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School-based health clinic possible at PCHS

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

The Pulaski County School Board is ready to move toward having a school-based health clinic on the campus of Pulaski County High School.

At its meeting last week, the board heard a presentation from Megan Atkinson, Director of Career and Technical Education on the health clinic concept.

Atkinson told the board that last fall she was able to go with a group of school administrators to Giles High School where that school division had implemented a community health center clinic.

"I really enjoyed what I saw," Atkinson said. "It sounded like a great opportunity and the stories that they shared about individual students, and faculty and staff that had benefited from the clinic in that short period of time are inspiring."

Atkinson said she took a second trip to Giles along with members

*School Board's
initial reaction
to clinic
proposal
favorable*

of the Pulaski County school nursing staff and the athletic trainer at the high school.

When the group returned home, Atkinson asked their impression of what they had seen in Giles.

"Overwhelmingly they said that they thought that it would be a great idea for us to look at this opportunity. The bottom line is that a lack of medical care and dental care is a reality for many of our school-aged children. Illness and poor dental health can cause poor academic performance, as well as chronic absenteeism of students," Atkinson said.

Atkinson introduced three oth-

er speakers to explain the health clinic concept. They included Michelle Brauns, Chief Executive Officer of the Community Health Center of the New River Valley, along with Erika Slagel-Perry, LPN and Gabby Stowers, an oral health advocate.

Brauns explained the Community Health Center of the New River Valley, which is headquartered in Christiansburg, has four clinics including the Giles High School clinic that was opened this past year. A second clinic, in Dublin, was opened in 2017. A third clinic is located in Pearisburg.

"All the clinics mirror each other in services. We have family medical care. We have dental care, and behavioral health services. We also operate prescription programs out of the Christiansburg office so we're fairly comprehensive, growing abundantly and that's because there is

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Town budget 'doing very well' as this fiscal year nears end

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

The Town of Pulaski is currently "doing very well" with its current budget, as far as revenues and expenditures are going. That was the good news presented to Town Council on Tuesday by Town Manager Darlene Burcham and Finance Director Jackie Morris.

Morris provided council with an update on the current operating budget – in terms of revenues and expenditures so far this fiscal year.

"I think it's advantageous for you to have this type of briefing as we in the next month or so, move into the actual development

of a budget itself [for next fiscal year]," Burcham told council.

"I will tell you just as a bottom line that we're doing very well on both fronts [revenue and expenditures]."

Morris agreed.

"We are where we should be with two weeks shy of finishing the third quarter and one quarter left to go," Morris said.

Morris did note the town's cigarette tax revenue is coming in a little lower than was anticipated. She recalled that the tax rate was increased to 40 cents on July 1, prompting everyone to anticipate higher tax revenues from that revenue stream.

She told council that, at Burcham's suggestion, she sent out

two finance department staff members to speak with 10 vendors in the town in which tax stamps are sent. She said the two found that the vendors are in compliance with having the tax stamps on the cigarette packs. She said they questioned the vendors on cigarette sales – whether they had noticed a difference in sales in an effort to learn why tax revenue is so low with the tax rate increase.

Morris said of the 10 vendors visited, four had noticed a significant decline in sales.

"We're not sure if people are cutting back on smoking, if it's the price or they're just going elsewhere to get their cigarettes,"

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Clinic

Continued from Page A1 such a need in this community of the New River Valley," Brauns said.

She told the board the clinic at Giles High School had improved access to care not just for students, but also faculty and staff – and from all over the county not just Giles High.

Slagel-Perry and Stowers explained the clinic program consists of two parts at the school-based health center – a medical center and an oral health program.

They explained there are two avenues to care within the medical center. The first is a school nurse.

"A student comes to school and doesn't feel good. It's like normal – they would go to their school nurse. Their school nurse then could call us and put the

student on the schedule, and they can come and see us. The second avenue is where the student's parents, guardian, or the student themselves calls me direct and gets on the schedule," Slagel-Perry said.

She told the board about a particular student – an 18-year-old male.

At the clinic, he was assisted in completing a new patient package and with the enrollment process for Medicaid since he didn't have insurance.

During the medical visit at the clinic, it was discovered the student had never been to a dentist.

"Gabby (Stowers) learned he was having dental pain and had been having it for quite a while. She was able to get him scheduled for an exam, a dental cleaning and referral to an oral surgeon to correct the problem," Slagel-Perry said.

"Since the school-based health center opened in Giles in August

it's seen 176 medical appointments, that's faculty and students," Slagel-Perry said.

"Out of those appointments we've seen 28 percent of those people come back. They're coming back with things like sports and school physicals, immunizations, routine lab work. We are becoming their primary care provider."

Atkinson offered her thanks to Officer Jake Price, the SRO at Snowville Elementary.

"He's on the board at the Community Health Center and he's the one who put us in contact with them, and we worked out the visit to Giles and just kind of set this process in motion," she said.

Atkinson suggested using part of the classroom space that's now being used as the life centered classroom in the CTE building at PCHS. She said she brought the Community Health Center folks over to look at the space and it

had all of the things that they would need to come in and set up a clinic.

"The other thing that we would potentially get out of this partnership is that we need a part-time Nurse Aide instructor if we want to grow our CNA classes. And, because we would have a nurse on staff, the Community Health Center is willing to look at allowing that nurse to be that part-time Nurse Aide instructor and then our class sizes would be able to grow from 10 to 20 CNA candidates each year," Atkinson pointed out.

"If a student at the high school came in and started feeling kind of under the weather while in school and went to see the nurse, the nurse could then refer that student to the clinic. After calling the parents and verifying all that with the parents, the parent would not have to call the pediatrician or the doctor and get an appointment and take off work to take the student and all that stuff," Atkinson added.

She said the Community Health Center staff could be at different events, such as back to school nights, collecting paperwork and permission.

"They could be getting parents' signatures to start. And then we talked about different situations where, for example, if you have a student who transfers in who's also an athlete, and they want to go out for a sports team, they can schedule an ap-

pointment for their physical on site. So, they have that immediate access to healthcare that a lot of times when you make an appointment, you're waiting weeks to be able to get in," Atkinson said.

"I guess what we would need from the board is that we have a consensus about moving forward with trying to put a more formal plan together to bring a clinic to Pulaski County in the CTE center," Atkinson said.

"Personally, I would be in favor of moving forward with it," said Vice Chairman Timmy Hurst. "I think to me, it offers nothing but positives and offers opportunities for students who may or may not be getting regular health care to be able to get some health care as well as dental care. So, I have no issue with it. I'm all in favor of it."

"I think particularly dental care because people tend to overlook their teeth and that can become very detrimental to their physical health," chimed in Chairman Dr. Paige Cash.

"My experience while teaching, it seemed like the school nurse was the only medical personnel that our students ever saw. So, I think it would be a wonderful thing to do," added board member Bill Benson.

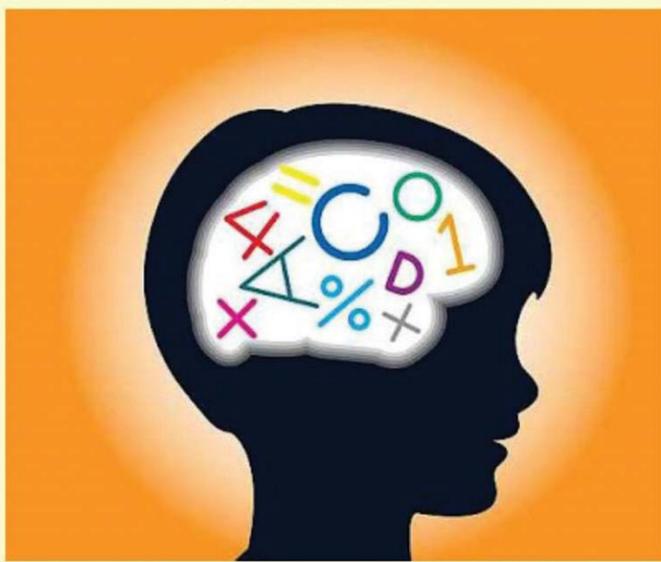
"Whatever the next step is, we're ready to move in that direction," noted School Superintendent Dr. Kevin Siers.

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DOROTHY KRAUCHUCK SMITH

Dorothy Krauchuck Smith, Beloved wife of Rev. Edward Smith for over 76 years has claimed her Heavenly reward. She was no doubt welcomed into the gates of Heaven with 'Well done, my good and faithful servant'. Dorothy - affectionately known by thousands across the world in her church family as Sister Smith, was a devoted spouse, loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother and god grandmother. Always quick with stories and recollections of her life, Dorothy was a prayer warrior and her wise counsel will be sorely missed by many. She was a supportive and dedicated minister's wife, providing prayers and guidance whenever and wherever it was needed. With a servant's heart for missions and those in need, she worked tirelessly through the Women of the Church of God to raise monies in support of those passions. Born in Philadelphia, she never quite lost her accent even though Virginia was her home for more than 50 years. Her laugh and keen insights will be held in our hearts until we meet again. Psalms 37:4 was her favorite scripture and speaks to her faith and hope for all who knew her. "Take delight in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart." If you wish to honor Dorothy's memory, the family suggests a donation to Gideon's International in lieu of flowers.

Dorothy is survived by her husband, Rev. Edward Smith, daughters Judy Jones and Joy Smith, grandsons Jonathan Parsons, Seth Parsons and wife Julie, great grandchildren Leira and Daxton Parsons, god grandchildren, Lee Ann Arnold, Devin and Megan Altizer and 'adopted' son, Terry Altizer.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, March 18 at 2:00 pm at the First Church of God at 6330 Courtney Lane, Dublin, VA. The family will receive friends at 1:00 pm before the service. Interment will follow in Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin.

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



JUDY ANN DALTON

Judy Ann Dalton, 66 of Pulaski died at home on Monday, March 14, 2022. Judy was a devout Christian who served her Lord and loved her family with all her heart.

Judy was the daughter of George Carr Burton and Christine Elizabeth Meredith who will be meeting her at Heavens gate along with her departed husband, Lenford Dalton.

Surviving Judy are, three children; Danny Albert (Kristin) of Pulaski, Deborah Ann Angelm (Fiance'- Trent Holder) of Mount Airy, North Carolina and Tim Albert (Melissa) of Radford.

Also surviving are two step children; Christina Tate of Woodlawn and Michael Dalton of Galax. A sister; Patty Umburger (Doug) of Pulaski and a brother; Bobby Burton of Pulaski. A brother, Larry Wayne Burton also preceded her in death.

Judy had eight grandchildren and three step grandchildren as well as eight great grandchildren and two step great grandchildren.

