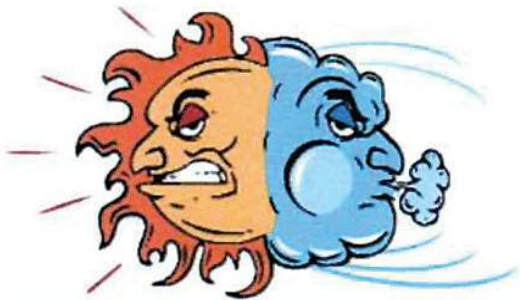




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Planning for dual enrollment program at PCHS to continue

By **MIKE WILLIAMS**
The Patriot

A dual enrollment academy got the go-ahead for further planning from the Pulaski County School Board this week.

Known for now as the Cougar Scholar Program, the program represents the school division's plans for addressing Gov. Glenn Youngkin's call for increasing dual enrollment credits offered in Virginia high schools.

The plan focuses on creating a master schedule that will maximize opportunities for students interested in taking dual enrollment classes while at Pulaski County High School, rolling out a recruitment and application process, and having the overall goal of increasing the number of graduates who obtain an associate's degree while in high school.

The program would be a collaborative effort with New River Community College, and would offer PCHS juniors and seniors the opportunity to earn all college credit hours needed for an associate's degree.

Pulaski County High School

Program would save county families thousands in college costs

currently offers ten dual enrollment courses with NRCC. The Cougar Scholar Program would expand and restructure the dual enrollment offerings so the high school would be able to offer 77 transferable college credits, including 55 of the required 61 credits needed for a General Studies AA&S (Associates of Arts & Sciences) degree.

The program will provide families huge savings in terms of money spent for an Associates degree.

According to Monday's presentation on the program, it was noted that an Associates degree at NRCC costs roughly \$9,550.

Students in the Cougar Scholar Program will complete 90 percent of required courses at PCHS at no charge, with only six credit hours needing to be completed through

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Pulaski County Clubs to be launched this spring

The Pulaski County Parks and Recreation department announces the launch of Pulaski County Clubs this spring. Pulaski County Clubs is a new initiative for the department that will facilitate the offering of special interest clubs to Pulaski County's youth, adults, and senior citizens. Clubs will be offered each quarter during the calendar year in collaboration with volunteers from the community who are passionate about sharing their area of expertise.

"We are excited to have expanded the Parks and Recreation department in 2022 to include a



Program and Activities Manager. This position is dedicated to expanding our offerings to community members of all ages and of varying interests," says Shay



Peggy White

Tourism Director, White retiring

Patriot Staff Report

Pulaski County's first Tourism Director is retiring.

County Administrator Jonathan Sweet reported Thursday morning that Peggy White has alerted him of her intention to retire from the tourism position.

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Dunnigan, Director of Pulaski County Parks and Recreation. "It's important that we continuously evolve the Parks and Recreation platform to reach more people in support of stronger physical, mental, and emotional health. Pulaski County Clubs is one of many new ways we intend to connect with our community moving forward."

A variety of special interest clubs will be offered each quarter during the calendar year, with each club season running a total of 8 weeks. This spring,

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White

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Her retirement will be effective July 28, 2023.

“Although I am saddened, I am also excited and happy for you having reached this milestone,” Sweet told White in a letter acknowledging her decision to retire.

“Looking back over your career and what you have achieved and have been a big part of, is truly affirmation that you have served your community with distinction and should be proud of all you have accomplished,” Sweet continued.

In her retirement letter, White said, “Having been a part of the working community in Pulaski County for over thirty years has been an honor. During this time, projects and programming that have included involvement with

small business, manufacturers, Pulaski YMCA, the Chamber of Commerce, and much more, as well as having had the opportunity to end my career as the tourism director has given me the greatest sense of pride.”

“Tourism has provided an opportunity to promote and share how beautiful our area is and what awesome citizens we have! It’s a community that is naturally beautiful with the lakes, the mountains, and all the trails, and it is a community made up of genuine, hardworking people who embrace visitors and guests and welcome them into the community. It is like nothing I have ever experienced anywhere else,” White said.

“I am truly blessed to have been given this opportunity to work for the people of Pulaski County, a community I sincerely love,” she continued.

White officially began her work as the county’s first Tourism Di-

rector on Jan. 4, 2021.

White has a degree from Hollins University in Business and Economics. Before entering the tourism post, White led the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce as its Executive Director since 2008. She also served as the Designated Marketing Official (DMO) for Tourism from 2008 to present her hiring as tourism director.

White has also served the community as a Board Member to the Lewis-Gale Hospital, SWVA United Way, Virginia Cooperative Extension, Rotary Club of Pulaski, Pulaski Grow, Bike Virginia, People Inc., Pulaski Encouraging Progress Steering Committee and the Pulaski County Partners Coalition. Peggy was a recipient of the Golden Apple Award from the Pulaski County Public Schools, received the Wall Street Journal Award and an award from the Economic Honorary Society.

Dublin Council hears proposal on heavy vehicles

By DAVID QUESENBERRY
The Patriot

for Council’s input on proceeding forward.

The Dublin Town Council at its Feb. 16th meeting discussed restricting heavy truck traffic on Giles Avenue.

Mayor Benny Skeens noted that he had received complaints about large trucks and other large vehicles on Giles Avenue. Town Manager Tye Kirkner added that he had safety concerns for Town employees making repairs on the street.

While active measures had been taken to slow the traffic, Kirkner noted it “was very difficult to slow down a logging truck or somebody at a high rate of speed that is overweight.”

While the process was still in the informational stage, he said there appeared to be agreement between the Town and VDOT to address the issue. However, VDOT would make the final decision after a public hearing and other processes.

Kirkner said staff’s recommendation was that the proposed restrictions were a good thing. He noted that Pulaski County supported the Town and would join with it in the process since part of Giles Avenue fell under the County’s jurisdiction. He then asked

Mayor Skeens said the problem was caused in part by the bridges on Route 100 being unable to carry the weight of shipments by New River Resource Authority members’ trucks. In response, the trucks were routed to the landfill through Dublin via Giles Avenue. Since the bridges have been replaced there is no need to continue that practice, he said. However, at that time the bridges were unavailable and, despite the Town’s misgivings, the use of Giles Avenue was allowed.

The goal now is to cut down on large, heavy vehicles, but not affect other vehicles like school buses.

Kirkner said the notification process would be similar to the Town of Pulaski’s recent lowering of speed limits. While recognizing the street as a convenient shortcut for traffic, he said the Town was responsible for protecting both its roads and the traveling public.

Council also received a briefing from Kirkner on current negotiations with Camrett Logistics on a garage facility.

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Degrees

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NRCC at the cost of only \$939 – saving families nearly \$10,000.

If the plan is approved, students in AP and Honors classes will be made aware of the program and receive a brochure about it. Information on it will be added to the course catalog, and there would be targeted calls, Facebook postings and other announcements to make students aware.

An application will be developed that stresses the rigorous courseload through the program. The applications of students applying for the program will be reviewed by a committee of counselors, school board office staff, administrators and department

chairs.

A rubric will be developed to guide admission decisions.

Once a student is accepted into the program, a meeting will be held with the student and their parents concerning selected courses, program expectations and to make sure students in the program are prepared for what’s next.

School Superintendent Dr. Kevin Siers told the School Board that staff had worked hundreds of hours to put together the dual enrollment program.

Planning for the program will now continue with the School Board’s blessing.

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Clubs

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the 8 week season will run from March 26th through May 20th.

Pulaski County Clubs, spring 2023 offerings include:

- Archery Club (Youth, 6th – 8th grade)
- 3 on 3 Basketball Club (Adult, Men)
- 3 on 3 Basketball Club (Youth, Co-Ed, 8th – 12th grade)
- Bridge Club (Adults, Seniors)
- Disc Golf for Beginners Club (Youth (15+), Adults, Seniors)
- Flag Football Club (Youth, 8th Grade Only)
- Flag Football Club (Youth, 6th and 7th Grade Only)
- Golf Club (Youth, Ages 4-14)
- Line Dancing Club (Adults, Seniors)
- Running Club (Youth, Adults, Seniors)
- Volleyball Club (Youth, 5th – 8th grade)
- Women’s Self Defense Club (Youth (13+), Adults, Seniors)
- Zumba Club (Youth (16+), Adults, Seniors)

According to Parks and Recreation Program and Activities Manager Jenna Kinder, “It’s with the help of many volunteers, and the support of our county leadership, that Pulaski County Clubs are offered to the public free of charge this spring.” Additionally, she notes that in an effort to make more activities available to our community, Parks and Recreation will be providing the equipment and materials needed for registrants to participate in club offerings for the spring launch.

