, to which request Philip obliged him and a new soul was born into the Kingdom of God.

Verses 39 & 40. "And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the Eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing. But Philip was found at Azotus; and passing through he preached in all the cities, till he came to Caesarea." The Ethiopian Eunuch went on his way, rejoicing and Philip went on his way, preaching.

And why was the Ethiopian Eunuch rejoicing as he went along his way? Because he was now a born again believer. He went away rejoicing over his new found relationship with Christ Jesus.

He now had something to be glad about. I'll tell you when a soul finds its way to Jesus, it's a happy time. As the song by Civilla D. Martin says, "I sing because I'm happy. I sing because I'm free. His eye is on the Sparrow, and I know, He's watching, over me."

"I've got that joy, joy, joy, joy, down in my heart, down in my heart to stay." George William Cooke.

## Bible Trivia

- For possible new year's resolutions, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; \_\_\_\_\_, and it shall be opened unto you." Pray, Knock, Sing, Tithe
- Psalm 37:5 informs us to, "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to \_\_\_\_\_." Nurture, Pass, Action, Light
- In which book's chapter 12 did the Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron about the first month of the year? Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers
- Proverbs 16:3 instructs us to, "Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be \_\_\_\_\_"? Resolved, Established, Directed, Bountiful
- 2 Corinthians 5:17 and Galatians 2:20 are among the verses to focus on what in a new year? Blessings, Moving forward, Grace, Church attendance
- From James 1:5, what may one lack and if they ask God, it shall be given? Love, Wisdom, Truth, Goals

**ANSWERS: 1) Knock; 2) Pass; 3) Exodus; 4) Established; 5) Moving forward; 6) Wisdom**

"Test Your Bible Knowledge," a book with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in stores and online.

**Pulaski First Church of the Brethren**  
1749 Newbern Road  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
Pastor Frank Peters  
Sunday School: 9:45  
Worship: 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.  
980-3798

**Abundant Life Ministries**  
3050 Lee Highway  
Pulaski, VA 24301 (540) 980-5506  
(Mon. - Fri., 9 a.m.-1 p.m.)  
Pastor Randall K. Lawrence Sr.  
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Evenings (Family Night) 7 pm  
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**New Life Church of the Nazarene**  
45 S. Jefferson Avenue  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
540-980-2001  
www.newlifepulaski.com  
email: pastorjuls@verizon.net  
Pastor: Julie Armbrister  
Sunday School (all ages) 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study: 6 p.m.

**Trinity Baptist Church**  
4008 Robinson Tract Road  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
Telephone: 980-8186  
Pastor Johnny Howlett  
Minister of Education Rev. Steve Taylor  
Sunday Worship - 10 a.m.  
Sunday Bible Study - 6 p.m.  
Wednesday - Adult Bible Study and Youth Group - 7 p.m.

**Grace Fellowship Baptist Church**  
2640 Max Creek Rd  
PO Box 326  
Hiwassee, VA 24347  
Phone: 276-613-2581  
Email: pastorjasonaker@gmail.com

**St. Edwards Catholic Church**  
Corner of N. Washington Ave. and  
7th Street N.W., Pulaski  
Phone: 980-6511  
Fax: 980-6511  
Priest: Fr. Francis Boateng  
Mass: 11 a.m. Sunday

**Warriors for Christ II**  
Bishop Sherman Buckner  
600 Skyline Circle  
Pulaski, VA  
540-315-2317  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Worship: 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.  
Thursday: 7 p.m. Service

**Bob White Boulevard Baptist Church**  
3826 Bob White Boulevard  
Pulaski, VA.  
Pastor: Allen Harman  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Preaching: 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening: 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Prayer Service: 7:30 p.m.  
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**First Baptist Church**  
325 Randolph Avenue  
Pulaski, Va.  
Pastor: Dr. Henry Fiske  
Phone: 980-6565  
fbcpulaskiva@gmail.com  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

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

**Amazing Grace Ministries**  
4892 Veterans Hill Road  
Pulaski, VA  
Pastor Todd Garwood  
(540) 250-3741  
ttgarwood674@gmail.com

**Pulaski Christian Church, Inc.**  
4531 Brookmont Road, Pulaski, VA 24301  
www.pulaskichristianchurch.com/  
Rev. Kathy Warden, Pastor,  
(540) 250-2974  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.  
Worship 7 p.m.  
Monday Bible Study  
7 to 9 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study  
7 p.m.

