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Cloyd residents have until Feb. 2 to apply for board seat

By **MIKE WILLIAMS**
 The Patriot

Residents of the Cloyd District will have until Feb. 2 to apply to serve as the new supervisor for the district.

Current supervisor Joe Guthrie has accepted a job in Gov. Glenn Youngkin's administration as the Commonwealth's new Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

He will, in the near future, resign his seat on the Board of Supervisors to begin his work in Richmond.

The rest of the board will accept the applications and conduct interviews with the applicants before selecting a new supervisor for the Cloyd District. The procedure will be the same the board followed recently in selecting a Robinson District supervisor following the retirement of Charles Bopp.

The board wants to make their selection in time for the new Cloyd supervisor to be seated for the Feb. 28 regular meeting of the board.

Chairman Laura Walters said those interested in applying for the Cloyd seat should contact

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Guthrie says good-bye to Board of Supervisors

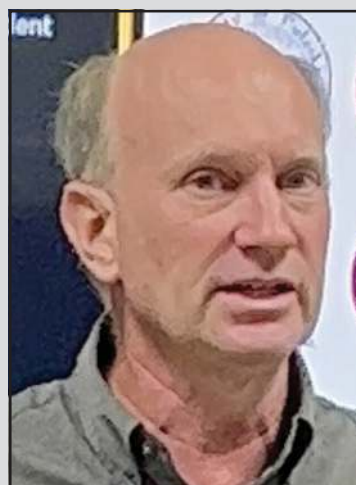
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Cloyd District Supervisor Joe Guthrie on Monday night closed out his time on the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors, even though he is still technically a member of the board.

Guthrie called Monday's meeting a "historic meeting of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors."

"For the first time ever, we have a woman chairing a monthly meeting of the Board. I was honored and delighted to nominate Laura Walters to be Chair after I declined the nomination Charles Bopp offered me at the organizational meeting earlier this month. Laura is going to be an outstanding Chair and is a leader this county needs," Guthrie said.

He spoke of former Robinson District Supervisor Charles Bopp and the new Robinson Supervisor, Jeff Reeves, saying, "I know he will do a great job as



Joe Guthrie

Supervisor, as he brings a tremendous skillset and the conservative values of the Robinson District. There is no doubt he will be a real asset to the County and we appreciate his willingness to serve."

As announced earlier, Guthrie is leaving the board and his job

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Two new attractions coming to Draper area of Pulaski Co.

By **MIKE WILLIAMS**
 The Patriot

Two new attractions for tourists and locals alike are coming to the Draper area of Pulaski County.

Monday night the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors approved a rezoning request and a Special Use Permit that paves the way for The Cottages at Pine Run and the Appalachian Gem and Gold Mine.

Paul and Tracy Riggins were granted a Special Use Permit for property at 2277 Wysor Road (Route 100) for the development of Cottages at Pine Run.

The project involves the construction of five studio cottages of

less than 400 square feet each and constructed in a range of different styles from cabin and beach to Victorian and Cape Cod.

Paul Riggins told the supervisors the project is aimed at the Ecotourism industry. Ecotourism is a form of tourism that attempts to minimize its impact upon the environment.

He said the cottages will provide lodging to those who are taking advantage of the abundant and beautiful outdoor recreation the county has to offer, including biking, hiking, kayaking, water-skiing, bird watching or just relaxing and enjoying the scenery

of Draper's Valley.

Located just three miles from Exit 89A off I-81, the overnight rental cottages will be in close proximity to Claytor Lake, the New River and New River Trail.

Riggins said an old, dilapidated house on the property will be removed and a bath house constructed to serve those staying at the cottages.

Nature paths will connect the cottages to the bath house, office and parking, and the property will be decorated with vibrant colored landscaping that's appealing to the eye.

The Cottages of Pine Run are

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Ashley Edmonds, Clerk of the Board at 540-980-7705 or email her at aedmonds@pulaskicounty.org

The deadline to apply is 4 p.m. on Feb. 2.

The person appointed by the board will serve until Nov. 8 when a special election will be held so the residents of the Cloyd District can select a supervisor.

The person elected on Nov. 8 will have one year left to serve before all supervisor seats will be up for election in 2023.

Redistricting

Speaking of elections, the state has completed its redistricting of House of Delegates districts, and the end result will be the creation of an additional precinct in Pulaski County.

In the redistricting process, the current Massie District was split according to the town boundary. This will create a West Massie and an East Massie.

West Massie Precinct will be comprised of Town of Pulaski voters and would be located in the newly created 46th House District. The precinct's polling

place will remain in Central Gym. East Massie Precinct will be comprised of county voters outside the town limits in the Massie Magisterial District. The precinct will be located in the newly created 42nd House District and will need a new polling location.

County Administrator Jonathan Sweet told supervisors that the most appropriate polling locations inside the precinct are Pulaski Elementary School or Pulaski County Middle School.

Sweet said that Kathy Webb, Director of Elections and General Registrar for the county has estimated the creation of a new precinct will cost approximately \$15,000, primarily for voting equipment and the eight employees needed to operate it during elections.

A public hearing on the redistricting proposal will be held at the board's Feb. 28 meeting.

Fire and Rescue Analysis

The supervisors unanimously approved a resolution calling for the Virginia Fire Services Board to conduct a comprehensive analysis of the county's fire and rescue system.

According to the resolution, fire and EMS services are among the highest priorities demanded and expected by county citizens every time they call 9-1-1.

The resolution states that over 240 volunteers "give selfishly of their time from 8 fire departments and 1 EMS department located in the county, responding to 8,829 service calls within 2021."

According to the resolution, the county spends \$2,825,000 for normal operating needs and more than \$908,000 for fire and rescue capital needs annually.

The resolution states the analysis is needed due to the growing demands and everchanging environment locally, to continue to improve upon and strengthen these vital fire and EMS services.

Sweet told supervisors he believes the third party, comprehensive analysis is long overdue.

"It has been a high-level conversation in the community for some time," Sweet said, noting the analysis will help local officials better understand what the current and future needs of the county's fire and rescue services are.

"This is something that next level rural communities understand and plan for," Sweet continued.

"I think we're moving in that direction as you see all the investments being made in infrastructure and residential development, education, quality of life, broadband, etc. It warrants finally conducting such an analysis."

Sweet said some departments within the county have been calling for such an analysis for some time.

"What they said was, by way of warning, that we are tired. We are fatigued. We cannot find volunteers. There is no one to replace us," Sweet said.

"We need to acknowledge their concerns, and this is in response to their concerns."

Guthrie

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at Virginia Tech to become the Commonwealth's new Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

"While there is no legal restriction preventing me from holding an elected and an appointed office at the same time, the responsibilities of being Commissioner will be too much for me to want to complete the remaining two years in this term on the Board of Supervisors. I have also resigned from my position on the faculty of the College of Agriculture & Life Sciences at Virginia Tech where I have taught in the Agricultural Technology Program for fifteen years," he said.

"It would take something pretty extraordinary to pull me away from my farm, from a job I love at Virginia Tech, and from an elected office I find deeply rewarding half-way through a term. That extraordinary thing is an appointment to head a state agency for Governor Glenn Youngkin.

"I could not be more excited to be the Commissioner of VDACS, an agency that has as its mission 'to promote the economic growth and development of Virginia agriculture, provide consumer protection, and encourage environmental stewardship.'

"Of course, most of all, it is a great privilege and honor to serve with Governor Glenn Youngkin, who I have the utmost respect for. I look forward to working with him and his extraordinarily talented cabinet to help make Commonwealth the best place it can be for all Virginians to live, work, and raise a family," Guthrie stated.

"It has been a joy to serve with this great group of people, Ms. Waters, Mr. Compton, Mr. Travis, and Mr. Bopp. I know I would have enjoyed being on the Board with Mr. Reeves for more than just one month. We have together achieved much that we can all be proud of that has made Pulaski County a better place. I am sure you will continue the great progress we have made so far in making Pulaski County a Next-Level Rural Community.

"To do so, you will of course retain and rely on our very capable County Administrator, Jonathan Sweet. It is no exaggeration to say that Jonathan is the best County Administrator in Virginia, and his accomplishments here prove it. If you remember only one thing I say tonight, let it be this: Keep Jonathan Sweet here.

"I greatly appreciate the faith and confidence the people of the Cloyd District had in electing me three consecutive times. I never lost an election in three tries, having received a true vote of confidence from my constituents with margins of victory of approximately 20 percentage points. I am grateful to have nev-

er even lost a precinct in any of those elections. I am also proud to have won the vote for the Republican nomination both times I ran for it.

"It was a privilege to campaign door-to-door throughout my district and meet so many amazing citizens. I visited over 90% of the over 2,000 residences in the Cloyd district in the last campaign. I talked to people about my vision for Pulaski County, I asked them for their vote, and the majority responded with a yes at the ballot box. For all whether they voted for me or not I worked hard to respond to any and all concerns whenever you shared them with me, and did so in a very timely manner.

"I always advocated and voted for whatever I thought was the best thing for the people of the county. I can look back gladly on a record of accomplishments with pride and satisfaction that I was a member of boards that for 10 years have done so much to make Pulaski County a better place. I will sincerely miss that, but I know my new position with Governor Youngkin will be equally as rewarding.

I want to also say thank you to my family who have been patient and supportive in allowing me to spend so much time away from them while working for the people these past ten years," Guthrie continued.

"I first ran for office in 2011 because I wanted to help make my community a better place. I had nothing more to offer than my work, my abilities, and my time. I did that because I will always live here, always love being a part of this community, and will always want it to be the very best place it can be. If I could help in any way to make it better, I've always been willing to do so - That won't change. I will continue to have a home here on my family's farm, I will be here often, and I will be available to assist the Board members or others in the community when you call upon me. This will always be my home, I just need to go and answer a call to service for a season in time.

"God bless you all and God Bless Pulaski County."

Sweet noted that the effective date of Guthrie's resignation will be dependent on the speed in which the Board of Supervisors are able to set in place the process necessary for the successful appointment of his replacement to the Cloyd District Board of Supervisor's seat.



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located adjacent to the planned Appalachian Gem and Gold Mine.

David Stowers says his gem mine development will provide family fun entertainment for people of all ages.

It will be developed on property that was formerly a general store, which will now be used for retail space for the gem mine.

Stowers said the property, which had been overgrown has now been cleared off. Additional features in the future will include flower beds, fruit trees and hedges. Different seating areas will be made available for customers to enjoy the natural beauty of the area.

According to Stowers, the gem mine will offer customers the opportunity to sift through rocks, gems and minerals for recreation.

He explained that in this area of Appalachia, there is a rich history of mining, and he hopes to tap into that history by providing an educational environment for local schools, tours, and other groups that are interested in learning while having fun prospecting.

Stowers said the retail store will carry prefilled bags of stones for customers to take home as well as pans, small mining equipment, homemade jewelry and books about the area and mining.

Stowers plans to make gems available on the property from all over, including Mexico and Brazil, including emeralds and rubies.

“We want people to find good stuff,” Stowers told the supervisors.

Both Board Chairman Laura Walters and Cloyd Supervisor Joe Guthrie noted they had in the past visited gem mines similar to what Stowers is planning.