Anyone is welcome to register and participate in Pulaski County Clubs, however, in the event a club reaches maximum registration, Pulaski County residents will be prioritized.

According to Kinder, the de-



Pulaski County Parks and Recreation Department staff. Back Row (L to R): Jenna Kinder, Chase Dunnigan, Brayden Morris Front Row (L to R): Hayden Alls, Tyler Holman, Shay Dunnigan, C.J. Burgis.



partment welcomes the opportunity to explore new club interests for the remainder of 2023. “We would love the opportunity

to meet with community members to discuss their area of expertise and how our department can support them in sharing that with the community through the Pulaski County Clubs platform.”

Registration for spring Pulaski County Clubs opened February 20th and will remain open through March 20th. The community is encouraged to visit the Pulaski County Parks and Recreation website to view the spring 2023 brochure, which provides a detailed account of all club offerings. This brochure can also be viewed electronically by scanning the QR code below.

Register by visiting www.pulaskicountyparksandrec.org and selecting “REGISTER”

For more information, please contact Jenna Kinder, Program and Activities Manager. jkinder@pulaskicounty.org | (T) 540.674.1513



WWII veteran, Riggs turning 100 years old on Sunday

WWII Veteran Raymond H. Riggs turns 100 years old on February 26, 2023.

Over many years Mr. Riggs has enjoyed gardening, woodworking and singing in his church choir.

A party was given in his honor by his daughters, Debbie and Becky and was attended by family and friends.



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Morgan selected as DAR Good Citizen at PCHS

Eliza Lynn Morgan, a senior at Pulaski County High School, has been selected as the DAR Good Citizen for this school year sponsored by the County Pulaski Chapter of The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. She is the daughter of Jared and Julie Morgan of Pulaski, Va.

Eliza has been an exceptional student and has participated in many extracurricular activities both at school and in her community. She exemplifies the qualities which the Good Citizen Program recognizes. She plans to attend New River Community College to complete General Studies after which she plans to begin a mission program traveling to places in the world to teach about the Christian Gospel and bring involved in Community Service projects. After the mission project she will be completing her studies to become a Veterinarian. Her goal is to make a positive impact on every person she meets in the hopes of making a difference in her community and the world.

The DAR Good Citizen program recognizes outstanding young people who exhibit the qualities of good citizenship in



Eliza Lynn Morgan

their homes, school and communities and is intended to encourage and reward these students. This program is open to all high school seniors enrolled in public or private schools accredited by their state board of education.

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

- Dependability (truthfulness, honest, punctuality, etc.)
- Service (cooperation, helpfulness, responsibility, etc.)
- Leadership (personality, self-control, initiative, etc.)

- Patriotism (unselfish loyalty to American ideals).

Eliza will be recognized by County Pulaski Chapter in April and will be presented with a pin, a certificate and other gifts. She will be recognized at the Pulaski County High School Awards Assembly at the end of the school year.

The Count Pulaski Chapter is one chapter of the National Society of the American Revolution which strives to preserve the heritage and history of the United States of America. This chapter meets on the first Monday of every month at the Wilderness Road Regional Museum, in Newbern, Virginia at 1:00 p.m. Membership is the Society is open to any female over eighteen years of age. Please contact Chapter Regent, Peggy Hemmings at 540-674-6125 if interested in being member of DAR.

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MARY DEAN ELLIOTT VIARS

Mary Dean Elliott Viars, age 70 of Dublin went home to be with the Lord Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at the Lewis-Gale Hospital, Salem. Born December 25, 1952 in Kentucky she was the daughter of the late Howard John Elliott & Nellie Frances Clark Elliott. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Jerry Wayne Viars, brother, Randall Elliott and twin granddaughters Megan & Melanie.

Mary is survived by her Children – Angela (Danny) Glass – Thomasville, NC, Melinda Springer – Dublin, Melissa (Michael) LaFave – Winston Salem, NC

Grandchildren – Michael Glass, Amanda Bailey, Thomas Glass, Rebecca Glass, Austin Springer, Savannah Springer, Aaron Springer, Alex Springer, Cody McCoy, Taylor Falsion, Nathan Falsion, Logan Falsion, Brianna Falsion, Chace LaFave, Sierra LaFave

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Sisters – Nora Jean “Cissy” (Bobby) Coleman – Dublin, Debbie Fritz – Dublin, Lesa Ann (Ed-die) Leonard – Galax

Brothers – Mark Wade (Missy) Elliott – WV, Barry Matthew Elliott – WV

Numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends

The family will be having a private family memorial service. To sign Mary’s online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com

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



MARY LOU AVILLA DRAPER

Mary Lou Avilla Draper, 85 of Pulaski, VA was called home on Monday morning , February 21, 2023 surrounded by her family. She was predeceased by her husband of 64 years, Earnest Sanford Draper. Her parents Phyllis Marie Rodriquez and Augustine Avilla, a grandson Michael Burkett and a special nephew Artie Vialpando.

Mary leaves behind her nine children to cherish her memory. Danny, Brenda Smith (Bobby), James (Patricia), Phyllis (Bud) Dalton, Clovis (Dawn), Abe (Cheryl), Leslie, Ernie (Cathy) and Brad. 35 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and 5 great great grandchildren. Brother-in-law-Clovis Vialpando: Brother in Law-David Draper Sister in Laws: Patricia Vialpando, Ruth Thomas, Wanda Carroll, Barbara Quesenberry, Margaret Martin, Mary Henderson: 21 Grandchildren, 22 Great-Grandchildren, and 3 Great-Great-Grandchildren. Several nieces and nephews, cousins and many friends.

Mary was a faithful and Godly wife and Mother. She had hope, courage and fought the good fight during the course of her suffering. She loved to first and foremost tend to her husband, children and grandchildren and made sure all their needs were met. Her favorite past times were embroidering, tending to her pets which consisted of dogs, cats, cockatiels, parakeets and many others. She also loved working in her flower gardens. She loved to sing and had a very beautiful angelic voice. I am sure she is now in heavens choir. Her greatest asset was the love and care she showed to others. If you met her just one time, she wanted a hug and she’d tell you she loved you. She considered you a friend for life. You will be sadly missed by all of us but we have your sweet and precious memories to hold onto. Rest in peace Momma, your work on earth is done and you’ve left a great legacy behind.

Funeral services were held Thursday, February 23, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at Seagle Funeral Home, with Pastor Tom Underwood officiating. Pallbearers will be Jessie Draper, Brock Draper, Jeremy Draper, Clovis Draper, Shane Dalton, and Jon Dalton. Interment will follow in the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.seaglefuneralhome.com Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. 540-9870-1700



MELISSA PRITCHARD LEE

Melissa Pritchard Lee, age 47, of Wytheville, passed away Tuesday, February 21, 2023. Melissa was born October 20, 1975, the daughter of the late Jon Anthony Pritchard. She was the preceded in death by her grandparents, Mason William & Betsy Ross Rice, James & Dorothy Pritchard.

