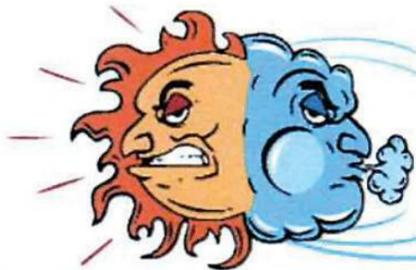


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Hall appointed by board to be Cloyd Supervisor

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

Adam Hall has been selected as the new Board of Supervisors member from the Cloyd District.

Hall was one of four people who applied for the Cloyd seat.

"I'm very excited to be here," said Hall after the board voted 4-0 to appoint him to the board.

Hall said he is a lifelong resident of Pulaski County, who graduated from Virginia Tech with a degree in engineering.

Hall has 24 years experience in engineering and project management and is employed by Northrup Grumman at the Radford Army Ammunition Plant.

He and his wife, Leigh Ann, have two daughters. They reside in Stone Ridge in Pulaski County.

Hall noted he is excited for where Pulaski County has been going.

"Progressing with tourism, recreation and providing a good place to work, good place to live, and I want to be part of that winning team," he said.

The Cloyd District seat on the five-member board came open after the start of the new year when former supervisor Joe Guthrie announced he was leaving the board to take a job in the new administration of Gov. Glenn Youngkin.



See HALL, page A2 Adam Hall

WEEKEND WEATHER

Saturday

Partly sunny, with a high near 51.

Saturday Night - A chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 26. Chance of precipitation is 40%.

Sunday

A chance of snow before 10am. Partly sunny, with a high near 34. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

Sunday Night - Partly cloudy, with a low around 15.

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Pulaski County libraries in Pulaski, Dublin go fine free

By SHEENA JOHNSON
Public Services Coordinator,
Pulaski County Library System

The Pulaski County Library System, which includes the Pulaski Library and the Charles and Ona B. Free Memorial Library, has made the leap to a fine free future for the patrons of their system. The Pulaski County Library System is the first library within the New River Valley to do away with all patron fines, breaking down the barrier that can be created by fine accrual.

The PCLS Board of Trustees voted to eliminate fines on January 25, 2022 and have since made strides toward achieving that goal, with the date of March 1, 2022 as the hopeful launch of this new policy change. The library system feels that fines create barriers for all members of the community but that lower income families truly feel the weight of those fines the most. The American Library Association states that, "Imposing any financial barrier may disadvantage users, and libraries of all types—public,

school, and academic—should consider eliminating barriers that limit access to library resources and other services". (ALA, 2019)

As many other libraries have gone fine free throughout the state, and the country, the Pulaski County Library System has been keeping an eye on how things developed within other library systems so that they better knew how to deal with this issue in their own community. Jena Coalson, Youth Librarian for PCLS, states, "I have been keeping tabs on the progress of public libraries going fine free for the past couple of years, but, what really inspired me to push for this change in our own library system was hearing about the number of children in our county who are not reading at

grade level". The PCLS felt that this was a significant endeavor to pursue and they are excited to say that they can be a part of this new era of fine elimination and truly equal access for all members of the Pulaski community.

Though excited about the new transition, the PCLS will await to see how this new process will affect the return times on library materials. Hopes are high that this will not alter the processes that have been set in place for so long and that all patrons will generously abide by the time that is allotted for materials. The PCLS feels that the process will go smoothly as they have great faith in their patrons and community. They hope that this en-

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One escapee still loose

Patriot Staff Report

As of Wednesday, Sullivan County, Tennessee authorities are still searching Johnny Shane Brown – one of three inmates who escaped from the Sullivan County Jail last Friday.

Two of the inmates – Tobias Wayne Carr, 38 of Kingsport, Tenn. and Timothy Allen Sarver, 45 of Pulaski – were killed last Saturday following a convenience store robbery in North Carolina.

According to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office, Sarver was in jail on charges of auto theft, identity theft, drug paraphernalia and unlawful carrying of a weapon.

According to authorities, after the convenience store robbery, Sarver and Carr, who was in jail for the murder of his wife in 2019, led police on a multi-jurisdictional pursuit before the vehicle was disabled in the Wilmington, N.C. area.

Authorities said additional details on the chase and Sarver's and Carr's death would be released when possible.

Brown was in jail on charges of failure to appear, driving on suspended or revoked license, harassment, violation of order of protection, domestic assault, aggravated stalking

Anyone with information concerning his location is asked to call 1-800-TBI-FIND.

A reward of \$7,500 is being offered for information leading



Timothy Sarver

to his arrest.

At one point during the search for the escapees, Sullivan County law enforcement posted on its Facebook page that the three were believed to be in a white Chevy truck and had possibly been spotted in the Pulaski and New River Valley area.

Brown, 50 (birthdate 6/14/71), is described as 5'11", 200 pounds, brown eyes with gray hair.

According to Sullivan County Sheriff Jeff Cassidy, the inmates escaped from the jail through an HVAC air vent on the roof of the building, which was accessed through the ceiling of their cell.

"While we cannot release specifics about our operational patterns for the safety of our staff, we can say that a combination of facility failure and human error resulted in the inmates being



Tobias Carr



Johnny Brown

able to escape in the manner that they did," Cassidy stated in a press release.

Sullivan County, Tenn. borders Virginia in the Bristol area.

Lawmakers defeat bills making transgender student policies optional

By GRACE BOST
Capital News Service

RICHMOND, Va. – Virginia lawmakers blocked legislation that would allow school boards to opt out from policies and guidelines developed by the Virginia Department of Education to make K-12 environments more inclusive for transgender and nonbinary students.

Committee votes for the similar House and Senate measures mostly came down to party lines.

The Senate bill was defeated 8-5 in committee. The House bill was approved by a subcommittee vote, but in committee the bill's passage was deadlocked 11-11 when one Republican voted against the measure.

The proposed bills kept the VDOE guidelines but allowed school boards the authority not to adopt them.

Lawmakers passed legislation in 2020 requiring the VDOE to develop policies to ensure in-

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New Hampshire man dies of Jan. 31 crash injuries

At 2:27 p.m. on Jan. 31, Virginia State Police responded to a single-vehicle crash on the I-81 ramp for Exit 94.

A 2011 Hyundai Tucson was traveling south on I-81 when it took Exit 94 for Route 99. The Hyundai ran off the left side of the ramp, overturned and struck a tree.

The driver, Gerald P. Kinney, 74, of Dalton, N.H., was transported to Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital where on Feb. 3, he succumbed to his injuries. He was wearing a seatbelt.

Speed is considered a factor in the crash. The crash remains under investigation.

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deavor will welcome more school age children to take advantage of library services with an ease that, perhaps, was not felt before with fine accrual. Dr. Kevin Siers, Superintendent of Pulaski County Public Schools, states that, "If this move encourages even one student to check out more books it will have been a worthwhile endeavor".

Going forward, the Pulaski County Library will provide fine free accounts for all patrons although this does not eliminate the fees associated with Inter-library Loans and damaged or lost materials. The Library will provide the answers to some frequently asked questions on their

website and at both library locations to address any concerns that the public may have about this transition. The absence of fines will be a continued effort and the PCLS hopes that this progression encourages everyone to drop in, get a library card, attend a program, or even visit the library again to sort out fines that once were.

PCLS Director Sally Warburton concludes that "I hope eliminating fines will bring new people into our libraries and allow previous users to return". Fine forgiveness is a fine thing to do and the PCLS is certainly glad that they are finally a part of the movement.

Hall

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Guthrie will serve as the new head of the state's Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

The move resulted in Ingles District Supervisor Laura Walters being elevated by the board to chairman, and Draper District Supervisor Dirk Compton to vice chairman.

Hall now will serve as Cloyd Supervisor until a special election can be held in November.

The winner of that special election will then serve for the last year of Guthrie's original term.

The same holds true for Robinson District Supervisor Jeff Reeves who was recently appointed to take over that seat left vacant by Charles Bopp's retirement due to health concerns.

All supervisor seats will be filled for four-year terms in November of 2023.

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Fire department in spotlight during council meeting

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

After a long, closed executive session Pulaski Town Council met in open session for just over 17 minutes last Tuesday – and the town's fire department commanded the discussion.

During the executive session, which began two hours before the open session, council discussed six items. They included a personnel matter, one item involving acquisition/disposition of publicly held property, an item on a prospective industry not previously announced, two items involving the discussion/

consideration of investment of public funds where competition is involved, and one item involving consultation with legal counsel pertaining to actual or probable litigation.

Once back in open session, Town Manager Darlene Burcham introduced council to the town's new fire chief, Jeff Conner.

Conner's first day as chief of the town's Fire Department was Feb. 1.

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.

Previously Conner served as a Firefighter/EMT for Albemarle County Fire Rescue and the City of Lexington Fire Department.

He has an associate's degree in Fire and EMS Technology, holds fire and EMS certifications, has worked with volunteers, and served as an arson investigator with numerous other certifications.

Conner takes over the reins of the department from former chief Robbie Kiser who chose to return to his first love, firefighting, as a Captain in the department.

Next, Fire Marshal Todd Garwood was recognized by council on his retirement, which also took effect on Feb. 1.

Garwood's service to the town included serving as a volunteer firefighter, a career engineer/firefighter and as Fire Marshal.

He served first as a volunteer for a total of five years. He joined the department as a paid full-time engineer/firefighter on Jan. 28, 2002. He served in that capacity until he was promoted to Fire Sergeant on April 14, 2008. He was promoted again on July 6, 2009 to the position of Fire Marshal where he served until his retirement.

Town Council unanimously approved a resolution honoring Garwood upon his retirement.

The resolution states, "Town



Photo courtesy Robbie Kiser

Pulaski Mayor Shannon Collins (left) presents retiring Fire Marshal Todd Garwood with a framed copy of a resolution honoring him for his years of service to the town.

Council extends its sincerest thanks and appreciation to Fire Marshall Todd Garwood for his dedicated service in preserving both life and property of the citizens of the Town of Pulaski as a member of the Pulaski Fire De-

partment and as Fire Marshal."

Council's next meeting will be a work session to be held Tuesday, Feb. 15 with a closed session beginning at 5 p.m. and open public session at 6:30 p.m.



PCPC launches appreciation week effort for schools

By MIKE WADE
PCPC Member

This week, the Pulaski Community Partners Coalition (PCPC) is launching an initiative to recognize the educators, administrators, and other staff who work with Pulaski County Public Schools.

Over the next seven weeks, volunteers with PCPC and others in the community will be teaming up to provide school employees with small tokens of appreciation, including hand-written thank you notes, signs, a free lunch, and more. The "School Appreciation Weeks" will be

conducted at each of the county's seven public schools, concluding on Friday, March 25 – which also happens to be "Pulaski County Proud Day."