“They are a lot of fun,” Walters said.

GRAPeJAM now accepting sign-ups

The Greater Pulaski Junior Appalachian Musicians (GRAPeJAM) is now accepting new sign-ups for children attending the 5th through 10th grades (including homeschoolers).

GRAPeJAM teaches kids how to play guitar, banjo and fiddle by using a simple technique that requires no previous musical experience.

GRAPeJAM is part of the Junior Appalachian Musician (JAM) organization, which has over 50 associated programs throughout Appalachia. The JAM program promotes traditional Appalachian music and culture.

GRAPeJAM lessons occur every Tuesday from 4 to 6 p.m. and cost \$10 per lesson – That includes the snack!

CALL (540) 577-5917 for more information.

Hancock named to Dean's List

BRIDGEWATER - Kelsey L. Hancock, of Pulaski, was named to the 2021 fall semester Dean's List at Bridgewater College. Hancock is a Liberal Studies major at Bridgewater.

Hancock was among more than 500 students named to the Dean's List, which was announced by Dr. Leona A. Seveck, provost and executive vice president.

Students on the Dean's List have attained a 3.4 or better grade point average out of a possible 4.0.

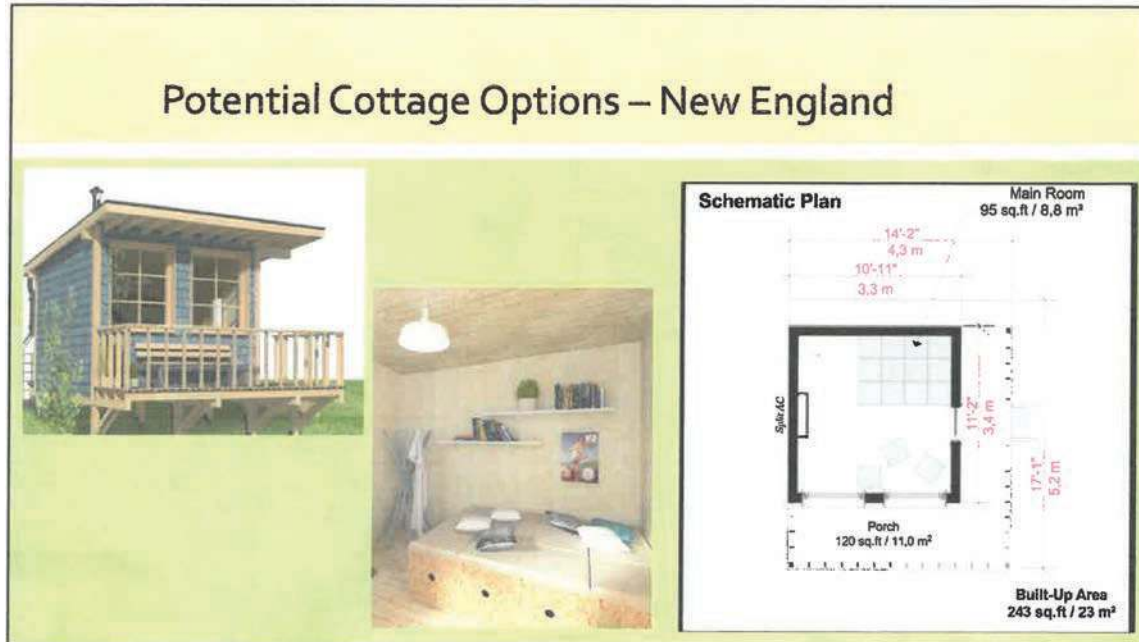
Bridgewater College is a private, four-year liberal arts college located in the Central Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. Founded in 1880, it was the state's first private, coeducational college. Today, Bridgewater College is home to approximately 1,500 students.



An abandoned general store will be home to the Appalachian Gem and Gold Mine.



The layout for the Cottages at Pine Run.



One of the cottage styles to be constructed.



Brian Queen

Queen named DAR Good Citizen for 2022

Brian Queen, a senior at Pulaski County High School has been selected as the Good Citizen for this school year sponsored by The Count Pulaski Chapter of The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

Brian has been an exceptional student and has participated in many extracurricular activities both at school and in his community. He exemplifies the qualities which the Good Citizen Program recognizes. He plans to go to college and to become an active, participating member of his community. Brian's parents Brian Queen Sr. and Leslie Queen

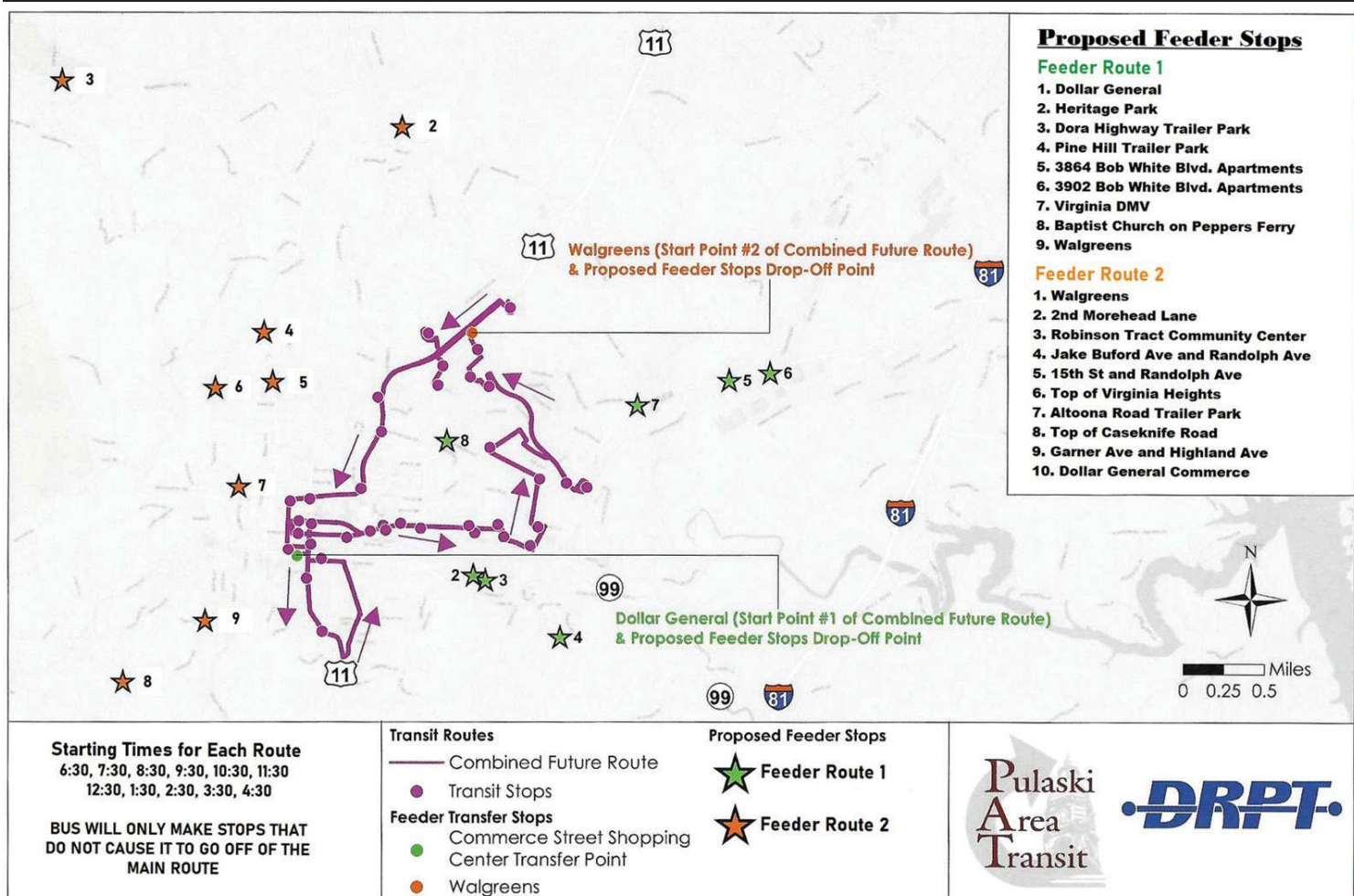
The DAR Good Citizen program recognizes outstanding young people who exhibit the qualities of good citizenship in their homes and schools and is intended to encourage and reward these students. This program is open to all high school seniors enrolled in public or private schools accredited by their board of education.

The student selected as the school's DAR Good Citizen must have the following qualities:

- + Dependability (truthfulness, honesty, punctuality, etc.)
- + Service (cooperation, helpfulness, responsibility, etc.)
- + Leadership (personality, self-control, initiative, etc.)
- + Patriotism (unselfish loyalty to the American Ideals.)

Brian will be recognized by Count Pulaski Chapter later in the spring and will be presented with a pin, a certificate, a monetary gift and other gifts. He will be recognized at the Pulaski County High School Awards Assembly at the end of the school year.

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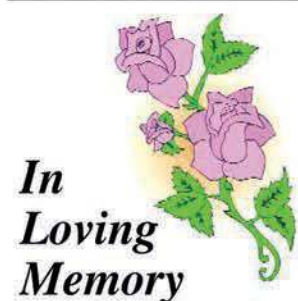
Beginning Tuesday, February 1, 2022, Pulaski Area Transit (PAT) will be adding two feeder routes in the Town of Pulaski. These two routes will help riders in outlining areas to connect to the existing Town route. The two existing routes will be combined into one large route with a bus leaving Walgreens and Dollar General once every hour beginning at 6:30 a.m. and the last bus leaving at 4:30 p.m. There will be an additional bus stop added to the current town route on East Street between BB&T and First Community Bank.

Feeder Route 1 will start at Dollar General on Commerce Street and have bus stops at Heritage Park, Dora Highway Trailer Park, Pine Hill Trailer Park, 3864 Bob White Blvd Apartments, 3902 Bob White Blvd Apartments, DMV, Baptist Church on

Peppers Ferry Rd and Walgreens. This bus will leave at 6:30 a.m. and run once an hour, with the last bus leaving at 4:30 p.m. **Feeder Route 2** will start at Walgreens and have stops at 2nd Morehead Lane, Robinson Tract Community Center, corner of Jake Buford and Randolph Ave, Corner of 16th Street and Randolph Ave, Top of Virginia Heights, Altoona Road Trailer Park, Top of Caseknife Road, Corner of Garner Ave and Highland Ave and Dollar General. This bus will leave at 6:30 a.m. and run once an hour, with the last bus leaving at 4:30 p.m.

The cost for each trip will remain \$0.75.

For additional information, or if you have questions about the routes please contact Pulaski Area Transit at 540-980-5040.



Area Obituaries

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ROGER ALLEN HOWELL

Roger Allen Howell, 59 went to a better home on Jan. 18, 2022. He was the son of Frank Ray Howell and Barbara "Bobbi" Damron Howell.

He was a sweet, loving, simple man. He loved his coffee, knives, guns and his old, red Ford pickup truck.

He will be sadly missed by all who loved him.

He worked for the Town of Christiansburg for 15 years, plus Pulaski Furniture and other furniture companies in Radford and Christiansburg.

