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Cash to lead school board; Siers gets new 4-yr. contract

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

Tuesday's meeting of the Pulaski County School Board got off to a surprising start with an unexpected change at the top – the election of a new chairman.

Also, during the meeting, the board approved a new four-year contract for the school superintendent and voted to amend the school system's COVID protocols to fall in line with Governor Glenn Youngkin's executive order on masks.

The meeting also included a public hearing on the 2022-23 budget.

Tuesday's meeting, held at Pulaski County Middle School, began with several re-organizational items – including the election of a chairman and vice chairman.

When time came for nominations, former chairman Timmy Hurst nominated Dr. Paige Cash to serve as the new chairman. Her election was unanimous.

Then, Hurst was the unanimous pick of the board to serve as vice chairman.

The last item on the reorgani-

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zational agenda was the approval of a new contract for School Superintendent Dr. Kevin Siers.

The board unanimously approved a new four-year contract, which runs from July 1 of this year to June 30, 2026.

The new contract was surprising as well, considering Siers still had about a year and a half to go on his old contract, which was due to end on June 30, 2023.

Contacted by The Patriot and asked why the board chose to give Siers a new contract early, Cash offered the following statement:

"One would be hard pressed to think of a more difficult period to serve as a superintendent

of a public school system than the past two years in the midst of a pandemic, and Kevin Siers has served the youth of Pulaski County well during this time.

"Pulaski County students have had as much in-person instruction as any division in the state and he has done this while managing a staffing shortage that affects all areas of school employment.

"Through our school nutrition team Dr. Siers made sure children of the highest needs received meals while virtual learning. He has done this while managing the consolidation of our two middle schools into one of the most modern middle schools this side of the state.

"Pulaski County is very fortunate to have Dr. Siers as superintendent of our school system. In his initial interview process, it was stressed that our goal as a board was to find someone who would commit to Pulaski County. Kevin Siers has done just that. The new contract is the board's commitment to that goal and our

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Council approves re-zoning, clears way for brand-new Food City store

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

Within the coming year, it is expected that work will begin to raze the former Lee Jeans building on East Main Street in Pulaski to clear the way for a brand-new Food City store.

At its meeting Tuesday night, Pulaski Town Council approved a request from Marathon Realty Corp. and property owner Robert Strenz of RAS Properties LLC to rezone the old Lee Jeans plant property from I-1 Light Industrial to B-2 General Business.

According to Brady Deal, Planner and Economic Developer for the town, the rezoning was a



necessary item for the purchase of the property, which sits at the

intersection of Bob White Boulevard and East Main Street (Route 99).

Deal told council that earlier the Pulaski Planning Commission had recommended approval of the request on a unanimous vote.

Prior to council's vote to approve the rezoning, a public hearing was held on the matter. The only speaker was Stephen Spangler, representing Marathon Realty.

Spangler told council it likely would be about a year before work would begin on the site.

While Food City never came up

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Schools

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Superintendent.”

On the mask issue, Siers explained that there is all sorts of guidance available on the question of students wearing masks at school.

“There are legal opinions that the Senate bill that passed as state law last year trumps the Governor’s order and there are school divisions that are planning to fight that fight,” Siers said.

“But based on the interactions we’ve had and feedback we’ve got ... our recommendation is that we not get into that part of it. We have been consistent all along in following the guidance from the governor’s office in our COVID response. So, in order to remain consistent, I would recommend that we approve an amendment to our COVID response plan and adopt Executive Order No. 2 and make masks optional,” he stated.

Mask wearing by students in school and on school grounds will be at the discretion of parents beginning on Monday, Jan. 24.

Masks will still be required on

school buses, the school system’s COVID policy states, in accordance with Security Directive 1582/84-21-01B from the Transportation Security Administration of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. All quarantine guidelines from the Virginia Department of Health will continue to be utilized for positive cases and exposure to positive cases.

During the budget public hearing, several speakers spoke up in favor of an initiative called “Let’s Start Strong,” which calls for reducing kindergarten class size in the county to no more than 10 students per class, or the addition of a full-time para-educator in each class to support the teacher.

Proponents of the initiative point to West Virginia, which has adopted the strategy.

Speakers called for the school board to find the funding to adopt the strategy in Pulaski County, saying it will ensure that children will get the educational attention they need, starting in kindergarten, to be successful in their academic and professional careers in the future.

Siers noted that the average size of kindergarten classes in the county is between 17 and 18 students. He added there would not be enough classrooms available to cap classes at 10 students.

He said the only solution for Pulaski County would be to hire the para-educators. He said that will be among items discussed during upcoming meetings on the budget.

Council rejects request for more Pulaski Transit funds

By **MIKE WILLIAMS**
The Patriot

A request for \$17,000 in additional funding by Pulaski Area Transit met with stiff resistance Tuesday night from members of Pulaski Town Council.

Council for at least the last three years has helped fund PAT with a \$70,000 annual contribution. Besides the town, PAT also gets money from Pulaski County, the state and federal governments.

Pulaski Area Transit’s 2023 operating budget totals \$666,383.

Transit Manager Monica Musick told council the additional \$17,000 being requested from the town is needed to pay higher wages primarily for the transit’s bus drivers whose pay is increasing due to changes in the state’s minimum wage.

The additional funding, Musick said, would also help with covering the costs of higher fuel prices.

Councilman Greg East, however, questioned Musick about the transit’s decline in ridership in recent years.

East said ridership began dropping in 2019 and last year was “way down” in the face of continued level funding from the town. The end result, East said, is that the transit now is costing more per rider.

“I feel like our taxpayers are getting the short end of the stick,” East said.

Musick said part of the reason for the decline in ridership was due to the change in how the transit operated – moving from an “on demand” service in which riders called for pickup to the current route system in which riders must be at a bus stop on the set route to be picked up.

Musick said beginning February 1 the transit will change again in hopes of building ridership numbers back up by adding two “feeder” routes to its system. The routes will help riders in outlying areas to connect to the existing town route.

She is hoping to realize a 25 percent increase in ridership with the change.

Town Manager Darlene Burcham told council that the town not only supports the transit through its donation each year,

but also provides fuel and maintenance at lower cost.

Burcham also noted that she is still seeing transit buses failing to stop at some designated bus stops on their route – a complaint council has heard in the past.

Burcham said she observed earlier Tuesday a bus “breeze by” the bus stop at Food Lion on East Main Street in Pulaski without stopping.

“That gives a rider waiting inside out of the cold no time to get outside to catch the bus,” Burcham said.

Musick thanked her for bringing that to her attention.

Musick noted that money the transit raises during the year, such as with its annual golf tournament, will lessen the amount

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Council

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in council discussion during the public portion of Tuesday’s meeting, councilman Jamie Radcliffe announced in a Facebook post on Wednesday that Food City would be building a new store on the former Lee Jeans property.

During council’s vote Tuesday night approving the rezoning, the issue passed on a vote of five in favor, none opposed and there was one abstention – from councilman Brooks Dawson. Dawson is the current manager of the new

Food City store in Radford and was formerly the manager of Pulaski’s Food City.

In recent months, Food City has expanded its footprint in Southwest Virginia with new stores in Radford and most recently in Wytheville.

The new stores – and the company’s remodeled stores – all feature a new more modern design and attractive glass and brick façade.



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Camrett Logistics looks back on 2021's year of successes

"Camrett Logistics' accomplishments and plans for the future are amazing, but not at all surprising. Considering the vision and commitment of its leadership, and the skill and dedication of its workforce, the potential to continue to do great things and grow the Camrett family are limitless. And I simply can't wait to see what you do in 2022 and beyond! – Congratulations!"

**- Jonathan D. Sweet,
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County Administrator
Pulaski County**

**By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot**

Camrett Logistics has grown steadily since Collin Peel started the company in 1995 with one truck and a 10,000 square foot warehouse in Wytheville.

And as 2022 began, company officials are looking back on a 2021 that may have been the company's best year yet.

"We have seen unprecedented growth this year and I cannot thank each and every one of our family members, A.K.A. Camrett employees, and of course, our customers for trusting us with their products," said Cameron Peel, Vice President and Chief Client Officer for the company.

According to Cameron, the company's first project of 2021 was to turn ambient storage – where product must be stored at room temperature – into freezer-capable space so Camrett could enter the pharmaceutical industry.

"We invested over \$350,000 in building improvements and our first ever reefer – or refrigerated trailer," Cameron said.

"After months of construction and hours by our maintenance crew, we passed both ISO (International Standards Organization) and the National Pharmacy Board inspections and opened for business in August. With this expansion, we created seven jobs," he added.

During 2020, Cameron noted the company learned of the closure of a long-term customer that greatly impacted Camrett's Wythe and Smyth County operations.

"The loss freed up our highbay area in our corporate office [at 2460 N. 4th Street in Wytheville] where we have over 3500 pallet cells in racking that can store seven levels high. Throughout 2020, a lot of time was spent debating on how to utilize that," he noted.

While company officials were trying to decide what to do with the space, a former customer solved their dilemma.

"A local Wytheville company



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Then candidate Glenn Youngkin poses here with Board of Supervisors members and Camrett officials during a visit to Camrett's Riverbend facility in Fairlawn last summer. From left, Supervisors Dirk Compton and Laura Walters, 12th District Delegate candidate Jason Ballard, Youngkin, Derek Poff of Camrett, Supervisors Chairman Joe Guthrie and Camrett VP Steve Willis.

was in the midst of increasing their production and adding new lines, which led them to need more space. They saw two options – either build onto their existing building or outsource their warehouse.

"The timing was perfect, and our marriage was formed, and we appreciate their partnership very much," Cameron remarked.

"Their decision to hire Camrett for their logistics needs led to the retention and or creation of five jobs," Cameron said, adding the company – Somic America – began its USA operations in 1999 in Camrett's Rural Retreat facility.

Those developments were just the beginning for the company in 2021.