PCPC is a group of community volunteers and stakeholders who have a shared concern for the overall well-being of the community, with a particular emphasis on the prevention and reduction of substance use among youth. Over the years, PCPC has conducted a coffee/waffle bar at the annual "After-Prom Party," as well as the back-to-school pool parties for local middle school students at Randolph Park, and the yearly ob-

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clusive environments for K-12 students. Schools, in accordance with the policies, must allow students to use the name, pronouns and facilities that align with their gender identity. The policies also require schools to eliminate the practice of segregating students by gender in extracurricular activities, including sports, with the exception of Virginia High School League sports.

Multiple school boards voted to reject the VDOE policies last year, including Hanover, Augusta and Russell counties.

"If a locality decides to adopt a model policy, let them," Del. Scott Wyatt, R-Hanover, said to the panel. "We should respect those folks and the school board that they elect in that particular county to choose whether they decide to adopt a particular policy."

The Virginia chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union launched a suit against the Hanover County School Board

shortly after a vote last year not to implement the policies.

Transgender youth would be negatively impacted if school boards throughout the state were not required to adopt the policies, according to Virginia ACLU policy and legislative counsel Breanna Diaz.

"I think it signals to youth that their rights, their dignity and their respect is not recognized," Diaz said. "I think it would perpetuate discrimination, harassment and bullying that trans youth are disproportionately already impacted by compared to their cisgender peers."

The proposed bills would have contributed to a school environment where bullying against transgender children festers, Kelly Carter Merrill, a Hanover county parent of a transgender student stated in a news release.

"By rejecting this legislation, our school districts will be compelled to continue to work toward building an inclusive school cli-

mate for my child and other transgender students," Merrill stated.

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Draper resident graduates with honors from JMU

HARRISONBURG -- Michael Medlin of Draper, VA, graduated Magna Cum Laude with a degree(s) in graphic design from James Madison University during commencement exercises on December 18, 2021.

Medlin was among more than 890 students who received undergraduate, master's, educational specialist and doctoral degrees.

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WILLIAM DEAN DUNAGAN

William Dean Dunagan, 87 of Pulaski, Virginia passed away on Saturday, February 5, 2022, peacefully at his home.

Born December 16, 1935, He was the son of the late Robert Elmer Dunagan and Grace Aileen Whitaker Dunagan. He was also preceded in death by his wife Mary Roope Dunagan and his brother Robert Conley Dunagan, son in law Ricky Edmonds and life time friend Ann Meredith.

He served in the United States Air Force and retired from the Radford Army Ammunition Plant. He was also a member of Heritage Church in Dublin. Bill loved Gatewood Park, fishing, camping, and playing cards with family.

Left to cherish his memory is his stepbrother Fred Newman (Mary Lou) and his daughters Susan Edmonds and family (Taylor Leeann and Ryker Mae), Dedra Wade (Billy). A son Michael Dunagan, a stepson James Roope (Julie) and family and a stepdaughter Sharon Roope and family.

He is also survived by 6 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at Thornspring United Methodist Church Cemetery on Friday, February 11, 2022, at 2:00 PM officiated by Robbie Vance, Chaplain at the Medi Health Home & Hospice. Military Rites will be offered by Pulaski VFW Post 1184.

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

LINDA JOYCE LOVERN

Linda Joyce Lovern, 76 of Pulaski went to be with Jesus on Friday February 4, 2022. Linda was born on April 27, 1945 and was a lifelong resident of Pulaski County. She served our community well with her passion of cooking which she enjoyed most of her life. Linda also enjoyed serving the Lord at Grace Ministries in Pulaski.

In heaven, Linda will be reunited with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Brook Stevens as well as her son, John Owens and her daughter, Lynn Owens. She will also be joining her stepson, Greg Lovern as well as several brothers and sisters.

While celebrating her life, her husband of 26 years, James "Frankie" Lovern will certainly be mourning her passing along



JIMMY HAROLD BARNETTE

Jimmy Harold Barnette, age 81 of Dublin passed away Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at the Lewis-Gale Medical Center, Salem. Born September 1, 1940 in Richlands, Virginia he was the son of the late Glenn Harold Barnette & Leila Mae Boardwine Barnette. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Larry Barnette.

Jimmy was a veteran of the United States Army and was retired from the United States Postal Service in Radford with 30 years of service.

He is survived by his
Wife – Brenda Jerlene Chrisley Barnette – Dublin

Children – Alisa Barnette and special family friend, Susan Morris – Vinton, VA,
Tim (Cindy) Barnette – Radford

Grandchildren – Brooke (Dylan) McDaniel, Lindsey (Cody) Smythers

Great Grandchildren – Patrick and Elizabeth McDaniel

Sisters – Bonnie Werner – Pulaski, Gayle (Steve) Buchanan – Pulaski

Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM – Friday, February 11, 2022 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Rodger Hogan officiating. Interment will follow at the Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin where he will receive military honors.

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

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

with her daughters Jennie Hopkins and Tina Cox.

Linda is also survived by two stepdaughters Kathrine Bates and Samantha Young; and a stepson Travis Lovern, all of whom are from Pulaski.

Other survivors include grandchildren Breeden Hopkins of Montgomery County and Sky Hopkins of Pulaski County.

Per the request of Linda, there will be no visitation or services. Inurnment will be private at a later date.

The Lovern Family is under the care of Norris Stevens Funeral Services in Pulaski. To have your name added to the list of condolences for the family, please call 540-980-2600.



LIZA ALICE GRAHAM COBLE

Liza Alice Graham Coble, age 81 of Dublin passed away Monday, February 7, 2022 at the Highland Ridge Rehabilitation Center, Dublin. Born March 11, 1940 in Wythe County she was the daughter of the late Frank Richard Graham & Mattie Ethel Grimes Graham. She was also preceded in death by her husband, James Early Coble, brother, Robert Lee Graham and grandson, Ricky Coble.

She is survived by her
Children – David Lee Coble & fiancée, Regina Dickerson – Dublin, Jerry & Jeanette Coble – Pulaski, Nancy Ann Coble – Dublin

Grandchildren – David Ryan Coble, Justin Coble, Joshua Coble

Step Grandchildren – Stephanie Payne, Sabrina Parnell, Jonathan Dickerson

4 Step Great Grandchildren
Sisters – Dorothy (Tom) Akers – NC, Penny (Allen) Cowan – Dublin

Several nieces and nephews

Funeral services will be 2:30 PM – Friday, February 11, 2022 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Chaplain Bobby Ward officiating. Interment will follow at the Osborne Cemetery (Greenbrier Road – Carroll County).

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

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

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

JAMES L. MCMILLAN

The legendary James L. McMillan, "child genius," passed away January 22, 2022 at home with his loving wife, Joyce by his side.

The family will hold a private graveside service with a celebration of life to take place this summer.

May all those touched by his many acts of kindness join the family then.

LINDA LYTTON CLARK

Linda Lytton Clark, 75, of Dublin, passed away Tuesday, February 1, 2022.

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



FRANK RUDOLPH BIBB

Frank Rudolph Bibb, age 71 of Pulaski passed away Sunday, February 6, 2022 at the Lewis-Gale Hospital – Montgomery. Born December 3, 1950 in Radford, Virginia he was the son of the late Rudolph Frank Bibb & Margaret Marie Barlow Bibb. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Charles "Rusty" Bibb.

Frank was a veteran of the Army National Guard, serving 6 years for his country. He then worked in the grocery industry his whole life, starting at the age of 15 years old with Wades Foods. He most recently was at Food City, Pulaski.

He loved the outdoors, playing golf, walking the nature trails and loved to travel.

He is survived by his
Sons – Patrick Bibb – Fond du Lac, WI, Kevin (Denise) Bibb – Five Points, Alabama

Grandchildren – Luan Bibb, Erika Alvarez, Christy Bibb, Erica Sweatt, Erin (Brandon) Haynes

Great Grandchildren – Emery & Ezra Haynes, Abel Payne

Dear Friend and Companion – Melissa Bibb

Brothers & Sisters – Michael (Cindy) Bibb – Roanoke, Paul (Robin) Bibb – Pilot, Louise (Jimmy) Traylor – Southerland, VA, Freda (Jerry) Barker – Radford, VA, Grace (Ron) Young – Pembroke, Violet (Roger) Sadler – Dublin

Stepmother – Carrie (Tommy) Main – Radford

Sister-in-law – Sherry (Kenny) Tabor – Dublin

Graveside funeral services were held Thursday, February 10, 2022 at the Sunset Cemetery, Christiansburg with Pastor Jay Ledbetter officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to St. Jude Children's Hospital @ www.stjude.org

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

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



NICHOLAS BRIAN YATES

Nicholas Brian Yates, age 42 of Pulaski passed away Thursday, February 3, 2022 as the result of a automobile accident. Born March 28, 1979 in Radford, Virginia he was the son of the late Larry Dudley Yates & Verona "Sissy" Goad Yates. He was also preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Wiley & Norma Goad, paternal grandfather, Robert Yates.

"Nick" was an electrician at Volvo Truck. He was a very dedicated husband, father and "paw paw".

He is survived by his
Wife – Candi Yates – Pulaski

Daughters – Brooke (Gavin) Miller, Mackenzie Knight & Caleb Nalls, Makenna Yates

Grandsons – Isaac Martin, Lane Nalls

Brother – Eric (Melanie) Yates

Grandmother – Virginia "Granny Ting" Yates

Nieces – Gracie Yates, Josie Yates and Ava Alvarez

Nephew – BJ Alvarez

Mother-in-law – Dreama Fields

Sister-in-law – Audrey Fields

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Memorial services were held Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel with Rev. Kelly Howlett officiating.