He leaves behind to love his memory his mother, Barbara Damron Howell; his sister, Dorraine Howell Phillips (Richard) and family; his brother, Gary Howell (Nancy) and family; his wife, Robin Rose Howell; his son, Curtis Lee Howell and wife, Olivia; stepson, Josh Willis (Tori) and family; stepdaughter, Kelsey Clark and family.

He was preceded in death by his father, Frank Ray Howell.

He was laid to rest on Jan. 24, 2022 in Sunset Cemetery.

EDWARD KEITH DEPUTY

Edward Keith Deputy, 64, of Pulaski, passed away Thursday, January 6, 2022.

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

DANNY WILTON MARSHALL

Danny Wilton Marshall, 68, passed away at his home in Pulaski on Tuesday, January 25, 2022.

The Marshall family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. www.mullinsfuneralhome.com



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

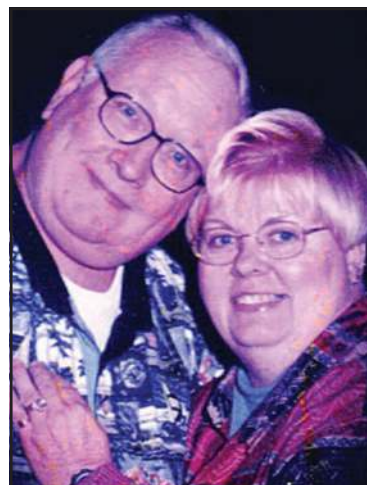
Nephew and Nieces – Darrell Jarrells, Sandra (Donald) Boyd, Margie (Glen) Bryant and numerous other nephews/nieces.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, 3:00 p.m., January 29, 2022 at the Hiwassee Pentecostal Holiness Church with Pastor Don Scott officiating.

"This service will be for Richard, Brenda and their son, Randall."

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

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



GEORGIE JOY REEDY

Georgie Joy Reedy, 73, went to her heavenly home on Saturday, January 15, 2022. While she will be missed by many, we are thankful that she is again in the arms of her beloved husband, John Reedy who was called home in 2015.

Born on January 20, 1948 in Giles County, she was the daughter of George Pyles and Elliene Chewning.

Georgie is preceded in death by her eldest son- John Clifford Reedy and her soulmate of 47 years at time of his passing, John Herman Reedy.

Georgie is survived by sons; William Reedy of Edinburg, VA and Michael (Mary) Reedy of Minnesota; Her daughter in-law, Amanda Reedy of Woodstock, VA; grandchildren Meaghan Jenkins, Christian Reedy, Camden Reedy, Madison Reedy, Miah Bowman, Chloe Reedy, Mathias Reedy, Ohklee Reedy and great-granddaughter Addison Evers.

Georgie was a woman of faith, strength, and fierce determination. Her career as a bus driver with Stafford County, VA transportation for over two decades suited her servant heart while helping children in the Stafford County, VA community. Georgie attended Faith Bible Church in Pulaski, VA and actively gave back to the community while helping feed those in need. Georgie was also a long-time member of Stafford County Christian church prior to her and her late husband relocating after raising their family in Stafford, VA.

A funeral will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday, January 28th, 2022 in the Bower Funeral Home Chapel in Pulaski, VA with the Rev. Jim Linkous officiating. Interment will follow at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery (Dublin) at 3:00 p.m.

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

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



FREDA GAY WATSON

Freda Gay Watson, a lifelong resident of Allisonia, Virginia, passed away on January 22, 2022 at the age of 81. Known to many as "Freda Gay," she was born on April 30, 1940 to Trent Roy Smythers and Alta Ellen Alexander. Her life began in an old general store that her business minded father ran at the time in the tight knit community of Farris Mines in Allisonia, VA.

When she was just seven years old, Freda's father purchased a farm that she would come to call home for the rest of her earthly life. It was at this special place that she grew up, built her home, had two successful marriages, raised her two wonderful children, and spent time with her grandchildren who loved her very much. Freda married her first husband, Russell Stanley Watson on June 29, 1957. They had a successful marriage of 41 years until Russell went home to be with the Lord on August 11, 1998.

On May 28, 2004, Freda married Edwin Leslie Beamer, who made the last 19 years of her life some of her most enjoyable and memorable. Together, they traveled the country and saw nearly every state. Freda and Ed were "joined at the hips." Where you saw one, you saw the other beside or not too far behind. Freda retired from Volvo after 27 years of service. Freda had the most kind, loving, and compassionate heart and to know her was truly a blessing. She never spoke an unkind word and was a devout follower of Christ.

Freda is survived by her husband, Edwin Beamer; son Brian Watson and his wife, Lisa; daughter Edwina McDaniel and her husband Dale; Stepson Allen Tabor; five grandchildren, Rusty, Robert and Adam Watson, and Tyler and Justin McDaniel; six great grandchildren; four brothers, Daris Smythers, Olen (Sharon) Smythers, Wendell Smythers, and Eugene Smythers; stepdaughter Tricia Frazier and her husband Bo; stepdaughter Sheryl Jarrells and Dean; five step-grandchildren and four step-great grandchildren. Many Nieces and Nephews.

Funeral services will be held 11 AM – Saturday, January 29, 2022 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Ray Bolen and Dennis Trail officiating. Interment will be at the Farris Cemetery, Allisonia. The family will receive friends between 5:00-7:00 PM – Friday evening at the Bower Funeral Home, Pulaski.

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

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



EDITH "EDIE" KATHRYN CAREY (NÉE STICKLES)

Edith "Edie" Kathryn Carey (née Stickles) died peacefully at LewisGale Hospital in Pulaski, VA. She went to sleep on her birthday surrounded by her family and woke up in Heaven the next morning. Edie was 63.

Edie was born on January 21, 1959, to Gerald and Betty Stickles and grew up in Oxen Hill, MD. After graduation, she moved to California, where she met her husband, John Murray Carey, Jr. They married on February 16, 1979. Their first child, Victoria, was born in Redding, CA, four years later. The little family moved to Oxen Hill, MD, and had their second daughter, Kristen. They settled in Beckley, WV, where their third daughter, Grace, and only son, Douglas, were born. After living in Beckley, WV for nearly 20 years, the family moved to Tazewell, VA for ten years, eventually settling in Pulaski, VA.

Edie was a dedicated homemaker, homeschooling mother, and loving wife. While formally serving on the Christian Home Educators of WV board as a contact person for homeschooling parents, she also took every opportunity to mentor young and homeschooling mothers wherever she lived. A master of details and paperwork, she was a poll worker and chief for nearly 20 years, serving in Raleigh County, WV, Tazewell County, VA, and Pulaski County, VA.

In her spare time, she loved books, hot tea, cozy mysteries, cross-stitching, ministering to and praying with others, and loving her family. She adored her granddaughters, Anneliese and Clara, and grandson, Jax, and they adored her. She is preceded in death by her sister, Helen Dudding, and her mother, Betty Stickles. Edie is survived by her father Gerald Stickles, of Las Cruces, NM, her brother, Robert Hargis of Morrison, CO, his wife Jean, and their sons Tyson and Matthew Hargis, her husband John, daughter Victoria and son, Douglas of Pulaski, VA, her daughter, Grace, of Ames, IA and her daughter and son-in-law Kristen and Dr. Andrew Fultz, of El Paso, TX and their children – Anneliese, Clara, and Jax.

If Edie were here, she'd want to encourage each and every one of you to love and trust the Lord.

For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain. Philippians 1:21

Edie's Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, January 29, at 11:00 a.m. The family will be receiving friends from 10:00-10:45am at Draper Valley Presbyterian Church, in Draper, VA. The memorial service will also be held at Draper Valley Presbyterian Church at 11:00am. Masks are requested.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Home School Legal Defense Association widows and single parents fund – <http://www.hslda.org/donate>

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



Card of Thanks

On the weekend of what would have been his 74th birthday, the family of Roger L Duncan of Draper, Virginia would like to publicly thank everyone who extended their love, support and prayers during the time of his illness and passing on 24 December 2021. We are so grateful for the cards, food, flowers, and expressions of sympathy. We would especially like to thank Good Samaritan Hospice for their excellent care and support during the last five weeks of Roger Duncan's life. Brittany, his nurse and Denise, his aide, went above and beyond to make sure he was comfortable and able to finish his race with dignity and respect. Their support, along with the rest of the Good Samaritan Hospice staff, was invaluable. There aren't enough words to say an adequate thank you! We also would like to thank Dana and the staff at Bower Funeral Home for taking such great care of the final arrangements. He fought a good fight, he finished his race, and we know that he was welcomed home with a "well done, my good and faithful servant."

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School board members meet with new state representatives

By **DAVID GRAVELY**
Pulaski County Public Schools

Members of the Pulaski County School Board and Pulaski County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Kevin Siers were given the opportunity to virtually meet with and discuss several issues with two elected leaders Tuesday, Jan. 25, as a part of the Virginia School Board Association’s Capital Conference.

Senator Travis Hackworth and Delegate Jason Ballard were able to meet with and discuss issues with the group. The group was not able to meet with Delegate Marie March due to a scheduling miscommunication but this meeting has been rescheduled for later in the week.

The issues that were discussed covered a variety of topics.

First, the group discussed the elimination of the support positions cap and full funding of the implementation of the Virginia Standards of Quality.

“The support positions cap was approved in 2010 during the economic recession and has resulted in a \$11,984,579 loss of state funding for Pulaski County Public Schools over the past 11 years,” Dr. Siers said.

Next, the group discussed Approval of House Bill 251, which would establish an agreement between school boards and local governing bodies to appropriate unexpended local funds toward school maintenance, renovation, and construction.

“An agreement has been in place for several years in Pulaski

County which has allowed the school division to complete a number of school capital projects,” Siers stated. “But having this written into code would make the agreements permanent, would incentivize all school divisions to be more efficient stewards of public funds, and ensure that localities are providing some funding toward capital needs projects.”

Finally, the group discussed assistance in depoliticizing public education.

“Our schools and school division have experienced eroding confidence from the public over the past two years primarily because of decisions and directives that were handed down through executive orders from the Governor and state law passed by the General Assembly,” Siers said. “School Boards had no say in shutting down schools in 2020, were required to adopt masking mandates when cases were low, had to implement contradictory attendance guidance for extracurricular events, were required to approve controversial social poli-

cies that were written by the Virginia Department of Education, and most recently have been required to make masks optional during a surge in cases. PCPS advocated for the legislative and executive branches to avoid micromanaging educational decisions that could be best determined by local School Boards.”

With the meeting completed Dr. Siers was pleased with the exchange of ideas between the two groups.

“We had excellent meetings today with Senator Hackworth and Delegate Ballard,” he stated. “Both legislators gave us their full attention, asked pertinent questions, and provided good feedback regarding the issues that were discussed. These were perhaps the best capital conference meetings that have occurred for Pulaski County in the past five or six years and we’re looking forward to holding an equally productive meeting with Delegate March later in the week.”



BILLY JOE LONG

Billy Joe Long, age 74 of Pulaski passed on Thursday, January 20, 2022 at his home.