Melissa is survived by her husband, Charles Edward Lee; sons & daughters, Gregory Lance Wayne Albert, Amber Belcher, Zachary Wayne Casey Albert, Nicholas Wayne Alaxander Albert, Desiree Oliver, mother, Loretta Joy Rice; brother & sister-in-law, Jonathan Douglas & Andrea Spence & family; grandchildren, Ethan Wayne James Albert, Amunette Albert, Ichigo Albert, Elijah Albert, Nicky Albert, Asa Albert; daughter-in-law, Jessica Albert; step-children, Cerrone Lee, Wendy Lee; sister & brother-in-law, Shannon & Norman Lee; best friends, Mercedes Lee and Sarah Wohlford.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, February 27, 2023, at the Franklin Street United Methodist Church conducted by the Reverend Harry Grubb. The family will receive friends at the church from 1:30 p.m. until service time.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at www.grubbfuneralhome.com

Grubb Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

ALMA MARIE LEFLER DEHART

Alma Marie Lefler DeHart, age 85 of Pulaski passed away on Sunday, February 19, 2023, at the Pulaski Health & Rehab Center.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Delmer William DeHart, her parents Claude and Ina Lefler of Draper, her brothers, Dennis, Damon, Raymond, Claude Lefler, Jr., and James Lefler. Sisters, Beatrice Gravelly, Helen Frazier, and Margaret Huff.

Survivors include a sister and care giver, Beulah Shinault of Bedford. Also surviving are nieces and nephews. A special niece and care giver Teresa Kemp of Max Meadows. Another special niece, Sandra Irene Lefler Higgins of Dayton, Tennessee.

A special friend (like a sister) and care giver, Alma Houchins of Fort Chiswell. Other care givers include, Becky Lefler Dalton, Love Johnson, and Nellie Pettit.

There will be no visitation or viewing per the request of Marie. Graveside Services were



THOMAS RICHARD GUINN

Thomas Richard Guinn, age 74 of Dublin passed away Saturday, February 18, 2023 at his home with his family. Born January 28, 1949 in Castlewood, Virginia he was the son of the late Vestal Guinn & Josephine “Jo” Grizzle Guinn. He was also preceded by two brothers and one sister.

Thomas was a retired Electrical Engineer with Federal Mogul.

Thomas is survived by his Wife – Donna Kesling Guinn – Dublin

Sons – Richard Thomas Guinn, Steve Guinn

Brother & Sister-in-law – Elmer & Linda Guinn – GA

Mother-in-law & Father-in-law – Hazel & Duane Kesling – Pulaski

Brother-in-law & Sister-in-law – Mike & Donna Kesling – Draper

Nephews – Derek Kesling – Little Creek, Michael Kesling – Pulaski

Funeral services will be held 2:00 PM – Friday, February 24, 2023 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Elder Ronald Bowman officiating. Interment will follow at the Dishon Cemetery (Snowville).

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

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

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



JAMES ERVIN VIERS, JR.

James Ervin Viers, Jr., 50, of Dublin, Virginia, passed away at his home on Tuesday, February 14, 2023. He was preceded in death by his father, James Irvin Viers; brother, Glen Viers; step-father, Larry Burton; and son-in-law, Samuel Rush.

Survivors include his fiancée, Lynn Ussery; mother, Margaret Hope Burton; daughters, Cassandra Viers, Brittany Moody, and Amber Viers; step-daughter, Robin Anderson; grandchildren, Breena, Skylar, Sia, Ahmya, Evelyn, and Tyler; sister and brother-in-law, Angie and Roger Clemmons; step-sisters, Gay Rudder and Sheila Crowder; and many nieces, nephews, and other family members and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 25, 2023, at the Full Armour Christian Center, 5043 Meadowbrook Drive, Trinity, NC 27370.

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

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DANIEL “STUART” JOHNSTON

Our Dad, Daniel “Stuart” Johnston joined his family in heaven on Wednesday, February 15, 2023.

Stuart was preceded in death by wife, Nancy Welch Johnston and their son, Jeffery Stuart Johnston. Also, his parents, Lacy Leo Johnston and Lois Gray Johnston, his brothers, Herbert “Muss” Johnston, Leo “Bugg” Johnston and Roger Lee Johnston. Stuart loved his family unconditionally.

He was so proud of his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. He loved the Lord and read his bible in its entirety many times. He often quoted scripture about God’s love, blessings and family.

Stuart retired from Radford Arsenal after 43 years. He spent part of his retirement working alongside his son and family at Virginia Feed Store. He spent his days outside with his grandchildren teaching them to hunt, fish, raise chickens, pick berries, plant a garden, can food, make jerky and take care of animals.

Stuart is survived by his son, Timmy (Cindy) Johnston and Jennifer (Scott) Ratcliff. Grandchildren, Sara (Rob) Abbott, Carlee (Jared) Ellison, Jack Ratcliff, Shelby (Hunter Taylor) Ratcliff, Levi (Lauren) Johnston, Abigail Johnston, and Jessica Johnston.

Great grandchildren, Waylon and Olivia Abbott and Everly Ellison.

Many nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Funeral Arrangements are with Norris Stevens Funeral Services in Pulaski. Services were held on Sunday, February 19 with Kelly Howlett officiating. Interment followed at Thornspring United Methodist Church Cemetery.

To send online condolences, please visit www.stevensfuneralhomepulaski.com

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MIKE ROBERT LINKOUS JR.

Mike Robert Linkous Jr. passed away on February 7th, 2023, his 78th birthday. Born February 7th, 1945 in Pulaski County.

He was the son of Mike Linkous Sr. and Mildred Dillon.

He was also proceeded in death by 3 sisters, Ollie Palmer, Betty Branscome and Charolette Coleman.

Mike was a veteran having served in the United States Army 82 Airborne Division Green Beret Special Forces. He retired from Radford Arsenal.

Mike is survived by his wife of 57 years, Ellen Kay Turner Linkous. Daughters Sharon Johnston (Roger) and Jennifer Price (David). Grandsons Tres and Mason Taylor, Matthew, Avery and Noah Johnston and Jonathan Price.

Granddaughter Madeline Price. Siblings Nancy Cox, Linda Richardson, Ronnie Linkous, Steve Linkous, Ricky Hall and Vester Dillon.

Funeral or memorial services are not immediately planned. The family will notify loved ones when arrangements have been made.

SHIRLEY FRANCES HALE HURD

Shirley Frances Hale Hurd of Pulaski died on Thursday, February 16, 2023, peacefully at her home. Born on February 7, 1939, to her parents, Robert D. Hale and Margarette Ann Lucas Hale, who preceded her in death with several brothers and sisters.

Also preceding her in death was her husband, Harold Dean Hurd.

Shirley is survived by a daughter, Deborah Hurd Nunn of Dublin, and her husband Benny.

Also left to cherish her legacy is her granddaughter, Jessica Ann Fowlkes and two great grandchildren, Cody Lewis Phillips, and Cameron Scott Anderson.

A private graveside service was held on Thursday, February 23 at 11:00 in the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery.

Shirley’s family is in the care of Norris Stevens Funeral Services in Pulaski. Online condolences may be sent by visiting www.stevensfuneralhomepulaski.com and floral gifts may be sent by visiting www.pulaskiflowers.com

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JENNIE KYLENE LAWSON WALDRON

Jennie Kylené Lawson Waldron, age 36 of Pulaski passed away Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at LewisGale Hospital Montgomery. Born May 28, 1986 in Pulaski, Virginia she was the daughter of George Stanley Lawson JR and Patricia Malley Lawson. She was preceded in death by her infant son Brock Waldron, grandparents Stanley & Margie Lawson, grandfather Lewis Quillen, great-grandmother Jennie Quillen and a best friend Chauncey Bell.

Kylené’s zest for life has left us too soon. Heaven gained an amazing angel. She will always be remembered for her big heart, beautiful smile and a laugh you could not forget. Kylené loved

her family and friends and was always there for them if needed. The light of her life and meaning to her life was her daughter Kloie Faith Waldron who she referred to as her “mini.” Kylené will live through Kloie! She was the jokester of the family and always pranking her brother. She loved the beach and called it her “happy place.” She was fearless, determined, outgoing and never a quitter she loved a challenge. Kylené was such a crafty person and a great decorator especially Christmas it was her favorite holiday. She fought hard to stay here and always would say “I got this.” I’m sure as her mother she still “got this” from heaven.

She is survived by her Husband – Larry Jason Waldron

Parents – George Stanley Lawson, Jr and Patricia Malley Lawson-Pulaski

Children – Kloie Faith Waldron – WV, Michael (Morgan) Waldron – Ft Chiswell

Granddaughter – Madelyn Waldron

Brother – Ashton Lane – Pulaski

Sister – Heather Nicole Lawson (Randall Clemons) – Princeton
Mother & Father-in-law – Debbie Pitzer & Joe Pitzer- Ballard, WV

Uncles – Michael (Lisa) Lawson, Kevin (Lori) Lawson

Niece – Miracle Grace Clemmons

Godparents – John & Judy Courtney – Pulaski

God sister – Missy Kennett – Radford

Best friend – Julie Davis – Pulaski

Many cousins and friends whom she loved.