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

**First Baptist Church**  
220 Magazine Street  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
540-980-3336  
Email: firstbaptist220@gmail.com  
Pastor: Rev. Douglas Patterson  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Monday's Child Youth Group, Monday  
Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

**Pulaski Presbyterian Church (PCA)**  
975 Memorial Drive  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
Office Phone:980-2631  
Email: pastor@pulaskipca.org  
Website: www.pulaskipca.org  
Stated Supply: Rev. John Gess  
Sunday School: 10:00am  
Worship Service: 11:00am

**Sure Foundation Christian Fellowship**  
6598 Annie Akers Road  
Radford, VA 24141  
(540) 639-3443  
Pastor Steve Phillips  
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:00 am  
Sunday Night Prayer: 5:30 pm  
Wednesday Night  
Prophetic Teaching: 6:30 pm

**New Hope Chapel**  
1555 Case Knife Road  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
Pastor Darrell Gray  
(276) 733-6080  
Pastor Gray and congregation invite you to  
New Hope Chapel.  
Service Times:  
10 a.m. Sunday School  
11 a.m. Sunday Service

**Family Worship Center  
First Pentecostal Holiness**  
955 Memorial Drive, Pulaski  
540-980-7287  
Jeff Willhoite, Pastor  
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5670 Thornspring Church Rd.  
Dublin, VA 24084  
Pastor: Rev. Teresa Tolbert  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Worship Service: 11 a.m.  
Phone: (540) 980-2927

**First Baptist Church**  
5473 Baskerville Street  
Dublin, VA 24084  
Pastor Wallis Brown  
540-674-2677  
Service: 11 a.m.

**New Dublin Presbyterian Church**  
5331 New Dublin Church Road  
Dublin, VA 24084  
Pastor: Sara Jane Nixon  
Website: newdublinpres.org  
540-674-6147  
Services 11:00 AM Sundays

**Community Christian Church**  
5382 Grace Street, Dublin VA, 24084  
540-674-4308  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

**First Dublin Presbyterian Church (ECO)**  
409 Church Street, Dublin, Va. 24084  
P.O. Box 2027, Dublin, Va. 24084  
first-dublin-presbyterian-church-eco.com  
Minister:  
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From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

**Q: Sometimes I feel that nothing I do turns out right even when I go the extra mile. I pray and ask God to help me see things differently but I stay discouraged. Since God promises to be with us, why do I feel defeated? - D.S.**

A: Discouragement, hopelessness, despair--so many situations in this fallen world can make us feel this way. Problems and struggles can wear us down physically, emotionally, and mentally--and can even erode our faith.

But God, our loving heavenly Father, understands our feelings at times like these, and He wants to encourage and help us. The question we must honestly ask ourselves is this: Do we immerse ourselves in God's Word and seek His truth? The Bible is our guide book and for it to have an impact in our lives, we must open it and read it--daily.

Life sometimes takes us through hard places. But even in the midst of them, God is with us, and nothing can happen to us that is



**My Answer**  
  
Billy Graham

beyond His ability to help. The Scriptures say, "People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4, NLT). What a treasure trove we have at our fingertips.

We must let the study of the

Bible become central in life--not just to know it, but also to obey it. When we engrave its truths in our minds and hearts, we learn the power of God's Word. God speaks to us through His Word, and it changes our thinking and our actions. People from all walks of life are searching for answers to life's problems, and the Bible has the answer to man's deepest needs, and gives peace for today, and hope for tomorrow.

(This column is based on the words and writings of the late Rev. Billy Graham.)



Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

GERALD, HONEY, IT'S TIME TO TAKE YOUR VITAMINS.

I'M NOT A CHILD, I DON'T NEED THESE. BESIDES, I CAN'T EVEN OPEN THE BOTTLE.

WELL, THAT'S BECAUSE THEY'RE CHILDPROOF.....

GIVE ME THAT!

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

JIMMY, WHY DON'T YOU SING THE NEW YEAR'S EVE SONG?

OKAY...

"SHOULD AULD ACQUAINTANCE BE"...UM, WAIT...

"SHOULD AULD ACQUAINTANCE BE"...UM, ER, VH...

DON'T YOU KNOW THE LYRICS?

GUESS I FORGOT 'EM.