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Sunday: Don't fumble on food safety

**By Sandy Stoneman,
Family and Consumer
Science Extension Agent
for Food Safety**

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 - Wash your cutting boards, dishes, and countertops with hot, soapy water after preparing each food item.
 - Wash or scrub fruits and vegetables under running water – even if you do not plan to eat the peel – so dirt and germs on the surface do not get inside when you cut.
- 2. Cook it well.**
 - Cooking food to the proper temperature gets rid of harmful germs. Use a food thermometer to check meat and microwaved dishes on your menu.
 - Make sure chicken wings (and any other poultry) reach a minimum internal temperature of 165°F and that ground beef items reach 160°F.
 - Follow frozen food package cooking directions when cooking in microwave.
- 3. Keep it safe.**
 - If preparing food in advance, divide cooked food into shallow containers and store in a refrigerator or freezer until the party begins. This encourages rapid, even

- cooling.
 - Keep hot foods at 140°F or warmer. Use chafing dishes, slow cookers, and warming trays to keep food hot on the buffet table.
 - Keep cold foods, like salsa and guacamole, at 40°F or colder. Use small service trays or nest serving dishes in bowls of ice.
 - Getting takeout or delivery? Make sure to keep hot foods hot, and cold foods cold.
 - Divide large pots of food, such as soups or stews, and large cuts of meats, such as roasts or whole poultry, into small quantities for refrigeration to allow them to cool quickly and minimize time in the temperature “danger zone” between 40°F and 140°F.
- 4. Watch the time.**
 - Follow recommended cooking and standing times.
 - “Cold spots”—areas that are not completely cooked—can harbor germs.
 - Always follow directions for any additional “standing time”—the extra minutes food should rest to finish cooking.
 - Track the time that food stays on the buffet.
 - Throw away any perishable foods that have been out at room temperature for two hours or more.
- 5. Avoid mix-ups.**
 - Separate raw meats from ready-to-eat foods like veggies when preparing, serving, or storing foods.
 - Make sure to use separate cutting boards, plates, and knives for produce and for raw meat, poultry, seafood, and eggs.
 - Offer guests serving utensils and small plates to discourage them from eating directly from the bowls with dips and salsa.
- 6. Store and reheat leftovers the**

- right way.
 - Divide leftovers into smaller portions or pieces, place in shallow containers, and refrigerate or freeze.
 - Refrigerate leftover foods at 40°F or below as soon as possible and within two hours of preparation. It's OK to put hot foods directly into the refrigerator.
 - Refrigerate leftovers for three to four days at most. Freeze leftovers if you won't be eating them soon.
 - Reheat leftovers to at least 165°F before serving. This includes leftovers warmed up in the

microwave.
A Recipe for Fresh Salsa— Remember to Refrigerate
Serving salsa on game day? Try this recipe for fresh salsa that uses fresh garlic and fresh lime juice. Remember to refrigerate any homemade salsa until it's time to serve. Nest the bowl in ice on the serving table or make sure you follow the two-hour rule.
Ingredients
18 fresh Roma tomatoes
1 medium jalapeño pepper,
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AGNES GERLDINE DALTON RUMLEY

Agnes Gerldine Dalton Rumley, age 80 of Pulaski, died Thursday evening, February 3, 2022 at Pulaski Health and Rehabilitation Center. She was born on April 25, 1941 in Draper, and was the daughter of the late Maggie Ida Marshall Dalton and the late Garfield Dalton. Agnes surrounded her life taking care of her family, and spent wonderful moments while attending International Pentecostal Holliness Church in Pulaski.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son; Curtis Lee Rumley, a daughter; Lisa Ann Gunter; brothers; Burrely Dalton and Everette Dalton.

She is survived by a daughter; Robin (Darrin) Thorne of Pulaski; sisters; Lorraine D. Kemp of High Point, NC, and Juanita D. McRoberts of Baltimore, MD. Also survived by three grandchildren; Heather (Zach) Peaslee of Draper, Dalton Thorne of Pulaski, Brittany Thorne of Pulaski, and two great-grandchildren; Karoline Peaslee and Addie Peaslee.

The family wishes to hold a private graveside service at Dry Pond Cemetery in Dugspur, with the Rev. Johnny Howlett officiating. There will be no public visitation.

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

BERTHA JANE MARTIN

Bertha Jane Martin, age 73 of Dublin passed away Monday, February 7, 2022 at her home. Born August 18, 1948 in Montgomery County she was the daughter of the late Daniel Clayton Martin & Loretta Lawson Woodring. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Lewis Henry Elbertson, sister, Susie Jewell, brothers, Daniel Earl Martin, Jerry Martin and stepfather, Harold Woodring.

She is survived by her Brothers – Norman Martin – Christiansburg, Phillip Martin – Blacksburg

Sister – Dolores Linkous
Special Nephew – Troy Altizer – Radford

Special friend and caregiver– Beverly Dudley

Memorial services for Bertha and her late husband, Lewis will be held at a later date.

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

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

Schools

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servance of “Red Ribbon Week” in October.

“For several months, our coalition members have been discussing ways that we could possibly demonstrate the community’s appreciation for our teachers, bus drivers, cafeteria workers and administrators,” explains PCPC Vice-Chair Lisa Webb. “I think we all recognize how challenging the last couple of years have been for folks who work in education and this is just a small way for us to let them know that we care.”

According to Webb, the initiative is being supported by several local churches, the Pulaski Senior Center, and local law enforcement. She adds that PCPC was also very intentional about involving the local business community and is partnering with locally-owned restaurants to assist with the lunch at each school.

“Our schools are truly one of the most important assets our community has,” says Webb, “but the education of our young people takes a tremendous amount of effort, day-in and day-out.”

“The individuals who work within our school system play a vital role in the future of our young people and they work tirelessly to help students grow and learn in safe, healthy environments,” Webb adds. “Initiatives like this are the least we can do to thank each and every one of them for taking care of our kids.”

Webb says PCPC hopes to make “School Appreciation

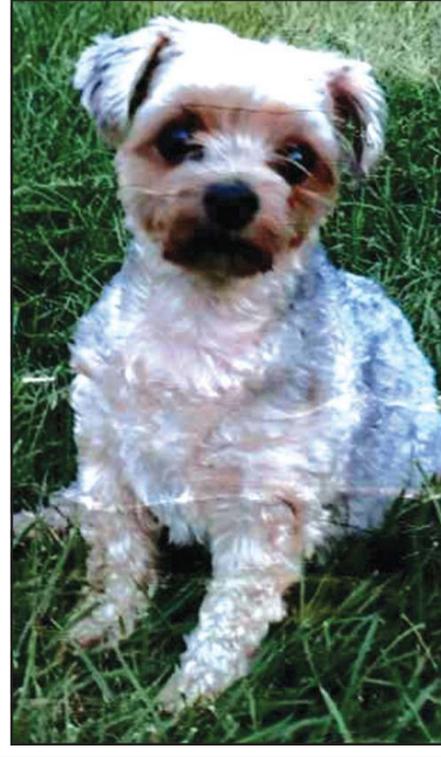
Weeks” an annual initiative. To make a contribution to support this initiative, please make checks payable to “PCPC” and note “School Appreciation” in the memo line. Contributions can be mailed (or delivered in-person) to Sally Warburton (PCPC Treasurer) at the Pulaski Public Library, 60 3rd Street NW, Pulaski, VA 24301.

PCPC typically meets the first Wednesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom. Meetings are open to the public and interested community members are welcome to join/attend at any time. To join the PCPC email list or to learn more, contact Mike Wade at mwade@nrvc.org.

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Still Waiting for a Tough on China Bill

China poses the most significant foreign challenge to the United States in the 21st century.

Its economic and military capacity surpasses that of other rival powers, and the country's Communist rulers have shown a repeated interest in using that capacity aggressively at the expense of other countries, including ours.



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

Rising to the challenge must be a priority of the Federal Government. There is no reason why it cannot be a bipartisan

priority, and Democrats and Republicans have worked together to address different aspects of China's threat.

Unfortunately, a recent bill touted by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) as tough on China is anything but. Underneath the rhetoric of strategic competition is a slapdash effort to advance progressive priorities, including many from the failed "Build Back Better" bill.

The Democrats labeled their bill the America COMPETES Act but filled its nearly 3,000 pages with wasteful spending, misplaced priorities, and provisions that will actually hurt our competitiveness with China and other countries.

The bill would cost \$325 billion. That money is spent with considerable carelessness.

Supporters of the bill tout its provisions to boost semiconductor production, including \$50 billion in subsidies. There is a shortage of semiconductors, but this \$50 billion comes with no strings attached to prevent the money from going to China.

\$8 billion would go to the Green Climate Fund, a United Nations initiative that does out money abroad with no accountability to American taxpayers. Among the fund's previous "investments?" \$100 million to China.

Solar panel production would receive \$3 billion in support. China currently dominates the market for some components of solar panels and uses slave labor to produce them. As you might guess by now, the House bill does not include any safeguards to prevent taxpayer money from perpetuating China's place in the solar panel supply chain.

Instead of China, climate change seems to be the bill's major focus. In fact, it is mentioned 156 times in the text, deployed to justify provisions of the bill such as creating the role of "climate change officer" in the U.S. Foreign Service. At no point do these references to climate change add up to a plan to address the world's biggest polluter - China.

The provisions that do aim at China are less than they appear. They frequently take the form of "the sense of Congress," words that lack the force of law, and even these portions of the bill miss the mark.

One urges the International Olympic Committee to move the 2022 Winter Games out of China. The House voted on the bill on February 4, the same day the Games began.

Another part of the bill requires the Biden Administration to release a report on the origins of COVID-19. The Biden Administration released that report last August, and it was woefully insufficient. A provision that would have real meaning would require the Biden Administration to cooperate with the investigation I am conducting with other Energy and Commerce Republican leaders into COVID's origins. Instead, the Biden Administration and its agencies, including the National Institutes of Health, drag their feet, and congressional Democrat leadership refuses to prod them along.

The Chinese Communist Party covered up the oppression its people, threatens its neighbors, steals our data, and undercuts our businesses. All these aspects of its character are understood by Democrats and Republicans.

We agree on many approaches to this challenge. In fact, we've advanced some of them recently. Congress passed and President Biden signed in December 2021 H.R. 6256, a bill I cosponsored restricting the importation of goods made by forced labor of the Uyghur minority population in China. Plenty of ideas for promoting our economic competitiveness and protecting critical industries from Chinese predation enjoy bipartisan support.

Congressional cooperation to push back against the Chinese Communist Party is achievable, but not when Speaker Pelosi puts together a 3,000-page bill in her office filled with her party's priorities. Meeting the great challenge of the 21st century will be much more difficult with such leadership.

If you have questions, concerns, or comments, feel free to contact my office. You can call my Abingdon office at 276-525-1405, my Christiansburg office at 540-381-5671, or my Washington office at 202-225-3861. To reach my office via email, please visit my website at www.morgangriffith.house.gov. Also, on my website is the latest material from my office, including information on votes recently taken on the floor of the House.

Evidence of America's Biblical Foundation

A while back, I heard someone of national importance state that there is no evidence that America was founded on Biblical principles. Though our laws aren't worded "Thou shalt not," our Founding documents reveal a language that is decidedly Biblical in nature. Phrases such as, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are Created equal," ... that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights," reflect the prevailing belief of their society: that God was the source and protector of the new nation.

If further proof is needed, we can merely look at the Biblical names of cities in America. There are over 1,000 places in USA with Biblical names. However, Hawaii is the only state without a city or town name chosen from the Bible.

Here is a list of the top ten Biblical names of cities in America, ranked from the most frequent to less fre-

One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

quently used:

Lebanon - 29 (Cedars of Lebanon used to build Solomon's Temple)

Salem - 26 (meaning Peace)

Goshen - 26 (where the Jewish people were protected from the plagues of Egypt)

Providence, Beulah - 22 (Beulah is the state of holy bliss)

Corinth, Canaan - 20 each (Canaan is the land that God promised as an inheritance to Abraham)

Jerico - 19 (First city across the

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The real cause behind the rise in crime

By CAL THOMAS, Tribune Content Agency

While President Biden and local officials keep talking about causes for the rise in crime in our major cities, proposing "solutions" that have failed in the past, like former President Bill Clinton's Midnight Basketball idea, the real reason for its escalation is deeper than what we see on the surface.