Funeral services were held Monday, February 20, 2023 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski. Interment followed at the Memorial Christian Church Cemetery, Draper.

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

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

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Biden's Border Crisis a Public Health Crisis

I recently chaired a joint Energy & Commerce Oversight and Investigations and Health Subcommittee field hearing on the southern border in McAllen, Texas, to examine our crisis there and how it intersects with our country's fentanyl crisis. I heard from expert witnesses during the hearing who described the dire situation at the southern border and saw U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CPB) operations with several visits to the border and a tour of an immigration processing center.

Since the beginning of the Biden Administration, the crisis at our southern border has gotten worse by the day, due to President Biden undermining America's border security since he took office. During his first 100 days in office, he took 94 executive actions on immigration, including halting the construction of the border wall and attempting to halt deportations for 100 days.



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

While President Biden tries to shift blame away from his flawed policies, the numbers don't lie.

According to the CPB, this past January was the worst January in over 20 years in terms of monthly crossings. And for the 23rd month in a row, our southern border had more than 150,000 illegal encounters.

Meanwhile, during the previous Administration, the highest number of encounters ever reported was 132,856.

President Biden's open border policies have, in turn, exacerbated another problem in our country – fentanyl-related poisonings.

As we heard at the field hearing and fentanyl roundtables earlier in the year, Mexican cartels are profiting off our open border, using precursor compounds imported from China to manufacture large quantities of fentanyl products, which are then being smuggled into our country at record rates.

In January, 1,400 pounds of fentanyl was seized at our southern border, making January the seventh month in a row with over a thousand pounds of fentanyl uncovered by Border Patrol agents.

Much of this fentanyl is trafficked in the form of fentanyl-laced fake prescription pills. These fake pills are made to look like real prescription medications, but only contain filler and fentanyl. Accordingly, these Mexican cartel pills are often deadly.

As a result of this increase in fentanyl trafficking, the United States has experienced an enormous spike in fentanyl-related overdose deaths in recent years. I've heard from too many parents whose children have died from fentanyl poisoning because their child bought what they thought was Percocet, Xanax, or Adderall, but was actually a Mexican cartel fake pill laced with fentanyl.

Democrats, like the Democratic witness at our field hearing, say that our issues with the illegal border crossings and fentanyl are completely separate issues because fentanyl is being smuggled through our ports of entry.

While it is true that illicit opioids are smuggled in through other ports of entry, the southern border is a predominant entry point for these illicit opioids and the cartels will use any means necessary to get illicit opioids across our border.

While down at the border, we learned that cartels recruit migrants to the border to overwhelm ports of entry and sparsely monitored areas of the border. Flooding the border with immigrants entering illegally at strategic times and locations forces a significant number of border patrol agents to leave their patrol of the border to assist the immigrants with health concerns, etc. Border Patrol are also often called to help the intake of immigrants at ports of entry. This creates gaps along the border giving human traffickers/smugglers the opportunity to smuggle drugs through the gaps. The cartel uses the immigrants to create openings for drugs thus the two are inextricably linked.

In response to these claims, the Border Patrol Union tweeted a picture of drugs confiscated by Border Patrol in a remote area of Arizona just two days prior, where a group of drug mules was stopped carrying illicit materials including 11 kilos of fentanyl.

Further, a loophole cartels have used to traffic fentanyl into our country is by creating fentanyl analogues. The cartels do this in an attempt to evade our criminal laws.

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) temporarily scheduled fentanyl analogues as Schedule I substances in 2018. We have since seen a reduction in the trafficking of fentanyl analogues into our country.

We need a permanent solution though and that's up to Congress. I've introduced the HALT Fentanyl Act, with Representative Latta, to permanently schedule these fentanyl analogues. I encourage my colleagues on both side of the aisle to support this important legislation.

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

Tips for First-Time Budgeters

By Rachel Cruze

So, you've made a resolution to take control of your money this year—that's amazing. A huge part of building new habits in any area of your life is just deciding you're going to do it, so you've already gotten a big step out of the way. I know getting your finances in order can feel big and overwhelming, but we're going to break it down in a way that's simple and manageable. And one of the most important things you need as you get started on your financial journey in 2023 is . . . drumroll, please . . . a budget!

The word budget might kind of sound like a buzzkill if you've never done one before. If you're on a budget, that means you can't spend any money, right? Wrong! A budget actually gives you

the freedom to spend because you've already decided ahead of time exactly how you're going to use your money. Once you've set the boundaries, you give yourself permission to spend within those boundaries. And that means way less stress, guilt and confusion around money. What a relief.

Here are a few tips for doing a budget for the first time (and actually sticking to it).

Make It Zero-Based

A zero-based budget is one where your monthly take-home pay minus all your expenses equals zero. The point here is to give a job to every single dollar of your income. So, if you make \$2,500 a month, every dollar you save or spend should add up to \$2,500.

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Calvin Coolidge

By CAL THOMAS
Tribune Content Agency

Last week's symposium in Washington, D.C., that marked the beginning of a year-long observance commemorating the 100th anniversary year of Calvin Coolidge becoming president contained too many important reminders of what the past can teach the present to be included in a single column.

Some of it has been posted on the Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation website, which sponsored the event.

There seems to be a certain conceit among some that the past is irrelevant to modern challenges. The opposite is true.

Activists, who are busy tearing down statues and renaming roads because of connections to slavery, and who support high taxes, would do well to consider the remarks of former Rep. Chris Cox (R-CA), who was among the event's speakers.

"America at the end of the Wilson administration," he said, "was beset with race riots, runaway inflation, violent strikes, and the federal government's trampling of civil liberties. In practice, progressive initiatives such as the income tax and Prohibition were proving to have very different effects on middle-class lives than progressive theory had anticipated."

By the early 1920s there were 56 income tax brackets. What backers of a federal income tax had promised – that taxes would be paid only by "the rich" – proved untrue as those making as little as \$20,000 a year had to pay.

Here is another lesson from Cox that ought to remind us Washington often contributes to more problems than it solves: "The difference between the ideal of Prohibition and the reality was just as jarring. It was supposed to reduce crime and corruption, and remedy all manner of social ills. But enforcement proved to be far beyond the capabilities of the federal government. And instead of solving old social problems, it created new ones."

Speaking of statues and names of streets, Woodrow Wilson's name has not been removed from the Woodrow Wilson Center and neither have streets named after him been changed. Lee Highway in Northern Virginia (for Robert E. Lee) is now Langston Boulevard, named for abolitionist John Langston.

Wilson opposed women's suffrage, while Coolidge supported it. Wilson supported segregating federal employees. As Cox reminded his audience: "(A) Wilson cabinet member, Josephus Daniels, had published the leading newspaper in Wilson's former home state of North Carolina. With that megaphone he promoted the notorious White Supremacy campaign that fomented the Wilmington Riots, killing more than 60 Black people in one day. Daniels celebrated the result with a jubilee. Wilson made him publicity chair for the 1912 presidential campaign, before appointing him secretary of the Navy."


On June 6, 1924, Coolidge spoke at Howard University in Washington. While the Ku Klux Klan was flourishing in parts of the country, Coolidge opposed the racist organization and was ahead of his time on civil rights: "...we are able now to be confident that this race is to be preserved for a great and useful work. If some of its members have suffered, if some have been denied, if some have been sacrificed, we are able at last to realize that their sacrifices were borne in a great cause. They gave vicariously, that a vastly greater number might be preserved and benefited through them. The salvation of a race, the destiny of a continent, were bought at the price of these sacrifices."

While critics claim Coolidge didn't follow through, preferring simply to articulate his idealism, he was nevertheless saying things opposed by many white Southern Democrats and the Klan. Some could credibly argue his words laid a foundation for the civil rights movement to come.