Born May 21, 1947 in Pulaski, he was the son of the late Clarence Long, Sr. and Cora Cruff Long.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Clarence Long, Jr.; two sisters,

Helen Akers and Virgie Mae Belknap and daughter, Margie Frame.

He was as long- time employee of Pulaski Furniture and Ethan Allen with over 40 years of service.

He is survived by his

Wife- Bonnie Lou Long-Pulaski

Daughter- Becky (Henry) Webb-Snowville

Six Grandchildren, Eight Great Grandchildren and One Great Great Grandchild

Many Nieces and Nephews and Grand nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Monday, January 24, 2022 in the Bower Funeral Home Chapel,

Pulaski with Rev. Dale Akers officiating.

Private interment followed in the Hickman Family Cemetery, Pulaski County.

To sign Billy’s online guest-book, visit www.bowerfuneral-home.com

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

MELISSA DENISE POWERS (TURNER)

Melissa Denise Powers (Turner), 50 years old, passed away on January 13, 2022. She was born in Pulaski, VA and resided in Charlotte, NC. She graduated from Pulaski County High School and obtained a paralegal degree. She was a certified paralegal, website designer, booking agent, and business consultant. She ran Jazzundaground International, a non-profit, which gave back to so many in the community. She was preceded in death by her parents George Earl Turner Jr. and Ethel Mae Turner; brothers Alfonso Conner, Nick Conner, Curtis Conner, Johnny Conner, Willis Conner, and James McClanahan; and sister Anne McClanahan. She is survived by her three children Ishmael Robinson-Turner, Fátima Turner, and Gabriel Turner. She is also survived by brothers Thomas Conner and Harry Conner; and sisters Charlotte Conner of Roanoke, VA., Jackie Pompey (Doug) of Pulaski, VA., Patsy Conner of Roanoke, VA., Dee Conner of Tucson, AZ., Kathy Smith (Kevin) of Pulaski, VA., and Angela Turner of Charlotte, NC., and host of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews. A memorial service will be held at A.E. Grier & Sons Funeral and Cremation, 2310 Statesville Ave, Charlotte, NC 28206 on January 29, 2022, at 4 pm.

CURTIS GENE MORRIS

Curtis Gene Morris, age 84, passed away after a lengthy illness at his home in Williamston SC January 26th 2022. Curtis was born in Newbern VA July 1st 1937 the 1st born son of Hugh Gene Morris & Ersie Jennings Morris.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Deanna Faye Morris, brother Clinton Leon Morris & numerous other family members & friends.

Curtis is survived by 3 sons, Michael (Williamston SC), Chris (Rock Hill SC), David (Radford VA), ex-wife Rita Dalton Morris, sister Charlotte Mabry (Charlottesville VA), nieces, nephews, some favorite cousins & many friends who meant the world to him!

Curt, as he was known by many, never met a stranger. He was restlessly retired after a long and varied career which included manufacturing, sales, and in later life he became a regular fixture selling his wares at flea markets all over the East Coast! He was proud to have been a graduate of Pulaski High and Virginia Poly-scientific Institute (VPI) with a degree Mechanical Engineering.

Per Curt’s request no formal service will be held with his only wish being that those he loved to remember him fondly!

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A Dreadful First Year

One year ago on January 20, Joe Biden took the oath of office as the 46th president of the United States. He may be celebrating this milestone personally, but the American people have little to show for his first year. By many measures, we are worse off than when his administration began.

Start with the economy. The coronavirus pandemic and the lockdown policies imposed in response inflicted massive damage on American workers and businesses, but under President Trump, jobs and growth were poised



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

for a come-back. President Biden, however, went in a different direction.

Inflation

His first legislative priority was a

massive \$1.9 trillion bill. It was labeled as coronavirus relief, but it was stuffed with measures that had little to do with the pandemic and came after several relief measures adding up to trillions of dollars had already been enacted. Among its priorities were shoveling money at states and local governments that did not need relief (except for blue states whose finances were a mess before the pandemic), continuing extra unemployment benefits, and removing work requirements from the Child Tax Credit. Ultimately, less than ten percent of the spending in this bill actually related to COVID-19.

Even liberal economists such as former Obama advisor Larry Summers warned that this excessive spending would increase the danger of inflation. But President Biden plowed ahead and continues to seek trillions more in debt-financed spending through the so-called “Build Back Better” bill.

Americans are paying the price for President Biden’s imprudence thanks to inflation not seen in decades. 2021 was the worst year in the United States for inflation since 1981. Prices for essential goods and services such as food and gasoline soar. Meanwhile, real wages decreased in eight out of President Biden’s first eleven months in office.

Energy Prices

One particular area where prices have skyrocketed is energy. The priorities and actions of the Biden Administration from its earliest days directly contributed to this outcome. It canceled the Keystone XL pipeline. New oil and gas drilling on federal lands was suspended. The domestic production that had brought America reliable and affordable energy was no longer welcome.

According to outlets including the New York Times, energy companies and those who finance them are refraining from boosting domestic production. When demand rises, production needs to increase to keep prices down, but President Biden’s policies discourage that production.

As a result, the national average gas price on January 20, was \$3.32 compared to \$2.39 exactly one year earlier. In Virginia, the average was \$3.16 compared to \$2.30. That’s a substantial increase for people filling up their tank. The U.S. Energy Information Agency projected home heating costs this winter to be 30 percent above last winter’s, with propane users expected to spend 54 percent more to heat their homes.

Border Security

Prices are not all that is surging in America under President Biden; illegal immigration and the smuggling of illicit narcotics are, too. Since he was sworn in, over 1.7 million illegal immigrants have been apprehended at the southern border. Further, more fentanyl was seized in fiscal year 2021 than in the previous two years, contributing to an alarming increase in overdose deaths. But the Biden Administration continues to dismantle the border security measures taken by President Trump to enforce our immigration laws.

Foreign Affairs

Looking abroad, our national standing has diminished. The botched withdrawal from Afghanistan left some of our citizens, our Afghan allies, and large quantities of advanced military equipment to the Taliban. Vladimir Putin stands ready to snatch up Ukraine, but the Biden Administration has given the green light to his Nord Stream 2 pipeline even as it blocks pipelines here at home. Allies wonder.

COVID-19

The President has been no help as I work with other Energy and Commerce Republicans to determine China’s role in the origins of COVID-19. He said in 2020 after 220,000 Americans had died of the coronavirus, “Anyone who is responsible for that many deaths should not remain as President of the United States of America.” The number under his presidency is about 400,000. Did he forget his previous comments?

President Biden follows the fringe left rather than work with Republicans. He bases policy on progressive ideology instead of facts and circumstances. His Vice President and most of his Cabinet and senior staff, many of them retreads from the Obama Administration, simply do not measure up to their responsibilities.

That’s quite a record for one year, but not a record of which anyone should be proud.

If you have questions, concerns, or comments, feel free to contact my my Christiansburg office at 540-381-5671.

Establishment of the Navy and Marine Corps

In 1775, relationships between the American Colonies and Great Britain were strained. Despite the Colonies’ petitions to the crown, Congress felt that King George was imposing more tyrannical restrictions on their liberties. War was in the air, but with few resources, only a miracle would help the Colonies gain independence.

Great Britain had the largest and most powerful navy in the world and could easily transport and supply their troops stationed in America. While a few American privateers were successful in occasionally capturing British supplies, the Colonies had no professional navy.

It wasn’t until October 3, 1775 that Stephen Hopkins of Rhode Island addressed the Continental Congress, meeting in Philadelphia, with a Resolution for building and equipping an American naval fleet. Most of the delegates thought it was foolish to

One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

establish a naval force, and definitely too costly. The resolution was tabled but revived a few days later when it was reported that British ships were enroute with ammunition and supplies, which General George Washington and the Continental Army were in desperate need. Washington had authorized three privateer schooners to intercept the enemy’s supply ships.

This was the catalyst that Congress needed on October 13, 1775 to pass a resolution establishing a “Marine

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Forget bipartisanship

By CAL THOMAS, Tribune Content Agency

In certain circles -- but not on cable networks or in fundraising letters -- one continues to hear talk about bipartisanship and “reaching across the aisle.” It sounds good and people who use the phrase probably feel better about themselves, but I wish to propose an alternative: win the argument.

America’s Founders weren’t interested in bipartisanship with the British. They fought a revolution to win. Nations don’t engage in warfare just for the sake of achieving a draw. They want to be victorious.

The stated goal of Franklin Roosevelt was total victory over Germany and Japan in World War II. Some wanted to make a peace deal with Adolf Hitler, but Roosevelt would have none of it.

Ronald Reagan said he did not intend to co-exist with the Soviet Union, but to defeat it. Analyst Jeffrey W. Knopf argued that Reagan went beyond everyone else: “Reagan stands out in part because he believed the Soviet Union could be defeated. For most of the Cold War, Republican and Democratic administrations alike had assumed the Soviet Union would prove durable for the foreseeable future. The bipartisan policy of containment aimed to keep the Soviet Union in check while trying to avoid nuclear war; it did not seek to force the dissolution of the Soviet empire. Ronald Reagan, in contrast, believed that the Soviet economy was so weak that increased pressure could bring (it) to the brink of failure. He therefore periodically expressed confidence that the forces of democracy ‘will leave Marxism-Leninism on the ash heap of history.’”

Didn’t America and the West “win” the Cold War? Remember how that felt?

Sports teams are not satisfied with ties. Las Vegas casinos don’t refund part of a gambler’s losses to be fair and equitable. Only in politics do we hear talk -- and it is only talk -- about working together. Consider President Biden’s promise of bipartisanship which, like his promise to engage in civil discourse, he has not kept. Just two recent examples: his calling two Fox News reporters names and impugning their professionalism. Biden later called Fox White House Correspondent Peter

Doocy to say it wasn’t “personal”. You can’t get more personal than calling someone “a stupid person of a ...”

What if the policy goal was victory? That’s the goal of Democrats when they win elections. Republicans don’t seem to be able to handle victory so well when they win. Don’t we know by now which policies work and which ones don’t? Wasn’t that the point of welfare reform in the 1990s. Bill Clinton and Newt Gingrich reached agreement on ending “welfare as we know it.” People didn’t starve, as some predicted. Most found jobs when they realized government checks would cease. It was a victory for everyone.


In Washington, problems are rarely solved and often get worse. If a problem is solved, politicians no longer have it as an issue to use against the other party. How cynical is that?

I have long thought an outside commission should be established to conduct a top-to-bottom audit of all federal programs, getting rid of those that don’t achieve their stated goals and can’t be done less expensively and more efficiently by the private sector. Who could oppose such a proposal, except those who benefit from division, chaos and spending other people’s money? Such a commission would have no agenda other than promoting the general welfare.

If one is a liberal, it seems one doesn’t need to achieve anything. Intentions are enough. Try that in business and see how long you last. If a sales strategy fails, you would be wise to try another strategy, or risk unemployment. Only with government do politicians rarely have to succeed and can still count on getting re-elected.

Winning the argument is better than never-ending arguments. We know what works and what is not working. Let’s apply that knowledge and experience. It would get the country out of debt and shrink the overreach of government, contributing to more liberty, not less, as seems to be what we are currently experiencing.