In March, the company opened Camrett-Beaver, which is located near the newest National Park (New River Gorge) in Beaver, West Virginia.

"Camrett-Beaver is our first venture into Wild and Wonderful West Virginia," Cameron noted.

In June, the company opened Camrett-99, located in downtown Pulaski.

"If you haven't visited downtown Pulaski this year, I recommend it," Cameron said, noting at the time he was "sitting in a brand-new coffee shop called Max on Main."

"With the expansion into Pulaski, we were able to assist a customer with a crossdocking operation," Cameron said, explaining cross docking as being similar to a UPS terminal. Lots of trailers in docks going to multiple locations. They bring in product from one area and Camrett deconsolidates – or sorts the product and loads it into the next trailer.

Two new jobs were created with



the expansion, and three more came in August when Camrett bought an international cross-docking facility in Roanoke.

"We are now a deconsolidation point for European freight coming to United States manufacturers," Cameron said.

At the end of October, Camrett launched a new program inside its largest facility, the 588,000 square foot Riverbend site in Fairlawn in what most locals know as

the former AT&T plant.

"This program is very much in its infant stages, but by the end of the first quarter of 2022, we will have 7 to 11 new family members and I personally cannot wait to welcome them to the team.

"In our 26th year of business, nothing makes me happier than welcoming 26-plus new wonderful women and men to the Camrett family! From November 2020 to November 2021, we have in-

creased our family by 44 great people. Camrett has had a great year and we thank everyone for helping us get to where we are today," Cameron said.

As a thank you to its employees, Camrett used some \$250,000 in unused PPP (Payroll Protection Program) COVID funds received from the federal government in 2020 and gave the money to its employees at the end of 2021 as one-time tenure bonuses.

All the while, Camrett is working for a better future for the next generations.

"We know that we all must do our part to improve the environment, and here at Camrett, we are committed to doing exactly that," said Cameron.

"By switching from diesel trucks to brand new Volvo VNR electric trucks in one of our local shuttle lanes, we will reduce CO2 emissions by 140 metric tons per year and diesel use by 18,000 gallons per year," he said.

"We will take delivery of our first fully electric truck in the first quarter of 2022, with plans for more later next year.

"We have also worked with a new company in Pulaski County with D2E (Diesel to Electric) for one of our trucks," Cameron said. That company is Trova Commercial Vehicles (TrovaCV), which was launched by Patrick Collignon, former chief operating officer for Volvo Trucks North America. Trova offers customized engineering and manufacturing expertise for commercial vehicles, specifically fully electric trucks.

"We are also investing in the environment through our warehouses. Over recent years, we have spent around \$300,000 on converting the old energy-wasting lights in our warehouse to

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Transit

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needed from the town.

However, due to the transit operating on the same fiscal year as the federal government – October to September – she needed a commitment from the town on how much funding they would commit to providing in order to submit her budget by the required Feb. 1 deadline.

East suggested offering the transit level funding at the usual \$70,000 and to start funding discussions earlier next time so council won't have to make a decision while facing Musick's Feb. 1 deadline.

"Next time we need to look at

this earlier and get some indication that the taxpayers' money is being spent more efficiently. At some point it (transit funding) may not make sense anymore," East said.

Councilman Michael Reis asked for Musick to provide council with quarterly updates on ridership and budget issues.

Reis offered a motion to fund the transit at no more than \$70,000 and Councilman Brooks Dawson offered a second.

The motion passed on a 4-2 vote with Councilmen Lane Penn and Jamie Radcliffe voting "no."

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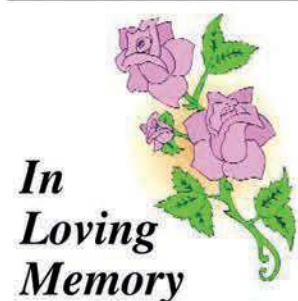


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EVELYN MORRIS WHITE
Evelyn Morris White, of Pulaski, Va. departed this earthly life on Jan. 11, 2022 at Bristol Regional Medical Center after a short illness.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her parents, Willie Langston Morris and Rosetta Crouse Hunter. She was also preceded in death by a son, Anthony L. White; four sisters, Betty Jo Morris, Margaret R. McClanahan, Emma Mae Fuller and Debra Morris Cook; and one brother, Ralph Langston Morris, all of Pulaski.

Evelyn is survived by her sons and spouses, Travis and Marchella (Rosebud) Morris of Lake Wylie, S.C., Michael and Tara Brown of Pulaski, Va.

Evelyn loved her grandchildren dearly, TJ Morris and Zachary Morris of Lake Wylie, S.C. and Kingsley DaeQuan Richardson, Michael Eugene Brown Jr. and Athena Marie Brown of Pulaski, VA.

Evelyn is also survived by her brothers, James Morris, Willie J. Morris and Thomas Hunter all of Pulaski as well as a host of other nieces and nephews.

Special thanks go out to Fairview Home in Dublin, Va., Carington Place at Wytheville, Va. and to the Bristol Regional Medical Center for the care they provided her.

A graveside service will be held Friday, Jan. 21, 2022 at 12 noon at Pinehurst Cemetery, Pulaski, Va. Friends may view the remains at Serenity Funeral Home, 248 Randolph Avenue on Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022 from 3-6 p.m.

Arrangements by Serenity Funeral Home and Cremation Service.

ROBERT EUGENE STEPHENS

Robert Eugene Stephens, age 51 of Dublin passed away Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at the Lewis-Gale Hospital, Pulaski.

Born October 3, 1970 in Radford he was the son of Mary Sadler Stephens and the late Robert Daniel "Ross" Stephens. He was also preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Walter L. & Sylvia Sadler and his paternal grandparents, "Frank" & Ruby Stephens.

Robert was a veteran of the United States Air Force and a founding member of the American Legion Post # 58 - Dublin. He studied at the Community College of the Air Force for missile combat.

A truck driver by trade he also attended the Mendenhall School



MARCELLE BRADLEY BENEFIELD

Marcelle Bradley Benefield, age 77 of Dublin passed away Friday, January 14, 2022 at her home.

Born February 9, 1944 in Georgia, she was the daughter of the late Alton Allen Bradley and Ruby Pearl

Phillips Prestridge. She was also preceded in death by her Husband, Jack Ellis Benefield; and Son, Duane Wilson Benefield.

She is survived by Son- Johnny Ray Benefield-Dublin

Daughter- Eva Marie (Hank) Haire- Ervin, NC.

Three Grandchildren and Seven Great Grandchildren

Sister- Mary Jane Bradley-Georgia

Funeral services will be held Friday 3:00 p.m., January 21, 2022 in the Bower Funeral Home Chapel.

The family will receive friends Friday from 2:00 p.m. until service time at the funeral home.

She will be laid to rest in the Macedonia Baptist Church Cemetery, Ranburn, Alabama.

To sign Her online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com

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

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WILLIAM FRANKLIN CLARK

William Franklin Clark, age 65, unexpectedly, left this world for the fellowship of his Heavenly Savior on January 4, 2022, in Daytona Beach, FL. Bill Clark was the son of Franklin Clark and Mary Hubbard.

He was the beloved husband of Joanne Clark, a loving and engaging step-father to Toby and his spouse, Drew, and Joseph Quaranta; caring brother to Betsy Haigler and Laurie Nichols; and dedicated uncle to many nieces and nephews.

Bill grew up in Bowie, Maryland, worked in the IT Industry in the DC area for 40 years, and moved to Virginia after he and Joanne were married in 1998. Bill and Joanne retired to Daytona Beach in 2014 and enjoyed many years golfing, traveling, and enjoying new friendships at Spruce Creek PCA and LPGA International.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 13, 2022 at Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church, 1705 Taylor Road, Port Orange, FL.

Graveside services will take place at the Moore family cemetery in Draper, Va., 11:00 AM - Tuesday, January 25, 2022. To sign William's online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com

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

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of Auctioneers, then owned and operated the Robert Stephens and Sons Auctions in Austinville.

Robert was a graduate of Pulaski County High School Class of 1988.

He is survived by his Mother - Mary S. Stephens - Dublin

Sons - Jacob (Kelsie) Stephens - Christiansburg, Justin Stephens - Radford

Grandchildren - KayLee Stephens and Andrew Stephens

Brother - Bruce R. Stephens - Dublin

Niece - Marissa Stephens

Stepmother - Gail C. Stephens

Memorial services will be held 11:00 AM - Friday, January 21, 2022 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Winfred Keene officiating.

The family will receive friends one hour before service time Friday at the Funeral Home.

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



PAUL CALVIN SAYERS

Paul Calvin Sayers, age 61 of Pulaski, died Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at his home. He was born in Pulaski on January 25, 1960, and was the son of the late Maggie Lucinda Lawson Sayers, and the late Harrell Calvin Sayers. Paul was a service technician for ATMOS Energy.

He is survived by his loving wife, Mary Emily Sayers of Pulaski; daughter; Alison Paige Sayers of Radford; brother Cecil (Roslyn) Sayers of Christiansburg.

Graveside funeral service was held Saturday, January 15, 2022 at Memorial Christian Church Cemetery on Burleigh Horton Road in Draper, with Pastor Steve Willis officiating.

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

JAMES WILBERT MARTIN, JR.

James Wilbert Martin, Jr., age 60 of Winchester, died Friday, January 14, 2022 at Valley Health in Winchester. He was born on January 10, 1962 in Floyd, Va, and was the son of the late Mista Ann Tolbert Martin and the late James Wilbert Martin, Sr. James was retired from the information department for the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his lovely wife Deborah Kay Young Martin only one day (January 13, 2022) before his death.

He is survived by two brothers: Steven Martin of Stanleytown, Va. and Scotty Martin of Stanleytown, Va.; sister; Loketta Lambert of Stanleytown, Va. He is also survived by two nieces; Hannah Martin, and Ellie Miles both of Stanleytown, Va, and a nephew, Jack Collins of Stanleytown, Va.