As Chris Cox noted: "Coolidge, upon taking office, saw what Wilsonian progressivism, if not the ideal of progressivism, had wrought. He also understood the popular mood that soundly rejected the results. When he and (President Warren) Harding were elected, it was with the greatest popular vote landslide in a century."

Is history repeating itself in our day with the failures of progressivism? If it is, will history repeat next year should voters reject the progressive agenda?

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



Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

We shouldn't cut off Ukraine

More and more Republicans are beginning to see the wisdom of John Lennon, and think we need to give peace a chance in Ukraine.

Donald Trump is offering himself as the peace candidate and says he could broker a Ukraine-Russia deal.

The populist and realist right are banging the drums for a negotiated end to the war, and they aren't wrong. The conflict comes with an enormous humanitarian and economic price and is profoundly destabilizing.

So, by all means, let's hope for a deal. The secret to unlocking a potential agreement, though, isn't leaving Ukraine in the lurch and hoping that Vladimir Putin -- just as he begins to make gains -- decides to prudently and modestly stand down because dominating Ukraine isn't so important to him after all.

The only way there will eventually be a (flawed, unsatisfactory, and probably temporary) bargain is if Putin realizes that he has no hope of getting what he wants out of the war.

There are a number of objections and arguments that populist and realist opponents make against current levels of aid to Ukraine:

We've ended up in a proxy war with Russia. True enough. Yet, this is not the situation we sought out. It's not as though we encouraged Latvia to invade Russia, and then began lavishly supplying and training its forces.

The advantage of this proxy war is that the Russians are direct participants, and paying a heavy price, while our role is limited and indirect. We are in the role comparable to the Russians during the Vietnam War or the U.S. during the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan -- supporting a highly motivated indigenous force that is doing all the fighting against a bitter geopolitical adversary.

The war is expensive and drawing down our stocks of weapons. This, too, is true. By any measure, the roughly \$30 billion, and counting, that we've spent on Ukraine is real money. It is a fraction of a fraction of the defense budget, though.

The drawdown of weapons has created shortages in U.S. stocks, but this is more exposing a vulnerability than creating one. If we are strained merely arming Ukraine, we'd quickly reach a breaking point in a direct conflict with China. The answer is to build up our defense industrial base in a way that'd be necessary one way or the other.

NATO expansion provoked the Russians. Everyone knew that Ukraine wasn't going to actually join NATO anytime soon (or probably ever), and Russia didn't rationally have anything to fear from the alliance -- when Russia invaded Ukraine the first time in 2014, the U.S. had brought home all its tanks from Germany. Putin has made it clear that his ideological and geopolitical goal is to reestablish a version of the Russian empire. This is a deeply held ambition that

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General Assembly passes ‘Affordable Energy Act’

By Madison Hirneisen

(The Center Square) – The Virginia General Assembly advanced two bills Tuesday lawmakers say could help lower electric costs for commonwealth residents and restore the ability of the state’s utility regulation agency to adjust rates when utilities bring in revenues above their authorized profit.

Two identical measures dubbed the “Affordable Energy Act” – Senate Bill 1321 and House Bill 1604 – gives the State Corporation Commission the ability to order reductions of base rates when it determines utilities are earning above their authorized rate of return. The

bill also specifies the SCC can increase base rates if they produce revenues below the utility’s authorized rate of return, ensuring the resulting base rates are “just and responsible,” and give the utility the ability to recover costs and earn a “fair rate of return.”

Both SB 1321 and HB 1604 passed in unanimous floor votes Tuesday, which advances the bills to Gov. Glenn Youngkin’s desk for consideration.

Lawmakers and advocates touted the bills as protective measures to ensure ratepayers are not overcharged on their electricity bills. The measures followed studies by the SCC that determined Dominion Energy, the state’s largest electric utility, overcharged cus-

tomers by \$1.9 billion since 2009. “We have seen that people are more and more worried about being able to pay their [electric] bill,” Sen. Jennifer McClellan, D-Richmond, said after Tuesday’s vote. “This bill will ensure that they [utilities] will not overcharge

customers when utilities are earning more than our regulators say they should.”

When the bills were introduced earlier this session, lawmakers said previous action by the General Assembly in years past limited the State Corporation Commis-

sion’s ability to lower rates. Will Cleveland, a senior attorney with the Environmental Law Center, told The Center Square Tuesday that Dominion was “able to consistently overcharge” customers

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Dublin

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Kirkner reported that there had been negotiations with Camrett Logistics concerning the Town’s garage property. Needed improvements discussed for the property included filling in the garage pit and repairs to the roof. Council would in the near future receive information on possible spending needed for the project. However, Kirkner reminded Council that a Camrett vehicle servicing facility would bring added revenues to the Town.

Camrett had also investigated getting assistance from the state in securing brownfield grant money. Despite a change in engineering firms, Kirkner reported that he would be beginning work with the new firm on the brown-field grant. He added that Councilwoman Edith Hampton would assist with solicitations required by the grant application process.

Council also received the Manager’s monthly budget report. For the month of January, the Town’s General Fund revenues were 4 percent below estimates, but expenses were even lower at 12 percent below estimates. In the Enterprise Fund, revenues were 9 percent above estimates with expenditures running 4 percent lower than expected.

Kirkner reported that an end-of-year trial balance had been prepared using data on revenue and expenses from the first half of the fiscal year. The trial balance indicated the budget appeared to be on track with end of year performance exceeding expectations. Mayor Skeens complimented the Finance Committee for their hard work on the Town’s budget.

Town Council considered and unanimously approved a resolution setting the number of annual Council meetings. Town Attorney Sam Campbell reviewed the resolution for Council which was in response to the General Assembly’s moving local elections to November.

The resolution provides for ten scheduled meetings per year on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber with no meetings held in July

or December. The resolution also authorized all meetings for prior years and established the January meeting as the organizational meeting of the Council for appointment of the Vice-Mayor and non-elected officers. Appointments for those positions made at the June 16, 2022 meeting were extended to January 2024.

In other actions, Council also appointed Hampton as the Town’s alternate to the New River Resource Authority Board and Councilwoman Debbie Hager as the Town alternate to the REMSI Board.

February 25th was picked as the date for the Town’s participation in the “One Bag Challenge.”

Councilwoman Hager asked about the intersection on Town Center Drive and Dublin Park Road in light of speeding and some confusion by drivers at the intersection.

Utility Superintendent Darrin Cullop said that the stop sign poles had high visibility red striping ap-

plied to assist drivers. Lights had been considered he said, but they would have to be solar powered which had an uncertain lifespan.

Kirkner added that a 4-way stop was a consideration, and that electrical power was available for lights for the intersection, but it would have to be installed under the road.

In their final action, Council commended Chris Vaughn, VDOT supervisor for his assistance to the Town and employee Mark Vaughn for his work on repair and remodeling a Town structure for economic development. Council discussed visiting the project site to see the work in progress at a future date yet be determined.

The next scheduled meeting of the Dublin Town Council is scheduled for Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chamber at the Dublin Town Center.

Budgeters

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You’ll want to make your budget for the month before the month begins so you have a plan for how you’ll spend your money from day one. This is how it works:

- List your monthly income. This includes your regular paychecks and any other money you plan to bring in throughout the month.

- List your expenses. Think of everything you spend money on during the month. Start with giving (10% of your income), savings, the Four Walls (food, utilities, shelter and transportation) and other essentials like insurance and childcare. Then move on to other extras (like entertainment and restaurants) and month-specific expenses (like birthdays and holidays).

- Subtract your total expenses from your total income. The amount remaining should be zero—if it’s not, that just means something in your budget needs a little adjusting. If you have extra money left over, put that money toward paying off debt or add it to another category in your budget. If you wind up with a negative number, find a way to cut back on some expenses or generate more income by selling stuff or taking on a side hustle until your balance equals zero.

- Track your transactions. Don’t just plan out your budget and then forget about it. As you spend money throughout the month, make sure you keep track of how much you’re spending and where so you don’t overspend in any category.

And that’s it! I promise, it really is simple once you get the hang of it.