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/Zonder-van).



Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

Youngkin is right on masks

Glenn Youngkin promised to be on the side of parents as Virginia governor, and on his first day in office, he delivered.

The Republican issued an executive order allowing parents to decide whether their kids will wear masks in school, and met an instant wall of resistance from Democratic-controlled counties and criticism from the White House press secretary Jen Psaki. A Washington Post headline said that Youngkin is “terrifying” people.

The flak notwithstanding, his order is a sign of a growing backlash against COVID-19 restrictions that will likely only gain force as the pandemic drags on and former articles of faith, including on masking, get called into increasing doubt.

Youngkin has ventured into a legally murky area. Critics believe he doesn’t have the authority to issue his order because Virginia passed a statute in early 2021 that says schools should “to the maximum extent practicable” adhere to CDC-blessed strategies for controlling spread. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is still recommending masks. The statue is vague, though, and doesn’t mention masks. Youngkin’s predecessor, Democrat Ralph Northam, felt compelled to issue an executive order specifically mandating them in K-12 schools.

There’s also the question of whether decisions on masking and other mitigation measures are best left to school districts. Here, it is worth noting that Youngkin’s order is different from that of his fellow Republican governors in Texas and Florida, who prohibited school districts from adopting mask mandates. Instead, Youngkin is establishing a carveout for parents from mandates, should they choose to take advantage of it.

All that said, it is clearly time for mask mandates to end. The conventional wisdom on masks has gone from “don’t wear them they are useless” at the beginning of the pandemic, to “you are a terrible person if you don’t wear them” for about a year and a half, to now, “cloth masks don’t really protect anyone.”

Despite Jen Psaki saying that Arlington County, which is vowing to defy Youngkin, is standing up for kids and their safety, the case for masking kids in schools is weak or nonexistent.

We are an outlier on this question. The CDC recommends masking all kids age 2 and older, whereas other health authorities are considerably more nuanced.

The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control doesn’t recommend masking for schoolchildren younger than age 12, noting -- correctly -- that they “may have a lower tolerance to wearing masks for extended periods of time, and may fail to wear them properly.” In areas with community spread, it recommends masks for students in secondary schools, although it stipulates that they should “be seen as a complimentary measure, rather than a standalone measure to prevent transmission

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Christmas for the Fishes!

This week the annual Christmas for the Fishes event concluded at Claytor Lake State Park. A total of 270 trees were donated this year! Thank you to the Department of Wildlife Resources, Claytor Lake State Park, and over 20 volunteers for a great day helping create natural fish reef structures, which provide habitat for large fish to gather.

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Sons of Confederate Veterans to meet
The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet on Tuesday, February 8, 7pm at Aly's Family Italian Restaurant on 3204 Riner Road. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are also invited to this meeting. Member William Reed will continue his series on "Small Arms of the Confederacy". For further information, please call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

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Committee" to explore ways to intercept these ships and divert their much needed cargoes to General Washington. Consequently, they authorized the fitting out of four armed vessels for the task.
By April, 1776 Congress had authorized the addition of 13 frigates to the fleet. These were constructed as actual warships, rather than refitted merchantships. The principal duties of the Continental Navy were to guard American commerce (the British had placed blockades at Boston Harbor) and raid British supply ships.
At the conclusion of the Revolution and the signing of the Treaty of Paris in 1783, only 11 of the 65 vessels (new, converted, chartered, loaned, and captured) that served at various

times with the Continental Navy, had survived the war.
During debates about establishing a navy, the main objection was the immense cost; so, after the United States had won its independence, any remaining ships were sold and the officers and crew returned to civilian life.
However, in 1794 Congress re-established the U.S. Navy after Barbary Pirates in the Mediterranean continued to raid American ships and hold the crew for ransom or sell them into slavery. To protect American interests, Congress authorized the construction or purchase of six frigates. Three of the ships were to mount 44 guns, and three to mount 36 guns. An interesting codicil was that if the pirates made

peace before the ships' completion, their construction would be cancelled. Although the peace treaty was signed before all the ships were built, the ship building was continued. That was a fortunate decision, for the ships would be needed for future maritime wars.
At about the same time the Navy was commissioned, the United States Marine Corps was established by the Continental Congress on November 10, 1775. Their most important duty during the Revolutionary War was to serve as on-board security forces, protecting the naval ship's captain and his officers.
Marine legend holds that the first Marine Corps recruitment took place in a Philadelphia bar

called the Tun Tavern. Traditional stories claim that the organizers, Captain Samuel Nicholas and Captain Robert Mullan, lured potential candidates into the pub with mugs of beer and promises of high-seas adventures. Their strategies apparently were successful and these recruits comprised the first five companies to serve aboard the Continental Navy ships and with George Washington, helping him to defend Philadelphia.
After independence was won in 1783, like the Navy, the Marine Corps was disbanded; but on July 11, 1798, Congress ordered the re-creation of the Corps. While the Marine Corps is its own branch of the U.S. Military, it falls under the administration of the Department

of the Navy.
If Marine recruits were looking for high-seas adventure, they certainly would find it in fighting the Medeterranean pirates. The Marines first won extensive fame after a 521-mile march through the North African desert from Alexandria, Egypt to the port city of Derna, Libya in an attempt to overthrow the Barbary pirate ruler of Tripoli. In this daring April 27, 1805 assault, along with the bombardment by U.S. Navy ships, they successfully seized the city, which would lead to the peace treaty of the first Barbary War.
This victory was the first ever battle fought by the U.S. military on foreign soil.

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within schools."
The World Health Organization makes distinctions based on age. It says that kids age 5 and younger shouldn't be required to wear masks based on the "overall interest of the child and the capacity to appropriately use a mask with minimal assistance." It is open to the masking of 6- to 11-year-olds, so long as a wide variety of conditions are met. And it says that kids age 12 and over should mask like adults.
Many European countries have avoided sweeping American-style mask mandates on school kids, and for good reason. A large-scale CDC study found no benefits from the masking of kids. Many students wear cloth

masks that don't provide much protection (even if worn and maintained properly) and no sane person should want to subject a child to an N95 all day long.
Parents in Virginia who believe that masking is important can still act accordingly, and vaccines and boosters are available to provide another layer of protection. But masks remain something more than a public-health measure for many proponents -- they are a signal of virtue and a pillar of pandemic orthodoxy.
Youngkin's offense, at bottom, is dissenting from this worldview, and providing options for parents who don't share it, either.
Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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VCC sees rise in career, tech enrollment

Virginia's Community Colleges saw an enrollment increase last fall in career and technical training programs for Virginia's highest demand fields. Fall 2021 enrollment data also reveals that students in G3 eligible programs are qualifying for and receiving greater financial assistance, increasing access to the education and resources that leads to better job placement and life outcomes.

From fall 2020 to fall 2021, the number of community college students in G3-eligible programs increased by 9%, and the total financial aid awarded to students in those programs increased by 20%. There is further good news

within that data for the effort to reduce student debt: four out of every five dollars being awarded to students in G3 eligible programs is non-loan aid, meaning that it does not have to be repaid.

"What we're seeing in the numbers is that there is a need across the commonwealth for fast, affordable, efficient, career-specific training and educational programs – and this is what community colleges do best," said Glenn DuBois, chancellor of Virginia's Community Colleges. "With our career and technical focus through G3 and FastForward, we're getting more students in the door to fill the high-demand jobs that are waiting

for the right candidate with the right set of specialized skills."

G3, which launched in July 2021, is a last-dollar tuition assistance program for low and middle-income Virginians focusing on early childhood education, health-care, information technology, public safety and skilled trades. FastForward is short-term training that prepares learners for industry credentials in similar high-demand fields. Both programs are run

through all 23 of Virginia's Community Colleges. Last fall, 26,179 students enrolled in G3 eligible programs. FastForward served an additional 6,836 students at the same time. Altogether, those 33,015 students would be Virginia's second biggest community college.

The latest figures demonstrate how financial assistance programs like G3 and FastForward are working during uncertain times.



Jeff D. Conner

Conner named new Fire Chief

The Town of Pulaski is excited to welcome Jeff D. Conner as the new Chief of the Pulaski Fire Department as of February 1, 2022.

Conner brings over 16 years of experience from his multiple current roles as the Battalion Chief of the Danville Area Training Center, the Assistant Chief of Pittsylvania County Special Operations, and as the Assistant Fire Marshal for Pittsylvania County, as well as his previous experience as a Firefighter /EMT for Albemarle County Fire Rescue and the City of Lexington Fire Department. Mr. Conner has an associate's degree in Fire and EMS Technology, fire and EMS certifications, has worked with volunteers, and served as an arson investigator with numerous other certifications.

The Town of Pulaski is looking forward to Conner joining the community, and are confident that he brings the skills, knowledge and personal suitability that will help the Pulaski Fire Department continue to grow and succeed.

Conner's arrival will honor the current Fire Chief, Robbie Kiser's request to return to firefighting, as a Captain in the department.

Downtown Pulaski Alive with Story of the New River Celebration

Over 120 people visited the Pulaski Theatre on Jan. 14 for the sold-out, red-carpet "Story of The New River Celebration." The celebration, hosted by the Pulaski Theatre and Pulaski County Tourism, commemorated PBS Blue Ridge's The Story of the New River Documentary in full Pulaski fashion.

Prior to the showing, the red-carpet night included a VIP experience with Appalachian inspired hors d'oeuvres created by Local Serendipity Chef, Matthew Tolbert. Guests mingled and celebrated in the mezzanine.

"It was an amazing experience to work with Pulaski County Tourism and Laura Walters on this project and an honor to host the documentary at the Pulaski Theatre," said Pulaski Theatre President, Jessica McKinney. "Every detail for this event was meticulously planned to ensure its success and impression for all who attended. I want to extend

my gratitude to all individuals and organizations that participated and I look forward to working with everyone again on future events."

PBS Blue Ridge's "The Story of the New River" documentary originally started as a vision and dream from Laura Walters, Chair for the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors several years ago. With the skill and direction of PBS Blue Ridge Executive Producer and Host, Lisa Fenderson, and supporting sponsor, Pulaski County, the story was brought to life. PBS Blue Ridge partnered with the New River Conservancy in the production as well. The documentary tells the stories of the waterway and the people along it and encourages viewers to protect the river.


"The Story of the New River is a great film, and I was thrilled with this event and the participation," said Pulaski County Board of Supervisor, Laura Walters.


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Lady Cougars' win streak at seven

Patriot Staff Report

Pulaski County's Lady Cougars continued their winning ways over the past week notching three more victories to bring their win streak to seven in a row.

The Lady Cougars (12-3, 7-0 in the River Ridge District) had wins against Blacksburg, Radford and Patrick Henry.

The Lady Bruins put up little or no resistance to the Lady Cougars last Thursday before falling 62-27.

Ally Fleenor led Pulaski County with 16 points in the rout. Paige Huff added 13 followed by Jaden Lawson and Keslyn Secrist with 10 point each. Hannah Keefer chipped in 9, Tori Vest and Erin Russell added 2 each.

The next victim was Radford as the Lady Cougars humbled the Lady Bobcats, 71-46.