R.F.D.

by Mike Marland

ANOTHER YEAR COME AND GONE!

YUP!

AT LEAST IT WAS BETTER THAN THE YEAR BEFORE!

BUT, HOPEFULLY, NOT AS GOOD AS THE YEAR TO COME!

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

I WONDER WHY BIRDS FLY SOUTH FOR THE WINTER?

BECAUSE IT'S TOO FAR TO WALK!!

POPEYE

I YAM SORRY Y' DON'T FEELS WELL, SWEETIE!

I'M ON ME WAY OVER!

Y'KIN JES UNLAX AN' I'LL FIX BREK'FAS!

3 KOFF 3 THANKS, POPEYE! 3 KOFF 3

WOT DUZ YA FEEL LIKE HAVIN'?

3 SNIFFLE 3 A COUPLE OF EGGS AND TOAST WILL BE FINE

HOW D'YA LIKES DEM DUN?

3 KOFF 3 I EAT THEM SOFT-BOILED... 3 KOFF 3

WHEN I'M ILL... 3 KOFF 3 I EAT THEM SOFT-BOILED... 3 KOFF 3

...WITH THE YOLK THICK AND THE WHITE SET... 3 KOFF 3

DO YOU THINK YOU CAN MANAGE?

NO PROBLEM

KOFF KOFF

CRASH! SPLAT!

I T'UGHT Y' MIGHT LIKE 'EM SCRAMBLED FER A CHANGE 3 OOPS! 3 I FERGOT 'N' TOAST!

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

WOW, FOR A SPLIT SECOND THERE I THOUGHT YOU WERE REACHING OUT TO ME AS A SIGN OF AFFECTION.

CAUTION ICE

LAFF-A-DAY

"Don't pet either one. They both bite!"

"It's the ones you were it would be."

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!

Later T E R A F

Fervent R A N T E D

Blanket E A R L Y

Temple S H I N E R

TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Steal from

4 Highlander

8 Streamlet

12 Historic period

13 String

14 Tom Joad, for one

15 Bridgetown's island

17 "It's — real!"

18 Intends

19 Tropical fruit

20 Jazz genre

22 Piece of work

24 Priests' garments

25 "Excellent work!"

29 Espionage org.

30 Spectrum creator

31 Ms. Thurman

32 Wavering

34 Twain hero

35 Sharp tooth

36 Clearheaded

37 Cream-filled pastries

40 Arrive

41 Jai —

42 Chocolatey frozen treat

46 Give up

47 Carry on

48 Citrus drink

49 Crystal gazer

50 Eye part

51 U.K. fliers

Schreiber

11 Sultry Horne

16 Life stories

19 Site of Apra Harbor

20 "Coffee Cantata" composer

21 Writer Wiesel

22 Rubber gasket

23 Nuisance

25 Mom's mom

26 Place to get a fruit smoothie

27 Hotel chain

28 Combo

30 School orgs.

33 Not as certain

34 Seethe

36 Theater boxes

37 Campaign-funding gps.

38 Fonda's bee-keeper role

39 Lose color

40 406, in Roman numerals

42 Calendar abbr.

43 Eg. and Syr., once

44 Oklahoma city

45 Ump

DOWN

1 Civil War soldier

2 Man-mouse link

3 Whom Pilate pardoned

4 Rascal

5 Atlantic catches

6 Granada gold

7 QB stats

8 Hearty

9 Furniture brand

10 Actor

top ten

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

1. Exercise more

2. Save money

3. Eat healthier

4. Lose weight

5. Reduce stress

6. Get more sleep

7. Stick to budget

8. Grow spiritually

9. Travel more

10. Learn new skill

Source: yougov.com

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: What is the largest island in Africa?

2. LANGUAGE: What does "Auld Lang Syne" mean?

3. MOVIES: How many spirits visit Ebenezer Scrooge in "A Christmas Carol"?

4. THEATER: On which opera is the rock musical "Rent" based?

5. FOOD & DRINK: What is marmite?

6. GAMES: How many weapons are available in the original board game "Clue"?

7. TELEVISION: What is Jean-Luc Picard's catchphrase as captain in "Star Trek: The Next Generation"?

8. LITERATURE: Which Victor Hugo novel was made into an animated Disney movie in the 1990s?

9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: When was the first Times Square Ball Drop on New Year's Eve?