Use a Budgeting App
Speaking of simple, one of the best ways to make this whole process even simpler for yourself is to use a budgeting app. Of

course, you can also use an excel spreadsheet or go old school by mapping out your budget on paper. I say sign me up for the method that involves the least amount of math. I’m a huge fan of apps like EveryDollar that do most of the math for you and connect with your bank so you can easily track your transactions.

Give Yourself Grace, and Don’t Give Up

Budgeting for the first time is a big deal. Be proud of yourself and know that it usually takes people about three months to really get the hang of it and make everything run smoothly.

Once you start budgeting regularly, you’ll see where you and your family might need to make some adjustments or sacrifices in certain categories in order to hit your financial goals. But at the end of the day, you’ll feel like you got a raise—because now, you have permission to spend in a way that’s controlled, wise and guilt-free. And that makes working toward those financial goals so much easier.

For more step-by-step guidance on making a budget that works for you, check out this article. You’ve got this. Happy budgeting!

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Lowery

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would very likely be the same if NATO had never expanded and if all the Baltic and Eastern and Central European states were blandly neutral and entirely disarmed.

Putin is only pursuing a traditional Russian foreign policy. Well, yes. But just because Russia occupied Poland for 100 years or so or gobbled up various nations of Europe during World War II, doesn’t mean similar projects today would have any legitimacy. Yes, Russia has always been concerned with securing and maintaining access to the Black Sea. It should be noted, however, that it already had an agreement

with Ukraine to base its Black Sea Fleet at Sevastopol. For good measure, in 2014, Russia grabbed all of Crimea. Invading Ukraine and trying to take Kyiv is over-saucing the goose and isn’t about the Black Sea but destroying a model of (imperfect) democracy on its border.

In short, cutting off the Ukrainians in the hopes of jump-starting negotiations would be folly and only benefit a Vladimir Putin who, if he had his druthers, would bring a bloody-minded peace of repression and vastation to Ukraine.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Lawmakers fail at ‘decoupling’ from California Clean Car law

By Adrianna Lawrence
Capital News Service

RICHMOND, Va. -- Virginia lawmakers this week shot down the last bill of seven introduced to reverse the adopted California standard on electric vehicles Tuesday afternoon.

Del. Tony Wilt, R-Rockingham, proposed House Bill 1378 to repeal the 2021 law allowing the Virginia State Air Pollution Control Board to implement emission standards for vehicles with a 2025 or later model year.

The current Clean Car law, adopted from California and soon to be implemented in Virginia, states 35% of all new cars and trucks sold in Virginia with a 2026 model year must be electric. By 2035, 100% of new models on the market must be electric, according to California’s final regulation order.

Wilt introduced the bill for several reasons, he said. He questioned whether Virginia’s infrastructure can withstand 100% electrical powered cars in 12 years, Wilt said.

“In such a short period of time, we start putting these demands on electric grids of having the capabilities to keep up with electric generation,” Wilt said.

The bill passed in the House with a party-line vote of 52-48.

Ahead of the final House vote, Wilt expressed concern over the cost of electric vehicles and said “they still cost significantly more

upfront.”

“Which can make them unattainable,” Wilt said.

Wilt’s bill died in the Senate Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources committee on a party-line 8-7 vote to pass by indefinitely. Other similar measures introduced in the Senate were incorporated into one bill that met the same outcome in the same committee.

Virginia residents will look to surrounding states to buy combustion engine vehicles because of the decrease of those available cars and the expensive costs of electric vehicles, according to Wilt.

“And so we’re actually taking the revenues out of the state of Virginia,” Wilt said.

Wilt believes in a renewable energy future but said it should be done incrementally.

“Instead of these heavy-handed governmental mandates to meet these deadlines and so forth, let the free market dictate that,” Wilt said.

Natural consumer demand for electric vehicles is what should drive the market to go green, according to Wilt.

Virginia needs to “decouple” from California and establish standards unique to Virginia, according to Wilt and other Republicans who have spoken against the measure.

Trip Pollard, senior attorney with the Southern Environmental Law Center, said it is not legally possible to create a Virginia-specific standard.

States either accept the required Clean Air Act federal regulation or choose the more protective standard introduced by California.

“The General Assembly decided in ’21 that we want to choose the more protective option,” Pollard said. “We can’t set our own standards.”

The reasoning behind this is simple, Pollard said: Car manufacturers cannot meet 50 different state regulations.

“The manufacturers got that written into the Clean Air Act decades ago because they don’t want to have to produce 50 different models of vehicles for different states,” Pollard said.

California sought a waiver from the EPA to create its own standards, which now allows states to also choose California’s stricter standards.

So far, 17 other states have adopted California’s clean car standards, according to the California Air Resources Board.

Many advocates for the Clean Car law, including Pollard, point out these next few years in the General Assembly are crucial for prepping the state’s infrastructure for electric cars.

Along with legislative action, Virginia has already begun receiving incremental funding that will be over \$100 million through the National Electric Vehicle Infra-

structure, according to Pollard. Private companies, such as Tesla, are distributing electric car chargers as well, he said.

Even with these initiatives, some legislators are already giving up on the law before it has even taken effect, according to Pollard.

“To me it makes no sense to repeal these standards now, when they offer such enormous health and environmental benefits,” Pollard said.

Lawmakers can ditch the adopted California standard and go back to the less protective federal one if the Clean Car law does not work out, according to Pollard.

Environmental organizations, like the Virginia League of Conservation Voters, strongly believe in keeping the Clean Car law in place due to the harm combustion engine vehicles bring to Virginia’s air quality.

“Transportation emissions are Virginia’s largest driver of climate change,” said VLCV deputy director Lee Francis. “They make up about half of our total carbon pollution.”

Electric vehicles are popular right now and there is a fast growing shift toward electric vehicles, according to Francis.

“A lot of it is driven by the auto manufacturers themselves,” Francis said.

General Motors, Ford, BMW

and Honda are just some of the car manufacturers shifting toward zero emission vehicles, according to Forbes.

Lawmakers, lobbyists and Gov. Glenn Youngkin have attempted to repeal the Clean Car law since 2021. Citizens question what the state’s future of electric vehicles will look like by 2026.

The effort to overturn the Clean Car law could be a factor in the upcoming November election, according to Stephen Farnsworth, director of the Center for Leadership and Media Studies at the University of Mary Washington and a political science professor.

All seats are up for reelection in the currently Republican-majority House and the Democratic-majority Senate.

Candidates will compete for Senate and House seats in new districts recently redrawn to keep up with population changes. The Air Pollution Control Board will implement the standard shortly after Jan. 1, 2024 and auto manufacturers will have to abide by it to sell their vehicles in Virginia, according to the board’s vehicle standards.

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Energy

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by hundreds of millions of dollars each year “because the Commission has not had the authority to adjust the rates and set them fairly.”

“These bills give the Commission that express authority, so I would expect that it should save customers hopefully around \$300 million every year once the bill goes into effect,” Cleveland said.

Dominion Energy did not re-

spond within deadline to The Center Square’s request for comment regarding the passage of the Affordable Energy Act.

Dominion is backing two measures – one in the House and one in the Senate – that have taken different forms as they’ve moved through the General Assembly. While the final version of the bills is yet to be seen, lawmakers have debated the inclusion of a provision that would alter how Dominion’s return on equity could be determined by the State Corporation Commission. Lawmakers have raised concern the inclusion of the provision would ensure Dominion would see a boost in its return on equity.

While the final versions of the Dominion-backed bills are still being hammered out, lawmakers expressed confidence the unfinished bills would not “undercut the progress” contained in the Affordable Energy Act.


“The momentum in the legislature is very clearly towards protecting ratepayers by restoring the SCC oversight,” the chief patron of HB 1604 Del. Lee Ware, R-Powhatan, said during a press conference Tuesday.

McClellan doubled down on this sentiment, saying she believes a “significant number” of legislators would not vote for the unfinished energy bills “unless we can be assured that it will lead to lower costs and not higher costs.”

In other action Tuesday, the House also passed SB 1323, which requires the SCC to establish energy efficiency savings targets for Dominion Energy customers who are low income, elderly, disabled or military veterans. Supporters say the measure, which now heads to Youngkin, will enable more Virginians to save money on their electricity bills.