Huff went off in this one, scoring 26 to lead Pulaski County.

Secrist added 14 and Keefer had 11. Other scoring came from Lawson, 9; Fleenor, 6; Vest, 3 and Morgan Vest with 2.

This past Tuesday, the Lady Cougars won another game by double digits, this time over Patrick Henry, 66-47.

Secrist again led the effort with 19. Fleenor had 17 followed by Keefer and Huff with 13 each. Lawson added 4.

The Lady Cougars got off to a fast start, outscoring PH, 20-10 in the first quarter. They did it again just after halftime, winning the third quarter, 18-9.

The loss dropped Patrick Henry to 12-2 on the season and 5-2 in the district. Both PH losses have come at the hands of Pulaski County.

The Lady Cougars were set to get back in action Thursday evening with a game at Hidden Valley. The game was moved up a day because of the possibility of inclement weather Friday night.



Ally Fleenor puts up a shot this week against Patrick Henry. Fleenor had 17 points in the Lady Cougars' victory.

Brian Bishop/The Patriot

Cougar boys' record now at 7-7 after two losses

Patriot Staff Report

Pulaski County's boys basketball team saw its losing streak reach three games as the Cougars fell twice this week – losing to Blacksburg and Patrick Henry.

The Cougars (7-7, 3-4 in the River Ridge District) fell by 18 this past Monday night at home against Blacksburg, 67-49.

The Bruins outscored Pulaski County by nine points in each half Monday on their way to the win.

Blacksburg's Tucker Halsey led all scorers with 19 points, including pumping in five from outside the arc. Matthew Joyce added 17.

JJ Gulley led the Cougars with 12 points, while Lane Nester added 9. Tyler Sutherland added 8, Khalib Horton chipped in 7, Kyle O'Neal scored 6, Josh Bourne added 5 and Peyton McDaniel had 2.

Nester hit on three treys for Pulaski County.

Tuesday night the Cougars fell by 13 to Patrick Henry, 77-64.

The Patriots' Jack Faulkner and Amauriay Calloway led all scorers with 20 points apiece. Walter Derey added 15 for PH.

Nester led the way for the Cougars with 16. O'Neal added 13 and Gulley had 12.

Other scorers for the Cougars were Bourne with 8, McDaniel and Horton had 5 each, Sutherland chipped in 3 and Caleb Underwood added 2.

Patrick Henry led at the half, 33-21, but the Cougars would put up a fight in the second half as there was only a one-point dif-

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Hokies fall to Miami at the buzzer

Hokiesports.com

BLACKSBURG – Virginia Tech fell to Miami 78-75 at home Wednesday on Charlie Moore's buzzer-beating 3-pointer as time expired.

The Hokies (10-10, 2-7) had four players score in double figures, led by Keve Aluma, who had 14 points and three blocks. Darius Maddox tacked

on 13 points, four assists and two blocks from the bench and Nahiem Alleyne helped out with 13 points.

Justyn Mutts flirted with a triple-double, as the graduate senior had nine points, eight assists and 10 rebounds.

For the third time this season, Tech shot 50 percent or above from three, as it shot 13-26 from beyond the arc. Hunter Cattoor

made a team-high four 3-pointers.

Virginia Tech did a great job disrupting Miami shots in the contest, coming away with six blocks, which tied a season high. Aluma's three rejections led the way individually for the Hokies.

How It Happened

After falling behind 22-14, Virginia Tech went on a 5-0 run with 10:45 left in the first half, culminating in a bucket from David N'Guessan, to narrow its deficit to 22-19. Miami answered back and added to its lead, leaving the Hokies down 36-31 entering halftime.

Virginia Tech came out of halftime clicking on all cylinders, going on a 6-0 run, finished off by Alleyne's three, to seize a 37-36 lead with 18:58 to go in the contest. Miami re-asserted control, outscoring the Hokies 42-38 the rest of the way. Ultimately, the game came down to a half-court heave from Moore that fell to give Miami the win.

Game Notes

» Virginia Tech lost on a

last-second shot by Charlie Moore.

» The Hokies made half of their attempts from 3-point range, knocking down 13 of 26 shots.

» The Hokies shared the ball well, recording an assist on 80 percent of made baskets and had a season-high 20 assists.

» The Virginia Tech bench came alive by adding 23 points to its scoring output.

» Virginia Tech lost despite a 28-22 rebounding advantage.

» For the first time this season, a Tech opponent shot above 50 percent from three, shooting 61 percent.

» The Hokies were active in affecting shots on the defensive end, tallying six blocks as a team.

» Keve Aluma led the Hokies with 14 points.

» Virginia Tech got a game-high 10 rebounds from Justyn Mutts.

» After totaling 12 turnovers in the first half, the Hokies only turned the ball over twice in the second stanza.

Big Papi elected to baseball Hall

(AP) – David Ortiz gazed at his phone, his pursed lips revealing nerves rarely seen from one of the game's great clutch hitters.

Pedro Martinez's hand rested on Ortiz's shoulder, and Martinez grinned when the good news came through. The former teammates embraced, and Martinez welcomed Ortiz into a rare space in baseball history.

Big Papi is bound for Cooperstown — and on the first ballot, too.

Ortiz was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in his first try Tuesday, while steroid-tainted stars Barry Bonds and Roger Clemens were denied entry in their final year under consideration by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Ortiz, a 10-time All-Star over 20 seasons mostly with the Boston Red Sox, was named on 77.9% of ballots, clearing the 75% threshold needed for enshrinement. He's the 58th player inducted in his first time up for consideration.

"Man, it's a wonderful honor to be able to get in on my first rodeo," Ortiz said.

Big Papi was among baseball's most recognizable faces through the 2000s and 2010s. His enormous grin endeared him to fans, but the Dominican's hulking frame menaced pitchers, especially in the late innings. Three of his 23 career game-ending hits came during Boston's drought-breaking 2004 postseason, when the Red Sox thwarted the rival Yankees and then won their first World Series

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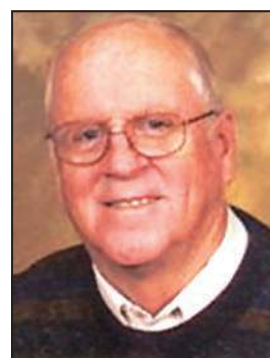
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Cougars

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ference between the two teams after halftime.

Despite losing, the Cougars rained “threes” all night long with 12 for the game. Underwood led the way with four as six Cougars scored from beyond the arc.

Pulaski County was scheduled to take to the floor in the Cougar Den again Thursday night – facing Carroll County in the conclusion of a suspended contest from earlier in the season, and then hosting Hidden Valley in a game that was moved up from Friday in anticipation of inclement weather.

JJ Gulley puts up a shot against Radford in an earlier contest. Gulley scored 12 points in both the Cougars’ games vs. Blacksburg and Patrick Henry.

Brian Bishop/The Patriot



Icy Adventures

The Winter storm Sunday, the 16th, was a mess and with the addition of sleet and rain on top of the snow, made it hazardous to get around and portions of this has been staying around with temperatures barely above freezing.

I had wanted to get with my fishing bubbly, Dick, and go trout fishing but have been hesitant to do so. To get to a stream, one almost needs crampons like mountain climbers use on your footwear. While wading a trout stream, there is always a danger of falling on the slippery bottom, but walking on this type of a crusty snow can lead to a painful fall on your gluteal maximus. Instead of a fishing escapade with pics of beautiful rainbows, lain out on the creek banks, I am going to going to tell of some icy adventures in my younger days.

Growing up on Little Creek we often fished on top of the ice when the Creek was frozen over. We skated on the ice looking for sucker fish and when sighted, we would chase them to the bank in



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the shallow water and kill them with a hatchet or a sledge hammer. Suckers are similar to or closely related to carp. The ones on the Creek were of the kind called, “Hog Sucker” and “White Sucker” and both are quite bony. Suckers are similar to and akin to Carp. I have caught Carp but could never bring myself to eat them, however, some people do. After cleaning a mess of “Hogs & Whites”, our mothers would fry them coated with flour or corn meal in a greased iron skillet. They were quite a delicacy, but one had to watch out for bones (filleting them would have been an option, but we never did).

We enjoyed a lot of fun times during the winter on the frozen “Creek” with games such as ice hockey. With improvised hockey sticks made from willow or alder branches having curved parts near the roots and flat rocks for pucks; we enjoyed it as much as those in the NHL. There were times we nearly broke through on some thin

ice or skated off the frozen edges and this brings to a mind of such an incident.

The Gang and I were near the Creek one day and a neighbor’s Mexican Chihuahua dog came along. We decided to tie a couple of tin cans to the dog and send it home about a half-mile away. Instead, it headed right for the creek and onto the ice and out into the open water howling for all get out. Pete, the oldest of us by couple of years, had to cross the ice and into the water and release it. I remarked, “We’ll be all right if nobody squeals on us.” We never heard anything as the dog got home okay, but a couple years later, it was a different story.

My cousin and I were along Little Creek Road and another neighbor’s dog came along and we “tin-canned” him. He took off for home about quarter mile away and went all the way under the house. The owner saw me the next day with my dad and asked if I had been responsible for this. I admitted that both my cousin and I had and we all laughed about it, even though the neighbor related that he had to crawl under his house to get his dog out. I felt better about as I had followed Biblical stands as found in Proverbs 28:13KJV, “He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy”.

Until next time

LEGAL NOTICE



Public Hearing Town of Pulaski Planning Commission

The Planning Commission of the Town of Pulaski, Virginia will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 14, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Pulaski Municipal Building, 42 First Street, NW to consider the following:

1. A proposed rezoning for properties located on Bob White Blvd [tax parcel(s) 073-21-2A, 073-21-2, 073-21-3A, 073-21-3, 073-21-4, 073-21-5, 073-21-6, 073-21-7, 073-21-8, 073-21-9, 073-23-10, 073-23-11, 073-23-12, 073-23-13, 073-23-14, & 073-21-15] from B-2 General Business to R-2 Two-Family Residential.

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 Monday, February 14, 2022, to 42 First Street, NW/PO Box 660, Pulaski, VA or via email to 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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Project Manager Pulaski County Economic Development Authority

The Pulaski County Office of Economic Development, is seeking to hire a Project Manager to serve the Virginia Regional Industrial Facility Authority. The Authority is a regional entity consisting of 11 member jurisdictions. The Project Manager will work under the direction of the Executive Director of the Pulaski County Economic Development Authority (EDA), and will be a 40-hour per week employee primarily promoting and managing the development of the New River Valley Commerce Park.

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Public Hearing Notice Pulaski County Public Service Authority Budget Adjustment

The Pulaski County PSA Board of Directors will hold a public hearing pursuant to Section 15.2-2507 of the Code of Virginia, at 9:00 am on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 in the Board Room located at the County Administration Building at 143 Third Street, NW, Pulaski, Virginia in the Town of Pulaski on an amendment to the 2021-2022 fiscal year budget as follows:

PSA Capital Fund

Revenues:

Transfer from Capital Reserves	\$	1,286,285.00
Total Revenues	\$	1,286,285.00

Expenditures:

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Water Department Projects		139,302.00
Water Treatment Plant		252,109.00
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PSA Billing Department		4,151.00
Total Expenditures	\$	1,286,285.00

LEGAL NOTICE



Town of Dublin, Va. Invitation To Bid

The Town of Dublin, Virginia is soliciting sealed bids for the “Administrative Water Utility Office ASBESTOS ABATEMENT” project.