The President's proposals delivered in New York City last week are more window dressing. As with similar ideas in the past, Biden's will do little to reduce crime. He talked about "gun violence" and hiring people to conduct "violence intervention" and predictably, more spending. His purpose seems aimed at duping the public into believing he's serious about reducing violent crime, which has risen substantially on his watch.

It is not all, or even mainly, the president's fault, though he contributes to the problem by his indifference to the massive lawbreaking at our southern border. Since the tumultuous '60s, we have been reaping a moral whirlwind.

Elections are not the only things that have consequences. So does a failure to teach right from wrong and excusing or rationalizing misbehavior, instead of holding lawbreakers accountable and imposing penalties. Studies have shown that absent fathers contribute to undisciplined youth.

The notion of wrongdoers getting their "just deserts" has also faded from our culture. Criminals are now regarded by too many progressives as victims of racism and social inequalities. This doesn't explain why an overwhelming majority of those who live in poverty or are the product of diverse communities are law abiding.

Failure to teach right from wrong and discipline children contributes to violations of moral and secular law. Schools that focus on buzzwords like "equity, equality and diversity" while ignoring the imposition of a shared moral code (is there such a thing today?) have contributed to the chaos that has made many streets unsafe. Police

officers who are tasked with enforcing the law are now the targets of lawbreakers. Their morale has declined. They make arrests only to find that the criminals are put back on the streets to re-offend, thanks in part to lax laws, and progressive judges and district attorneys.

People don't automatically learn manners, they don't acquire respect for the law, or value the lives and property of others. They must be taught and punished when they disobey, or some can be counted on to think there are no restraints for bad choices. Life is cheap, as more than 60 million legal abortions performed in the U.S. since 1973 testifies. Some who feel cheated in life apparently believe the property of others rightly belongs to them.

All decisions about behavior begin in the heart. If we don't train people to abide by standards that are best for themselves and the country, many will choose another path that leads them to gangs, drug dealers and a life of crime.

A few wish to see what is right in contemporary society because they fear condemnation from people and "groups" that will tag them with negative labels. If we don't like the direction in which we are headed, it is time to yell "stop," then turn around and take a different road. The one we are now on will lead to our destruction.

The late Bishop Fulton J. Sheen correctly forecast in the mid-20th century what was to come when he said: "The refusal to take sides on great moral issues is itself a decision. It is a silent acquiescence to evil. The tragedy of our time is that those who still believe in honesty lack fire and conviction, while those who believe in dishonesty are full of passionate conviction."

Crime is first a moral issue. Failure to address it on that level ensures it will only get worse.

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

Biden Can't Embrace COVID Normality

Joe Biden was the candidate of normality who hasn't been able to deliver it, particularly on the pandemic.

This is not entirely his fault, obviously. He didn't create the delta and omicron surges, nor did he -- or most anyone else -- foresee that the vaccines wouldn't prevent infections as advertised.

On COVID, though, as on much else, he has been trapped by a commitment to his political base and by a reflexive opposition to everything associated with Donald Trump into an endless emergency posture that isn't wearing well with time.

Everyone agrees now -- after the flameouts of initial efforts to pass Build Back Better and of the attempt to trash the Senate filibuster -- that Biden needs a political reset. His looming Supreme Court pick will presumably provide a much-needed win, but is unlikely to move the needle much. It's on the pandemic that Biden has, in theory, an opportunity to change course in a significant way.

By more fully embracing an approach geared to living with COVID and returning to normality, Biden could usefully play against type, align himself with shifting public opinion, and acknowledge the reality of the third year of the pandemic when vaccines and boosters are easily available to anyone who wants them.

Even the thought of such a tack would, once upon a time, have elicited charges of intolérable recklessness. In certain quarters, it still does. But the public is moving in this direction. A new Monmouth poll found that 70% of the public agrees with the statement that "it's time we accept that COVID is here to stay and we just need to get on with our lives."

Unsurprisingly, 89% of Republicans agree with that view. But so do 71% of independents and nearly half of Democrats.

An NBC News poll on the schools found the same kind of partisan splits. According to the survey, 65% of people were most worried about kids falling behind academically and only 30% most worried about stopping the spread of COVID. Again, Republicans and independents were strongly on one side -- 87% and 66% most worried lost learning -- and Democrats divided, with 43% worried about kids losing academic ground.

In a big Kaiser Family Foundation survey, 51% of Democrats described the pandemic as the biggest problem facing the country, whereas only 28% of independents did and 19% of Republicans.

This suggests that the response to COVID is beginning to become a wedge issue -- Democrats can play to their base, which is most invested in maintaining restrictions, only at the risk of alienating the broader electorate.

Biden, whose handling of COVID is less and less popular, shows signs of being conflict-

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Midwinter on Claytor Lake

By WILLIAM PAINE

In warm weather months, Claytor Lake draws thousands of people to its shores, but Pulaski County's largest body of water has an entirely different feel in the winter.

By midwinter this year, the coves feeding into Claytor still maintained thin sheets of surface ice, as a result of an extended period of very cold temperatures.

This freezing spell was preceded by a warm snap in early January that lasted several days. Then came cooler air, a snow-storm and nightly temps in the teens and 20's.

Say what you will, but this is typical Winter weather here in the mid-Appalachian range.

Midwinter is most definitely the quiet season here at Claytor Lake. Most any other time of the year, rain or shine, various watercraft, especially bass boats, will ply these waters with astonishing regularity.

The sun was shining on the second day of February of this year and the lake's surface was as calm as bathwater, but not one boat could be seen crossing the large expanse of water in front of the dam.

The forecast called for a couple days of cold rain, but Ground

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Jordan, taken by the Jewish people with the help of Rahab) Newark (New Ark) - 17 (New Ark of the Covenant, or in honor of Rev. Abraham Pierson, of Newark-on-Trent) Zion/Mt. Zion - 14 (Hill on which Jerusalem was built) Berea, Damascus - 13 (People evangelized by Apostle Paul in Acts 17) Philadelphia - 12 (City of Brotherly Love, sixth Church listed in the book of Revelation)

Some other cities in America with Biblical names are: Jerusalem (11), Bethlehem (10), Galilee (7), Gethsemane (4), and Babylon (2).

This list does not include Christian names given to cities such as Christian, VA, WV, TX, AK. Or city names like St. Paul, St. Peter, Assumption, Ascension, and St. John the Baptist.

There are cities all over the country that, although they don't have obvious Biblical

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ed. The White House counseled against panic at the outset of the omicron surge, and even talked of a declaration of independence from the virus last summer. But the president hasn't been able to make it unmistakable that he thinks we've entered a new phase in the pandemic. As the heterodox center-left writer Matthew Yglesias points out, the Biden administration may believe that it has embraced normality but what it's really done is only make "the most extreme public health people mad at them."

If the administration wants to make a statement, it could decisively turn against the teacher unions on the issue of keeping schools open, siding with parents



William Paine photo

Winter brings cold temps and exceptionally calm waters to the normally bustling lake.

Hog Day began with blue skies and calm waters ... and not a boat in sight.

That was reason enough for me to grab my paddle and my board and head for the cool waters of Claytor.

Though it may seem fool hardy to take a very long, thin piece

names, were named after people who had a strong Christian influence in that area. For instance, there is a small town named Reidville, South Carolina where we lived many years ago. It is named after the Rev. Robert Hardin Reid, a Presbyterian Minister, who established Christian schools for boys and girls in 1860's. Toward the end of the Civil War, the Reverend Reid persuaded Federal troops not to burn the school; but to allow him to continue to teach Christian principles to the children.

There are so many more examples like these, that it is difficult for me to believe anyone who is seeking the truth about America's founding principles could miss the evidence. But then, Jesus had something to say about this kind of blindness, too. He declared, "I am the light of the world. I have come into this world so that the blind will see." (John 9:5, 39.

and kids over a Democratic interest group. It could relax its indefensibly sweeping guidance on school masking and instantly pave the way for local school districts to lift their mandates. It could end the federal mask mandates on travel.

But any of these measures would mean crossing progressives; enduring the scolding of one-dimensional public-health experts; and courting comparisons to Donald Trump, or even worse, Glenn Youngkin and Ron DeSantis.

And so President Biden, as conditions change, can't change with them, putting normality on indefinite hold.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

of molded carbon fiber out onto a very cold body of water, this situation is perfect for the paddler willing to face cold conditions.

Here at Claytor, there are four factors to consider before deciding whether to launch. The temperature, the strength of the current, the wind and the rain.

Those who sail, love the wind and take the current as it comes, but freezing temps turn them into land lubbers in midwinter.

Water skiers and wake boarders prefer calm waters, but will venture out into choppy waters if need be. For wave riders, calm waters are not so important, because they make their own waves. Even so, the possibility of being completely immersed in very cold water keeps all but the hardiest disciples of these three sports waiting for Memorial Day before making wakes.

Anglers are pretty much the only lake enthusiasts willing to venture out in the pouring rain to get their kicks, but with temps in the 20's, most stay home like everyone else.

Safety

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- stem removed
- 1 small sweet onion, peeled
 - 4 tablespoons fresh cilantro leaves
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
 - 2 tablespoons fresh garlic
 - 2 ounces fresh lime juice
- Directions
1. Wash your hands, and clean the cutting board and prep area with soap and hot water.
 2. Rinse the tomatoes, jalapeño pepper, and cilantro under running water.
 3. Chop the tomatoes into small pieces.
 4. Finely dice the onion, jalapeño pepper, and garlic.
 5. Chop the cilantro leaves into small pieces.
 6. Combine tomatoes, peppers, onion, cilantro, salt, garlic, and lime juice in a bowl and refrigerate until serving time.
 7. Enjoy!

such occasions in years past, but doesn't bother now, unless I insist on dragging our son along.

From where I launched, it was a little over a mile to the State Park and so it was there I headed.

Conditions were just too good not to launch.

The current, which often comes hard and fast downriver towards the dam, was imperceptible and the lack of any breeze rendered a mirror like sheen to the water's surface.

On a day such as this, freezing temperatures serve as an advantage precisely because it keeps other watercraft docked.

The key to any outdoor experience is proper dress. If temperatures are in the 20's, then dress appropriately. As for me, my winter paddle wear consists of a jersey, wool sweater and hat, along with a light jacket and snow skiing pants.

Pretty good above-water attire, but if I happen to lose my balance and find myself neck deep in freezing lake water, my cozy outfit will quickly transform into a water laden cold locker.

Falling in wouldn't kill me, though. I know because it happened once before on a similarly cold winter's day. As I leaned forward to plunge my paddle into the water, it snapped in two as I pulled it towards me. This resulted in me tumbling headfirst into the lake.

The feel of freezing lake water against my skin made for an eye-opening experience but not necessarily one I would willingly repeat. The first thing to do in such a situation is to get out of the water (I could take my bath later).