Due to the fact that James's wife Deborah, died one day before his death, there will be a double funeral at Seagle Funeral Home in Pulaski, at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, January 22, 2022. Burial will be private in Newbern Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Saturday at Seagles from 12:30 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions in his name to a charity of choice.

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



DEBORAH KAY YOUNG MARTIN

Deborah Kay Young Martin, age 64 of Winchester, died Thursday January 13, 2022 at Valley Health in Winchester. She was born on February 18, 1957 in Christiansburg, Va., and was the daughter of the late Virginia Maude Smith Young, and the late George Dewey Young. Deborah was a recent retiree of the Commonwealth of Virginia having worked in Social Services.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by brothers Earnest and Buford Young.

She is survived by her husband, James Wilbert Martin, Jr. of Winchester, Va.; brothers; David (Almeta) Young of McCoy, Va., and Grady Young of Dublin; sisters; Janice Fisher of Salem, Joyce Kincaid of Port Charlotte, FL., and Judy Kingery Gauthier of Winchester, Va.; two nieces; Hannah Martin and Ellie Miles, both of Stanleytown, Va., and nephew, Jack Collins of Stanleytown, Va.

Due to the fact that her husband, James Wilbert Martin, Jr. died within 24 hours of her death, there will be a private double funeral at Seagle Funeral Home in Pulaski, at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday January 22, 2022. Burial will be private in Newbern Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Saturday at Seagle Funeral

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Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce photo

Patton Logistics unveils its first electric trucks in Va.

MILTON, PENNSYLVANIA – Patton Logistics Group, a provider of integrated supply chain solutions for clients throughout the United States and Canada, has unveiled the addition of five Volvo VNR electric trucks to their Dublin, Virginia fleet.

The SmartWay certified carrier is the first company in the state of Virginia operating with electric trucks. In partnership with Volvo, Patton Logistics Group is

committed to caring for the environment by decreasing the company’s carbon emissions. These electric trucks will complete 10 to 12 roundtrips, averaging 160 miles per day in Virginia.

“The inclusion of electric trucks in our Dublin fleet will reduce our carbon footprint in Virginia,” said Steve Patton, president of The Patton Logistics Group. “Resolving transportation issues for our customers isn’t just about

effectively moving items from one location to another. It’s about providing customized solutions in an environmentally responsible and sustainable manner that still produces above industry standard results. This is the first of many battery-electric trucks that our company will be operating.”

The Volvo VNR electric’s 254-kWh lithium-ion batteries operate up to 150 miles before needing charged. When it’s time to charge, the trucks are plugged in at the Patton Warehousing facility where each charger is powered by locally produced and renewable energy.

Virginia. The newly constructed warehouse is 251,000 square feet and provided 80 new jobs in 2021.

The celebration was centered around innovation of integrated supply chain solutions for Patton’s employees and customers.

“We wanted to celebrate the bright future at our Dublin location,” said Patton. “Our dedicated employees and loyal customers deserve the best, and that’s exact-

ly what we’re delivering with our new terminal, warehouse, and electric trucks. Patton Logistics was founded on the idea of consistent, quality innovation. We’re proud to maintain that promise.”

More information about Patton Logistics Group and Watson-town Trucking is available on the company websites: thepattonlogisticsgroup.com and watson-towntrucking.com.

OBITUARIES

Deaths

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Home, from 12:30 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. There will be no public visitation. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions in her name to a charity of choice.

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

MRS. MARGARET L. HUFF

Mrs. Margaret L. Huff, 90 years old of Max Meadows, VA beloved Mother and Maw-Maw was received into her Heavenly Home on January 15, 2022. She was born on April 5, 1931, the seventh child of the late Claude and Ina Lefler. In addition to her parents, she is also preceded in death by her son, Sheffie Huff; daughter, Wendy Huff; five brothers, Dennis Lefler, Damon Lefler, Raymond Lefler, James Lefler and Claude Lefler, Jr.; two sisters, Helen Frazier and Beatrice Gravely; father of her children, Isaac G. Huff.

Left to cherish her memory is her daughter, Teresa Kemp of Max Meadows, VA; grandson, Derek Kemp and wife, Tanya of Rock Hill, SC; granddaughter, Amy Molinary of Max Meadows, VA; grandson in law, Jeff Molinary of Wytheville, VA; the loves of her life, her three great grandchildren who brought so much joy to her, Cali, Beach, and Kai (Sweet Pea); her special and loving fur baby, Jesse; two sisters, Marie Dehart of Pulaski, VA and Beulah Shinault of Bedford, VA; special friend, Elma Houchins of Max Meadows, VA.

“My Mom lived on Little Reed Island Creek for 65 years until she

moved in with me. My mom was one of the strongest women to ever walk the earth. She was a wonderful and loving mother and maw-maw who gave all to her family. We will never be able to fill the space left behind her.”

Per her wishes, she will be cremated and a memorial will be held at a later date.

A very special Thank You to Wythe Hospice of Southwest VA, especially Rita, Kelli and Vicki for your compassionate care of mom.

The care of Mrs. Huff has been entrusted to High Country Services. Online condolences can be made at www.highcountryservice.com.

JERRY WAYNE THOMAS

Jerry Wayne Thomas, age 75, passed away January 18, 2022, at Lewis-Gale Hospital in Pulaski. He was preceded in death by his parents, Howard & Virginia Thomas; brother, Michael Thomas; and his loving wife Emily.

Left to cherish his memory are his son, Jerry Thomas Jr.; daughter, Tobie Odell and husband Marty. Grandchildren: Lyric Thomas, Kylie Dunford, Austin Thomas. Sister: Robin Friend and husband Billy, Sister, Doris.

Mr. Thomas was a proud army veteran. He was a great son, husband, father, grandfather (Papa) and brother. He loved his family very much and we love him. He will forever be in our hearts.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, January 21, 2022 at 3:00PM at Norris-Stevens Funeral Home. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Friday from 2:00 PM until 3:00 PM prior to the service.

The family is in the care of Norris-Stevens Funeral Services. Online condolences can be made at www.stevensfuneralhomepulaski.com

NRCC spring semester begins Jan. 24

Registration is still open for the spring semester at New River Community College, which begins Monday, Jan. 24.

The spring semester offers courses in 90 degree, diploma and certificate programs, as well as short-term workforce development offerings. Several programs available this spring include early childhood development, engineering design technology, forensic science, human services, police science and paralegal administrative support, and are all part of the G3 Program.

The G3 Program is a tuition assistance program for any Virginia resident who qualifies for in-state tuition and whose family income falls below an identified threshold. Eligible students may enroll in designated programs leading to jobs in high-demand fields. For more information on G3 eligibility, visit www.nr.edu/g3.

The spring class schedule is available at www.nr.edu/schedule/. To enroll for the spring semester, visit www.nr.edu/registernow.

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No Oversight, and No Accountability

If Congress was graded on a report card, one of the subjects it would be graded on is oversight. Ensuring the faithful execution of the laws and rooting out mismanagement by the executive branch are core constitutional obligations of the House and Senate.

For this term, congressional Democrats on the House Energy and Commerce Committee would have to receive an “incomplete” on oversight. They simply have not pursued questions in any meaningful way about the Biden Administration’s performance of its duties under the committee’s jurisdiction. As the Republican Leader (also



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

known as Ranking Member of the minority party) of the committee’s Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, this experience has been deeply frustrating. Whether the administration is Republican or Democrat, Americans deserve to know whether it is doing its job. In fairness, some of my Democrat colleagues share my frustration and do want to conduct proper oversight. The current leadership of the House majority, however, does not want to ask those questions.

In fact, the last hearing in 2021 of the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations was held on September 29. The first hearing of 2022, held on January 20, focuses on cryptocurrency.

Without discounting the importance of cryptocurrency, I don’t believe it is the topic that should rouse the subcommittee from its nearly four-month slumber.

It was clear for months ahead of winter that fuel prices were surging, forcing Americans to dig deeper into their pockets just to stay warm. Yet no oversight hearings were held to examine how Biden Administration policies such as suspending oil and gas leases on federal land and canceling the Keystone XL pipeline played a part in diminishing our energy supply.

Inflation recently reached a high not seen since 1982. The committee could investigate this troubling trend and its various causes, such as supply chain interruptions, in the areas under our jurisdiction. But those investigations are not happening.

I and other committee Republicans have been pressing for answers from federal agencies, including the National Institutes of Health, on what they know about research on coronaviruses at the Wuhan Institute of Virology. Understanding the origins of the COVID-19 pandemic is a first step toward accountability, but these agencies have dragged their feet from the outset of our investigation. Silence from the majority party on the committee enables this obstruction.

Holding no hearings for four months means little oversight over any aspect of the Federal Government’s coronavirus response, not just the origins of the pandemic. We have not heard testimony in person from National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Director Dr. Anthony Fauci or Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky since last March.

Without hearings, we cannot get answers from these leaders of the response or other top officials about how they’ve spent the trillions of dollars authorized by Congress to cope with the crisis, the lack of available tests, mixed messaging on how long to quarantine in the event of exposure, or any number of issues.

Without hearings, federal agency heads cannot be held accountable for why, after almost two years and long after the rest of the country has moved on, their taxpayer-funded personnel are generally not back in the office. The absence of federal employees from their offices has repercussions, including some of the supply chain problems contributing to inflation.

Our country’s broadband networks have received an influx of financial support, but money alone cannot solve the problem. We need to know where that money is spent, so places that already have service like Richmond and Roanoke do not receive funding to improve their connectivity at the expense of Southwest Virginia’s rural and more mountainous areas that lack it completely.

Committee Republicans have used the tools at our disposal to ask the tough questions and uncover what we can, but significant progress is difficult when the majority, which sets the agenda and can wield subpoena power, is unwilling. I suspect the present leadership of the majority on the committee won’t ask the questions because they don’t want the answers.

But it is our duty to ask the questions, wherever they lead. If I had the authority currently enjoyed by the majority, it would be used to fulfill our constitutional duty and push the Federal Government to better serve the American people. That should be a goal shared by members of both parties.