The Project generally consists of the removal and disposal of friable and/or non-friable materials containing asbestos as described in Technical Section 028213 of this document.

Sealed Bids must be received at The Dublin Town offices, 101 Dublin Park Road, Dublin, Virginia 24084 to the attention of Tyler Kirkner, Town Manager by 3:00 p.m. EST on February 15, 2022. Bids will be awarded on a lump sum basis and per the attached specifications.

Bids must be submitted in a sealed opaque envelope and clearly marked on the outside with the company’s name, Contractor’s Asbestos Abatement license number and the notation “Bid for Administrative Water Utility Office ASBESTOS ABATEMENT”.

Documents to be used for preparation of the quotation form are included in this Invitation. A mandatory pre-bid conference is scheduled for **February 2, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.** at 101 Dublin Park Road, Dublin, VA after which a visit to the project site will be provided.

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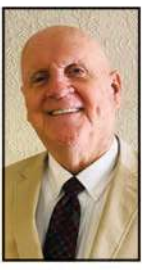
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Teach Me Your Word O Lord

Terry McCraw

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There are two roads. The strait and narrow way and the broad way. We can't be on both roads at the same time. It's either one or the other. There is a destination at the end of each road. One road leads to an eternal home in Heaven; and the other road leads to a Devil's Hell.

When the word "world" in the bible is used in a spiritual sense, it is speaking of the sinful world of ungodly pleasures; and disregard for God and others.

2nd Cor. 6: 17, 18 says. "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."

This means that we are to separate ourselves from the works and workers of iniquity. God inhabits His people thought His Spirit, but the Holy Spirit cannot and will not inhabit anyone who has concord with the Sinful world and the Devil.

If a person tries to have one foot in the world and the other foot in the Kingdom of God, they separate themselves from God, and from God's promises and blessings. God's promises are conditional. Conditioned upon our obedience to Him. If we're not living for God, then we have no claim whatsoever on His promises or blessings.

Adam Clarke says: "Those who would have the promises of God fulfilled to them must come under the conditions of these promises: if they are not separate; if they touch the unclean thing; God will not receive them; and therefore will not be their God, nor shall they be his people."

Jesus will not share the throne of our heart with the world.

Some separate themselves from the world and dress in simple clothing that reflects a devotion to traditional ways. They do it as a sign of their faith. I have no problem with that. If that is what they believe in their hearts, then that is what they should do.

It's not how short or how long we wear our hair that will get us to heaven. It's not how we dress that makes us holy. Holiness is living up to the standards that God has set for us in His word.

We should dress decently and will dress decently if we have a true and living faith in God. But it takes more than the clothing we choose to put on, or how we wear our hair to be holy unto the Lord and to make us ready for heaven. What is going to get us unto heaven is that we have a saving relationship with God, through Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and Savior.

When our desires don't line up with the desires of others, we have conflict. When we love the world more than we love God, there is conflict. James 4: 1-3. "From whence come wars and fightings among you? Come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? Ye lust, and have not; ye kill and desire to have and cannot obtain: Ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts."

James is not just condemning differences of opinion. All of us have differences of opinion on some things. Not on what the word of God says, because we shouldn't have any differences of opinion on what the word of God says. It says what it says,

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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

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552 E. Main Street
Dublin, Va. 24084
Pastor: Doug Testerman
674-1762
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11 a.m. Sunday worship
Sunday Night Power Hour, 6 to 7 p.m.
Wednesday Night 7 to 8 p.m.
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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

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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

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Service: 10 a.m. every Sunday
Phone: 980-2413
Email: christ24301@gmail.com
www.christpulaski.dioswva.org

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Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

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Worship service is 8:45am-9:45am
Sunday School is 10 - 10:45am
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book.com/cecilschapel.umc

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Exit 98 off I-81 Newbern
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674-6111
Worship Services: 9:45 a.m.
Sunday School: 11 a.m.

Valley Harvest Ministries
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P.O. Box 458
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Senior Pastor Steve Willis
Associate Pastors: Perry Slaughter,
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Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Hispanic Ministry Service- Sunday 6 p.m.
Wednesday School 7 p.m.
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Phone: 540-674-6111
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Adult Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Church

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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.

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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
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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
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9:45 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Worship
Wednesday
6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting
(540) 980-4731
Email: dfarley3@verizon.net

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Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 AM
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(540) 674-9220
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Facebook.com/
HeritageChurchDublinVA

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New River, Virginia 24129
(540) 639-5331
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Associate Minister:
Rev. Annette Cheek
Clerk: Mrs. Carlotta Lewis
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Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting &
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Dublin United Methodist Church
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Pastor Don Shelor
(540) 674-5128
office@dublinumc.com
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Sunday School - 10:00am

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540-577-5780
jcollinsfreedomfellowship@yahoo.com
Sunday Service: 10 a.m.
11 a.m. Children's Church
Wednesday - 7 p.m. Service
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Draper, VA 24324
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Bible Study - Wednesday, 7 p.m.
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Pulaski, Va.
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Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Services: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wednesday Night Service: 7 p.m.

Fairlawn United Methodist Church
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Cell) 540-320-2431
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Sunday Worship (with children's message):
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Children's Church 10:30 a.m.
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Associate Pastor: T.J. Cox
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Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday Children's Church: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
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(540) 674-8434
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Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship and
Youth Meeting, 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study and Children's Bible
Classes, 7 p.m.

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Pastor Melissa McNair-King
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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.

Snowville Christian Church (DOC - Disciples of Christ)
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Hiwassee, VA 24347
Pastor: Jerry King
Website:
www.SnowvilleChristianChurch.com
(and Facebook)
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Dublin, VA 24084
Pastor Wallis Brown
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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
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www.facebook.com/maxcreekbaptist
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Youth Minister: Charlie Prince
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Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
Teen Social and Class: 5 p.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study & Classes: 7 p.m.

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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
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Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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Email: pastor@pulaskipca.org
Website: www.pulaskipca.org
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Worship Service: 11:00am

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Wednesday Bible Study: 6 p.m.

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Dublin, VA 24084
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and it means what it says. Maybe some think the Church should be decorated one way and others may want it decorated another way. Things like this are merely differences of opinion and it's not sinful, unless it causes us to fall out with one another over it.

James is not just speaking of having differences of opinion. He is addressing conflicts within the Church. He is teaching that true Christians do not fight against one another. One man said, "If I had wanted to fight I would have joined the Army."

Paul also preached against conflicts going on in the Church. He said in 1 Cor. 1:10, "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."

There shouldn't be strife or contentions in the body of Christ, for we are all members of the same body. It's the same way with Church members. We should all be working together, in unity, for the good of the whole body of Christ.

Instead of fighting with one another, the bible says that we are to live at peace with one another, insofar as it is possible. Romans 12:18 says, "If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men." Now granted, it may not always be possible but as far as our part goes, we should do all that we can to live at peace with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

We are supposed to be fore-bearing one another in love, and not wounding one another. Jesus taught that love is the Mark of a Disciple. By this shall all men know that ye are My Disciples IF you have love one to another. (John 13:35)

A life lived for worldly pleasure is a most unsatisfying life. The most satisfying life anyone can ever live is a life lived for God. There's nothing else as satisfying as knowing that we're saved and on our way to heaven. Being saved is a blessed life. It's a wonderful life. It's an abundant life. Being saved is the best thing that can ever happen to anyone.

Bible Trivia

1. Is the book of Job in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. The book of Hebrews tells us to entertain strangers as they may be ...? Demons, Angels, Prophets, Reincarnated
3. From Genesis 17:15, what was the name of Abraham's wife? Ruth, Anna, Abigail, Sarah
4. Which book of the New Testament is divided into three parts? Corinthians, Timothy, Peter, John
5. In Mark 5:30, who said, "Who touched my clothes"? Jesus, John the Baptist, David, Solomon
6. What was the name of Seth's son, thus Adam's grandson? Eliam, Eadbard, Enosh, Eadmer


ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Angels; 3) Sarah; 4) John; 5) Jesus; 6) Enosh

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The heavens are calling and God is speaking

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: What does it mean that God "reveals" Himself to people? - G.R.


A: In every good novel or play, there must be a conflict. Even Shakespeare could not have created a more powerful plot than the divine dilemma. We know that man is sinful and separated from God. Because God is holy, He couldn't automatically forgive or ignore man's rebellion. Because God is love, He couldn't com-

pletely cast man aside. Conflict. How could God be just and the justifier?

Does God speak to us? Does He tell us where He is--how we can find Him--how we can be right with Him? He does, indeed, tell us about Himself and His loving concern. He reveals Himself to the human race through His Word. The very word "revelation" means "to make known," "to unveil." Revelation requires a "revealer," who in this case is God.

It also requires "hearers"--the

My Answer



Billy Graham

chosen prophets and apostles who recorded in the Bible what the Lord told them. Revelation is communication in which God is at one end and man is at the other. In the revelation that God established between Himself and us we can find a new dimension of living,

but we must "tune in." Levels of living we have never attained await us. Peace, satisfaction, and joy we have never experienced are available to us.

The heavens are calling and God is speaking. Are we attuned to His voice? It has been said that in order to tune in to God's voice, we must tune out this world's noise. When God speaks to us, He should have our full attention.

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

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



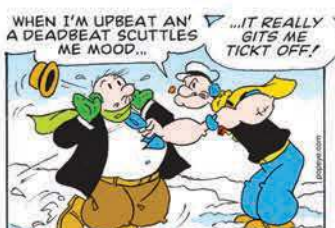
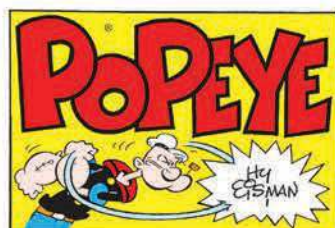
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SCRAMBLERS

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

Swap
DATER
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Unrelated
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Static
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TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Shade
- 4 Frontiersman Crockett
- 8 Pocket bread
- 12 100 percent
- 13 Dutch cheese
- 14 Pedestal occupant
- 15 Cowboy's sweetie
- 16 Do math
- 18 Slowpoke
- 20 Hydrocarbon suffix
- 21 Cushions
- 24 Persian Gulf emirate
- 28 Nutritional label info
- 32 Flamingo's color
- 33 Copper head?
- 34 Lauder of cosmetics
- 36 Summer on the Seine
- 37 Guns the engine
- 39 Toe of Italy's boot
- 41 Fashion
- 43 Hit with a stun gun
- 44 Ms. Thurman
- 46 Gossip
- 50 Baseball's "Iron Man"
- 55 Deluge refuge
- 56 Now, in a memo

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- 57 Cowboy's neckwear
- 58 Luau bowlful
- 59 Quick swims
- 60 Winter blanket
- 61 Novelist Rand
- 8 Accumulate
- 9 Hollywood's
- 10 Nanny's charge
- 11 Hearty quaff
- 17 German conjunction
- 19 Wall St. debut
- 22 Platter
- 23 Attack
- 25 Coffin stand
- 26 Con
- 27 Furniture brand
- 28 2006 Pixar film
- 29 Help a hood
- 30 Tax
- 31 Actress Ward
- 35 "Calm down!"
- 38 Drinks noisily
- 40 Spell-off
- 42 Brit. record label
- 45 LAPD alerts
- 47 Wine valley
- 48 Helen's home
- 49 Related
- 50 Scoundrel
- 51 "— was say-ing ..."
- 52 Napkin's place
- 53 "— Tiki"
- 54 "Evil Woman" band

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top ten

COLLEGE FOOTBALL STADIUMS BY TEAM

1. Michigan Wolverines
2. Penn State Nittany Lions
3. Ohio State Buckeyes
4. Texas A&M Aggies
5. Tennessee Volunteers
6. LSU Tigers
7. Texas Longhorns
8. Alabama Crimson Tide
9. Georgia Bulldogs
10. UCLA Bruins

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

1. Trade 2. Spartan; solution

3. Latent 4. Radio

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 G

KXW TCVOFWTJ IF GFDI FXI IQT

SFBYXGHBK HBYF KPIQDTJ FB

DTSFB CHGGHFBG:

PB HBITO VDFSTGGFD.