Visitation will begin at 11:00 on Friday Morning, March 18, 2022 in the chapel of Norris Stevens Funeral Home followed by a funeral service beginning at 12:00 with Dennis Hutchison officiating. Interment will take place at Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin. online condolences can be sent by visiting www.stevensfuneralhomepulaski.com or you may call the funeral home at 540-980-2600.

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REX ALLEN HALL

Rex Allen Hall, age 57 of Pulaski, died Saturday, March 12, 2022 at his home. He was born on April 18, 1964 in Pulaski, and was the son of the late Viola Emma Eads Hall and the late Frank Walter Hall.

He is survived by his daughter; Krista French and Jessie Coffey; granddaughter; Gabby Coffey, and grandson; Cameron French; Brothers; Jerry (Ann) Hall, Frankie Hall, Jon (Buck) Hall; Sisters; Linda Akers, Thelma Hall, Helen Dean (Bill Porter), Robin (Reggie) McGinnis. Also survived by many neices and nephews, and friends.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at Seagle Funeral Home with Pastor Josh Arnold officiating. Pallbearers were Greg DeHart, Victor Hernandez, Parker Dalton, Jessie Coffey, Jr., Jack Taylor, Jr. and Jerry Dean. Interment followed in Hufford Cemetery on Mt. Olivet.

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KERRY SCHRADER VASS

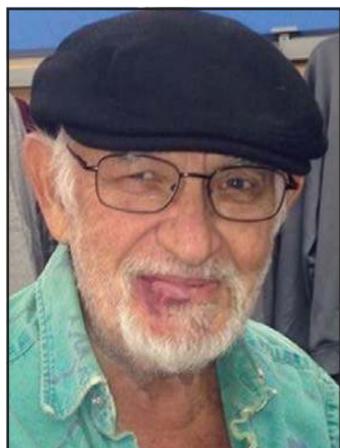
Kerry Schrader Vass, age 68 of Pulaski, passed away peacefully Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at Lewis Gale Hospital - Pulaski. She was born on February 22, 1954 in Pulaski, and was the daughter of the late Lorena C. Schrader and the late Kelly R. Schrader.

Keri led an interesting life. She studied drafting and design at New River Community College, and was self taught in computer operations pertaining to her employment. She worked several years in the engineering department for the Town of Pulaski, and retired from the Town of Wytheville where she served as the Assistant Town Engineer. Keri enjoyed reading, eating put and traveling to flea markets. But, her biggest passion was crocheting.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband: James P. Vass, and several brothers and a sister. She leaves behind to cherish her memory, by Bill Johnston and her beloved cat Foxi, along with several friends and colleagues.

Funeral services will be held Monday, March 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at Seagle Funeral Home, with Pastor Todd Garwood officiating. Entombment will be privately held on the following day

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HOWARD HUBERT CANNYOY, SR.

Howard Hubert Cannoy, Sr., age 82 of Pulaski, died Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at Lewis Gale Hospital - Pulaski. He was born on May 9, 1939 in Wythe County. Howard's unique personality enabled him to be very well known in his community, especially at sporting and school events surrounding his children. Howard worked for many years for Burlington Industries.

He is survived by four sons: Howard Hubert Cannoy, Jr. of Wythe County, Ricky Cannoy of Wythe County, Tony (Carla) Cannoy of Wythe County, and Shane (Melanie) Woodrum of Lexington, VA; daughters; Britta Renee Cannoy of Pulaski, Amber Sue Hodge of Pulaski, and Sherry (Eddie) Dillon of Roanoke. He is also survived by ten grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 14, 2022 at Seagle Funeral Home.

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LEONARD "WAYNE" JARRELLS

Leonard "Wayne" Jarrells, age 75 of Pulaski passed away Saturday, March 12, 2022 in the Montgomery Lewis Gale Hospital, Blacksburg.

Born December 10, 1946 in Pulaski, he was the son of the late Leonard William Jarrell and Margaret Marie McGlothlin Jarrells. He was also preceded in death by a sister, Hedy Jarrells Viers.

He was a veteran of the United States Air Force and a retired insurance agent.

He is survived by His wife of 55 years - Mary Ann Thornton Jarrells - Pulaski

Children - Renea Gallagher - Christiansburg, Anthony "Tony" Wayne Jarrells - Dublin, Randy (Andrea) Jarrells - Dublin

Five Grandchildren - Joshua (Hope) Gallagher, Jessica (Tony) Davis, Zachary Jarrells, Owen Jarrells, Will Jarrells

Four Great Grandchildren - Adalynne Davis, Rosalie Davis, Cole Zeigler, Declan Gallagher - Sister - Rita (Bobby) Cook - Barren Springs

Many Nieces and Nephews
Funeral services were held Wednesday evening, March 16, 2022 at the Pulaski Church of God with Pastor Don Jones and Pastor Chad Dunford officiating.

Burial was Thursday, March 17, 2022 at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Dublin, Virginia.

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National Day of Prayer to be observed May 5

The Pulaski County Ministerial Association annually organizes a prayer service for the National Day of Prayer Initiative at Noon on the first Thursday of May on the front lawn of the Courthouse.

Joined this year, as in 2019, by Chalk Evangelist Dwight Haynes with Good News Chalk Talks to lead music, share a Patriotic Bible Chalk Talk and moderate the circle of prayer stations.

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be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favour;..."1 With this call echoing through the centuries, we humbly invite all residents and visitors in our historic county to come alongside our church leaders and public servants from all sectors of our community in a solemn and inspirational gathering for prayer and community fellowship on the National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 5th, at 12 Noon in front of the Pulaski County Courthouse.

There will be an open luncheon reception following the downtown service at Emmanuel Bookstore & Gift Shop. We are encouraging those who can to walk and pray from the Courthouse lawn to Emmanuel Bookstore.

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Morris said.

Morris also addressed the convenience fee charge – a charge that town customers pay when they come in and pay fees and taxes with a debit or credit card.

“We had been accepting those payments and not imposing a fee on customers. Of course, we were being charged by the banks and the town was absorbing that cost and those fees were getting pricey,” she said.

Last July, at the start of the new fiscal year, the town began charging \$1.75 on transactions in which customers chose to pay with a card.

“That has helped,” she told council, but she noted the convenience charge may have to go up.

“I have spoken with Miss Burcham - just looking at the month-to-month with the charges and then what we have coming in and the credit card company charges, depending on the type whether it's Visa, MasterCard or American Express, they each charge a percentage based on the dollar amount. If it's a normal month where it's just water bills, you don't see that much of a change. I think tax time is where it's hitting us because the dollar amount is increasing so much that the percentage they're charging compared to our \$1.75 – there's just no comparison.”

Morris said she had discussed with Burcham the possibility of increasing that convenience charge in the next budget just so the town can come out even with the bank charges.

“We are not making anything off them. It is not extra revenue for the town. It's just simply trying to cover costs that we're having to pay out that the banks are charging.”

Morris and Burcham noted that Pulaski County has begun imposing a convenience fee. Morris said their fee is

2.9 percent of the amount of the transaction.

“But our philosophy on putting that into place during the budget last year was to have people who are benefiting from the service pay for it. In the same way that we made some other changes to various fees and charges, and the people that are using credit cards to pay we felt should be paying for that additional service and not the town absorbing it which we had been absorbing it completely up to that point. This year, we're recovering most of it, but not all of it and so we will be looking at that as well as other fees during the budget process,” Burcham told council.

Burcham asked if the convenience fee is “kind of accepted at this point.”

“Pretty much,” Morris responded. “You have some that are not happy, but I mean you have a choice. You don't have to pay with a card,” Morris said, noting the town accepts cash, checks or money orders for payment.

On the expenditure side of the budget, Morris said the town is pretty much on target with its budget for the fiscal year.

Burcham asked Morris to explain one of the strategies employed this year to keep expenditures in line.

Deaths

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in Highland Memory Gardens. The family will receive friends on Monday evening from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, she would like donations made in her memory to St. Jude's.

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NAOMI FAYE ADKINS FISHER

Naomi Faye Adkins Fisher, 76, took the hand of Jesus and stepped into her heavenly home on Tuesday, March 15, 2022.

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

“We currently each month print out a report for each of the department heads so they can see where they're at with spending in their department to keep from things getting out of control. Having the department heads have more hands on, making them more aware and more responsible of their budget has been very helpful. I think it's made a difference as you can see within our totals. They do not have the flexibility to spend as freely as they want, that's monitored more closely, which as you can see has worked.”

“Miss Burcham also gets a report every month of every revenue line and every expenditure line for all the departments, and I assure you she is going through each of those reports with a fine-tooth comb. And then we both go through them monthly,” Morris explained.

Morris told council she had learned a lot from Burcham since taking over the department.

She noted, too, controlling expenses has been aided by the fact department heads have had more of a say and control this year over their budgets.

“I have the capability now to sit down with them and work with them line item by line item.”

“We can tell a big difference this year as opposed to last year,” Morris said.

“I would just like to say thank you for the job well done. Your staff, the department heads and Miss Burcham,” stated Vice Mayor Greg East. “I know I have a whole lot more confidence in what we're seeing here. We're certainly moving in the right direction and that's attributable to you, Miss Burcham and the rest of the staff and the department heads, so thank you very much.”

Council Jamie Radcliffe echoed East's comments and noted that council used to hear complaints about its finance office in the past.

“We don't hear those anymore,” he said.

“I do have a good staff in the finance department. They all do a wonderful job,” Morris said, noting she had not been working directly with the staff all the time during this year due to working with Burcham so much.

“But they kept it running and I do not have to worry. As I told Miss Burcham, when I'm upstairs with her they can run the office and they do a fabulous job,” she added.

Burcham noted the finance office staff has ramped up efforts to collect delinquent personal property taxes and will be starting a similar effort on past due real estate taxes.

“So, this is actual proof that government can have accountability in a budget,” noted Councilman Brooks Dawson. “That is definitely possible. We've seen the other side of it. It's truly fantastic listening to that.”

Youngkin Proposes Gas Tax Holiday for Struggling Virginians

Legislation would use a portion of excess transportation revenue to support three month gas tax suspension

RICHMOND – Governor Glenn Youngkin today announced that he would send a bill to the General Assembly in the upcoming special session to suspend Virginia's gas tax for 3 months. The Governor proposes using over \$437 million in unanticipated transportation revenues to support the gas tax holiday. Data released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics this week showed a 38.8% surge, year over year, in the gasoline index, and inflation on all items is at a 40-year high.