If you have questions, concerns, or comments, feel free to contact my office. You can call my Christiansburg office at 540-381-5671, or my Washington office at 202-225-3861. To reach my office via email, please visit my website at www.morgangriffith.house.gov. Also, on my website is the latest material from my office, including information on votes recently taken on the floor of the House of Representatives.

Barbary Pirates and White Slavery

One Nation Under God - Barbary Pirates and White Slavery

“In such an enlightened, in such a liberal age, how is it the great maritime powers of Europe should submit to pay an annual tribute to the little piratical states of Barbary? Would to Heaven we had a navy able to reform those enemies to mankind or crush them into non-existence.” George Washington to Marquis de la Fayette, August 15, 1786.

For hundreds of years, the Barbary Pirates raided and pillaged sailing vessels from Europe that ventured around the Mediterranean Sea. Additionally, they went on slave raiding expeditions as far north as Spain, Italy, France, Portugal and England. These Barbary Pirates/Privateers were from little Muslim pirate kingdoms who operated from North Africa, Algiers, Tunis and Tripoli. Sometimes they were referred to as Barbary corsairs or Ottoman

One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

corsairs. They believed that their religion gave them the right and duty to plunder and enslave all those who were not of the Muslim faith.

In his scholarly researched book, “Christian Slaves, Muslim Masters: White Slavery in the Mediterranean, the Barbary Coast and Italy, 1500 – 1800 A.D.,” Professor Robert Davis of Ohio State University estimates that approximately 1.25 million white European Christians were captured and enslaved by the Barbary Pirates.

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Lying Lips

By CAL THOMAS, Tribune Content Agency

How do you know when a politician is lying? Answer: when his lips are moving. It’s an old joke, but it fits the Biden administration.

The president went to Atlanta last week where he made claims that would have sent a lie detector off the chart. With a tableau of mostly Black people behind him, Biden again asserted without credible evidence that Republicans are trying to stop minorities from voting. That this is probably false on many levels does not deter Biden, other Democrats, or fundraisers from making the claim because in addition to lying, they are also confirming their belief that too many voters accept whatever they are told from political leaders, especially Democrats. One reason is that the major media rarely question their assertions, while Republicans and their policies are under constant media examination and assault.

The Atlanta speech apparently was viewed by the administration as a good way to change the subject from the economy and the worst inflation in 40 years, but polls show the public isn’t buying it. In major cities, they see supermarket shelves nearly empty of food and other staples. These are scenes more recognizable in poor and totalitarian countries, not America. Who should they believe, their “lying eyes,” or politicians? The verdict is in.

The latest Quinnipiac Poll finds Biden’s approval numbers have dipped yet again, to a record low 33 percent. One wonders what the approvers find in his policies that are worthy of their support? During a photo-op appearance last week in Long Beach, California, Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg ludicrously claimed the supply chain bottleneck was solved in time to “save Christmas.” Don’t tell that to consumers. As The New York Post noted, “Inflation cost American shoppers a whopping \$6.2 billion over the holidays, as retailers hiked prices on everything from clothing to groceries and appliances amid soaring demand and persistent supply-chain bottlenecks.” Buttigieg later

seemed to partially reverse himself, telling CNN he expected supply chain issues to remain through most of the year, blaming heavy consumer demand. It’s never the fault of politicians and their policies.

The same poll found other bad news for Democrats, who control the White House and both houses of Congress and thus own this: “Seventy-six percent say they think political instability within the country is a bigger danger to the United States compared to the 19 percent who think other countries that are adversaries of the United States are the bigger danger.” Worse, the poll reveals a majority - 58 percent to 37 percent - think our democracy is nearing collapse. Why wouldn’t they when they see lawlessness added to our economic woes.

The line from the administration is that the rate of inflation should slow by fall. That is small comfort to those on tight budgets who are having to pay considerably more than they did during the last administration for everything from food to fuel.

White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki, who is tasked with defending and explaining the indefensible and unexplainable, called it “hilarious” that people might disagree with Biden’s Atlanta speech in which he promoted an end to the Senate filibuster so that Democrats (but not all Democrats) can federalize elections in order to make themselves a permanent majority. Psaki underscored Biden’s assertion that especially Black people are being denied their right to vote, a fiction that has worked well for them in keeping that demographic voting Democratic.

Republicans are counting the months until the November election, but there is still plenty of time for the administration to cause even more damage. Given their refusal to change course on policies that aren’t working, they probably will.

Readers may email Cal Thomas at tcaeditors@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” (HarperCollins/Zondervan).



Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

Idiocy of Vaccine Mandates for Kids

The old legal maxim is that everything which is not forbidden is permitted. Many public-health experts apparently have their own version of this rule -- whatever is not forbidden must be mandated.

It was less than three months ago that the Food and Drug Administration approved the COVID-19 vaccine for children on an emergency basis, and already there are debates whether schools should mandate it and jurisdictions prohibit unvaccinated kids from engaging in activities.

California, Louisiana and Washington, D.C., have scheduled mandates to take effect when the FDA fully approves the vaccine for kids. Los Angeles and Oakland have mandates, although they’ve been delayed. New York City mayor Eric Adams says he’s weighing a mandate, and bills in the New York State legislature would implement one statewide.

When the FDA advisory panel met last October, several experts said they hoped the move wouldn’t lead to mandates. FDA official Peter Marks poo-hooped the possibility, evidently underestimating the irresistible urge of officialdom in blue areas toward pandemic coercion.

The decision whether kids get vaccinated or not properly belongs to parents. Yes, other vaccinations are a condition of attending school, but COVID vaccinations aren’t going to eliminate COVID, the way, say, Jonas Salk’s miraculous innovation eliminated polio. With the advent of omicron, it’s not even clear childhood vaccinations will do much to dent the spread. On top of this, COVID is relatively mild in children, whereas polio was a dread childhood disease.

If the case for adults getting vaccinated is extraordinarily strong, it is much less so for minors, especially for healthy younger kids who tend to be at the least risk.

Why, parents might think, take any chances with a new vaccine if it is protecting from a minimal threat (or their kids already had the virus)? Even if you believe this is the wrong call, it’s not obviously unreasonable.

The medical news outlet Stat reported on an FDA model that looked at the risk to boys ages 5-11 from myocarditis, a heart condition that can affect boys in particular after getting vaccinated. According to Stat, the FDA analysts concluded that although “the vaccine might trigger slightly more myocarditis-related hospitalizations in boys than Covid-19 hospitalizations it would prevent in the same population, the benefits still might outweigh the risks, given that Covid cases that require hospitalization are generally more severe than myocarditis cases.”

Rather than trust parents to weigh such considerations on their own, places like Los Angeles want to bring down the hammer. The school board

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Pulaski man among 58 new troopers in 135th graduation class

Patriot Staff Report

A Pulaski man is one of 58 new troopers for the Commonwealth.

On Friday, Jan. 21, 2022, the Commonwealth will graduate its 135th generation of Virginia State Troopers. The 58 new troopers will be presented their diplomas during commencement exercises at 10 a.m. at the State Police Training Academy located at 7700 Midlothian Turnpike in North Chesterfield County. Governor Glenn Youngkin will speak at the graduation ceremony.

The Pulaski graduate, Samuel Patrick Norris is being assigned to Roanoke.

The new troopers have received more than 1,300 hours of classroom and field instruction in more than 100 different subjects, including de-escalation techniques, strategies to assist people in mental health crisis, ethics and leadership, fair and impartial policing, constitutional law, emergency medical trauma care, and public and community relations. The members of the 135th Basic Session began their 27 weeks of academic, physical



State Police photo

Pulaski's Samuel Patrick Norris

and practical training at the Academy July 6, 2021.

The soon-to-be graduates of the 135th Basic Session are from every corner of the Common-

wealth, as well as Ohio, Oklahoma, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Vermont and the countries of Germany and Mongolia.

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Most of these captured European Christians were doomed to a lifetime of slavery working in heavy labor in the quarries cutting and hauling rock and constructing walls from the heavy stone. Some were destined to serve in the galleys, rowing the war ships that raided and enslaved other of their countrymen.

Americans were not immune to capture and enslavement, even though our country was a fledgling nation. Although ransom payments were made to the pirates, raids on American vessels continued. One ransomed American slave reported that 130 other American seamen had been enslaved by the Algerians in the Mediterranean and Atlantic between 1785 and 1793. (President Thomas Jefferson put an end to paying tribute to the Barbary Pirates in 1801.)

According to Davis' research, the pirates would raid

ships in the Mediterranean and Atlantic, as well as seaside villages to capture men, women and children. The impact of these attacks were devastating – France, England, and Spain each lost thousands of ships, and long stretches of the Spanish and Italian coasts were almost completely abandoned by their inhabitants.

During the time period Davis studied (1500 – 1800), he said it was religion and ethnicity, as much as race, that determined who became slaves.

“One of the things that both the public and many scholars have tended to take as given is that slavery was always racial in nature – that only blacks have been slaves. But that is not true. We cannot think of slavery as something that only white people did to black people.”

In his book, Davis shares these sentiments: “The enslavement of Europeans doesn't fit

the general theme of European world conquest and colonialism that is central to scholarship on the early modern era. Many of the countries that were victims of slavery, such as France and Spain, would later conquer and colonize the areas of North Africa where their citizens were once held as slaves. Maybe because of this history, Western scholars have thought of the Europeans primarily as ‘evil colonialists’ and not as the victims they sometimes were.”

You may agree or disagree with Davis' research, but there is one thing that he wrote that I believe we all can agree on: “Slaves were still slaves, whether they are black or white, and whether they suffered in America or North Africa.”

The United States of America's newly created Navy put an end to the Barbary Pirates' terror in 1815. We will explore that story in another article.