Once I climbed "on board," I felt highly motivated to paddle hard, so as to raise my body temperature. I make a point to never venture out on a day that's both cold and windy. Wool and nylon-based clothing retain some heat even when wet, so I made it

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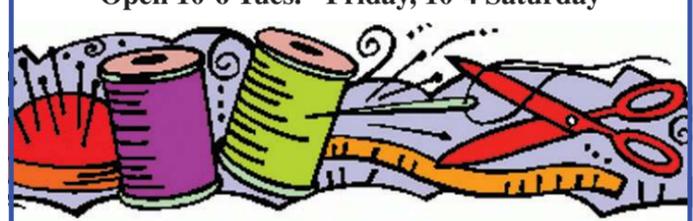
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Paddle Boarder in Midwinter.

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back just fine, even with a broken paddle.

I managed to stay upright on my round trip paddle board passage to the state park and this, of course, is highly preferable.

But midwinter outings do carry a small risk, so what's the pay off?

For those who enjoy spending time at Claytor Lake, being the only person on the lake on a beautiful blue-sky day is reward

in and of itself. Only a few waterfowl and I were making wakes on that placid February morning.

I was rewarded for my venture with the otherworldly site of a normally bustling shoreline seemingly devoid of any human activity, not even at Claytor Lake State Park. I bore witness to how winter transforms this normally busy lake into a sort of ghost town, set against a backdrop of snow-covered hillsides.

I highly recommend paddle boarding on Claytor Lake in midwinter. The experience is both calming and surreal, though if you fall in, it will be less calming and more surreal.

Remember, as a paddler, freezing temps can be your friend. Unless there's a heavy wind. In that case, stay in.

For everyone else, (except the ever-present bass boats), we'll see you on Memorial Day.

'I See Me' challenge promotes reading at county's two libraries

PULASKI COUNTY – A new campaign in Pulaski County is encouraging elementary school students to pick up more books. The "I See Me" reading challenge aims to connect young children with new books featuring diverse characters, while offering readers the chance to win prizes.

Youth can track progress in the challenge by filling out reading logs, available at the Pulaski and Dublin libraries, as well as the libraries at each Pulaski County elementary school. Children who participate will receive a prize pack at the end of the challenge. Students can also enter their names into a chance to win raffle prizes at each library for each book they complete. Youth in grades kindergarten through fifth grade are eligible to participate.

Librarians are available to offer book suggestions.

"We hope every local student picks up a book and joins us for this exciting challenge," said Meagan Graham, I See Me challenge organizer and Pulaski County parent. "Diversity in children's literature is incredibly important and helps us learn and connect with people who have different experiences than our own."

The I See Me challenge is funded by the John E. Dooley Student Engagement Grant through VT Engage's Center for Leadership & Service Learning.

To enter or start the challenge, visit the Pulaski or Dublin library, or the libraries at Pulaski or Dublin Elementary. For more information, call 540-994-2458.



Pulaski County Schools photo

Szerokman A Good Citizen

Brevin Szerokman attended Riverlawn Elementary and Dublin Middle School prior to coming to Pulaski County Middle School when it opened in 2020. Brevin is an 8th grade student who is on the Downstairs Team at Pulaski County Middle School. Brevin's favorite subject in school is Technological Systems and Robotics because he likes Coding and Programming. In the future he hopes to have a career that involves programming. The things he likes most about school are learning new things and seeing his friends. He led Tuesday's school board meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Feb. 15

EDA Board meets

Tuesday, February 15, 2022, Economic Development Authority Board of Directors Meeting, Executive Training Room, County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the town of Pulaski, Virginia, 10:00 a.m. (Contact: Megan Bird, Clerk to the Board, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, mwbird@pulaskicounty.org). The Economic Development Authority serves as the economic development arm of Pulaski County working with local industries and providing building spaces to local employers.

Feb. 21

County offices to be closed

Monday, February 21, 2022, Pulaski County Offices will be closed in observance of Presidents' Birthday. The Pulaski County Public Service Authority Billing Office will be closed on Monday, February 21, 2022, in observance of Presidents' Day. The Dora Highway, Pulaski, Bagging Plant Road, Dublin and Mason Street, Fairlawn Convenience Centers will be open on Monday, February 21, 2022, and garbage collection will remain on regular schedule.

Feb. 22

Fairlawn Sewer Authority Board meets

Tuesday, February 22, 2022, Fairlawn Sewer Authority Board

of Directors Meeting, Conference Room, Peppers Ferry Regional Wastewater Treatment Authority Administration Building, 7797 Mason Street, Fairlawn, Virginia, 6 p.m. (Contact: Fairlawn Tax and Bookkeeping, 7436 Peppers Ferry Boulevard, Fairlawn, Virginia, 24141, 540-639-5146). This Board manages daily operations for the sewer infrastructure in the immediate Fairlawn area.

Feb. 28

Pulaski County Board of Supervisors meet

Monday, February 28, 2022, Pulaski County Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia; Executive Session, 6 p.m., Open Meeting, 7 p.m. (Contact: Ashley Edmonds, Executive Secretary and Clerk to the Board of Supervisors, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, aedmonds@pulaskicounty.org). The Board of Supervisors is the governing body for Pulaski County and is responsible for the budget and concerns of its citizens.

ONGOING:

VHM beginning Hispanic Service

Valley Harvest Ministries, in Dublin on the hill across from Walmart, is holding an Hispanic service each Sunday at 6 p.m. in the church's coffee shop.

Heritage Cares Food still dis-

tributing food

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

Alcohol Anonymous

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

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Lady Cougars finish undefeated in district

Fleenor breaks scoring record for 18-3

Lady Cougars

Patriot Staff Report

Pulaski County's Lady Cougars closed out their regular season Wednesday night in grand style, beating Christiansburg, 73-20 to complete an undefeated season in River Ridge District play.

The Lady Cougars end the regular season with an 18-3 record overall and 12-0 in the district. They ended the regular season on a 13-game win streak.

Wednesday's victory over Christiansburg was highlighted by Pulaski County's Ally Fleenor shattering the career scoring record for the program.

Fleenor hit a three-pointer in the first quarter against the Lady Blue Demons to break the old record of 1,212 points held by Terry Garland set in 1992, according to Athletic Director Scott Vest.

Fleenor would end the night with 14 points to continue adding to her career total of 1,224.

In the rout of Christiansburg, Kesyln Secrist led the Lady Cougars with 18 points, with Paige Huff chipping in 12 and Jaden Lawson adding 10.

Other scorers were Erin Russell with 9, Morgan Vest with 5, Hailey Capps with 3 and Hannah Keefer with 2.

Pulaski County hit nine three-pointers on the night.

The Pulaski County Lady Cougars open the River Ridge District Girls Basketball Tournament Friday at 6 p.m.

The top-seeded Lady Cougars open semi-final play at 6 p.m. hosting No. 4 Blacksburg in the Cougar Den.

The other semi-final pits No. 3 seed Blacksburg at No. 2 Patrick Henry.

Leading up the Wednesday night's finale, the Lady Cougars last Friday beat back a challenge from Cave Spring, 60-45.

The shorthanded Lady Cougars were led by Morgan Vest with 21 points, which led all scorers. Capps also was in double-figures with 14.

Other scorers for Pulaski County were Russell, 9; Keefer, 6; Tori Vest and Lawson, 5 each.

In a rare occurrence during district play this season, the Lady Cougars actually trailed going into the fourth quarter, 35-33, but routed the Lady Demons 27-10 in the fourth to pull out the victory.

This past Tuesday, the Lady Cougars routed Salem, 86-56.

Fleenor led all scorers with 24 on the night.

Secrist had 16, Tori Vest added 14 and Huff had 12 in the win.

Other scorers were Russell, 8; Keefer, 5; Morgan Vest, 4, and Capps with 3.



Brian Bishop/The Patriot

Pulaski County's Ally Fleenor puts up a three-pointer in the first quarter of Wednesday night's game against Christiansburg. She hit the shot and became the Lady Cougar basketball program's all-time leading scorer, and gets her a hug from head coach Scott Ratcliffe.



Cougar boys to face Cave Spring in RRD Tourney

Patriot Staff Report

The River Ridge District Boys Basketball Tournament opens Friday with semi-final games.

Fourth seed Pulaski County draws the district's top team - Cave Spring - right off the bat and will travel to Roanoke to play the Knights at 6 p.m.

In the other semi-final contest, No. 3 seed Blacksburg will play at No. 2 Patrick Henry.

Last Thursday, the boys fell to Cave Spring, 81-60 in the Cougar Den.

Josh Bourne scored a career high with 23 points for the Cougars, which was also game-high.

JJ Guley added 19 in the losing effort.

Other scorers for the Cougars came from Lane Nester, 6; Kyle O'Neal, 5; Caleb Underwood, 3; Tyler Sutherland and Kanisorn Thepsena with 2 each.

Of note, the Cougars hit 10 three-pointers in the game, half of which came from Bourne.

In other games leading up to the tournament, the Cougars battled Salem this past Tuesday and

Floyd on Wednesday to close out the regular season.

Pulaski County fell in both games, closing out their regular season on a three-game losing streak.

Against Salem, Guley had the big night scoring 23 to lead the Cougars.

Bourne also scored in double-figures with 10.

Other scoring for the Cougars included Khalib Horton and Nester, both with 5 and Sutherland with 4.

In Wednesday night's regular season finale, the Cougars fell to Floyd County, 63-52.

Nester led the way for Pulaski County with 17. Also in double-figures were Bourne with 13 and Sutherland with 12.

Guley added 9 and Horton 1 in the losing effort.

The Cougars end the regular season with a 10-11 overall record and 5-7 in the River Ridge District.

PCHS places five on Class 4 All-state Cheer Team

Pulaski County High School placed five cheerleaders on the 2021 VHSL Class 4 All-State Cheer Team.

The team was announced Wednesday morning.

Named to the first team were Cougars Kimberly Lyons, Olivia Viers, Claire Dunnigan, Laiken Landreth and Madelyn Hedge.

Broad Run High School also placed five members on the team, plus had the player and coach of the year.

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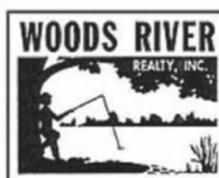
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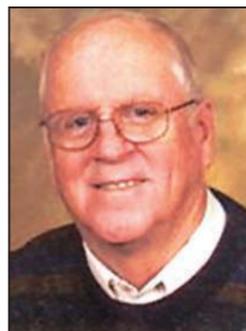
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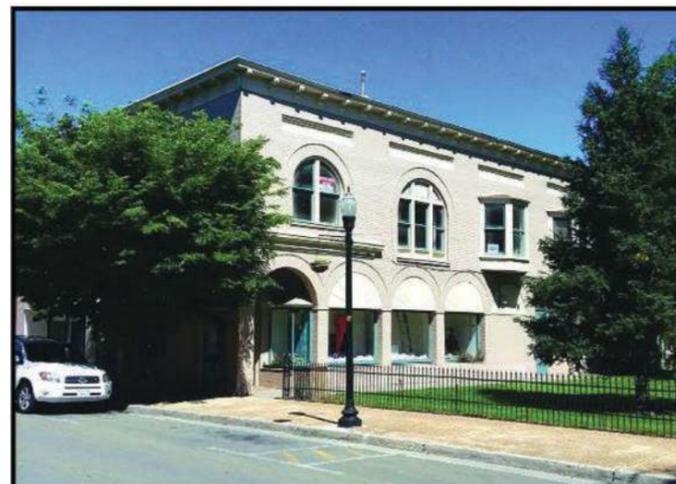
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PCHS Wrestlers qualify for state tournament

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Placing 1st and qualifying for state competition, Junior Evan Alger

Placing 2nd and qualifying for state competition, Junior Gavin Warner and Sophomore Xavier Ramsey.