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Friends & Family restaurant burns in Pearisburg

Patriot Staff Report

A regional dining favorite – Friends and Family Restaurant in Pearisburg – was all but destroyed by fire late Monday night.

According to the Town of Pearisburg, at approximately 11:48 p.m., the Giles County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call of a possible structure fire at 100 Woodland Drive, Pearisburg – also known as the Friends and Family Restaurant.

The restaurant is located directly across from the Pearisburg Walmart and near Giles High School.

The Pearisburg Fire Department and Pembroke Fire Department were immediately dispatched to respond.

An officer from the Pearisburg Police Department and a Giles County Sheriff's Deputy arrived on the scene at 11:50 p.m. and confirmed heavy smoke and fire was coming from the rear of the restaurant.

The Pearisburg Fire Department arrived on scene at 11:53 p.m. At that time, flames were coming out of the roof of the structure.

Initial arriving crews attempt-

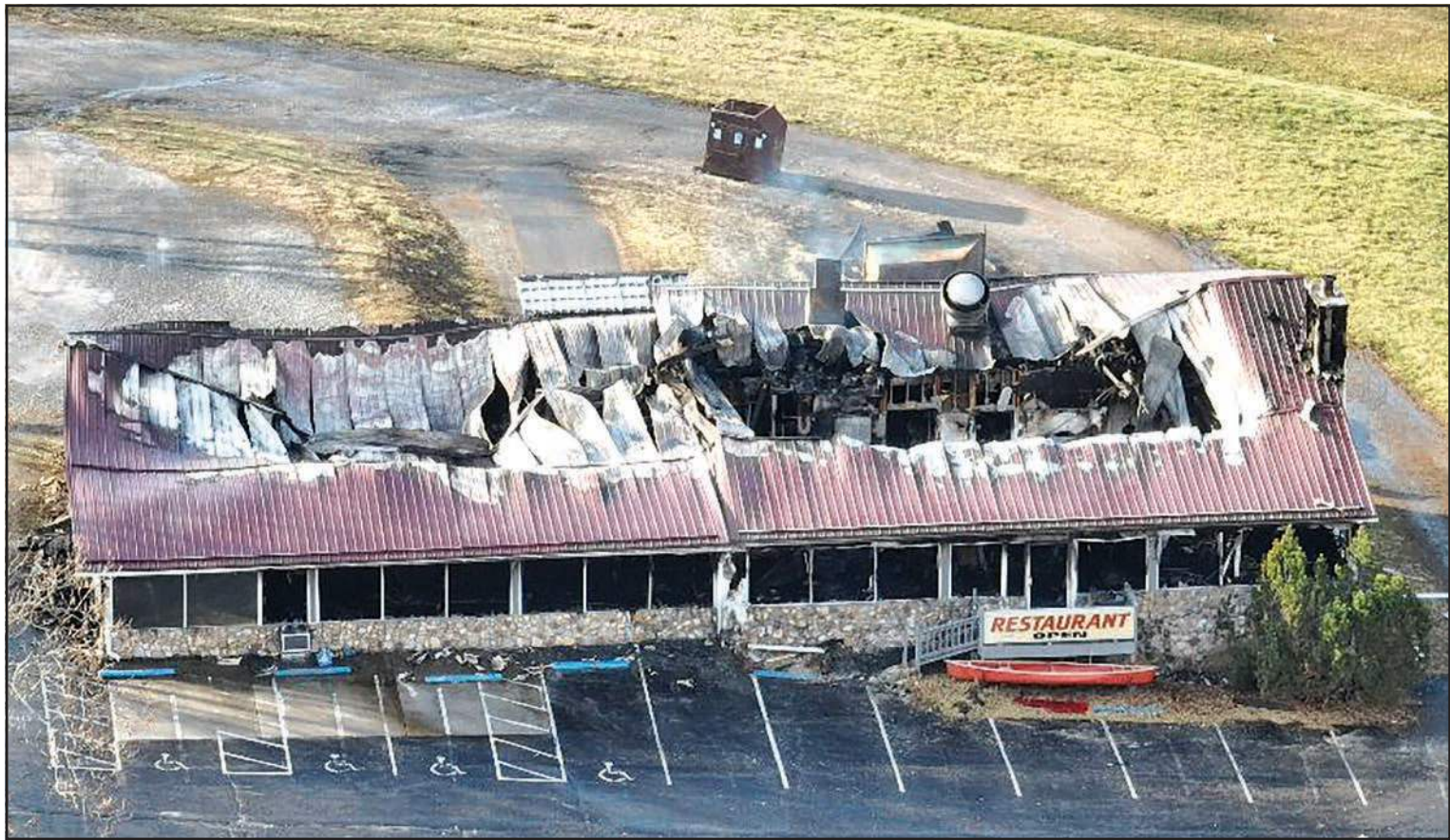


Photo courtesy of Chris Lang

Friends and Family Restaurant in Pearisburg suffered severe damage during a late Monday night fire. No one was hurt in the blaze.

ed an aggressive interior attack on the fire, but quickly recognized unsafe conditions and an

impending roof collapse. After evacuating the structure, they took a defensive posture, and

requested the assistance of the Celanese Emergency Response Team's Ladder Truck.

No one was inside the restaurant at the time of the blaze, as it had closed several hours prior to the time of the call.

Approximately 50 first responders answered the fire call from Pearisburg Fire Department, Pembroke Fire Department, Celanese Emergency Response Team, Giles Lifesaving

and Rescue Squad, Pearisburg Police Department and Giles County Sheriff's Office.

There were no injuries and a cause of the fire is undetermined at this time.

Man arrested for possession of firearms on Fort Chiswell High School grounds

From Wythe County Sheriff's Office

On Friday (Feb. 17, 2023) at 2:57 p.m., a Wythe County Sheriff's Office School Resource Officer was notified that a man was on the property at Fort Chiswell High School with an AR15-style rifle.

The School Resource Officer and Wythe County deputies stopped the man on Apache Run near Clinch Valley Community Action headstart.

Fort Chiswell High School was placed on lockdown, and all school buses were told to avoid the area.

Deputies were placed outside the headstart during the standoff.

Deputies were able to arrest the male identified as Justin



Justin Ray Reed

Ray Reed, DOB 4/21/1995. He was found to have Diamondback semi-automatic 5.56 rifle and a semi-automatic 9mm Sig Sau-

er. They both were secured and found to be fully loaded.

Charges against Reed:

2 counts of possession of a firearm on school property (Class 6 Felony)

Disorderly conduct (Class 1 Misdemeanor)

2 counts of brandishing a firearm within 1,000 feet of a school to induce fear (Class 6 Felony)

Reed was held without bond at the New River Valley Regional Jail.

Dubliin's Clary Awarded Degree from Miami University

OXFORD, OH -- Jake Clary of Dublin, VA was among students from Miami University who received degrees during the fall commencement Dec 9, 2022

Clary graduated with a Master of Arts degree, majoring in Biology.

Paine named to Dean's List at UVA

Juliana Valentine Paine has been named to the Dean's List at the University of Virginia.

Juliana is a 2nd year student at Virginia and is the daughter of William and Gina Paine of Dublin.

She has been awarded Dean's List all 3 semesters she's been at UVA.

The Dean's List of Distinguished Students is an honor reserved for those students who demonstrate academic excellence and achieve a minimum 3.500 grade point average while taking a minimum of 15 credits of graded course work.

Town council, mayor hand out service awards

Patriot Staff Report

Pulaski Town Council members and Mayor Shannon Collins presented several service awards to town employees on Tuesday prior to council's regular meeting.

No less than seven members of the Pulaski Police Department received recognition, lead by Capt. Mike Hudson who received a 30-year service award.

Others in the PPD recognized were:

Lt. Mike Parmelee, 20 years

Sgt. Daniel Grim, 15 years

Sgt. Derick D. Waddell, 15 years

Administrative Secretary Karen Smith, 15 years

Corp. Taylor Cox, 5 years

Corp. Paula Linkous, 5 years

Two members of the town's Finance Department staff were also recognized, including:

Raquel Poe, 15 years

Terri L. Sutphin, 5 years

Finally, Carla Hodge, Code Enforcement Officer, was recognized for 5 years of service.