“Inflation, especially in energy and gasoline, is increasing because of failed policies by the current Presidential administration that constrain domestic supply. In addition, the conflict in Ukraine is further exacerbating the problem. These rising gas prices are hurting Virginians, and we need to do something about it,” Governor Youngkin said. “The Commonwealth Transportation fund has over \$1 billion more revenue than anticipated this year and next, from the taxes paid by the people of Virginia. This bill gives money back to them in the form of a gas tax holiday.”

The Governor's proposal would suspend the Motor Vehicle Fuels tax, which is 26.2 cents per gallon for gasoline and 27 cents for diesel, for three months, May, June, and July, and phase it back in slowly in August and September. The Governor's proposal would also cap the annual adjustment to the gas tax at no more than two percent per year to further protect Virginians from the hidden tax

increase of inflation.

Revenue from the tax, commonly referred to as “the gas tax” is deposited in the Commonwealth Transportation Fund along with a portion of the state's sales and use tax.

The Commonwealth Transportation Fund, which funds maintenance and construction for all modes of transportation, is currently realizing revenue well above forecast and has \$671.4 million unanticipated revenue in FY22 and \$457.6 million FY23.

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Drew Davis has been with State Parks for the last 9 years and this is the fifth state park that he has worked with. Drew has a degree in History from Longwood University and an interest in railroad history.

This program will be held in the Pulaski Library Community Room and registration is not required.

White House Misdirection on Energy

Russia's unprovoked war of aggression in Ukraine calls for the United States to respond with the diplomatic and economic tools we have in our hands. One that the Biden Administration has been reluctant to use has been American energy.

As I noted in my last column, the United States



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

imported 200,000 barrels of crude oil and 500,000 barrels of other petroleum products per day from Russia in

2021, purchases that funded Vladimir Putin's regime. Our country's leadership in energy production, however, should allow us to stop importing Russian energy and export our energy to other countries.

Since I wrote that column, President Biden moved to ban Russian energy imports. It was a welcome step, but the hesitation in taking it and the subsequent efforts by the White House to stop stronger measures indicates that the Administration still does not grasp the power and potential of domestic energy production.

President Biden issued the ban on March 8. He did so as negotiators on Capitol Hill worked on legislation not only to ban energy imports but also to suspend normal trade relations with Russia and its ally Belarus. The congressional action under discussion would have been stronger than the President's, so his Administration followed up its ban by pressuring Congress not to go any further.

The bill that came to the floor could have been much stronger. I voted for it only after Democrats blocked a better bill offered by Congressman Kevin Brady (R-TX) that would have further restricted Russian trade and opened up American energy production.

In a sign of the muddled direction of this Administration, just a few days after blocking a bill that would have stripped Russia of normal trade status, President Biden called for Congress to send him a bill that does so.

The White House has seized on the import ban as a convenient way to explain high gas prices and push its underlying domestic agenda.

A reporter asked President Biden on March 8 about gas prices, "What can you do about it?" He responded, "Can't do much right now. Russia is responsible."

Anyone who has filled a gas tank since January 20, 2021, when the President was inaugurated, recognizes his statement as disingenuous.

According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, the national retail gas price for the week of President Biden's inauguration was \$2.48 per gallon. Before Putin invaded Ukraine, it had soared to \$3.62 per gallon - an increase of more than a dollar.

Russia was not responsible for depressing American energy production. Vladimir Putin has committed many wrongs, but he did not cancel the Keystone XL pipeline or issue a moratorium on new oil and gas leases on federal lands. Those wounds were self-inflicted thanks to the Biden Administration.

The only other response the Administration has besides deflecting blame is urging Americans to buy electric vehicles. Such a suggestion probably leaves a bitter taste in the mouths of Americans when they consider that the average transaction price for an electric vehicle is \$62,876, according to a Wall Street Journal article that cites recent Kelley Blue Book data.

If buying a used electric vehicle, a buyer has to look at how much the battery has diminished and whether it will need a new battery pack or modules, which can cost over \$10,000.

Price aside, plenty of other factors limit electric vehicles as a solution to the present energy crisis. I brought up one of them at a House Energy and Commerce Committee hearing; following the White House's lead, House Democrats chose to discuss electric vehicles rather than urgent problems and realistic solutions.

The issue I raised at the hearing was the range of electric vehicles. During good weather, I could not drive an electric vehicle from one end of the Ninth Congressional District to another without recharging. Axios reported that cold weather diminishes their range even more. In Norway, electric vehicles lose about 20% of their driving range and take longer to charge, and AAA found that the loss in range when the car's heater is on at full blast could be as high as 41%.

Taking these facts with others I have previously noted, such as cost, the insufficiency of current charging stations, and the inadequacy of today's electric grid to support new electric vehicle infrastructure, electric vehicles are clearly inadequate for addressing our near-term energy challenges.

The solution remains obvious to everyone but the White House and congressional Democrats: more domestic energy production.

If you have questions, concerns, or comments, feel free to contact my office. You can call my Christiansburg office at 540-381-5671. To reach my office via email, please visit my website at www.morgangriffith.house.

Saint Patrick's Legacy

Several weeks ago, my husband and I were discussing the origin of holidays and how they have become so commercialized. Specifically, we wondered why Saint Valentine's accomplishments are now called Valentine's Day which commercially celebrates romantic love rather than the conversion of pagans to Christianity. People in the USA were expected to spend \$23.9 billion on Valentine's Day cards and gifts this year.

This week, we are celebrating another formerly religious holiday, St. Patrick's Day, that also has been hijacked by commercialization. It is one of the leading days for consumption of alcohol and it is estimated that we'll collectively spend a total of \$5.87 billion on apparel, decorations, food, beverages, candy, greeting cards, and gifts.

We all love festivals and having fun - and after the past two years, many of us feel we deserve to start celebrating something - anything - again.

But many people may not realize

One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

the religious origins of St. Patrick's Day go back to a man born in Britain circa 386 A.D. Sources list his birth name as Maewyn Succat, son of Calphurnius, a deacon living in Britain from a Roman family of high social standing. It is documented that his mother, Conchessa, was related to a great patron Saint Martin of Tours; and his grandfather was a member of the clergy. This man would later be known as Saint Patrick, Christian apostle of Ireland.

When Patrick was 16-years old, he was captured by Irish pirates and sold

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Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

What Putin Knew

There are forgivable intellectual and policy errors, and then there's the self-delusion that has driven the West into its dependence on Vladimir Putin's oil and gas.

Russia has long been a major supplier of energy to Europe. The depletion of European natural gas reserves has played a role in Russia's increased significance. Moscow has also benefited, though, from a deliberate choice by Europe to attempt a great leap forward into a green-energy future, especially in a Germany that turned its back on both nuclear and coal.

In taking this route, Europe made a holiday-from-history decision to forget the incredible power of oil, gas and coal -- the most reliable and efficient sources of energy the world has ever known -- and ignore the inevitable centrality of energy to geopolitics.

Greta Thunberg, the teenage climate activist who has been elevated into an oracle of all that is good and true, demanded nothing less.

No matter what you've heard, the world hasn't embraced fossil fuels out of hatred of the planet, rather because they are so incredibly useful. If they didn't already exist -- thanks to sunlight and plants that -- we would have to invent them and wouldn't be able to.

Oil is a miracle fuel. Alex Epstein of the Center for Industrial Progress writes that it is "almost eerily engineered by natural processes, not just for cheapness, not just for reliability, not just for scalability, but also for another characteristic crucial to a functional civilization: portability." It powers cars, trucks and jets, without which the modern world as we know it wouldn't exist.

Coal, too, Epstein notes, is affordable, abundant and easy to extract and transport. There is a reason that developing nations invariably use it to power their economic advancement.

So, it's not surprising that fossil fuels are still the leading source of global electricity, with coal accounting for 36.7% and gas 23.5%. The total fossil fuel contribution, at 63.3%, is down only slightly from two decades ago.

In terms of overall energy, fossil fuels are an even larger proportion, 84.3%.

For its part, green energy -- wind, solar and other renewables -- account for around 10% of global electricity, and even less of total energy.

Vladimir Putin knew this and understood the power it gave him, even if European policymakers couldn't be bothered to think a tiny bit strategically.

Did they not notice that coal was the mainstay of Britain's rise to global power in the 19th century?

Did they forget the role of oil in World War I and World War II, let alone subsequent 20th-century history?

Petroleum wasn't particularly useful prior to World War I and,

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Deeper and Deeper In Debt

By Cal Thomas, Tribune Content Agency

In his State of the Union address, President Biden claimed he would, be "the only president to ever cut the deficit by more than \$1 trillion in a single year." While this is technically true, he ignores the fact that the reduction in the deficit will be due to the decreased expenditures associated with COVID-19 relief.

Meanwhile, the debt will continue to rise because members of both parties refuse to control spending. The House last week passed a \$1.5 trillion spending bill that is more than 2,000 pages long. Experience teaches most members have not read all, or even most of it. Why should they? They aren't spending their money.

Speaker Nancy Pelosi engaged in Orwellian "Newspeak" when she mentioned government spending in a recent press conference: "...it's important to dispel some of those who say, well it's the government spending. No, it isn't. The government spending is doing the exact reverse, reducing the national debt. It is not inflationary."

Yes, and war is peace. Remember earmarks, those little and big add-ons to spending bills that Republicans once banned and promised voters they would never return? They're back, with some Republicans inserting them into the spending bill. Earmarks reportedly take up 367 pages of the bill.

Social programs, which are never measured by their success or failure, are part of this spending monstrosity. To get more for defense, as a Wall Street Journal editorial noted, "Republicans had to concede to more domestic spending on top of the \$3.4 trillion spent in the last year."

This irresponsible spending continues because of a philosophical shift among American citizens. Where once people were expected to be responsible for themselves and turn to government as a last resort, now mostly - but not exclusively - liberal politicians have succeeded in convincing too many Americans they are "entitled" to "benefits" and that "the rich" aren't paying their "fair share" in taxes.

In fact, the federal government has once again taken a record \$1.86 trillion in total taxes through the first five months of fiscal 2022. Revenue is not the problem. Spending that has given us a \$30 trillion (and counting) debt is the problem.

We can't say we haven't been warned about what uncontrolled debt can do to nations. People have sounded alarms about government debt.

As Peter Wehner and Ian Tufts write in the winter edition of National Affairs about recent presidents who expressed concern about our growing debt: "In issuing their warnings, these presidents echoed mainstream economists, budget directors, chairmen of the Federal Reserve, and influential figures in the world of finance -- both Democratic and Republican -- who sounded the alarm about the potential consequences of a dramatic fiscal imbalance. These experts warned that large annual deficits and debt could lead to troubling, even catastrophic, consequences: prolonged recessions, rising interest rates, increasing inflation, reduced upward mobility, a weakened and stalled stock market, a mass sell-off of foreign-government holdings of U.S. Treasuries, a collapse of the financial system, and general economic and social calamity. These would all grow more likely, they cautioned, if the federal government failed to get its fiscal house in order."