Placing 4th and qualifying for state competition, Junior Nicholas Golden

Placing 5th, Sophomore Austin McNeil (state alternate)

Placing 6th, Freshman Shawn Head

Also competing in the region championships were Junior Molly Keller and Senior Ryan Bird

Scott Vest
Pulaski County High School
Athletic & Activities Director

MLB keeps spring camps on hold as contract talks continue

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred says spring training remains on hold because of a management lockout and his goal is to reach a labor contract that allows opening day as scheduled on March 31.

With the second-longest work stoppage in baseball history stretching into its 71st day, Manfred said teams will make a "good-faith, positive proposal in an effort to move the process forward" when negotiations with the players' association resume Saturday. It will be just the fifth economic bargaining session since the five-year labor contract expired.

"I am an optimist and I believe we will have an agreement in time to play our regular schedule," Manfred said Thursday after a three-day owners' meeting. "I see missing games as a disastrous outcome for this industry, and we're committed to making an agreement in an effort to avoid that."

Spring training workouts had been scheduled to start on Feb. 16.

"The status of spring training is no change right now," Manfred said. "We're going to have a conversation with the MLBPA about the calendar. We understand where the calendar is, but until we have that conversation and until we see how this session on Saturday goes, it's no change."

Whenever an agreement is reached, at least three weeks of workouts are needed.

"We thought, 20, 21 days, whatever we had in 2020 was a problem for us," Manfred said. "The injury data supports that idea. We'd like to be 28. I'm trying not to be hard and fast. But we think more like four weeks makes sense."

LEGAL NOTICE



Public Notice Pulaski County Board of Supervisors

The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors intends to hold a Public Hearing beginning at 7:00 p.m., or soon thereafter as can be heard, on Monday, February 28, 2022, in the Supervisors Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, N.W., in the Town of Pulaski to receive citizens' comments on the following matter:

1. Adoption of the Amended Pulaski County Redistricting Ordinance.

Comments may be presented orally or in writing via mail to above address, fax (540-980-7717), or e-mail to bos@pulaskicounty.org. A copy of the draft ordinance is available for public inspection from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, in the Town of Pulaski or by phoning (540) 980-7705.

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Clockwise from top left:

Zachary Smith presents an award to Tom Bannon.

Dick admires his Mellow Yellow tied fly.

Matt Reilly tying fly.

W.A. 'Doc' Davis photos



Fly Tying Time

With the cold and snowy-weather we have been having as of late, it is a good time to stay in and get by a good fire, as the old saying goes, and to tie a few fishing flies. When the weather breaks and trout fishing is more conducive for fly fishing, we as anglers of trout and other fresh water fish, can be ready to go. I know many people are mostly inclined to bait rod and spinning type fishing, but there is nothing more enjoyable than a fly rod in hand and with your own hand tied flies, fishing either a stocked stream or one with native trout.

Thursday, the 13th of last month, there was a good crowd out for the New River Valley Trout Unlimited (NRVTU) club held at the old Newport School by the ball field. My hunting and fishing buddy, Dick Gregory, and I were impressed with the meeting and learned of a new fly introduced to us by Matt Reilly of Abington, the Muskie and Small Mouth Guide of the New River Valley. Another highlight was the presentation by Zackary Smith, President of NRVTU, to Tom Bannon an award plaque for the Conservationist of the Year for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

For the fly which was tied, the materials were purchased by each member consisting of yellow-colored synthetic materials, matching feathers, treble hooks, wire, thread, eyes etc. The length could be 8 to 12 inches in length and is a great fly for both muskie and large small-mouth bass found in the New. Its yellow color can be taken to resemble sucker type fish and a favorite of these species. Over the years, many fly-tying enthusiasts have invented flies, that we can



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enjoy by either tying ourselves or purchasing from stores selling them. For a beginner, you need to get the necessary equipment of tools and accessories along with a book on fly tying, which will take you through the steps for various flies. Dick and I have found Orvis in Roanoke; Tange Outfitters in Pembroke and Wall Mart in Princeton, WVA to carry a large selection to choose from. There are many good companies that furnish catalogs, such as Cabela-BassPro Shops that can have products shipped to you directly.

Tom Bannon has worked tirelessly on such streams as Big Stoney in Giles County and Wolf Creek in Bland County to keep successful trout fishing on par. Matt Riley informed us that the bass spawning has not been too successful for the last year and a half or so as Mother Nature has played havoc with the hatches in this regard.

It is the responsibility of all sportsmen to keep our streams free from pollution. "The Solution to Pollution is not Dilution" (do not throw trash along or into stream waters). The NRVTU has been very instrumental in getting bearproof trash cans placed along Big Stoney Creek and the Forest Service has done likewise at Little Stoney at the Cascades in Giles County.

Also, as Christians, we should

become fishers of men as found in the Bible of Jesus calling four of his twelve disciples, Matthew 4:18-22 KJV, "And Jesus walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets, and followed him. And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them. And they immediately left their ship and their father and followed him." Until next time

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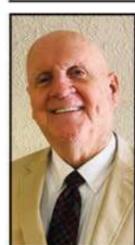
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Teach Me Your Word O Lord

Terry McCraw

We never get too old to praise God

Psalm 103:1-5. This portion of this Bible Lesson teaches us that we should praise God for his works.

“Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. Who forgiveth all thine iniquities, Who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; Who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that they youth is renewed like the eagles.”

Again, when it says Bless the Lord, it means Praise the Lord. Forget not all His benefits. There are great benefits in being saved. God has forgiven all of our sins. We have healing provided for us in the atonement. We were on a runaway roller coaster ride into a devil's hell when He lifted us out and set our feet on the Glory Road. He showers His loving kindness upon us, every day of our lives. He shows us mercy when we deserve Judgment.

Let us praise God for the great works that He has done in our lives. He fills our lives with good things. He wraps us up in His goodness. He satisfies our desires with good things.

“He renews our strength like the eagles.” I read recently where the eagle has the longest life-span of its species. It can live up to 70 years. But to reach this age, the eagle must make a hard decision. In its 40's its long and flexible talons can no longer grab prey which serves as food. Its long and sharp beak becomes bent. Its old-aged and heavy wings, due to their thick feathers, become stuck to its chest and make it difficult to fly. Then, the eagle is left with only two options: die or go through a painful process of change which lasts 150 days. The process requires that the eagle fly to a mountaintop and sit on its nest. There the eagle knocks its beak against a rock until it plucks it out. After plucking it out, the eagle will wait for a new beak to grow back and then it will pluck out its talons. When its new talons grow back, the eagle starts plucking its old-aged feathers. And after five months, the eagle takes its famous flight of rebirth and lives for 30 more years.

As we grow and mature in Christ, our plumage is in a state of constant renewal and change. The main point of this scripture though is that we are still eagles, no matter how old we get. We can still fly to higher heights than ever before if we'll keep on being renewed by God day by day.

I don't want to ever get so spiritually old and decrepit that I am no longer of any use to God. I've been serving God now for 56 years. And as long as I am physically able; as long as God keeps renewing my strength from day to day; as long as there is work to be done in the Church for God; I'm planning on keeping on working, until my toes turn up.

When God gives me a message, and the anointing, I feel like I'm 20 years old again. My advice to somebody today is never stop working for God. Never hang your harps in the willows. Never step aside and say I've done my part, let somebody else do it. If you do, you'll get old spiritually and you'll become an anemic little weak backed Christian with no power and no incentive to help Christ build up His kingdom.

Psalm 92:14 says, “They shall still bring forth fruit in old age;

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email: drapervalleybc@gmail.com
www.drapervalleybaptist.org

Grace Baptist Church

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

Open Door Baptist Church

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

Draper United Methodist Church

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

Newbern Christian Church

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

Christ Episcopal Church

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

Jordan's Chapel UMC

Pastor: Jim Goddard
Worship: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Cecil's Chapel United Methodist Church

5801 Cecil's Chapel Road,
Hiwassee, VA 24347
Pastor Jason Crandall
Worship service is 8:45am-9:45am
Sunday School is 10 - 10:45am
Ricky Dishon, 540 239 6360, www.facebook.com/cecilschapel.umd

Newbern United Methodist Church

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

Valley Harvest Ministries

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

Mountain View United Methodist Church

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

Dublin Baptist Church

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

Allisonia Pentecostal Holiness Church

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

First United Methodist Church

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

Belspring Baptist Church

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

Memorial Baptist Church

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

River of Life Church

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

Delton Church of God of Prophecy

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

Heritage Church

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

First Missionary Baptist Church

7318 Manns Drive / P.O. Box 90
New River, Virginia 24129
(540) 639-5331
email: fmbcl872@verizon.net
Pastor: Rev. Richard A. Goodman, Sr.
Associate Minister:
Rev. Annette Cheek
Clerk: Mrs. Carlotta Lewis
Sundays:
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
The Lord's Supper - Each First Sunday
Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Dublin United Methodist Church

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

Freedom Fellowship Church

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

Draper's Valley Presbyterian (PCA)

2755 Old Baltimore Road,
Draper, VA 24324
Senior Pastor: Rev. Robert E. Davis
Associate Pastor: Rev. Roland Mathews
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:15 p.m.
Wednesday Youth Groups and Adult Prayer & Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Phone - 540-994-9015
e-mail - drapers.valley@dvpca.org
website - www.dvpca.org
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Grace Episcopal Church
210 4th Street, Radford, 24141
639-3494
Service: 10:30AM Sundays
Email: office@graceradford.org
http://www.graceradford.org
Facebook: Grace Episcopal Church

Trinity Lutheran Church ELCA

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

Trinity United Methodist

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

Snowville Baptist Church

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

Fairlawn United Methodist Church

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

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

Faith Bible Church

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

Dublin Christian Church

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

First Presbyterian Church

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

Snowville Christian Church (DOC - Disciples of Christ)

5436 Lead Mine Rd.
Hiwassee, VA 24347
Pastor: Jerry King
Website:
www.SnowvilleChristianChurch.com
(and Facebook)
Office: 540-633-3761
Email:
office@SnowvilleChristianChurch.com
Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Thursday Bible Study: 6:00 p.m.
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McCraw

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“But they that wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.” We’re always young in His presence. We can still shout our shoe hills off when the Holy Ghost manifests Himself in us, no matter how old we are.