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. ANATOMY: How many ribs are in the human body?
2. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What kind of animal is a flying fox?
3. GEOGRAPHY: In which body of water does the island of Malta lie?
4. U.S. STATES: What animal is featured on the state flag of Louisiana?
5. TELEVISION: What was the name of the fictional airline whose jet crashed on an island in "Lost"?
6. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president ran on the slogan "Vote Yourself a Farm and Horses"?
7. MOVIES: What is the name of Thor's hammer in the earlier "Avengers" movies?
8. FOOD & DRINK: The "Iron Chef" TV cooking show originated in which country?
9. HISTORY: In what year did the Cold War end?
10. SCIENCE: What weather condition is measured in millibars?

King Crossword

Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers

1. Anatomy: 24
2. Animal Kingdom: Flying fox
3. Geography: Mediterranean Sea
4. U.S. States: Pelican
5. Television: Oceanic Airlines
6. U.S. Presidents: Abraham Lincoln
7. Movies: Mjolnir
8. Food & Drink: Japan
9. History: 1989
10. Science: Atmospheric pressure

Americanisms

"Whoever came up with ice fishing must have had the worst marriage on the planet."
— Jeff Cesario

CryptoQuip

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Guy employed to sort out the
answer

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: JOHANN SEBASTIAN —

- Beethoven
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Brahms
Chopin
- Debussy
Handel
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Liszt
- Mendelssohn
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CryptoQuote

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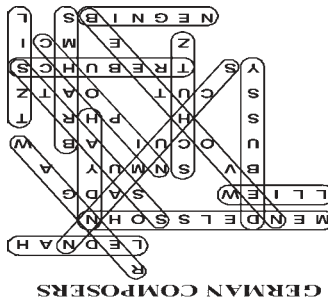
One letter stands for another. In this sample, **A** is used for the three L's, **X** for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

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RXGNTQKXGX KIN FOXMROMN
KIOK WLR'TN QSXMSXM SX,
KINW QKSFF AXLC MLLG DRQSP
CINX KINW INOT SK.

— FLR TOCFQ

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Even if people don't understand the language that you're singing in, they still know good music when they hear it.
— Lou Rawls



Cryptoquote answer

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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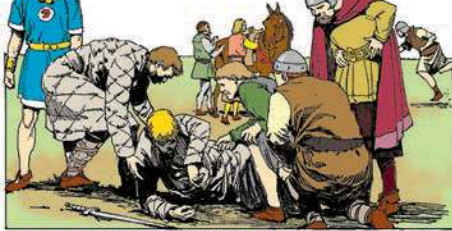
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It's Too Late!
Prince Valiant
BY GAWAIN AND SCHALTZ

DID HE PRESS HIS DUELING OPPONENT TOO HARD? HE FEELS DRAGO'S REPROACHFUL GLARE ...



...BUT IT IS THE ACCUSING EYES OF THE SQUIRES THAT HURT MOST. DO ALL FEEL HE IS SOMEHOW TO BLAME?



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TIGER

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Brown v. Board of Education
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The Brown v. Board of Education Scholarship Program was established by the Virginia General Assembly in 2004 to provide educational opportunities for persons who were denied an education in Virginia between 1954 and 1964 due to the closing of the public schools during Massive Resistance. The program is now open to eligible applicants for the 2022–2023 school year. For applications and information on eligibility, visit: BROWNSCHOLARSHIP.VIRGINIA.GOV

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Hall

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in 86 years.

He's the fourth Hall of Famer born in the Dominican Republic, joining Juan Marichal, Martinez and Vladimir Guerrero.

"I can imagine how New England has to feel about one of its babies getting into the Hall of Fame today," Ortiz said. "I'm not even going to tell you about the Dominican Republic."

The left-handed hitter was signed by Seattle as a teenager and traded to Minnesota as a minor leaguer. He made his major league debut with the Twins in 1997 but hardly looked like a future Hall of Famer there. He was released in 2002, signed a free agent deal with Boston and slugged 31 homers the next season.

Ortiz said he joined the Red Sox to learn what made stars like Martinez, Manny Ramirez and Nomar Garciaparra great. Martinez helped pave the way, encouraging first-year general manager Theo Epstein to sign the 6-foot-3 slugger.

"Once I figured it out, it was going to be a wrap," Ortiz said. "That team was surrounded by so many superstars, and I went in there like a sponge ready to learn."

Martinez became a mentor for his countryman. Now, they share the honor of being first-ballot inductees.

"I feel so proud to have been your teammate, to have been your brother, to have been someone there for you when you needed me," Martinez said. "I'm so glad I have you in my life."

"Well deserved," he added. "Welcome to Cooperstown."

Ortiz batted .286 with 541 home runs with Boston and Minnesota while making 88% of his plate appearances as a designated hitter, the most by anyone in the Hall. He passes Edgar Martinez, who was a DH for 71.7% of his plate appearances.

Ortiz also has performance-enhancing drug baggage, but enough

voters chose to ignore a positive test that came during survey testing in 2003 that was supposed to be anonymous. Ortiz has denied using steroids, and Commissioner Rob Manfred said in 2016 "I think it would be wrong" to exclude him from the Hall of Fame based on that lone test.

"I never failed a test, so what does that tell you?" Ortiz said.

Ortiz will be enshrined in Cooperstown, New York, on July 24 along with era committee selections Buck O'Neil, Minnie Miñoso, Gil Hodges, Tony Oliva, Jim Kaat and Bud Fowler.

Bonds, Clemens and Curt Schilling were all rejected in their 10th and final year on the BBWAA ballot. Bonds is the league's career home run leader and Clemens won a record seven Cy Young Awards, but voters denied them the game's highest honor over suspicions they used PEDs. Bonds got 66% of the vote, and Clemens was at 65.2%.

"My family and I put the HOF in the rear view mirror ten years ago," Clemens said on Twitter. "Hopefully everyone can now close this book and keep their eyes forward focusing on what is really important in life."

Schilling's support dropped off sharply after he finished 16 votes shy in 2021. Many voters chose not to back the right-hander due to hateful remarks he has made in retirement toward Muslims, transgender people, journalists and others.

Schilling asked the Hall to remove him from this year's voting, but he remained an option. He was named on 58.6% of ballots, down from 71.1% last year.

"I say it every year and especially this year, focus on who did get in," Schilling tweeted. "@davidortiz deserved a 1st ballot induction! Congratulations my friend you earned it! #bigpapiHoF"

Bonds, Clemens and Schilling are done on the BBWAA ballot, but they will be considered again next year by the Today's Game era committee. The 16-person committee of Hall members, executives and veteran media members will

convene in December to consider players who played between 1988-2016 and are no longer eligible for BBWAA selection.

"Not having them join me is hard for me to believe," Ortiz said of Bonds and Clemens. "Those guys did it all."

Among other first-timers on the ballot, Alex Rodriguez and Jimmy Rollins got the most support.

Rodriguez won three MVPs and hit 696 homers, fourth most of all time, but also has PED use clouding his case. He was banned by Major League Baseball for the entire 2014 season after violating the league's drug policy. Voters named him on 34.3% of ballots.

Rollins, a four-time Gold Glove winner with Philadelphia, appeared on 9.4% of ballots and was the only other first-timer to earn the 5% necessary to remain under consideration. Joe Nathan, Tim Lincecum and Ryan Howard were among 10 one-and-done players.

The only others to earn more than 50% support were third baseman Scott Rolen (63.2%, up from 52.9%), first baseman Todd Helton (52%, up from 44.9%) and reliever Billy Wagner (51%, up from 46.4%). Outfielder Andruw Jones also made gains, rising to 41.1% from 33.9%.

Next year's ballot will introduce a new wrinkle of controversy when Carlos Beltrán joins the list. The nine-time All-Star was punished by MLB prior to the 2020 season and fired as manager of the New York Mets for his leading role in the Houston Astros' sign-stealing scandal.

Beltrán is likely to be joined on the ballot by John Lackey, Jered Weaver, Jacoby Ellsbury and Jayson Werth.

US economy grew 5.7% in 2021

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. economy grew last year at the fastest pace since Ronald Reagan's presidency, bouncing back with resilience from 2020's brief but devastating coronavirus recession.

The nation's gross domestic product — its total output of goods and services — expanded 5.7% in 2021. It was the strongest calendar-year growth since a 7.2% surge in 1984 after a previous recession.

The economy ended the year by growing at an unexpectedly brisk 6.9% annual pace from October through December as businesses replenished their inventories, the Commerce Dept. reported.

"It just goes to show that the U.S. economy has learned to adapt to the new variants and continues to produce," said Beth Ann Bovino, chief economist at Standard & Poor's Global Ratings.

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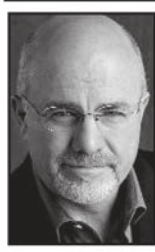
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How much dirt, and how much house?

Dear Dave,

My wife and I own a small catering business. We have a few big corporations as clients, and our company has been very successful over the last two or three years. Now, we are planning to build a house. I was wondering what you think about how much should be spent on the land itself versus the construction of the actual house.



Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

Dear Lee,

When the whole thing is done, the payment you end up with shouldn't be more than 25% of your take-home pay on a 15-year, fixed-rate loan. The ratio of land to house can vary, and that part's up to you. If you're buying a big piece of land, you're probably going to have a higher ratio of land cost to home cost than if you bought a simple lot and put a really nice home there.

stressful and prevents you from living your best life!

— Dave

* Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 18 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.

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The only rule here is my rule about mortgage payments. Again, no more than 25% of your take-home pay on a fixed-rate, 15-year note. Otherwise, you can end up house poor. And when you're house poor, it takes away your ability to save, build wealth, and give.

Having a big house and a lot of land is cool if you can afford it, Lee. But it's not worth it if it's financially

— **Weekly SUDOKU** —

Answer

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