Like so much of the Constitution, the left and too many on the right, have ignored history and sage advice when it comes to the economy. We are doomed to repeat that history unless we get our economic house in order. That will require more Americans taking a pledge to care for themselves and rely less on government and it will mean electing people who will heed the warnings and advice of the people quoted above.

I am not optimistic such advice and experience will be heeded, given human nature. Many would rather get a check than earn one.

Readers may email Cal Thomas at tcaditors@tribpub.com. Look for Cal Thomas' latest book "America's Expiration Date: The Fall of Empires and Superpowers and the Future of the United States" (HarperCollins/Zondervan).

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Tax, spending issues delay budget approval

By Tyler Arnold

(The Center Square) – After Virginia lawmakers failed to reach an agreement on the state budget amid a series of tax and spending disagreements, the General Assembly adjourned its session and will meet again at a later date.

Rather than extending the session when lawmakers missed their budget deadline, they chose to carry the legislation over to a special session. When they meet for the special session, which has yet to be scheduled, they will need to debate the specifics of a grocery tax reduction or elimination, the state's standard deduction and whether to suspend the gasoline tax.

"This is an extended opportunity for taxpayers to advocate for a return of some of their own money," Chris Braunlich, the president of the free-market Thomas Jefferson Institute, told The Center Square.

"With a budget surplus well

north of \$15 billion largely due to state tax policies, it should not be too much for taxpayers to get a bit more of it back so they can plan for a time of skyrocketing inflation," Braunlich said. "Elections have consequences, and the trajectory of November's election is towards reducing Virginians' tax burden. That trajectory will certainly increase in 2023, should the State Senate refuse to offer taxpayers a fair share of their own money."

The House of Delegates, which is controlled by Republicans, proposed several tax cuts. The largest cut would be through doubling the standard deduction. Doubling the standard deduction for single filers from \$4,500 to \$9,000 and for married filers from \$9,000 to \$18,000 would create a broad tax cut that would extend tax breaks to more middle class families. The plan has received opposition from the Senate, which is controlled by Democrats. The Senate wants to keep the current law in place, which would maintain the

current standard deduction until 2026 and decrease the standard deduction thereafter, which would lead to a tax hike on some middle class Virginians.

Republican lawmakers argued that the state should use its surplus funding to broaden its tax cuts, but Democratic lawmakers argued that tax relief should be focused primarily on poorer Virginians.

House Majority Leader Terry Kilgore, R-Gate City, praised the House version of the budget and criticized Democrats for the delay.

"I'm proud of the budget that we passed in the House, and I'm proud of what it does for all Virginians," Kilgore said in a statement. "When Governor Youngkin calls us back to Richmond, I hope Democrats will work with us and let the people's business proceed."

Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee Chair, Janet Howell, D-Reston, said the Senate version of the bill provides important funding for education and

healthcare.

"While budget negotiations remain ongoing, Senate conferees will work to maintain the original Senate budget funding to invest in the futures of Virginia's students; provide health resources, particularly behavioral care, for everyone in the Commonwealth; and assure economic strength for every family," Howell said. "I look forward to continuing this important process to produce a healthy, responsible, and balanced budget."

Another debate between the two chambers is whether to suspend the state's gasoline tax increase amid soaring gas prices. While Republicans say the relief would help struggling Virginians, Democrats argued that it would cripple transportation funding. The two sides are also debating the grocery tax. Although both seek to eliminate the 1.5% tax collected, House Republicans also want to end the 1% local option and reimburse localities for the funds lost.

The two sides have also had disagreements over education funding. Republican lawmakers support bills that would divert some education funding to support school choice opportunities for parents and students, while Democrats have opposed the school choice funding and support bolstering funds for the current public school system. Although both sides support increasing pay for teachers, the Democrats support a 5% raise and Republicans support a slightly lower 4% raise.

Choosing to continue discussion during a special session, rather than simply extending the session, should not increase any

costs for taxpayers because costs would be the same regardless of whether they meet now or later, according to Steve Haner, a senior fellow for state and local tax policy at the Thomas Jefferson Institute.

"The main marginal cost is the per diem and travel payments to legislators, the same whether the session is extended or for a special session," Haner said. "Most of the staff are permanent employees anyway. It is unfortunate the habit of not meeting the session deadline seems to have settled in and become the standard."

To complete the budget, lawmakers will need to create a bipartisan bill so it can pass both chambers and be signed by Republican Gov. Glenn Youngkin.

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into slavery as a shepherd. His owner was a high priest of Druidism which was an influential pagan cult in Ireland.

Amazingly, Patrick came to view his enslavement as God's test of his faith. During his six years of captivity, he became deeply devoted to Christianity through constant prayer. In a vision, he saw the children of pagan Ireland reaching out their hands to him and grew increasingly determined to convert the Irish to Christianity.

Patrick had wanted to escape and return to his family in Britain and in 408 A.D., during a dream he heard a voice promising him he would find a way back. A chance meeting with some sailors provided the opportunity for Patrick to board their ship and sail with them.

But as sometimes happens, plans go awry. After three days of sailing, he and the crew abandoned the ship in France and wandered, lost, for 28 days — covering 200 miles of territory in the process. Happily, Patrick was reunited with his family in Britain.

Returning to France, he entered the priesthood and was ordained a deacon in 418 A.D. Unfortunately, Patrick was captured and enslaved again but escaped and returned to Ireland fourteen years later to convert the Irish to Christianity. By the time of his death on March 17, 461, he had established church-

es, schools and monasteries all over Ireland.

"It is said of him that, he was a most humble-minded man, pouring forth continuous thanks to his Maker for having chosen him as the instrument whereby multitudes who had worshipped 'idols and unclean things' had become 'the people of God.'"

The first recorded St. Patrick's Day celebration in America was held in 1600, and the first St. Patrick's Day Parade in 1601 at St. Augustine, FL. Both were organized by the Spanish Colony's Irish vicar Ricardo Artur (Richard Arthur).

St. Patrick's Day celebrations continued throughout the Colonies. The Charitable Irish Society of Boston organized the first observance of Saint Patrick's Day in the Thirteen Colonies in 1737. The society's purpose in gathering was simply to honor its homeland, and to coordinate charitable works for the Irish community in Boston. During the observance of the day, individuals attended a service of worship and a special dinner.

New York's first Saint Patrick's Day observance was similar to that of Boston. It was held on March 16, 1762 in the home of an Irish Protestant. The first recorded parade in New York was by Irish soldiers in the British Army in 1766.

Similarly, the first documented St. Patrick's Day Celebration in Philadelphia was held in

1771 when the city's Friendly Sons of St. Patrick was found to honor St. Patrick and to provide relief to Irish immigrants in the city. Interestingly, General George Washington, a member of Philadelphia's Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, actively encouraged Irish American patriots to join the Continental Army and allowed his troops a holiday on March 17th "as an act of solidarity with the Irish in their fight for independence."

Since 1991, March has been proclaimed 'Irish-American Heritage Month' by the US Congress or President and March 17th has been the official date when St. Patrick's Day is celebrated.

So whether you celebrate the religious aspects of Saint Patrick or indulge in the festive side of St. Patrick's Day, receive this comforting Irish blessing:

"May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face,

the rains fall soft upon your fields,

and until we meet again,

may God hold you in the palm of his hand."

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by the end of it, had become a pillar of national power. It fueled the motorized vehicles and airplanes that transformed warfare. British foreign minister Lord Curzon famously said at the war's conclusion that the Allies had "floated to victory upon a wave of oil."

In World War II, the Japanese attacked the United States in part for fear that the American de facto oil embargo would starve its war machine, and one reason the Nazis were defeated was that they ran out of fuel.

Of course, the strategic significance of the Middle East owed almost entirely to its vast oil reserves. The phrase "war for oil" is a cliché and usually a smear,

but it is certainly true that no one has ever fought a war for wind.

In light of all of this, Europe still choose to subjugate itself to an anti-Western authoritarian and, even as Russian opera stars are getting canceled, it hasn't ceased purchases of Russian oil and gas.

Some perspective is necessary. While climate change may indeed prove a serious long-term challenge, it is not reducing parts of European cities to rubble or a threat to use a tactical nuclear weapon.

If this horrifying episode hasn't scared the West straight on energy, nothing will.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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SkillsUSA students earn district recognition

From Pulaski County Schools

Pulaski County High School Career and Technical Education (CTE) students were recently able to compete in the SkillsUSA District VII competition throughout the month of February. Several of those students have earned recognition for their accomplishments.

Contestant Madison Neel and model Cheyann Gallimore earned first place recognition in the Esthetics competition of Cosmetology. They will be traveling to Virginia Beach April 8-10 for the SkillsUSA State Conference competition.

Ethan Wilhelm will also be making the trip to Virginia Beach in April. He earned first place in the Auto Service Technology competition.

Krystal Mattson will be joining Wilhelm, Neel and Gallimore on the trip. She earned second place in the Fantasy Manikin event to advance to the state level.

Two other Pulaski County competitors earned second place finishes. Joseph Burcham took second in the Auto Maintenance and Light Repair competition. Avery Hopkins took second place in the Auto Service Technology event.

Memphis Taylor earned a third-place finish in Auto Maintenance and Light Repair. Danielle Bolling finished third in the



Pulaski County Schools photo

PCHS' big winners in SkillsUSA District VII competition.

Welding events. Gwendolyn Puckett earned fourth place and Sydney Pauley took sixth place in the Cosmetology

portion of the competition. Pulaski County will also be sending Sydney Pauley to the State Conference as a State Officer Candidate.

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. SkillsUSA helps each student excel.

They provide educational programs, events, and competitions that support career and technical education in the nation's classrooms.

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Friday, March 18 Open Mic Night

The third annual Denny Bryant Open Mic Night will be held at 3874 Oak Grove Rd. Woodlawn, Va. No Charge - Starts at 6:30 Sing (Individual or Group) Poetry Speech or Reading. All Ages. To Reserve Your Spot, Call: 276-733-2678 (Refreshments will be served)

March 27

Revival
Sunday, March 27 Revival A revival is scheduled at the River of Life Church: Revival with Cliff West March 27-30, 2022 Sunday at 10:30 am and 6 pm Monday - Wednesday at 7 pm

April 7

Legion to meet in Radford
The American Legion, Harvey-Howe-Carper Post 30 will meet on Thursday, April 7, 7pm at the VFW Post Home on 102 Watts St. in Radford. For further information, please call 540-250-2283 or 540-239-9864.