Thou shalt bring still forth fruit in old age. No matter how old we are, God’s not finished with us yet. There are souls to be won out in the world, and it’s up to us to keep on keeping on until God calls us home.

As I get older, I’m not a spry as a young chicken like I was when God first saved me at the age of 26. As my body grows older, I have slowed down somewhat. However I still feel the same inside. I’m still an eagle. I thank God that my zeal to serve God and to work for Him hasn’t diminished. I thank God every day that I am able to post easy to understand Bible Messages in Newspapers, on the Internet and publish Christian Books. I plan to continue to do so until my toes turn up. My heart’s desire is to continue to be a blessing to all of my friends and family.

A successful growing Church needs all the workers in the Church in the Church young and old, to make sure everything gets done that needs to be done and doesn’t leave some work undone because of a lack of workers.

Someone said, “The older the violin, the sweeter the music.” I love that! If the health of a Church member hinders an older person from doing work for the Church like they used to be able to do, there are other jobs they can do for Christ that are not as strenuous. There are sick that can be visited; the telephone can be one method to use to encourage others; we can make the telephone our Ministry Partner. Also the Internet. One who no longer drives has only to team up with others who still drive to bring the word of God to those who don’t come to Church.

Bible Trivia

1. Is the book of Ishbosheth in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Genesis 8, what was the mountain upon which Noah’s Ark rested? Sinai, Zion, Ararat, Ebal
3. Laban, who tried to swindle Jacob, was what relationship to him? Brother, Father-in-law, Friend, Father
4. In Matthew 10, Jesus instructed the apostles to go among the ... ? Heathen, Gentiles, Blind, Israelites
5. What happened to Moses’ rod when he cast it on the ground? Broke in two, Spoke to him, Became a serpent, Blazed up
6. From Job 20, what sort of men suck the poison of asps? Wicked, Aged, Tribal, Leper

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Ararat; 3) Father-in-law; 4) Israelites; 5) Became a serpent; 6) Wicked

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Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Worship Service: 11 a.m.
Phone: (540) 980-2927

First Baptist Church

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

New Dublin Presbyterian Church

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

Community Christian Church

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

First Dublin Presbyterian Church (ECO)

409 Church Street, Dublin, Va. 24084
P.O. Box 2027, Dublin, Va. 24084
first-dublin-presbyterian-church-eco.com
Minister:
The Rev. Dr. Olin Marsh Whitener, Jr.

Max Creek Baptist Church

3000 Old Route 100 Road, Draper, Va. 24324
www.maxcreek.org
www.facebook.com/maxcreekbaptist
Senior Pastor: Mike Coleman
Youth Minister: Charlie Prince
Sunday Services
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.

Pulaski Church of God

1621 Bob White Boulevard
Pulaski, VA 24301
Pastor Donald Jones
540-980-8880
www.pulaskicog.church
Sunday Services
Sunday Life Groups: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.
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Randolph Avenue United Methodist Church

1607 Randolph Avenue
Pulaski, VA 24301
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Elston McLain
Worship Service: 11 a.m.
Phone: (540) 980-8775

Pulaski Christian Church, Inc.

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

Aldersgate United Methodist

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

First Baptist Church

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

Pulaski Presbyterian Church (PCA)

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

Sure Foundation Christian Fellowship

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

New Hope Chapel

1555 Case Knife Road
Pulaski, VA 24301
Pastor Darrell Gray
(276) 733-6080
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Service Times:
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11 a.m. Sunday Service

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Sunday School: 9:45
Worship: 11 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.
980-3798

Abundant Life Ministries

3050 Lee Highway
Pulaski, VA 24301 (540) 980-5506
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Pastor Randall K. Lawrence Sr.
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New Life Church of the Nazarene

45 S. Jefferson Avenue
Pulaski, VA 24301
540-980-2001
www.newlifepulaski.com
email: pastorjuls@verizon.net
Pastor: Julie Armbrister
Sunday School (all ages) 9:30 a.m.
Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 6 p.m.

Trinity Baptist Church

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

Grace Fellowship Baptist Church

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

St. Edwards Catholic Church

Corner of N. Washington Ave. and
7th Street N.W., Pulaski
Phone: 980-6511
Fax: 980-6511
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Mass: 11 a.m. Sunday

Warriors for Christ II

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

Bob White Boulevard Baptist Church

3826 Bob White Boulevard
Pulaski, VA.
Pastor: Allen Harman
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Preaching: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service: 7:30 p.m.
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First Baptist Church

325 Randolph Avenue
Pulaski, Va.
Pastor: Dr. Henry Fiske
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fbcpulaskiva@gmail.com
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

Pathway to Heaven Worship Center

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 434
Dublin, VA 24084
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Dublin, VA 24084
Pastor Winfred Keene - Phone 540-239-8092
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Tuesday Evening Bible Study: 6 p.m.

Amazing Grace Ministries

4892 Veterans Hill Road
Pulaski, VA
Pastor Todd Garwood
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ttgarwood674@gmail.com

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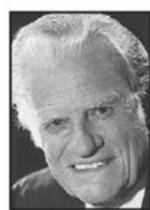
From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: Is it possible to find a well of good wishes, or is the human race doomed to looking for hope but never finding it? - W.W.

A: The more knowledge we acquire, the less wisdom we seem to have. The more economic security we gain, the more boredom we generate. The more worldly pleasure we enjoy, the less satisfied and contented we are with life. We are like a restless sea, finding a little peace here and a little pleasure there, but nothing permanent

and satisfying. So the search continues! Men will kill, lie, cheat, and steal to satisfy their quest for power, pleasure, and wealth in hopes to gain peace, security, and happiness.

Yet inside us a little voice keeps saying, “We were not meant to be this way--we were meant for better things.” We have a mysterious feeling that there is a fountain somewhere that contains the happiness that makes life worthwhile. We keep saying to ourselves that somewhere, sometime we will stumble onto the secret. Sometimes we feel that



My Answer

Billy Graham

we have obtained it, only to find it elusive--leaving us disillusioned, bewildered, and unhappy.

The happiness that brings enduring worth to life is not the superficial happiness that is dependent on circumstances. It’s contentment that fills the soul even

in the midst of the most distressing of circumstances and the most adverse environment. The only source of peace and contentment is in the Lord Jesus, just as the Bible says: “For with You [O Lord] is the fountain of life; in Your light we see light” (Psalm 36:9).

People need not live with a spirit of doom; Jesus provides the only ray of hope that shines as an ever-brightening beam in a darkened world.

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

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



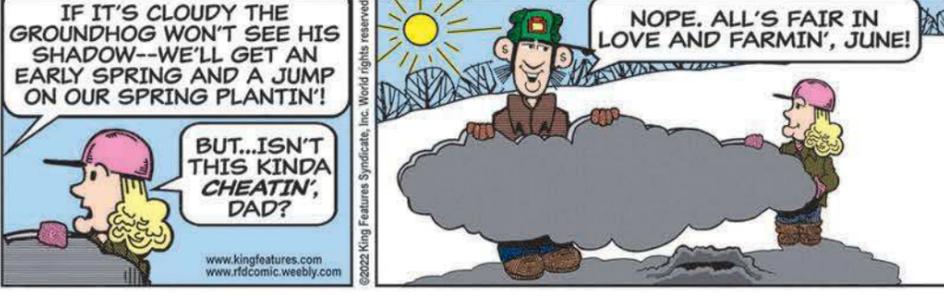
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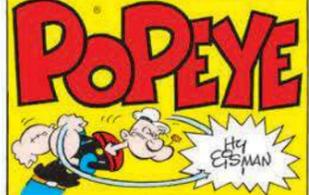
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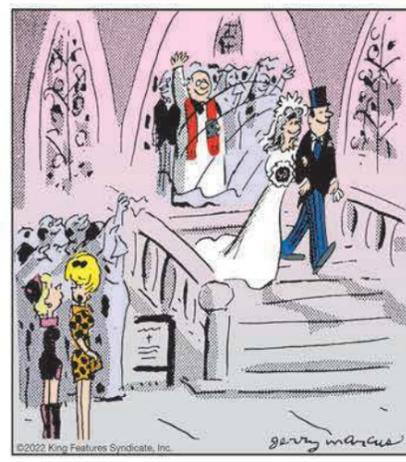


Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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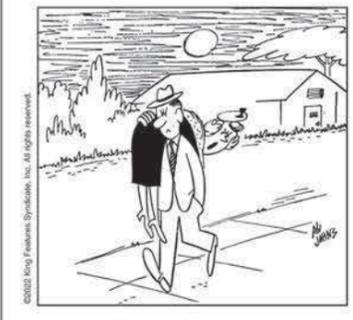
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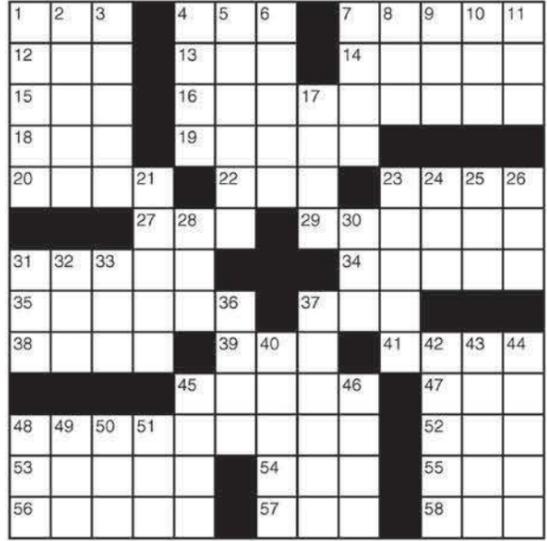
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- 4 Tax pro
- 7 Whizzes (by)
- 12 Horse chow
- 13 Owned
- 14 Emanations
- 15 Shred
- 16 Pennsylvania city
- 18 Guitar's kin
- 19 Symbol of freshness
- 20 Lancaster or Reynolds
- 22 "Blue Bloods" aier
- 23 Fly high
- 27 Flamenco cheer
- 29 Oliver Twist, for one
- 31 French composer Gabriel
- 34 Hilo hello
- 35 Snowman's nose
- 37 Links org.
- 38 Prop for Dr. House
- 39 Devilish laugh
- 41 Body powder
- 45 "I'm with you!"
- 47 Meadow
- 48 Pennsylvania city
- 52 Conditions
- 53 Boredom



DOWN

- 1 Bush
- 2 Japanese verse
- 3 High-strung
- 4 Sudan neighbor
- 5 Royal home
- 6 Extemporize
- 7 Madcap

- 8 "Shoo!" org.
- 9 Acapulco gold
- 10 Gullet
- 11 Capitol Hill
- 17 Old U.S. gas brand
- 21 Baseball manager Joe
- 23 Pie-in-the-face sound
- 24 Discoverer's call
- 25 Satisfied sigh
- 26 Genetic letters
- 28 Summer sign
- 30 Cleaning cloth
- 31 TV watchdog
- 32 Small battery
- 33 Coffee vessel
- 36 Biblical pronoun
- 37 "Friends" role
- 40 Community spirit
- 42 Fake name
- 43 Some jobs
- 44 Attorney's load
- 45 Roman 1052
- 46 Skip
- 48 Plead
- 49 Rock's Brian
- 50 Potent stick
- 51 Shack

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top ten Car Colors

1. White
2. Black
3. Gray
4. Silver
5. Red
6. Blue
7. Brown
8. Green
9. Beige
10. Orange

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. MYTHOLOGY: In Roman mythology, Cupid is the god of love. What's the name of the Greek god of love?
2. MOVIES: Which movie series features a character named Inspector Clouseau?
3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the basic currency used in Greenland?
4. HISTORY: What was the first toy to be advertised on U.S. television?
5. MEASUREMENTS: What is the unit of measurement used to gauge the speed and direction of a computer mouse?
6. GEOGRAPHY: Which U.S. territory's unofficial slogan is "Where America's Day Begins"?
7. TELEVISION: What is the longest running scripted TV series?
8. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president campaigned for election with the slogan "Happy Days Are Here Again"?
9. LANGUAGE: In British English, what is a wincheater?
10. ANATOMY: What part of the human brain controls hunger?