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there wanted students 12 and older to be vaccinated by Jan. 10. Then, unvaccinated kids would be relegated to remote learning. When the school board realized that 30,000 students weren't vaccinated, a number that would overwhelm whatever dubious capacity the district has for remote learning, it backed off.

The calculus here makes no sense. To avoid an unlikely harm -- unvaccinated kids getting a serious case of COVID -- the schools wanted to impose an almost-guaranteed harm by excluding thousands of students from the classroom, kneecapping their education. At best, this is playing chicken with the well-being of children; at worst,

it is thoughtless and cruel policy in stubborn pursuit of the goal of substituting the judgment of public-school mandarins for parents.

Already, roughly 40,000 students have dropped out or disengaged from L.A. schools this year, and the school board wanted effectively to match that via ham-handed enforcement of its mandate.

The same impulse to punish kids whose parents don't want to go along is seen in vaccine passport policies, like that in New York City, that exclude unvaccinated children from a swath of activities in public places and from after-school programs. It's as if public officials got together

and decided children hadn't experienced enough social isolation already during the pandemic.

One can only hope there's enough pushback from parents who value their judgment and authority over that of the politicians and administrators whose default is mandates over persuasion.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

Full of Surprises

My first desire in this new year is to wish the citizens who call Pulaski County their home a productive, safe, healthy and Happy New Year. You probably are looking for me this month to share a long list of accomplishments the County and our amazing Team have completed this past year, or to discuss all the statistics about success and failure rates around New Year's resolutions; however, I am going to take a different approach and simply reflect on the nuance and intrigue that surrounded 2021.

Firstly, if you are not aware (facetiously speaking), we are still in pandemic mode and living in a new post-COVID world where rules are changing almost weekly, expectations are widely shifting, and there remain in place many things that simply make you scratch your head in wonder.

2021 was a most unusual year, it was quite simply the first year of what so many are calling the “new normal.” It's hard to gauge and evaluate 2021, mainly because it followed the most unusual and unprecedented year of 2020. In 2021, we saw greater participation in Virginia by parents in their children's education; a new Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General, all opposite the incumbent party got elected; and here in Pulaski County, we found an unlikely solution to finally and expeditiously solve the broadband deployment riddle that we never thought possible; and we even saw an unexpected early retirement of our most tenured member of the Board of Supervisors.

The best way to describe 2021 was - “surprise!”- some pleasant and some not so much, but nevertheless, full of surprise. I don't believe anyone expected to comprehensively advance infrastructure so quickly during



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Jonathan Sweet
Pulaski Co.
Administrator

such an uncharted economic time; we didn't think there would be such a wholesale change in state leadership; we didn't think parents would finally show up and articulate their concerns and frustrations; and no one saw a mid-term retirement from a local elected leader that would set up a Special Election in the Robinson District this coming November.

The surprises from 2021 are too numerous to list and too exhaustive to contemplate.

The moral of the story is - sometimes surprise is good. Surprise forces us to react, focus and respond. Studies have shown that surprise works on our brain's dopamine system and helps stimulate us to look at our situation in a new way.

So, in essence, surprise is healthy and both quickens and strengthens us, making us more adaptable and resilient in the long run. Furthermore, surprise and change management experienced on a collective scale is even more universally impactful.

In conclusion, the unprecedented challenge of 2020, the variety and complexity of surprises experienced in 2021, all has better prepared us for what's in store for 2022, and has positioned us well to not only weather, but to take advantage of both challenges and opportunities that may surprise us in the future.

Pulaski County is...Full of Surprise.

PULSE

Public Service Announcements:

The Pulaski Rotary Club Blood Screening, scheduled for Feb. 5 has been cancelled. It has been re-scheduled for the first Saturday in August.

January 21

The Apostolic Faith Church, 445-447 Cleburne Boulevard, Dublin will host “The Mountain of God” with guest speaker Prophet Joseph Martin, from Hurricane, W.Va. The three-day event will be held Friday, Jan. 21

and Saturday, Jan. 22 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 23 at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

February 3 American Legion Post 30 to meet

The American Legion, Harvey-Howe-Carper Post 30 will meet on Thursday, February 3, 7pm at the VFW Post Home on 102 Watts St. in Radford. If Radford City Public Schools are closed on Thursday or Friday of this week due to weather, the meeting is cancelled. For further information, please call 250-2283 or 239-9864.

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September land transfers for Pulaski County

Land transfers for September 2021, as recorded by the Pulaski County Circuit Court Clerk's office.

Mitzie M. Tolley to AKM2, LLC, property at 7011 Owens Road, Radford, \$565,000.

James Marcus Owens to Michael Eugene Zamesnik, property at 6890 River Front Drive, Fairlawn, \$550,000.

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs to Jason Grubb, property at 1840 Peppers Ferry Road, Pulaski, \$120,000.

Robert Scott Anderson to Jessica M. Thomas, property at 4056 Cabin Land Drive, Snowville, \$45,000.

Jonathan D. Spence to Caleb Teaster Andrews, property at 312 Lexington Avenue, Pulaski, \$109,500.

Amjad Uzair Wyne to Gary R. Martin, property at 6404 Hazelwood Drive, Dublin, \$640,000.

Joseph M. Gill, Jr. to Michael Thorne, property at 7425 River Bluff Road, Radford, \$364,000.

GTBT Properties, LLC to William E. Thompson, Jr. property at 5096 Armstrong Street, Dublin, \$99,000.

Mary Vaughn to Christopher Covey, property at 1123 Allison Lane, Pulaski, \$95,000.

Ted W. Hodge to James L. Chitwood, Jr., property at 522 Henry Avenue, Pulaski, \$199,900.

Stateson Homes, LLC, to Mary H. Sherlock, property at 6688 Teeth of the Dog Drive, Radford, \$684,635.

Sally W. Lepchitz to Ted W. Hodge, property off Bell Avenue, Pulaski, \$20,000.

Elizabeth Blackwell Hawks to Gregory S. Capp, property at 6245 Stone Ridge Drive, Dublin, \$329,000.

King & King Enterprises, Inc. to JMH Properties, LLC, property at 415 Cleburne Boulevard, Dublin, \$270,000.

Silverback Properties, LLC, to Louis P. Lagana, property at 4184 Clarks Ferry Road, Draper, \$120,000.

Fred Phillips to Mark S. Smith, property at 6700 Dunkard Road, Dublin, \$291,500.

Brenda G. Allen to Jerry M. Selleck, property at 308 Darst Avenue, Dublin, \$37,600.

Westside Real Estate Investors, to Brit-

tany Ann O'Dell, property at 201 First Street, SE, Pulaski, \$14,000.

George W. Hudson to James Matthew Melton, property at 6471 Highland Road, Fairlawn, \$62,500.

Charles K. Davis to Derrick C. Weckman, property at 7073 Waterview Lane, Radford, \$225,000.

Rocky L. Akers to Matthew Williams, property at 2 Cardee Court, Pulaski, \$349,500.

Michael Alvin Wyrick to Earl R. Cox, property at 6066 Hillcrest Place, Dublin, \$251,800.

Mark S. Hicks to Terry Wayne Ratcliffe, property at 260 W. Main Street, Dublin, \$79,500.

Matthew Williams to Ronald Curtis Gupton, property at 1893 Wilshire Lane, Pulaski, \$283,000.

Alan A. Reichert to Christopher T. Lewis, property at 4476 Quail Ridge Lane, Dublin, \$55,000.

Stephen T. Phillips to Amazonite, LLC, property at 6598 Annie Akers Road, Radford, \$291,500.

Benny G. Walsh to Gary W. Hodgkin, property at 3400 Dan Callaway Road, Lowgap, North Carolina, \$104,000.

Christopher Mauck to Stephen J. Bogner, property at 528 Daring Hill Road, Inwood, West Virginia, \$40,000.

Walter E. Boone to Peter J. D'Amour, property at 8332 Sawgrass Way, Radford, \$630,000.

Joshua A. O'Neal to Forrest M. Byrd, property at 240 Tenth Street, NW, Pulaski, \$124,000.

Surety Trustees, LLC to Michael Cole, property at 420 Magazine Street, Pulaski, \$27,950.

Patrick W. Hedge to Laura B. O'Neal, property at 5187 Hatcher Road, Dublin, \$295,000.

Kristopher Lee Shelburne to Michael Katz, property at 1947 Peakland Drive, Pulaski, \$50,000.

Roy A. Sparks to Michael Lee Smith, property at 5400 Highland Road, Dublin, \$270,000.

Eva R. Peak to Pembroke Mini Storage, LLC, property at 164 Oak Lane, Pulaski, \$43,787.67.

Wood Duck Landing, LLC, to Rodney Brad Harvey, property at 6206 Wood

Duck Lane, Snowville, \$899,000.

Janice B. Meredith to Roadstar, LLC, property at 7644 Peppers Ferry Boulevard, Radford, \$100,000.

Linda O. Jones to Timothy Michael Vires, property at 6773 Falling Branch Road, New River, \$175,000.

Donald A. Hedge to Kristi Hodges Posillico, property at 3444 Lake Ridge Drive, Pulaski, \$278,000.

Equity Trustees, LLC to NRV Integrity Rentals, LLC, property at 3281 Old Route 100 Road, Pulaski, \$46,201.

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Lady Cougars hit tough stretch on roll Late free throws help Hokies hold off NCSU

Patriot Staff Report

The Pulaski County Lady Cougars basketball team is on a roll heading into a tough three games in three days stretch this week.

The Lady Cougars have won their last four games in a row following the holiday tournament in Greenville, Tenn. with wins over Hidden Valley, Cave Spring and most recently Salem and Spottswood.

Last Friday night the Lady Cougars thrashed Salem, 70-50 on the road.

Keslyn Secrist had a huge game for the Lady Cougars, leading the team in scoring with 28 points.

Ally Fleenor had 14 and Jaden Lawson chipped in 9.

Other scoring came from Erin Russel, 8; Hannah Keefer, 7; Paige Huff and Tori Vest with 2 apiece.