10. SCIENCE: What is it called when a gas changes into a liquid?

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINGOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Answers

1. Madagascar

2. Times long past

3. Four, including Jacob Marley and the spirits of past, present and future

4. "La Boheme"

5. A savory food spread that is the byproduct of beer brewing

6. Six — revolver, wrench, knife, lead pipe, candlestick and rope

7. "Make it so."

8. "The Hunchback of Notre Dame"

9. 1907

10. Condensation

AFRAID

Today's Word

3. Layer; 4. Shrine

1. After 2. Ardent; solution

SCRAMBLERS

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: K equals R

QAA LFW KWQJT-LV-JKPME

XKVJYHLD PM LFPD DYXWKRQKEWL

HVRW PM NVLLAWD VMAT.

PL'D DV YM-HQMMT.

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Americanisms

"What the new year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the new year."

— Vern McLellan

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answer

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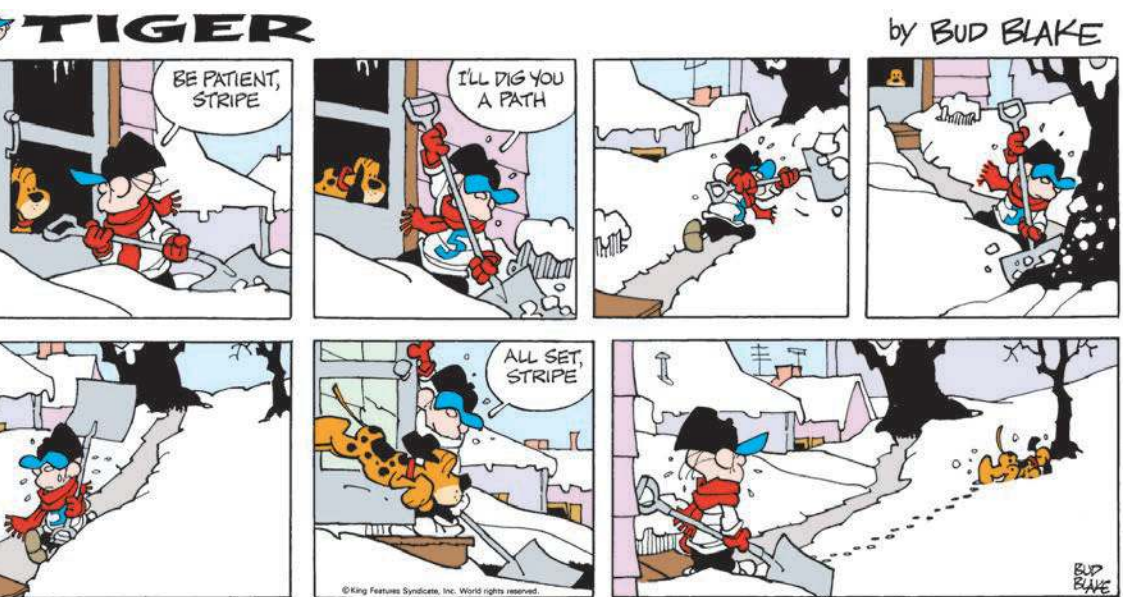
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E A S T W O O D D A R X V T Q  
O M J H S F B I C A E Y W T U  
R N O R E A S T E R T P T S N  
L J H F A T E D S B S S S O Z  
X V T R S Q O H M A A K A M I  
H F D A T B Z Y T E E W E T V  
T R E Q M O N L Y U L R R S K  
E I T S A E B I H F O D B A C  
A Z X W N V D R A W T S A E F

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

Abreast	Eastman	Eastwood	Nor'easter
Beast	Eastmost	Feast	Oleaster
Beastie	Eastside	Least	Southeast
Breastbone	Eastward	Mideast	

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## CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

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

GOETKBN WOTWXN SWLK  
YKEYOK IKJJKB, AWYYVKB,  
WRH SEBK AKOYGFO; JAKX  
WBK NFRNAVRK, GEEH WRH  
SKHVMVRK GEB JAK NEFO.  
— OFJAKB IFBIWRL

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Flowers always make people better, happier, and more helpful; they are sunshine, food and medicine for the soul. — Luther Burbank

answer  
CryptoQuote

EASTERN WORDS

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

		7	5		3		
	6			4		8	
5				8	1		9
		4	2				3
1				4	7		
	9	8		7		5	
		3		5	1		2
9			7		6		
	2			6		3	

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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# Ditch the guilt over this New Year's holiday

By Rachel Burks,  
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Extension

With each new year, many Americans resolve to ditch unhealthy foods and reclaim their waistslines. What if we resolve to ditch the guilt and reclaim our happiness instead? Healing our relationships with food and our bodies can be joyful and empowering without sacrificing health. Here's why.