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Leash is shorter. 2. Tail is lowered. 3. Wall is shorter. 4. House is missing. 5. Tongue is different. 6. Front paw is hidden.

TALKING

Today's Word

1. Greater
2. Greater
3. Lactose; 4. Innate

ANSWERS

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: D equals F

MUYUJJUE EK IGQR MU PQIMTJK
Q WTRPS UD GQJAK, DGQM DHBS.
ZKB, EK'GG WK PQMPSHRA BUYK

JQZB.

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Americanisms



"I've never lost a game, I just ran out of time."
— Michael Jordan

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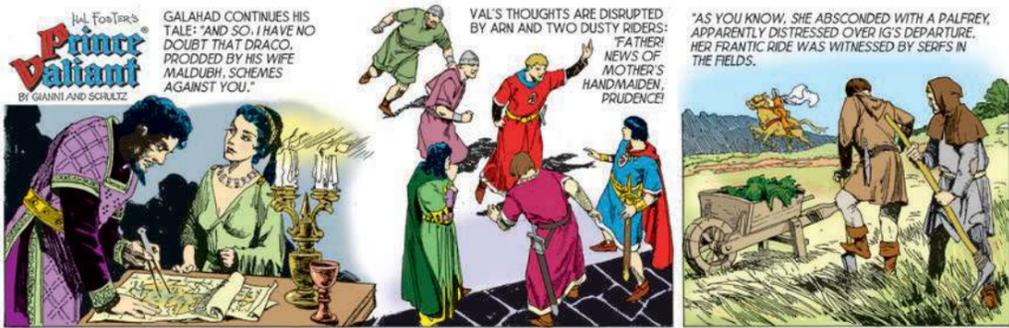
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 S L W A R D C Y Q O O N L A N
 J H A E E E F D T N C A Y T I
 W V T R L D G O I N G B U S T
 S Q P O U B N S L L E K I H T
 F E H C B T A Z P Y W W V U E
 S R Q P N C A T S M H I T L B
 J I H G N I T N U O C D R A C

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
 Unlisted clue hint: **Player Takes no more Cards**

Betting box	Draw	Insurance	Surrender
Card counting	Going bust	Natural	Table
Casinos	Hit	Push	Twenty-one
Dealer	Hole card	Split	

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is **LONGFELLOW**

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

QM QW SPMPV MC WDYYPV
 YCV MVDMK MKEZ MC
 BVCWBPV SA YEFWPKCCG.
 — GEZQWK BVCUPVS

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CryptoQuote

It is better to suffer
for truth than to
prosper by falsehood.
— Danish proverb

answer

CryptoQuote

BLACKJACK TERMS

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
 ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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U.S. inflation highest in 40 years, no letup in sight

WASHINGTON (AP) — Inflation soared over the past year at its highest rate in four decades, hammering American consumers, wiping out pay raises and reinforcing the Federal Reserve's decision to begin raising borrowing rates across the economy.

The Labor Department said Thursday that consumer prices jumped 7.5% last month compared with a year earlier, the steepest year-over-year increase since February 1982.

When measured from December to January, inflation was 0.6%, the same as the previous month and more than economists had expected. Prices rose 0.7% from October to November and 0.9% from September to October.

Shortages of supplies and workers, heavy doses of federal aid, ultra-low interest rates and robust

consumer spending combined to send inflation leaping in the past year. And there are few signs that it will slow significantly anytime soon.

Wages are rising at the fastest pace in at least 20 years, which can pressure companies to raise prices to cover higher labor costs. Ports and warehouses are overwhelmed, with hundreds of workers at the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, the nation's busiest, out sick last month. Many products and parts remain in short supply as a result.

The latest inflation data suggested to some economists that the Fed could raise its key rate in March by one-half a percentage point, rather than its typical quarter-point hike.

James Bullard, the president of the St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank, told Bloomberg News that

he supported a sharp increase of a full percentage point in the benchmark short-term interest rate by July.

Over time, higher rates will raise the costs for a wide range of borrowing, from mortgages and credit cards to auto and business loans. That could cool spending and inflation, but for the Fed, the decision to steadily tighten credit could also trigger another recession.

Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell signaled two weeks ago that the central bank would likely raise its benchmark short-term rate multiple times this year.

Stock prices declined after the inflation report was released and fell further after Bullard's remarks. The broad S&P 500 index fell 1.3% in afternoon trading. The yield on the 10-year bond jumped to 2.03%, a sign that investors see

more Fed rate hikes ahead.

Prices for a broad range of goods and services accelerated from December to January — and not just for items directly affected by the pandemic. Apartment rental costs rose 0.5% in January, the fastest pace in 20 years. Electricity prices surged 4.2% in January alone, the sharpest rise in 15 years, and are up 10.7% from a year earlier. Last month, household furniture and supplies rose 1.6%, the largest one-month increase on records dating to 1967.

Food costs, driven by pricier eggs, cereal and dairy products, increased 0.9% in January. New car prices, which have jumped during the pandemic because of a shortage of computer chips, were unchanged last month but are up 12.2% from a year ago. The surge in new-car prices has, in turn, accelerated used-car prices; they rose 1.5% in January and are up a dizzying 41% from a year ago.

"Just as price pressures in some areas ease, inflation in other parts of the economy" is picking up, said Sarah House, an economist at Wells Fargo. "The upshot is that inflation is likely to remain uncomfortably high."

The steady rise in prices has left many Americans less able to afford food, gas, rent, child care and other necessities. More broadly, inflation has emerged as the biggest risk factor for the economy and as a serious threat to President Joe Biden and

congressional Democrats as mid-term elections loom later this year.

Among the Americans who are struggling with pricier food and gas is Courtney Luckey, who has changed her shopping habits and taken on additional work shifts at a grocery store in Charlotte, North Carolina, where she lives.

Luckey, 33, used to be able to fill up a grocery cart for \$100. Now, she said, \$100 barely fills half the cart. Tomatoes have reached nearly \$5 a pound, "which I think is ridiculous." Luckey has switched to canned tomatoes and has begun using coupons for Family Dollar and Food Lion.

To help pay bills, she's also picked up more hours at a Harris Teeter grocery store. But the store is 30 minutes from her house, so she's had to spend more on gas.

All her forced additional spending has caused Luckey to pull back on the family activities, such as bowling, with her daughter, her brother and his two sons. Those outings now typically happen once a month, rather than every week or two.

In the past year, sharp increases in the costs of gas, food, autos and furniture have upended many other Americans' budgets, too. In December, economists at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School estimated that the average household had to spend \$3,500 more than in 2020 to buy an identical basket of goods and services.



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January Employee of the Month

Pulaski County Public Schools and Critzer Elementary are proud to honor Wayne Taylor as the Employee of the Month for January. Mr. Taylor is the lead custodian at Critzer. It is said that "he goes above and beyond every day. He greets the students as they get off the bus and checks in with staff members to see if they need anything". He is also described as "making Critzer a brighter place with his always positive attitude". He is at the school each morning before daylight and has worked well into the night due to being short-staffed in order to make sure that the school is clean and ready for everyone the next day. Mr. Taylor is married to Melody Taylor and they have 2 daughters - Cerylla is a teacher at Auburn Middle School and Holly is getting ready to make Mr. Taylor a PopPop for the first time!!!!

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

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PET OF THE WEEK

Be my Valentine?

TIGER IS LOOKING FOR HIS FOREVER VALENTINE. THIS HANDSOME PUP IS 6 YEARS OLD, BUT STILL KNOWS HOW TO HAVE FUN. HE CAN'T WAIT TO SHOW YOU HIS TRICKS AND STEAL YOUR HEART WITH HIS SWEET KISSES.

Looking for love this Valentine's day? Look no further! Tiger was surrendered to the shelter after his owner passed away. He's really smart and lets you know when he needs to go potty. He loves playing fetch and would let you throw the ball all day. Tiger is very sweet and knows several tricks - possibly even how to get drinks from the fridge.

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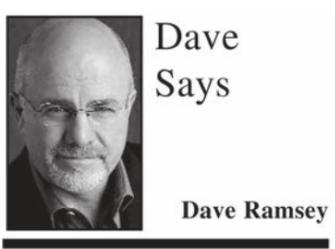
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Is it a loan, or is it a gift?

Dear Dave,
We have \$15,000 in credit card debt. My husband works very hard, but only makes about \$25,000 a year. We're also living in a very old trailer right now, and I stay at home with our newborn. My dad told us he is willing to pay off our debt if we agree to get financial counseling together, and show that we are serious about doing better with our finances. What should we do?



Harper
I wouldn't accept the money from your dad if it's going to be a loan. If you really want to ruin family events, have debt to your parents. It twists you up inside. And it'll be especially hard on your husband. No matter what anyone else says, the borrower is always slave to the lender.

If it's going to be a gift, meaning there's no expectation of repayment, that's a different story. Still, I think your dad has a great idea in making the debt payoff contingent on you two going to some kind of financial counseling, and making a proactive effort to change things, get out of debt and save money—for your child's future and for yours. I'd probably do the same thing.

It doesn't sound like you're being crazy with your money, but it's tough to provide for a family on that kind of income. You and your husband need to sit down together, develop a monthly budget and a realistic five-year plan to improve his earning potential. Make it a date night. Hold hands, do something inexpensive you both enjoy, and let him know he

can be anything he wants to be. Then, help him decide exactly what and where he wants to be in five years. What does he want to be making, and what feasible steps can he take educationally or in terms of job training to get there?

If you want to go to work at some point when your baby is a little older, that's fine. I completely understand the desire to be at home with a brand new baby. But hard work alone just isn't enough these days. You've got to boost your brain power and value in the marketplace, too. God bless you guys!

— 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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