Pulaski County jumped out to a commanding 34-6 lead after one quarter and never looked back.

The win gave the Lady Cougars a 5-0 River Ridge District record so far on the season.

Last Saturday, head coach Scott Ratcliff's charges headed up 1-81 to Rockbridge High School to face Spottswood in the Rock the Ribbon Shootout.

Pulaski County upped its season record to 9-3 with an easy 76-41 drubbing of the Lady Trailblazers.

Secrist again led the way for the Lady Cougars, scoring 25 points. Fleenor was next again with 19 and Huff added 14.

Other scorers for Pulaski County were Vest, 7; Keefer, 6; Russeel, 3 and Lawson, 2.

Leading by only 6 after one quarter, Pulaski County (9-3) broke the game open for good outscoring Spottswood, 21-7 before halftime.

This week, Pulaski County traveled to Blacksburg on Thursday night for a River Ridge District contest.

Friday night, the girls host Christiansburg in the Cougar Den in a game that was postponed from Tuesday. The junior varsity teams tip off at 5:30 and the varsity game will follow.

Then this Saturday, the girls travel across Memorial Bridge to face rival Radford. The JVs tip off at 1 p.m. and the varsity game will follow.



Brian Bishop/The Patriot

Keslyn Secrist had two big games last week - scoring 28 points against Salem and 25 against Spottswood.

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Cougar boys win one, lose one

Patriot Staff Report

The Pulaski County boys basketball team saw its overall season record go to 7-5 following last weekend's games against Salem and Radford.

Last Friday night the Cougars breezed by rival Salem, 69-56 in the Cougar Den.

Peyton McDaniel had his best game of the season, connecting on seven shots from beyond the arc for 21 points to lead all scorers.

Josh Bourne added 18 to the cause and JJ Gulley chipped in 15 to lead the Cougars.

Other scorers for the Cougars were Khalib Horton, 7; Lane Nester, 3; Tyler Sutherland and Kanisorn Thepsena with 2 each.

The win over River Ridge District foe Salem put Pulaski County's district record on the season at 3-2.

Last Saturday, the Cougars' fortunes changed.

Entertaining cross-bridge rival Radford in the Cougar Den, Pulaski County dropped a 60-39 non-district decision to the Bobcats.

Radford led only by three points



Brian Bishop/The Patriot

Cougar Josh Bourne puts up a shot last Saturday against Radford. Bourne scored three points in the game.

as the two teams began the fourth quarter, but the Bobcats went on a tear – outscoring the Cougars 24-6 to make the lopsided final score.

Gulley led the Cougars in scor-

ing with 19 points, tying Radford's Landen Clark for game-high honors.

Other Pulaski County scoring was Kyle O'Neal, 5; Nester, 4; McDaniel, 4; Horton, 2, and

Sutherland, 2.

For Radford, Gavin Cormany had 15, Elijah Kelly added 8 and Nate Wesley chipped in 7.

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A Speckled Bird

My wife, Linda, and I have had an unusual sighting in our back yard for a couple of weeks. It is a speckled woodpecker with a black spot on its breast and red-throated neck and red crest atop the crown of its head. From checking our book on birds, it is a California Woodpecker that is native to that state as well as in the Arizona desert. What is unusual is it appears the same time as a flock of starlings (black birds) and feeds with them on the ground with its long beak stuck in the ground while they feed in the grass above. There are no other birds around when this occurrence happens and leaves us to question if it is an adopted member of their flock. This often happens with domesticated animals such as chickens and ducks. A duck egg could be mistakenly placed in a nest of chicken eggs and the duckling is raised by the mother hen. She would go berserk when she had the biddies near a pond or stream and the small duckling ventured into the water and began swimming.

There were stories of children that were adopted by wolves and grew up and ran with the pack. If this ever happened and it was a young boy that could be captured and trained to run in a track meet and he most likely would wipe out Usain Bolt's speed records.

There is a Northern Flicker that is similar in makings as the California Woodpecker but it does not have a red-topped head crown. It is found all across the United States and is known to feed on the ground in search of ants and other insects. They are most seen in the fall and travel in packs. For these reasons, we feel that this is the real McCoy that got off tracked somehow and took up its adobe in this area. In a previous column,

Cougars

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Other Radford scoring was Max Kanipe, 4; Isiah Austin, 3; Thomas Grant, 2; Brandon Thompson, 2, and Atticus Henderson, 2.

This week, the Cougar boys were scheduled to travel to Christiansburg on Tuesday, how-



Woods, Water & Wildlife

W.A. 'Doc' Davis

I brought up the expanding range of the common gull. They normally are sea shore and ocean flying birds but have over the years travelled inland and are found in parking lots of our malls. Here they exist on refuse and what some of the public feed them as well. After all this snow over the weekend, we should put out bird feed as many eat off the ground.

The "Great Speckled Bird" was an allegory written in the early nineteen-hundreds by Reverend Guy Smith and later put to music. Roy Acuff sang the song, first in 1936, followed by other singers such as Johnny Cash and Kitty Wells. I recall hearing many times, Roy singing "The Wabash Cannon Ball" and "The Great Speckled Bird" on the Grand Ole Opera.

The speckled bird is mentioned in the Bible, Jeremiah 12:9 KJV, "Mine heritage is unto me as a speckled bird, the birds around about are against her; come ye, assemble all the beasts of the field, come to devour. The bird implies a bird of prey and its markings turn the other birds against it. God is telling Jeremiah, along with other preceding metaphors, that other nations will overrun Judah in its backslidden state. America should heed these warnings as well; we as a nation have fallen away from our Christian heritage in many ways. Until next time

ever, that game was postponed due to last weekend's snow. No makeup date for that game has been announced.

And Friday night the boys were scheduled to travel to Floyd, however, that game has been moved to Feb. 9.



Lady Cougars Rough Up Salem

Hannah Keefer goes up high to claim the jump ball over her Salem competitor during the Lady Cougars' 70-50 win over their rivals. See the story on Page B1.

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Hokies

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Aluma finished with 10 points and 11 rebounds for Virginia Tech (10-7, 2-4 Atlantic Coast Conference). Alleyne scored nine on 3-of-14 shooting with six rebounds. All five of his turnovers came in a span of 55 seconds.

Hellums scored 15 to pace NC State (9-10, 2-6). Smith scored 14, but he made just 4 of 13 from distance. Seabron finished with 13 points, five rebounds, four assists and five of the Wolfpack's nine turnovers. Casey Morsell came off the bench to score 11, nailing 3 of 4 from beyond the arc.

The Wolfpack announced before the game that freshman forward Ernest Ross will need surgery and miss the rest of the season after fracturing his right ankle in practice.

Virginia Tech stays on the road and will play Boston College on Saturday. NC State will entertain Virginia on Saturday.

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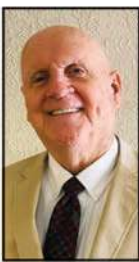


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Jesus’ Prayer of Surrender to God’s Will

Thank you to all who read, like, and/or share these Bible Messages. May God bless you always.

The Garden of Gethsemane is often called the Garden of Sorrow. It’s where Jesus went to pray after the Last Supper.

John 18:1. “When Jesus has spoken these words, He went forth with His Disciples over the Brook Cedron, where was a garden into the which He entered, and His Disciples.”

Gethsemane was a walled garden. The name Gethsemane means oil press. It contained a productive olive grove. There are still olive trees there, some dating back as being 2,000 years old.

The Disciples followed Jesus there. Are you following Jesus? We all need to be following Jesus because His footprints will lead us to our Heavenly Home.

“Where He leads me I will follow, where He leads me I will follow, where He leads me I will follow, I’ll go with Him, with Him, all the way.” Earnest T. Blandy, 1890.

Jesus said to His Disciples, “Pray that ye enter not into temptation.” He told them to pray for themselves. We must remember while we are praying for others not forget to pray for ourselves. “Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.” ... The Lord’s Prayer.

Jesus said to His Disciples, “Sit ye here while I go to pray yonder.” And He went further into the garden and took with Him, Peter, James and John. Jesus went a little further into the garden, about a stone’s throw, and fell down on His knees and prayed saying “Oh My Father, if it be Thy will, let this cup pass from Me, nevertheless not My will but Thine be done.”

The “cup” to which Jesus refers is cup of suffering He was about to endure. Jesus was being handed a cup full of bitterness with the expectation that He drink all of it. When Jesus petitioned the Father. “Let this cup pass from me,” He expressed the natural human desire to avoid pain and suffering.

Jesus was fully God, but He was also fully human. His human nature, though perfect, still struggled with the need to accept the torture and shame that awaited Him; His flesh recoiled from the cross. In the same context, Jesus says to His disciples, “The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.” In praying, “Let this cup pass from me,” Jesus was battling the flesh and its desire for self-preservation. The struggle was intense: Jesus was “overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. If anything shows that Jesus was indeed fully man, this prayer is it.” Gotquestions.org.

As Jesus was nearing His final hours, a heavy depression settled down upon Him. He became exceedingly sorrowful. Overwhelmed with grief, He felt the presence of both suffering and death. For He was in the flesh as we all are.

He had come into the world to die for the sins of mankind and He knew it well. That was His mission. If He failed to do it, there was no one else who could do it.

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secretary@dublinbaptistva.org
Website: dublinbaptistva.org
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Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
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Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.

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Sunday worship: 11 a.m.
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540-674-6147
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man. He was the only One whose death could pay in full the debt of sin and redeem fallen man. Jesus fervently prayed this prayer three times until His sweat became as great drops of blood, a sign of extreme anguish. He totally submitted Himself to the will of the Father. Afterwards an Angel came down and ministered unto Him giving Him strength to finish His task. We can only imagine the pain and suffering that Jesus endured that night. Never has any man suffered as much as Jesus suffered during His prayer, arrest, trials, beatings and being nailed to a rugged cross. The bible says “His countenance was marred more than any man’s.”