April 12

Sons of Confederate Veterans
The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet on Tuesday, April 12, 7pm at Aly's Family Italian Restaurant on 3204 Riner Road. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are also invited to attend. For further information, please call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

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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.



Teacher of the Month

Pulaski County Public Schools and Snowville Elementary School are pleased to recognize Mrs. Lindsey Day as Teacher of the Month for March. Mrs. Day has

taught kindergarten at Snowville Elementary for two years and has been with Pulaski County Schools for ten years. Mrs. Day is a caring and energetic teacher whose love for her students shines through every day. One of her many strengths lies in teaching students how to read, which

is evident when you walk into her classroom. There is a strong sense of community in her classroom, and students love being a part of her classroom. Snowville Elementary School sincerely appreciates the time and dedication that Mrs. Day puts into a job that she clearly loves!

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Art competition opens in Ninth

Congressman Morgan Griffith (R-VA) issued the following statement announcing the beginning of the 2022 Congressional Art Competition in the Ninth District:

"Each year, the U.S. House of Representatives sponsors the Congressional Art Competition for high school students. It's a great opportunity to see the artistic talents of students in Virginia's Ninth Congressional District, one of whom will have his or her work selected for display in the Capitol. Last year, Karen Villanueva of Blacksburg High School won the competition with her work Road Back Home.

To read the complete listing of rules and guidelines or download the Student Release Form for the Congressional Art Competition, please visit www.morgangriffith.house.gov.





Mike Williams/The Patriot

Pulaski Mayor Shannon Collins (left) presents David Quesenberry a framed copy of a resolution approved Tuesday night by Town Council honoring Quesenberry on his retirement. Quesenberry served the town as Assistant to the Town Manager and Clerk of Council for 25 years. He retirement was effective March 1.

Quesenberry retires, honored by council

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

Longtime clerk of town council, David Quesenberry was honored Tuesday night by Pulaski Town Council.

Quesenberry retired March 1 after 25 years of service to the town.

According to a resolution passed by council Tuesday, Quesenberry began his service to the town on March 20, 1997 working as the assistant to the town manager.

Feeding SW Va. receives huge food donation

On March 17 at 3 pm at the Salem Distribution Center loading dock, Feeding Southwest Virginia will receive the first of two truckloads of food from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This donation of food comes at a time when increasing food and fuel costs are impacting the budget of the Food Bank.

The donated items include canned beans, soups, pasta and other non-perishable products. The additional food donation is to assist Feeding Southwest Virginia due to the increased number of food insecure people in our community.

"This donation is particularly timely," said Pamela Irvine, President and CEO of Feeding Southwest Virginia. "This donation of food will soften the impact of higher costs facing the Food Bank to help feed the region's food insecure. No one deserves to be hungry. We are very grateful for this large scale donation from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints."

He remained in that position through July 1, 2017 when he also became Clerk of Council.

"In each of these roles, Mr. Quesenberry remained steadfast in his concern for the town and its future," the resolution states.

"Town council extends its sincerest thanks and appreciation to David Quesenberry for his dedicated service to the Town of Pulaski. Furthermore, town council and the town employees extend to Mr. Quesenberry their best wishes for an enjoyable and rewarding retirement."

Quesenberry said a call in 1997 from former Town Manager Tom Combiths prompted his working for the town.

He said he was thankful for his co-workers. "You're the best. They don't come any better. Anytime I needed help, you helped me."

"But most of all, I want to express my thanks to the people of the Town of Pulaski. When we moved here 48 years ago, my family and I, we didn't know anybody. And we weren't sure what kind of a welcome we would receive. But we shouldn't have worried. The people in the town just opened their neighborhoods to us. They treated us like we were friends who had been on a long journey rather than newly arrived people."

"And that's the secret of the community. That's its strength - good people. Good people make good things happen. Good people get behind initiatives to move the community forward. And when things go sour, good people keep it together."

"So that's your resources, good people," Quesenberry told council.

"Realize that is your strength."

"I thank you all once again and God bless you."



Pictured Left to Right: Horse Junior, Matthew Harris, Luke Crigger & Gypsy

Crigger, Harris finish 21st out of 85 junior rodeo teams

Luke Crigger & Matthew Harris returned home from competing in Team Roping in the Jr. Patriot in Ft. Worth, TX where they finished 21st out of 85 Teams.

The 2022 Hooley Junior Patriot Finals is the host of America's richest combined equine events. There are currently over 2100 competitors entered. Each year it brings together the past, present, and future of the most entertaining of competitive cowboy events. The Events at The Patriot offer something for every kind of cowboy and cowgirl. Finals took place, February 25 - March 6, 2022 in Fort Worth Texas with over 5600 spectators.

Luke said, "Don't let the nerves get to you and just rope like you know you can!"

Matthew recommended to "Slow down, make memories and focus on having a winners' mindset."

Matthew's Leadership Mentor, Trey Johnson with Trey Johnson Ministries shared some excellent advice.

"Enjoy the journey. Learn as much as you can. If you already were the champion, how would you think, what would your at-

titude be? What would your humility be like? How would you add value to people, if people were already looking up to you because roping is a gift, roping is a tool. It is more than just about roping. It's not just about winning the prize. It's about winning as a person. If you feel like this is something God has gifted you to do, see how well you can take care of things on the way. How well can you take care of the rig, how well can you take care of the horses? How can you add value to the people you are traveling with? Remember when you get there you are a light shining in darkness. It is more than about roping, it's about people. Winning is good, that's great go for it, go get 'em, but remember, God is always about people."

While in Texas the team enjoyed visiting the Stockyards, NRS Ranch and the Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum.

Both boys were proud to represent the state of Virginia and they will continue to compete as a team at jackpots, SCR Winter Series & NHSRA Rodeos.

Luke and Matthew do plan on roping in the Jr. Patriot next

year, but until then they will practice and prepare for their next competition with the National High School Final Rodeo which will take them to Gillette, Wyoming.

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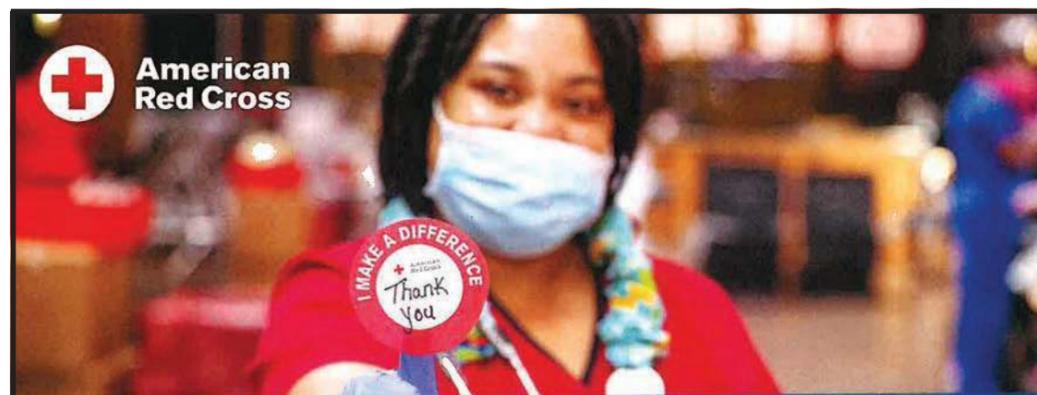
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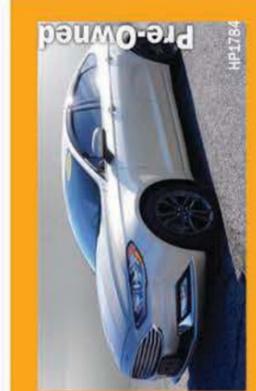
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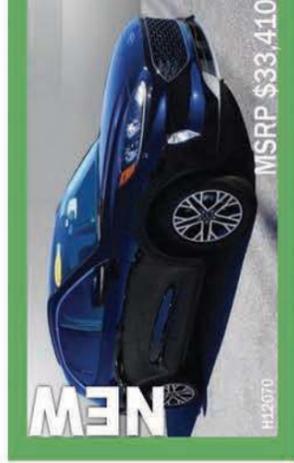
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Hokies 'dancin' as ACC champions

Inspired run over four days in Brooklyn lifts Virginia Tech to first-ever ACC Tournament title

By BAILEY ANGLE
Hokiesports.com

One of the most improbable, inspiring runs in the prestigious history of the ACC Tournament ended with maroon and orange confetti falling to the floor of the Barclays Center in Brooklyn, New York. For the first time ever, the Virginia Tech Hokies are the champions of the ACC.

Months before they kick-started a historic run to the ACC final, the Hokies sat in the depths of the league with a 2-7 conference record on Jan. 26. The Miami Hurricanes silenced the crowd at Half-court buzzer breaker to hand Tech its third straight loss. To the Hokies credit, the team did not crumble. Mike Young's crew sparked one of the largest turn-arounds in ACC history, finishing the regular season on a 9-2 stretch, which solidified them as a seven seed in the league tournament.

"We were talking about it in those moments, it was a dark place," point guard Storm Murphy said of the team's slow start in the regular season. "But the resilience of this team and the belief never wavered... when it really got real, we pushed through and continued to grind and have fun, and now here we are."

The fun certainly erupted when the Hokies pulled off their first win in the tournament. Down two in overtime with under five seconds to play, Darius Maddox traversed the court and drilled a 3 at the buzzer to keep the Hokies' postseason hopes alive.

Maddox's heroic 3-pointer lifted Tech into the quarterfinals against Notre Dame, where the Hokies' momentum continued into a 87-80 triumph over the Irish. Keve Aluma's 20-point performance and Justyn Mutts' fourth double-double of the year lifted the Hokies into the semifinal for a chance to play North Carolina for the third time in 2022.



Virginia Tech Head Coach Mike Young accepts the ACC Tournament Championship trophy for the Hokies - their first ever.

Hokies knocked off Clemson, Notre Dame, North Carolina and Duke enroute to league tournament championship

Despite the Tar Heels getting the better of the first two matchups, the Hokies had different plans for round three in Brooklyn. Maddox's electric shooting off of the bench culminated in a career-high 20 points. Tech's defense held No. 25 UNC to a 3-for-26 showing from beyond the arc, propelling them to a 72-59 victory and a trip to the first ACC final in program history versus top-seeded Duke.