### Weight does not equal health.

Although it's true that higher weights can increase risk for things like heart disease and diabetes, bodies can be healthy at EVERY size. Our weight loss culture tells us that skinny is good and fat is bad. In reality, there are many people with thinner bodies who are unhealthy



and many people with heavier bodies who are healthy. Regardless of your body size, focusing on nourishing and loving your body is always a healthy choice.

### Enjoying food supports healthy eating patterns.

Labeling foods as off-limits can result in overeating. When we don't allow ourselves to eat something that we really want, we can

end up eating too much of something else to satisfy our craving. We can also end up binging on the foods that aren't "allowed". Both of these eating patterns often come with a side of guilt. Instead, allow yourself to make food choices based on a variety of factors including joy, health, tradition, and self-care. Ask yourself what your body, mind, and spirit really need. Then slow down and enjoy that food. You may find you'll be less likely to overeat AND you'll ditch the guilt.

### "Dieting" is not sustainable.

Many people lose weight each January when they begin their new diet only to gain it back. Why? Applying rules to our eating habits and/or strictly managing our food intake is unsustainable over a long period of time. This kind of dieting is often time-consuming and not flexible enough for everyday life. Instead, regularly choosing foods that nourish your body supports long-term health.

So, if you're still thinking about your New Year's resolutions, consider committing to enjoying food this year. Think about choosing one of these guilt-free resolutions to support health and happiness:

- 1.Regularly try out new healthy recipes in the kitchen. You can search for healthy and affordable recipes at [eatsmartmovemoreva.org](http://eatsmartmovemoreva.org).
- 2.See if you can make at least one meal a day match the MyPlate recommendation for a balanced meal. Visit [myplate.gov](http://myplate.gov) to get started.
- 3.Experiment with different physical activities to find something you really enjoy doing. Try different types of dance, hiking, yoga, sports, or even make up active games with your kids.



Chocolate Chia Pudding. Recipe can be found at [eatsmartmovemoreva.gov](http://eatsmartmovemoreva.gov)

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## There's going to be sacrifice involved

Dear Dave,

I bring home about \$2,800 a month, and our mortgage payment is \$1,100. We have been forced to take money out of our savings account occasionally over the last year or so to help pay the bills. My wife loves being a stay-at-home mom with our two preschool kids, but even she is talking about finding a daycare for the kids so she can go back to work and help out financially. How do you feel about this idea and our situation?

Cade

Dear Cade,

I can't blame your wife for loving the idea of staying home with your kids when they're so young. Being a stay-at-home mom is a great thing if you can make the numbers work. Still, I'm sure it's no picnic trying to live on \$1,700 a month with two little ones in the mix.

Let's look at it like a math problem with three components — house payment, income and lifestyle. Forty percent of your pay is going toward your home. That's way too much. Your mortgage payment or rent should never be more than 25 percent of your take home pay. I suppose you could look into the possibility of refinancing your home, but that's not going to solve all your problems.

One option would be finding a way to generate some extra income, whether that means a part-time job nights or week-ends, or pursuing additional education or certifications to get your income level up at work. Another is to sell the house and find a less expensive alternative, but I'm never a big fan of that idea — especially in a family situation — unless there's absolutely no other way to avoid bankruptcy or foreclosure.



Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

I think you and your wife need to sit down, and spend some serious heart-to-heart time talking things over, crunching the numbers and creating a plan. There's going to be some sacrifice involved for everyone, and only you two can decide what's worth it and what isn't — for you two and your kids.

God bless you and your family, Cade.

— Dave

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### Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

8	1	7	5	9	2	3	4	6
3	6	9	1	7	4	2	8	5
5	4	2	3	8	6	1	7	9
7	5	4	2	1	8	9	6	3
1	3	6	9	4	5	7	2	8
2	9	8	6	3	7	4	5	1
6	7	3	4	5	1	8	9	2
9	8	5	7	2	3	6	1	4
4	2	1	8	6	9	5	3	7

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