We who are the redeemed of the Lord who know Jesus in the pardon of our sins can and should give Him our heartfelt thanks and our highest praise. “But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed. “All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not his mouth: He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He openeth not His mouth.

He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare His generation? For He was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was He stricken.

And He made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in His death; because He had done no violence, neither was any deceit in His mouth.

Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He hath put Him to grief: when thou shalt make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand.

He shall see of the travail of His soul, and shall be satisfied: by His knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for He shall bear their iniquities.

Therefore will I divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong; because He hath poured out His soul unto death: and He was numbered with the transgressors; and He bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.” Isaiah 53: 5-12.

Bible Trivia

- Is the book of Titus in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- From Isaiah 45, whom did God ask, “Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it”? Gideon, Peter, Cyrus, Elijah
- Where do you find the phrase “God is love”? Genesis, Nehemiah, Hebrews, 1 John
- Who sold his birthright for a pottage of lentils? Cain, Jacob, Esau, Abel
- What Jewish ruler visited Jesus by night? Hezekiah, Barabbas, Nicodemus, Darius
- Which of these in scripture was Moses’ assistant? Joshua, Gad, Nun, Jethro

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Cyrus; 3) 1 John 4:8; 4) Esau; 5) Nicodemus; 6) Joshua (Exodus 24:13)

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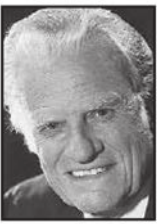
From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: My neighbor claims the primary parental responsibility is providing shelter and food. She tells me that I should pursue my career instead of being a stay-at-home mom. I am in great conflict. - C.M.

A: There’s more to parenting than meeting physical needs--nature itself teaches this. Parents are equally responsible for their children’s spiritual growth. The Scriptures, which God intended for everyone to obey, says, “These

words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.... You shall write them on the door-posts of your house and on your gates” (Deuteronomy 6:6-9).

Churches and schools can certainly reinforce these wonderful truths, but the responsibility lies with the parents who gave life to their children and have the greatest love for them. Verbal instruction should be accompanied by exam-



My Answer

Billy Graham

ple. If children hear parents talk about honesty, yet fail to see it in lived out, this inconsistency will do great harm.

“The problem with parents,” a teenager once said, “is that by the time you get them, they’re too old to change!” This brings a smile

but the truth is that moms and dads don’t go into parenthood experienced, so they are bound to make some mistakes. The important thing is to teach God’s Word and be a consistent example. Be humble before the Lord and ask for His wisdom. Pray that God may crown your home with grace, love, and mercy, and pray daily for your children by name. It blesses the Lord greatly when the influence of Christian parents build godly character into their children.

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

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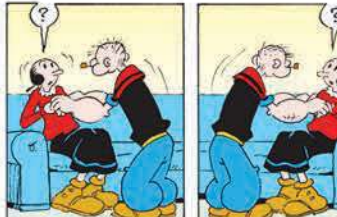
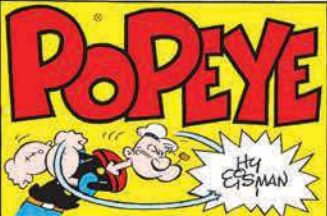
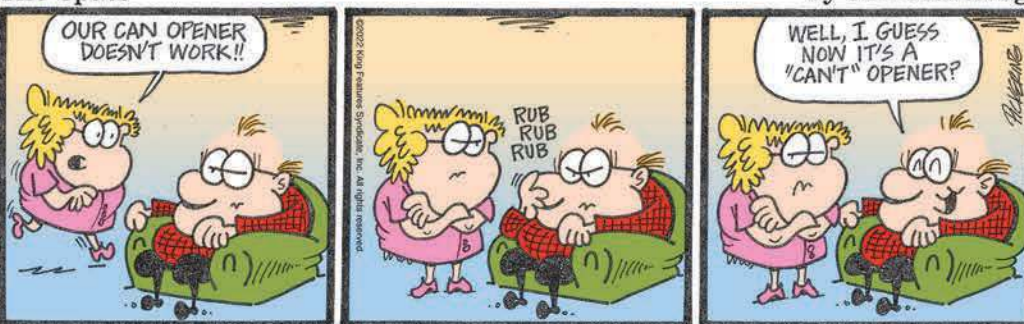


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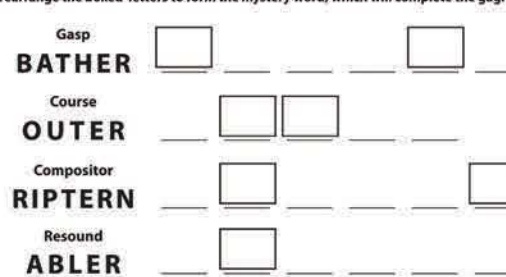


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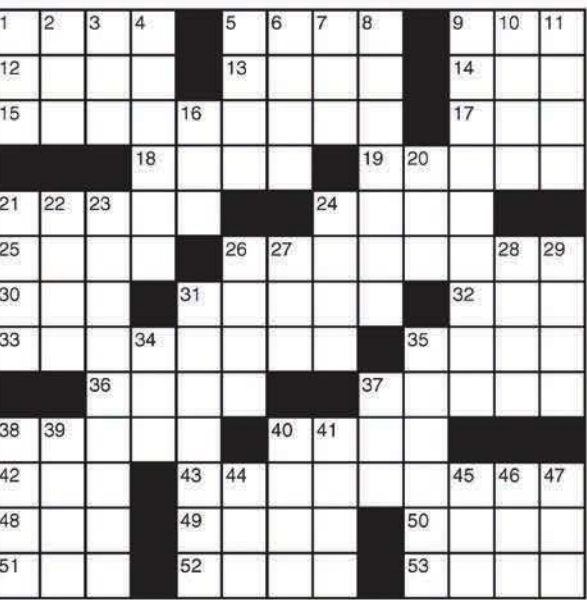
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- 31 Passion
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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. FOOD & DRINK: What grain is the Japanese wine sake made from?
2. MEDICAL: What is the common name for the condition called aphonia?
3. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a gastropoda?
4. HISTORY: In what city was the United States' Declaration of Independence signed?
5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What word does the "R" movie rating stand for?
6. MUSIC: How old was Mozart when he began composing music?
7. MOVIES: Who voiced Mufasa in the animated movie "The Lion King"?
8. ASTRONOMY: What is the largest moon orbiting a planet in our solar system?
9. TELEVISION: What is the family's last name in drama series "Blue Bloods"?
10. U.S. STATES: Which state goes by the nickname "Green Mountain State"?

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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Mirror is smaller. 2. Tube is shorter. 3. Mat is different. 4. Boat is different. 5. Soap dish is missing. 6. Curtain is shorter.

Answers

1. Rice
2. Complete loss of voice
3. A snail
4. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
5. Restricted
6. 5 years old
7. James Earl Jones
8. Ganyমেদে
9. Reagan
10. Vermont

King Crossword

Solution time: 23 mins.

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"It is not our differences that divide us. It is our inability to recognize, accept and celebrate those differences."

— Audre Lorde

CryptoQuip

What might you nickname the smallest worker at a steel-making facility?

Answer: "Funt of the mill."

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: R equals M

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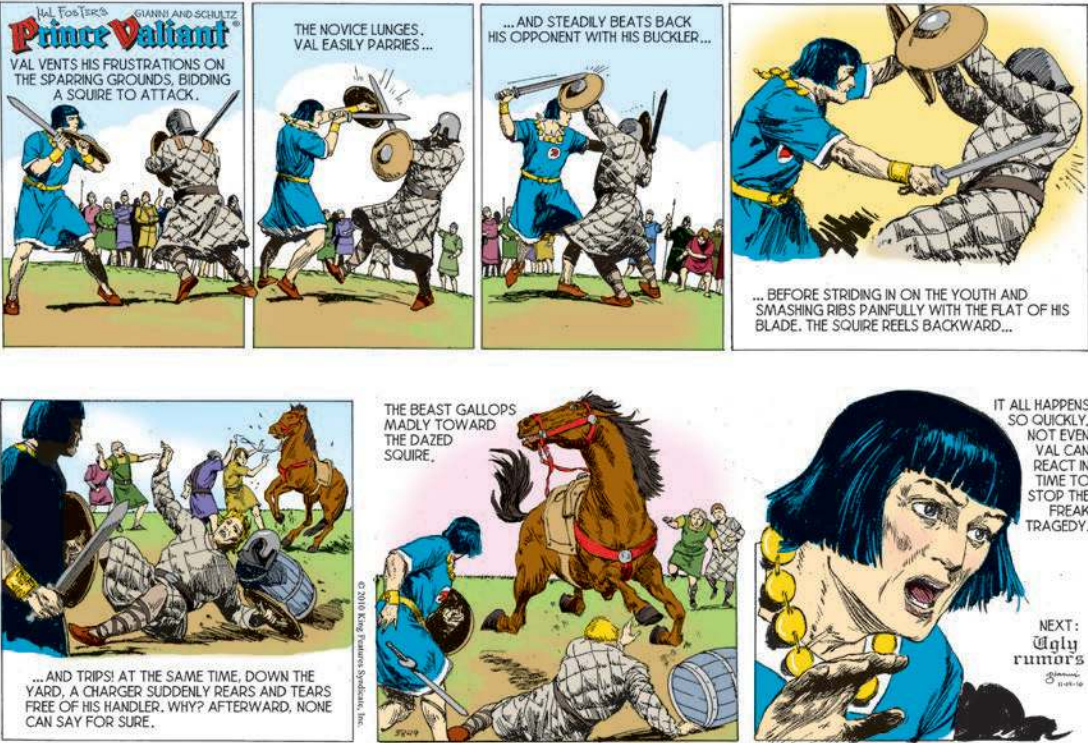
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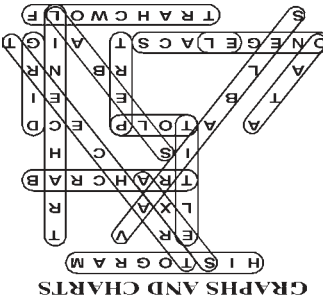
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is **LONGFELLOW**
One letter stands for another. In this sample, **A** is used for the three L's, **X** for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