Not only was a conference title on the team's horizon, but the urgent need to punch a ticket to the NCAA Tournament.

"I think just because we're desperate doesn't mean we're not confident," Keve Aluma said after the win over North Carolina. "We just know we've got to win."

The crescendo of the 2022 ACC

Tournament had finally arrived. The Hokies, who fought through the gauntlet of the opening three games, were now pitted against the ACC regular-season champions, the No. 7 Blue Devils. The Hokies faced Duke in December in Durham and fell 76-65. Like the previous night against North Carolina, Tech's shooting rewrote the wrongs of the regular season contest. Hunter Cattoor led the charge beyond the arc for the Hokies.

"I was going through a rough shooting slump, and every time in practice, every time in the games, my teammates would tell me I'm the best shooter in the gym," Cattoor shared on his outlook going into the final. "I dreamed of moments like this, and it happened, so I'm grateful."

The junior from Orlando went absolutely unconscious from 3-point land. Cattoor nailed his first six trey attempts without missing and finished with a ca-

reer-high 31 points. Aluma added an impressive 19 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists. The Hokies shot 50% from the field and jumped up by as much as 18 over the Blue Devils in the second half, finalizing the title run with an 82-67 victory, the largest win over Duke in the 100-year history of the matchup.

"It means a lot just for the history of Virginia Tech," Cattoor said, who was named MVP of the tournament. "Coach Young mentioned before we're not doing it just for our team here in that locker room. We were doing it for all the players before and everyone that came through Virginia Tech before."

The Hokies cut down the nets as the first seven-seed to ever win the ACC Tournament. Even as the excitement washed over the team and Virginia Tech faithful crowded into the lower level of the Barclays Center, Mike Young balanced his elation with the anticipation of the next challenge.

"It's significant, but we're going to play in the NCAA Tournament next week," said Young, whose program is going to the big dance for the second consecutive year. "We're going to put a lot of time and effort into our next opponent, and there will be a time when we'll look back on it. This is very significant for our program, for our coaching staff. A lot of fun."

Hokies will face No. 6 Texas in Milwaukee Friday at 4 pm

INDIANAPOLIS — ACC champions Virginia Tech men's basketball was named a No. 11 seed in the East Region on Sunday evening and will face No. 6 Texas in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on Friday at 4:30 p.m. ET on TBS at Fiserv Forum.

The Hokies (23-12, 11-9 ACC), who are on a four-game winning streak, head to the NCAA Tournament for the second time in the Mike Young era. Last season, they were tabbed a No. 10 seed and faced No. 7 Florida in the first round in Indianapolis.

This will be the Tech's 13th appearance in the NCAA Tournament. It is currently 8-12 (.400) in The Dance.

UVa to play No. 2 seed N. Texas Sunday in NIT

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Virginia (20-13) will play at No. 2 seed North Texas (25-6) in the second round of the 2022 National Invitation Tournament on Sunday, March 20. Tipoff at Super Pit in Denton, Texas, is set for 6 p.m. ET on ESPN+.

The Cavaliers won their first round matchup with Mississippi State, 60-57 on Wednesday night in Charlottesville.

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The past weekend was as the Ole farmer often said, "A bad day to plow." Last Friday, my wife, Linda and I traveled to Chilhowie in Smith County, for the funeral of one of her family members. It was a right pretty day, but there was a chill in the air; no doubt from a weather front that was moving in and boy did the month of March show itself the next day on Saturday.

The husband of Linda's cousin had died at the age of 88 years and had been an avid outdoorsman; even having been on safries to Africa with many mounts depicting his exploits. We had wanted to be able to go from the funeral home to his residence to view them; but under the circumstances, were not able to do so. We did travel on VA 107 about 10 miles from Chilhowie past Linda's cousin's farm along the way to the Museum of the Middle Appalachians in Saltville.

We had been there a few years before; but there so much to see that we observed things that we had not seen on our previous visit. The bones of animals that probably died out during the ice age in their reconstructed stages are a wonder to behold and the one of a giant Mammoth is something out of this world. Bill Nye worked upstairs in the drafting department above the engineering division



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I was in at the Radford Arsenal. He was raised up at Saltville and had a Mammoth's foot and a large collection of Indian relics that he had found around the salt mine caves. He showed me all of this collection at one time and I was very disappointed when I learned that he sold these sometime before he passed away. There are many exhibits such as those of different Indian tribes and their different eras of time. There is much to see and we would recommend to anyone who has time to visit there with at least half a day to spare to take in Saltville's fine museum.

I had wanted to go on to Big Tumbling to take in some trout fishing and show Linda this beautiful stream. I would have showed her the area where I, myself, had taken a "Big Tumbling" when I had attempted to wade across the narrow stream and my waders did not have felt on the boots' soles; as

a result, I slipped and was swept over the one of the falls as the name (Big Tumbling) implies. The water was shallow, but the water was deep enough to fill my waders. I was by myself, but managed to get out and change into an extra pair of pants in my Four-Runner. It was just as well in that we did not take in Big Tumbling as the trout may not have been biting with a front coming in.

Jim Deck, was my fishing buddy from when I was growing up on Little Creek, and an avid fly fisherman. He related to me of a time when he was fishing Little Stoney downstream from the Cascades in Pembroke and a front moved in. As a result, he never even got a nibble. I did have my fly rod with me and leaving Chilhowie stopped along the way at a trail leading down to a nice place along the South Fork of the Houston River and wet my line. I did not get any bites after fishing a few minutes and the water was up and flowing pretty swiftly. I could have taken the advice of the Words of Wisdom from the Fly Fishing Show by Jason Randall who said, "The difference between a good nymph fisherman and a great nymph fisherman is another split shot." We had had a long day and instead of putting on another split shot, headed on home.

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Applicant is required to have a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering from an accredited college or university and a minimum of five year's experience and must have the ability to obtain a Professional Engineer's License in Virginia. A detailed description of the job and requirements are located at www.pulaskicounty.org.

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Interested individuals may apply at the appropriate Virginia Employment Commission or download and submit an application from www.pulaskicounty.org to Tammy Nichols, Human Resources Director, tnichols@pulaskicounty.org.

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Irish, UVa, GT, FSU, Clemson, UNC off to hot start in baseball

theACC.com

Notre Dame, off to a hot start for the third consecutive season under head coach Link Jarrett, enters the week ranked No. 1 nationally by both Baseball America and Perfect Game. Notre Dame is just the second team this season to rank No. 1 in the Baseball America poll. The Fighting Irish (11-1, 2-0 ACC) are off to their best start to the season since 2015 and are the top-ranked team in the country for the first time since 2001.

- Virginia is ranked as high as No. 5, Georgia Tech as high as No. 6, and Florida State is ranked No. 8 by both D1Baseball and Baseball America. Six teams – Notre Dame, Virginia, Georgia Tech, Florida State, Clemson and North Carolina – are consensus top-25 teams this week, and eight conference teams are ranked among the nation's top 30 in at least one of the six major national polls.

- The first weekend of conference play saw Georgia Tech and North Carolina grab the early lead in the ACC Coastal as each swept division opponents at home. Notre Dame swept an abbreviated two-game series at NC State.

- ACC teams own a combined 136-39 (.777) record against non-conference opposition. That includes a 103-12 mark in home games. ACC teams have a combined 20 non-conference midweek games scheduled before resuming conference play with seven league series this weekend.

- Notre Dame is 56-16 (.778) since the start of the 2020 season. That winning percentage ranks second in the NCAA over the past three seasons and trails only Tennessee (.792).

- Through 16 games, Georgia Tech nationally ranks eighth with 28 home runs, sixth with 188 hits, and 12th with 149 runs. The Yellow Jackets also rank 15th in walks (91), 16th in batting average (.322) and 17th in on-base percentage (.429).

- North Carolina has the lowest team ERA in country (1.70) heading into the fifth week of the regular

season. UNC has won 18 games in a row in Chapel Hill dating back to the final four home games of 2021. It marks the programs most consecutive home wins since winning 26 straight between the end of the 2018 season (18) and start of the 2019 campaign (8).

ACC By The Numbers

3 – Three ACC teams rank among the top five nationally for most all-time tournament appearances: No. 2 Florida State (58), No. 3 Miami (47), and No. 5 Clemson (44).

8 – The ACC's eight teams in the 2021 NCAA Baseball Championship field were the second most of any conference. It marked the fifth time since 2010 that the ACC has placed at least eight teams in the NCAA tournament.

11- The ACC's 11 pitchers named to the 2022 NCBWA Stopper of the Year Preseason Watch List led all conferences.

15 – At least one ACC team has reached the College World Series in Omaha each of the last 15 years the event has been held, and multiple ACC teams have reached the CWS 10 times during that span.

15 – Last year marked the 15th time overall that the ACC has sent more than one team to the CWS, with all multiple-team appearances taking place since 1994.

28 - The ACC has placed a total of 28 teams in the past 15 College World Series, an average of just under two per season.

90 - Ninety ACC teams have earned NCAA bids in the last 12 tournament years.

98 - The 14 current ACC teams have a combined 98 College World Series appearances.

58,516 – Total attendance for last year's ACC Baseball Championship at Truist Field, in Charlotte, N.C., which ranks as the fifth highest in the 47-year history of the event. Two games – NC State versus North Carolina on May 28 and Duke versus NC State in the title game on May 30 – attracted more than 7,100 fans.

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Doc Davis/The Patriot

The bones of animals that probably died out during the ice age in their reconstructed stages are a wonder to behold and the one of a giant Mammoth is something out of this world.

Davis

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We missed The Maple Syrup Festival at Monterey in Highland County, the one last weekend (11 & 12) on account of the above circumstances; but hope to get there Saturday, the (19th). I definitely will have my flyfishing equipment with me as there are some great flyfishing streams there as well as the Jackson River along the way. We hope to bring back some of their good maple syrup.

Sampson gave the Philistines a riddle-Judges 14:14 KJV "And he said unto them, Out of the eater came forth meat, and out of the strong came forth sweetness." And they could not in three days expound the riddle. 14:18 KJV

"And the men of the city said unto him on the seventh day before the sun went down, What is sweeter than honey? What is stronger than a lion? And he said unto them, If you had not plowed with my heifer, ye had not found out my riddle." This was after his wife had betrayed him.

Honey is sweet and I love my sourwood honey; but as Roger Miller sang in his song, "Sugar is sweet and so is maple syrupal;" Looking forward to tasting some on a meal of pancakes and wetting my fly line as well from the waters in Highland County.

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JV Basketball Team Recognized

The Pulaski County School Board was pleased to recognize the JV Girls Basketball team at the meeting Tuesday, March 8. The younger Lady Cougars completed a perfect 17-0 record for an undefeated season. This was the second consecutive undefeated season for the JV squad, with the year before that only having one loss. Pictured here with the members of the School Board are (from left) Sophia Hanson, Reese Nolen, Andi Ratcliff, Taylor Goble, Caroline Bishop, Morgan Price, Coach Shawn Lawson, Coach Jennifer Ratcliff, and Coach Scott Ratcliff. Not pictured are Sydney Phibbs, Emma Ritter, and Destiny Duncan.

Pulaski County Schools photo

Marion Man Sentenced for Distributing Child Pornography

ABINGDON, Va. – A Marion, Virginia man who used the online messaging application KIK to distribute child sex abuse materials featuring prepubescent children was sentenced yesterday to 87 months in federal prison.

Travis Shane Smith, 38, pleaded guilty in September 2021 to one count of knowingly distributing visual depictions of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

According to court documents, Smith was identified as being a member of a known child pornography online chat room by an undercover law enforcement officer working out of Wisconsin.

While on KIK's chatroom messaging board, Smith used the KIK username "tman_1983" to post multiple graphic videos of preteen children engaged in sexually explicit conduct.



Competition Cheer Team Recognized

Pulaski County Public Schools and Pulaski County High School were proud to honor the 2021-2022 Competition Cheer team at the most recent School Board meeting. The cheer team had a great season winning awards at the 2021 Competition Cheer Region 4D Champions, the team's fourth consecutive Region championship. The team also saw eight All-Region Athletes recognized (five first team, three second team) and PCHS member Kimberly Lyons was named the 2022 Region 4D Cheerleader of the Year. Five members of the Pulaski County squad were also selected as All-State Athletes (all five first team). Team members include senior Kimberly Lyons; juniors Lacey France, Sydney Heller, Laiken Landreth and Olivia Viers; sophomores Alyson Buchinsky, Katrina Collins, Claire Dunnigan, Kadance Gravely, and Madalyn Hedge; and freshmen Kendall Bullion and Ella Hoback.

Pulaski County Schools photo

Cox named to JMU president's list

HARRISONBURG -- Draper resident, Molly Cox, has been named to the president's list at James Madison University for the fall 2021 semester. Students who earn president's list honors must carry at least 12 graded credit hours and earn a GPA of 3.900 or above. Cox is a biophysical chemistry major.

Founded in 1908, James Madison University is a public university located in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley. JMU is one of the nation's leading lights in higher education, where students enjoy engaging relationships with world-class faculty who drive

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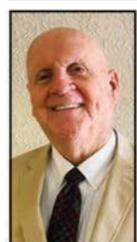
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Romans 12: 1, 2. "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye might prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God."

Firstly Paul asked for the attention of those reading the epistle. I beseech thee. Listen up. I'm about to share with you something that is extremely important.

Then he used the word "therefore." When we see that word in the bible, we need to look and see what it is there for. What was just written so the context will be clear. In the latter part of Chapter 11, Paul says, "Oh the depths of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! For who hath known the mind of the Lord? Or who has become His counselor? Or who has first given to Him and it shall be repaid to Him? For of Him and through Him and to Him, are all things, to Whom be glory forever. Amen."

"To Him be glory forever." We own God our highest praises for all of His amazing works. We are saved because of Him. Our salvation is all of Him and none of us. It is by His grace and mercy that we are not consumed. We could not save ourselves. It is for His pleasure that we are created and we owe Him a tremendous debt of gratitude, for He has done great things for us.

Our worship of God and our praises to Him ought to be uninhibited and not held back. Our worship and our praise ought to glorify Him. When we fully understand the magnitude of the greatness of God, we WILL worship Him passionately.

"By the mercies of God" is opposite to the wrath of God. This speaks to us of God's tender mercies, that He has so abundantly shown to us.

Nothing has a greater influence of a believer that will cause him or her to live lives of Holiness than the mercies of God. "His compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is Thy faithfulness." Lamentations 3: 22, 23.

I love the old gospel song entitled "Mercy rewrote my Life." "For years I've traveled the road all wrong, oh my heart had lost it's joy and it's song; then grace placed me right where I belonged, when Mercy rewrote my Life." "Mercy rewrote my life, mercy rewrote my life; I could have fallen, my soul cast down, but mercy rewrote my life." Jimmy Swaggart. If it had not been for the mercies of God, where oh where would you and I be today?

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sacrifice requires total surrender; surrender of all of ourselves, holding back nothing. All of the members of our bodies are to be living sacrifices to God and not to Evil.

Our bodies should be used for service unto God. Our feet should take us and the gospel out to others so they too can learn about the saving grace of God through Jesus Christ. Our hands should be used as points of contact so we can lay them on the sick so they will recover. We can lay our hands also upon Ministers and ordain them so they can go forward to do God's work. Our tongues and lips and voices should be ever witnessing for Christ; teaching and preaching and singing out the word of God so that others may hear and be saved and blessed.

Under the New Covenant, the Covenant of Grace, we no longer are required to offer up animal sacrifices as they did under the Old Covenant. For Jesus died on the cross to become the one and only true sacrifice that was acceptable unto God for the full payment of sin. The animal sacrifices were a fore shadow of the "once for all" sacrifice of Jesus, the Lamb of God.

Now the only sacrifice we are required to make to God is ourselves. All of ourselves. Our prayers to the one true living God should be as the old gospel song states. "Jesus use me, and O Lord don't refuse me, for surely there's a work that I can do; and even if it's humble, help my will to crumble, and though the costs be great, I'll work for you." Whiteywhite.

Under the old Covenant animals were slain and became dead sacrifices. Since Jesus came, shed His blood and died on the cross for our sins, now the only acceptable sacrifice we are to make to God is to offer up ourselves completely to God as living sacrifices.

"Holy unto God" means without spot or blemish or any such thing. We are to live our lives in the beauty of Holiness before both God and man.

"Which is our reasonable service" means it is our duty to God. It's only reasonable that we put our love for God first and foremost, and far ahead of our love for ourselves and our bodies.

Paul goes on to explain how if we have truly offered up and ourselves totally unto God then we will not allow ourselves to be conformed to a wicked and lost sinful world.

Bible Trivia

1. Is the book of Ezra in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. What color was the cord that Rahab hung out of her window? White, Scarlet, Purple, Black
3. From 1 Kings 17, who was called the "Tishbite"? Elijah, Goliath, Job, Samson
4. Who was the father of John the Baptist? Uriah, Peter, Zechariah, Amaziah
5. From Acts 14, where was Paul mistaken for Hermes? Antioch, Perga, Gibeon, Lystra
6. Who named all the animals on earth? Adam, Eve, Noah, Moses

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Scarlet; 3) Elijah; 4) Zechariah; 5) Lystra; 6) Adam

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 18:14-15

He **shot** his **arrows** and **scattered** the **enemy**, with **great bolts** of lightning he **routed** them. The **valleys** of the **sea** were **exposed** and **the** foundations of the **earth laid bare** at your **rebuke, LORD**, at the **blast** of **breath** from your **nostrils**.

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

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Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising.

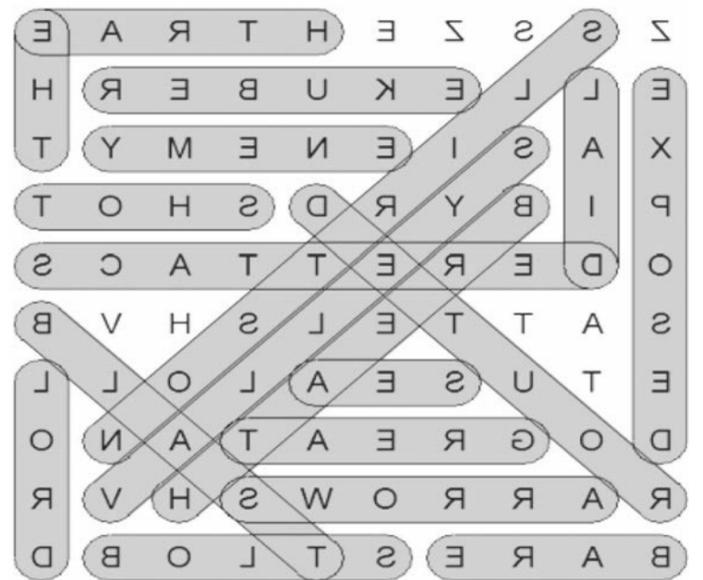


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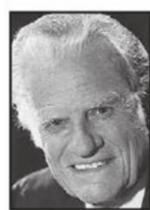
From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: I have a neighbor who has physical challenges. She can do little for herself and yet she is one of the happiest people I've ever known. I am a Christian also, but I do not have the kind of faith she demonstrates. While she is bound to a wheelchair, she never fails to say that she looks to the Lord for her strength every day and says that she mounts up with wings like an eagle. I know that is a Bible verse, but

what does it mean? - E.W.

A: The eagle is the only bird that can lock its wings and wait for the right wind. He waits for the updraft, then soars. So as we wait on God He will help us use the adversities and strong winds to benefit us! The Bible says, "But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint" (Isaiah 40:31).

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My Answer

Billy Graham

once wrote, "Throughout my many years of illness, I have never dared to ask God why He allowed me to suffer so long. I only ask what He wants me to do."

For the Christian, we must

learn to turn our impatience into trust, and our fear of the future into quiet acceptance of God's will, because our lives are in His hands.

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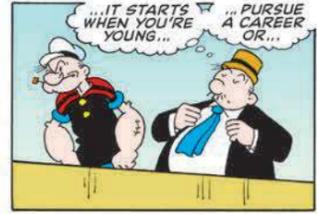
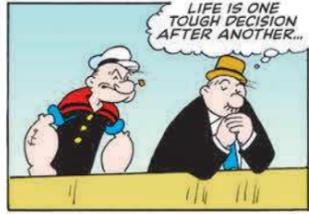
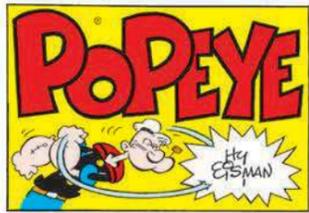
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SCRAMBLERS

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

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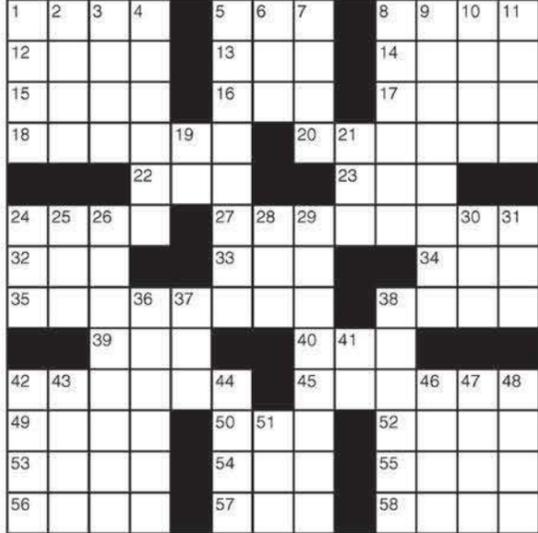


"It wasn't a romance — it was just a few dinner dates to help with my _____."