J P V L P A A S T A P D R O S B H M L
J P V B R H T Y K P M O R Y O B O J P V B
K S N W K P M O P V L Y A A P K O .
— O E H X S K O A Y L H E K O B A

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CryptoQuote
answer
You gotta stop wearing
/our wishbone where you
backbone ought to be.
— Elizabeth Gilbert



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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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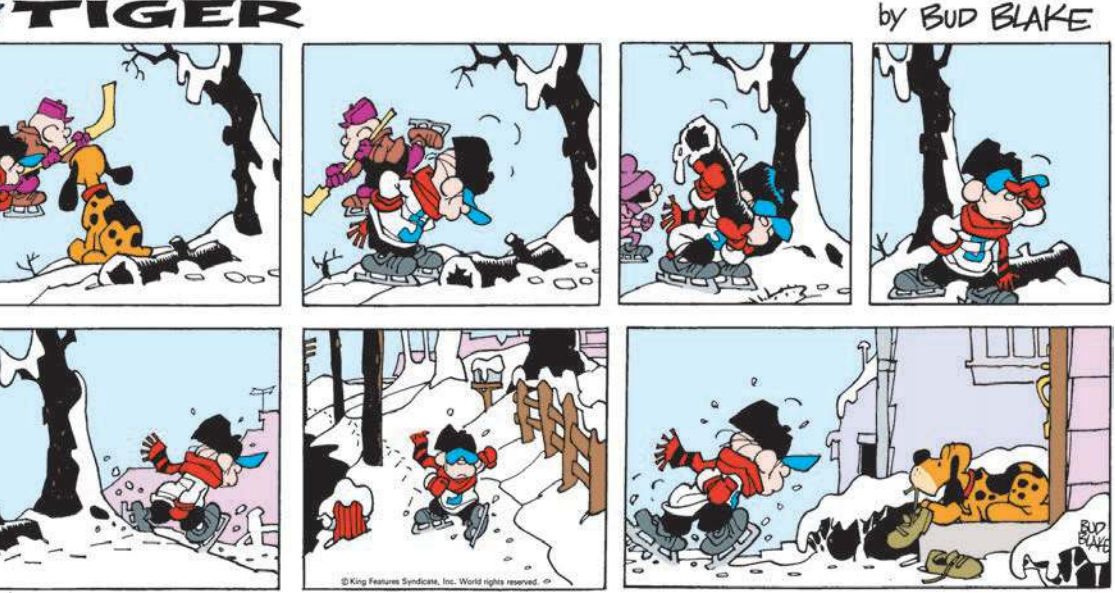
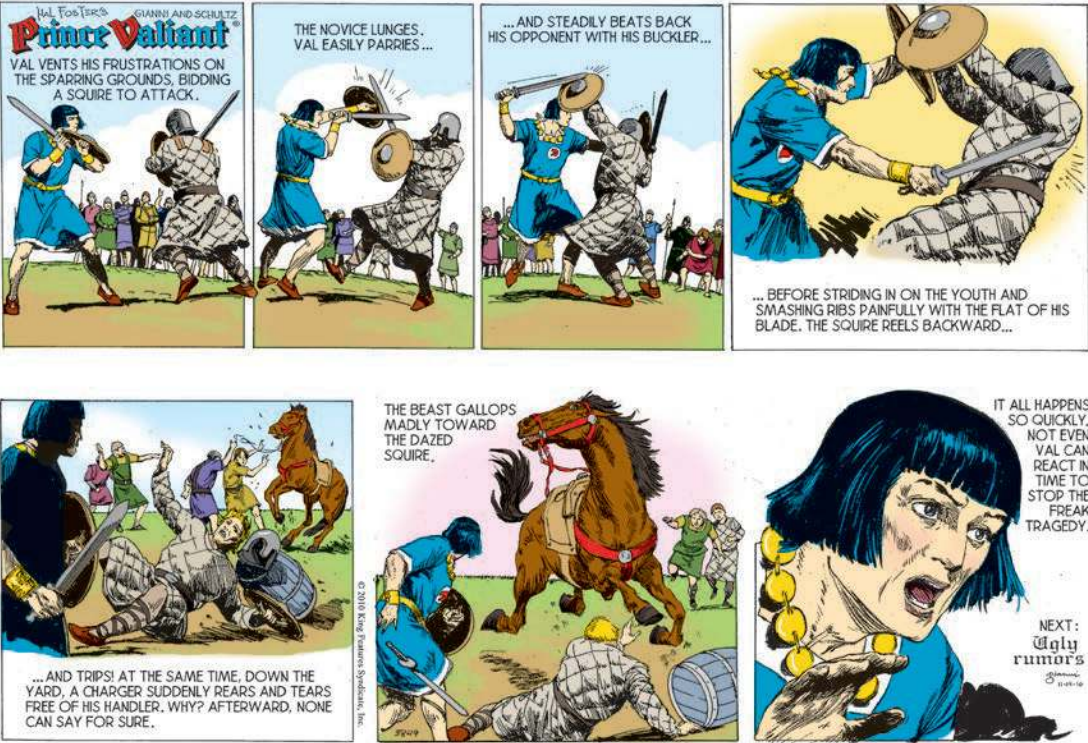
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Pledge of Allegiance

Pulaski County Public School and Critzer Elementary were honored Tuesday to have Vivian Hash, a 3rd Grader, lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to begin a meeting of the Pulaski County School Board. Vivian is a star-student in every way. She is a straight A student and has a constant smile on her face - we can tell even with her mask that she is smiling! Vivian brightens any room into which she walks with her positive attitude. She is a wonderful friend and always strives to help those around her. Her parents and grandparents have done an outstanding job in helping her to develop into the wonderful young lady she is. We look forward to seeing and hearing about all of her achievements in the years to come as we are certain there will be many.

Pulaski County Public Schools photo

Where should he park the money?

Dear Dave,
Our son is 13, and he has been doing some part-time work for a friend of the family. He makes \$40 to \$60 a week, and he would like to begin investing the majority of what he earns. Do you have a suggestion for a good place he could put his money?

Lindsay

Dear Lindsay,
Well, here's the thing. At this point in his life, the goal of this investment isn't wealth. Number one, it's not a lot of money. Number two, well, it's not a lot of money. The goal is to create knowledge, reward his interest in the subject and teach him how to handle his finances when he's an adult.

I've got no problem with you helping him open checking or savings accounts at a local bank or credit union. There are lots of good lessons to be learned in reconciling a bank statement, and the value of spending, saving and giving. Then, you could get with a good financial pro, one with the heart of a teacher, and let him open a mutual fund for \$50 a month with you as the custodian. He could learn about compound interest, how to calculate the value of his shares and other things, and all that would be a good learning exercise, too.

We did these things with our kids. But keep in mind that over the course of a year—and when you're 13, that's an eternity—there's not going to be a lot of action on the investing side of things. It could be kind of boring for him at times. But he's better off to learn now that good things don't always come with flashing lights and whistles.

When it comes to wealth build-

— Weekly SUDOKU —
Answer

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

Child care assistance offered

By DAVID GRAVELY
Pulaski Co. Public Schools

The Child Care Subsidy Program assists families in paying child care costs for children under the age of 13 who are not eligible to attend public schools during the part of the day when public education is available. Assistance is also offered for children with special needs under age 18 who reside with the applicant.

For those parents who are eligible and approved, this program can pay a portion of your child care costs directly to the child care provider.

Recently, there have been changes to the basic eligibility requirements, along with other changes. To be eligible for the program, you must be a Virginia

resident who is either actively employed or engaged in a job search. You may also be eligible if you are participating in an education or training program, are receiving child protective services (CPS), participating in an assigned activity for the Virginia Initiative for Education and Work (VIEW), or are participating in a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training (SPA-PET) plan of participation.

Parents must be able to provide documentation of the child's citizenship or legal residence in the United States. They must also provide documentation of the child's immunization requirements as outlined by the State Board of Health. Finally, you must provide documentation of household income that does not

exceed the limits of the locality in which you reside.

Benefits under the Child Care Subsidy Program have now been expanded until May 31, 2022. Funding is available for families whose income is below 85% of the state median income. One example would be a family of four that earns less than \$7,412 per month.

For more information or to see if you may qualify for assistance under the Child Care Subsidy Program, visit <https://www.doe.virginia.gov/cc/parents/index.html?pageID=4>.

For help finding child care parents can contact the Child Care Aware of Virginia referral specialist at <https://vachildcare.com/find-quality-childcare/request-child-care-form/>.

PCPS announces change in Closing Codes

Pulaski County Public Schools parents, students and staff are asked to be aware of a change in the Closing Codes used to inform everyone of the status of schools when closures or delays are required. These new codes take effect immediately.

In the event of a school closure or delay, information will be available on our school system website and social media pages, as well as through local and regional media outlets.

"Code 0" is the code which will be used when schools and offices are closed with no virtual instruction. The Superintendent

and Director of Operations will assess conditions throughout the day. Personnel essential for snow removal will report as needed.

"Code 1" will also be used when schools are closed with no virtual instruction. Essential personnel for snow removal will report at their regular time. All other 11- and 12-month employees will report by 10 a.m. Offices and school buildings will open at 10 a.m. and any changes in these arrival times will be communicated to employees by their immediate supervisors.

"Code 2" will be used when schools are closed, but student

will do virtual instruction from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All 11- and 12-month employees will report at their regular time. Teachers and paraprofessionals will report by 9 a.m., unless directed to work from home.

"Two Hour Delay" will mean schools will open on a two-hour delayed basis. Essential personnel for snow removal will report at their regular times. All 11- and 12-month employees are to report by 9 a.m. All other employees report by 10 a.m.

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