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Soak up the sun
- 5 Joke
- 8 Sports figure?
- 12 Penne — vodka
- 13 Playwright Levin
- 14 "Ooops!"
- 15 Picnic spoiler
- 16 Vacuum's lack
- 17 Novelist Jaffe
- 18 Chinese food assortment
- 20 Some mixologists
- 22 Docs' org.
- 23 "Uh-huh"
- 24 Touse
- 27 "Locksley Hall" poet
- 32 Year in Mexico
- 33 Sock part
- 34 Stop — dime
- 35 Short recital piece
- 38 Uppy one
- 39 Spike's warning
- 40 Three, in Rome
- 42 JFK's vessel
- 45 Brother's son
- 49 Leveling wedge
- 50 Jurist Fortas
- 52 "I did it!"
- 53 Antitoxins



- 54 " — the sea-son ..."
- 55 Ireland
- 56 Tiny amounts
- 57 Six-pack muscles
- 58 Head, to Henri
- 7 Attire
- 8 "Oklahoma!" carriage
- 9 Oscar-winning actress Emma
- 10 Top-of-the-line
- 11 Compared to sound
- 19 Hesitant
- 21 Objectivist Rand
- 24 More (Sp.)
- 25 Popular card game
- 26 Lark, for one
- 28 Very long time
- 29 Fastidious trait
- 30 Yoko of music
- 31 Collar
- 36 Scents
- 37 La-la lead-in
- 38 Music for seven
- 41 Concerning
- 42 "Hey!"
- 43 Ellington's "Take — Train"
- 44 "Toodle-oo!"
- 46 Aesopian also-ran
- 47 Tend texts
- 48 Fade away
- 51 Clothing protector

DOWN

- 1 Poet of yore
- 2 Jai —
- 3 Slender
- 4 Sunflower State
- 5 "Billions" actor Paul
- 6 "Exodus" hero

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Trivia test

- by Fifi Rodriguez
1. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the Adriatic Sea located?
 2. MEASUREMENTS: How many centimeters are equivalent to 100 inches?
 3. MOVIES: Who was the famous person portrayed in the movie "The Aviator"?
 4. FOOD & DRINK: When did the first self-serve grocery store open?
 5. FAMOUS QUOTES: Which 19th century author once wrote, "It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold; when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade"?
 6. TELEVISION: Frank Costanza was the dad in which 1990s TV comedy show?
 7. LITERATURE: Sir Walter Scott wrote novels about which country?
 8. ART: What kind of stone did the Renaissance artist Michelangelo like using in his sculptures?
 9. ADVERTISING SLOGANS: What product did the "Most Interesting Man in the World" advertise on TV?
 10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What unique sense do butterflies have in their feet?

- Answers:
1. Between the Italian and Balkan peninsulas
 2. 254 centimeters
 3. Howard Hughes (by actor Leonardo DiCaprio)
 4. 1916, Piggly Wiggly store in Memphis, Tennessee
 5. Charles Dickens
 6. "Scinfeld"
 7. Scotland
 8. Marble
 9. Dos Equis beer
 10. Taste

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Hockey stick is missing. 2. Tassel is shorter. 3. Arm is moved. 4. Tree is missing. 5. Sign is shorter. 6. Log is shorter.

BUDGET
Today's Word

1. Stroke 2. Meteor
3. Trudge 4. Pageant

solution
SCRAMBLERS

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: V equals W

VJLP FLZFML HNL KZDOML FJZPLN
GYMGHMYSZIN, VJYS KOUJS SJLE

XLIE VLMM DL TZOPU?
GLMM TOXONZP.

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Americanisms

"Good timber does not grow with ease. The stronger the wind, the stronger the trees."
— Thomas S. Monson

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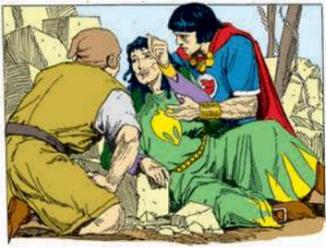
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FATE, IN THE SHAPE OF A PROTECTIVE HOLLOW, COMES TO THE ROUGH KNIGHTS' AID. GAWAIN IS FOUND BRUISED AND FILTHY, BUT UNMANGLED.

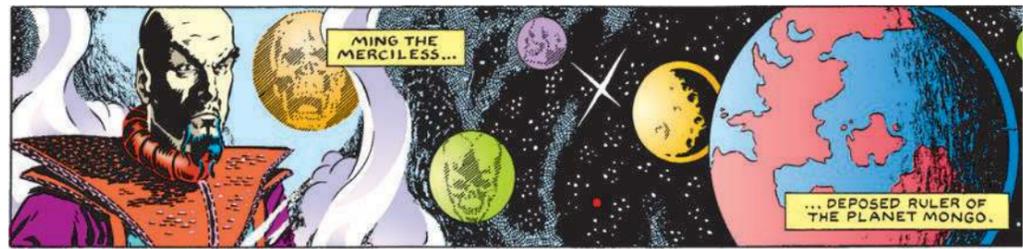


HE IS, HOWEVER, MIGHTILY VEXED I SAW WHAT LOOKED LIKE BAD WOOD IN THE BEAMS— I BENT CLOSER, AND STRANGELY ENOUGH...



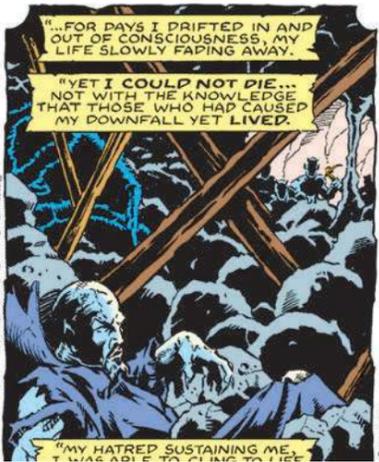
"... IT SEEMED THE WOOD GREW MORE AND MORE ROTTEN RIGHT BEFORE MY EYES! EVEN AS GAWAIN FINISHES, A SEA OF SCUTTLEWOOD-BORING BEETLES GUSHES FROM THE TIMBERS!"

NEXT: Skulduggery



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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: Colorado Town : A Male Duck

Birdseye, IN Ducktown, TN Osprey, FL Quail, TX
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Crane, MT Little Flock, AR Plover, WI

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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.

WU XQO'AK SQY LCTWSJ
LWDYCTKD, YFKS XQO'AK SQY
LCTWSJ GKEWDWQSD.
— ECFYKAWSK EQQT

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CryptoQuote
answer
If you're not making mistakes, then you're not making decisions.
— Catherine Cook

PLACES IN THE U.S. WITH BIRD NAMES

Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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Puzzle Answer Appears Elsewhere In This Week's Issue

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Follow the plan, make stuff happen

Dear Dave,

I just started Baby Step 3 of your plan. It took me about 12 months to pay off \$8,000 in debt during Baby Step 2. I am 50, and I work in the printing industry making about \$38,000 a year in a city with no local or state income tax. I have not done a lot about retirement yet, and that worries me now that I am learning to manage money in a smarter way. How can I stay on track with the Baby Steps and still do something about retirement?

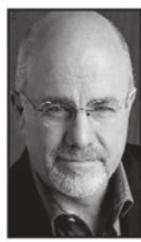
Blake

Dear Blake,

I generally look at a timeframe of six months to a year for saving a fully funded emergency fund. So, if it took you about a year to pay off \$10,000 in debt, you're probably looking at about the same length of time—or less, since the debt is gone—to save up an emergency fund. Keep in mind that an emergency fund is three to six months of expenses, not income.

But here's the thing. If you start building retirement right now and have an emergency, do you know what you'll use? Yep, you'll use your retirement. That's why an emergency fund comes before retirement in the Baby Steps.

The median household income in America is around \$68,000,



Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

and that's often two incomes. You're probably working pretty hard for that \$38,000, so I would challenge you to think about and work toward something you could be doing in the near future to make that much money or more.

I want you to open your mind and imagination, and start thinking fresh again. Don't do something silly like quit your job today, but if you're going to be making \$38,000 five or 10 years from now it's time to aim at something else.

I'm trying to speak to your retirement fears, as well as warn you against addressing retirement without having an emergency fund in place. Save up a solid emergency fund over the next year, while at the same time doing some serious thinking and goal setting.

Maybe you'd like to do something completely different, or even own a printing company by that time. Who knows? The cool thing is you can make it happen, and the choice is all yours!

* 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.

PC Emergency Management to establish volunteer CERT Team

The Pulaski County Emergency Management office will be establishing a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and will be looking for volunteers to become trained members of the CERT Team. Training will be provided by the Emergency Management office and will be free.

CERT History

In 2002, the US Government created a program call Citizens Corps. The mission of Citizen Corps is to harness the power of every individual through education, training, and volunteer service to make communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to respond to the threats of terrorism, crime, public health issues, and disasters of all kinds through:

- Preparing the public for local risks with targeted outreach
- Engaging voluntary organizations to help augment resources for public safety, preparedness, and response capabilities
- Integrating the whole community and using nontraditional resources to ensure disaster preparedness

• CERT is one of those programs under the U.S. Citizens Corps.

The CERT concept was developed and implemented by the Los Angeles City Fire Department in 1985. The Whittier Narrows earthquake in 1987 underscored the area-wide threat of a major disaster in California. Further, it confirmed the need for training civilians to meet their immediate needs.



state, tribal and local agencies, civic organizations, faith-based groups, and other community organizations that serve the whole community. Get involved in your community and act today!

Please contact the Pulaski County Emergency Management office for a CERT brochure and application on how you can become part of the CERT team. Applications for the May training schedule are due by April 25, 2022.

Email: rkos@pulaskicounty.org or bwright@pulaskicounty.org Phone 540-994-2574

For more information about CERT Teams, please visit Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Website at: <https://www.ready.gov/cert>

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TEST & TUNE OVAL & DRAGSTRIP
2PM - 6PM
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