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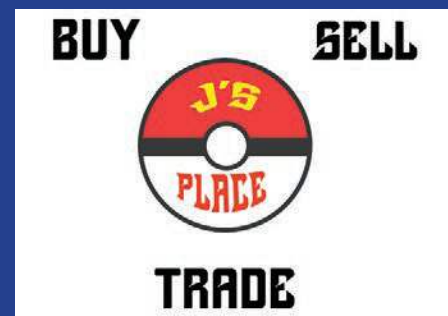
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Lady Cougars head to state playoffs

Pulaski County faces Louisa again - this time for region championship

Patriot Staff Report

The Pulaski County Lady Cougars are heading back to the state girls basketball tournament.

Pulaski County will take on old nemesis Louisa County on Friday at 6:30 p.m. in Louisa for the Class 4 Region D championship. However, both teams will represent Region D in the eight-team state tournament.

If Pulaski County wins Friday, they'll start their state tournament journey with a home game. If they lose Friday, they'll start that journey on the road.

Pulaski County beat Louisa County last season to win the Region D championship. The year before, in 2021 the Lady Cougars fell to Louisa in the state title matchup.

After sweeping through the River Ridge District tournament and another championship there, the Lady Cougars began region play by thumping Jefferson Forest, 69-44.

Paige Huff led Pulaski County in that one with 18 points. Kesslyn Secrist, River Ridge Player

of the Year added 15 in the win.

Other scoring was Tori Vest with 11, Morgan Vest with 10, Jaden Lawson had 5, Andi Ratcliff added 4, Hannah Keefer had 3 and Kenzlee Jones chipped in 3 also.

While Pulaski County won easily, the Lady Cavaliers kept the final score much more respectful this season. Pulaski County thrashed Jefferson Forest in region play last season, 101-39.

Next up was E.C. Glass.

Pulaski County laid the wood to the Lady Hilltoppers, 63-20.

This time Keefer led the Lady Cougars with 14 points. Secrist had 10 and three players – Huff, Lawson and Jones – each had 8 points in the win. Other scorers were Ratcliff, Morgan Vest and Destiny Duncan with 4 each and Tori Vest with 3.

Last year, Pulaski County's bid for a state title ended in the state semi-finals with a 68-59 overtime loss to Millbrook. Millbrook was go on to fall in the state championship game to King's Fork.

Here's hoping the Lady Cougars can bring home the gold this season.



Brian Bishop/The Patriot
Pulaski County head coach Scott Ratcliff (right) and assistant coach Rick Secrist watch the action.



Brian Bishop/The Patriot
Paige Huff puts up a two-pointer in region play against Jefferson Forest. Huff led the Lady Cougars with 18 points in the big win over the Lady Cavaliers.

Virginia Tech falls short in 76-70 loss to Miami

Hokiesports.com

BLACKSBURG – Virginia Tech had three players score in double figures, but still fell short to Miami – 76-70 – on Tuesday night in Cassell Coliseum.

Hunter Cattoor posted Tech's

most impressive statline of the night with 15 points, six boards, four assists and four steals. With his first bucket, Cattoor became the 50th player in program to reach 1,000 career points.

Sean Pedulla led Tech with 17 points and six rebounds, while

Grant Basile chipped in as well with 13 points.

At 46.7%, the Hokies posted a better field-goal percentage than the visitors, however Miami's 39-31 advantage on the boards separated them from Tech.

How It Happened

After falling behind 22-19, Virginia Tech went on a 6-0 run with 7:41 left in the first half, culminating in a bucket from Mj Collins, to take a 25-22 lead. The Hokies then surrendered that lead and entered halftime down 36-32.

Miami kept widening its lead after intermission, constructing a 41-32 advantage before Virginia Tech went on a 6-0 run, finished off by Basile's three, to shrink the deficit to 41-38 with 16:32 to go in the contest. Miami responded and outscored the Hokies the rest of the way, ending the game with a final score of 76-70. Virginia Tech shot well from three-point range in the half, hitting seven shots from deep to score 21 of its 38 points.

Game Notes

- » Virginia Tech recorded 16 total assists in the game.
- » Sean Pedulla led the Hokies with 17 points.
- » Virginia Tech got a team-high seven rebounds from Justyn Mutts.

Up Next

The Hokies travel to Durham on Saturday to face the Duke Blue Devils at 8 p.m.

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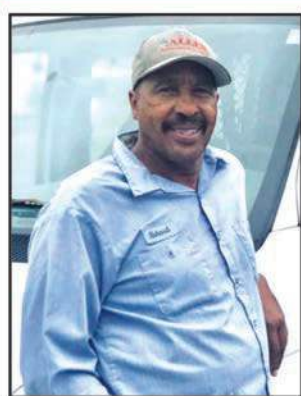
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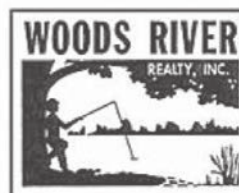
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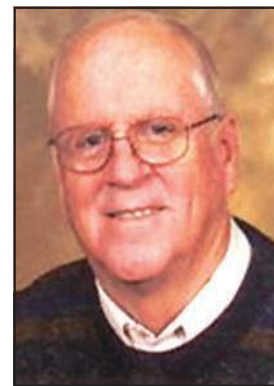


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ACC baseball: Seven teams still unbeaten

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With seven teams still unbeaten in the very early going, ACC teams own a 46-10 (.821) record versus non-conference opposition heading into this weekend's packed scheduled.

- Wake Forest ranks second nationally with 16 home runs, including a nation-leading five by Adam Cecere and four by ACC Player of the Week Nick Kurtz. Virginia's Jake Gelof has driven in 13 runs to rank second among NCAA Division I players (one off the lead), and Clemson's Benjamin Blackwell is out of the gate early with eight stolen bases in the Tigers' first four games.
- Virginia is hitting a nation-leading .446 as a team and is second in average runs scored per game with 16.3. The Cavaliers put 24 runs on the board in their season opener versus Navy and scored 26 in Tuesday's win over Longwood.
- Nine ACC teams entered week two of the 2023 season ranked in

at least one major poll, with Louisville (Baseball America) and Wake Forest (Perfect Game) both as high as fourth.

- Clemson head coach Erik Bakich wasted no time recording a milestone win in his debut as the Tigers' head coach. Last Saturday's 3-2 victory over visiting Binghamton was the 400th of Bakich's career. Bakich, who joined the Tigers following a successful stint at Michigan that included a berth in the 2019 College World Series finals, owns a career record of 401-313 in 13-plus collegiate seasons. Wake Forest head coach Tom Walter is one win shy of 800 entering the Demon Deacon's four-game homestand.
- Walter is one of six ACC head coaches with at least 650 career wins, with Georgia Tech's Danny Hall ranking as the leader among active NCAA Division I coaches with 1,352.
- After devoting a record number of hours to preseason coverage and interviews Sirius XM ACC Radio plans play-by-play coverage of a

number of regular season games in 2023. The schedule through the second weekend in March is as follows:

Friday, Feb. 24
2:00 – Virginia Tech vs Bryant
5:00 – UNC vs East Carolina

Friday, March 10
2:00 – Virginia Tech vs Boston College

Saturday, March 11
2:00 – North Carolina vs Virginia

Sunday, March 12
1:00 – Miami vs NC State

ACC Baseball in the NCAA's

- At least one ACC team has reached the College World Series each of the last 16 years in which the event has been held, and multiple ACC teams reached the CWS 10 times during that span.
- Led by College World Series participant Notre Dame, nine ACC teams were selected to compete in the 2022 NCAA Tournament, tying

for the most of any conference.

- The ACC has placed at least six teams in the NCAA tournament for 18 straight years. The 2022 season marked the sixth year since 2010 that at least eight ACC teams landed spots in the field.
- The ACC has placed a total of 29 teams in the past 16 College World Series, an average of justless than two per season.
- Ninety-nine ACC teams have earned NCAA bids in the last 13 tournament years. The 14 current ACC teams have a combined 99 College World Series appearances.
- Three ACC teams rank among the top five nationally for most all-time tournament appearances: No. 2 Florida State (59), No. 3 Miami (48), and No. 5 Clemson (44).

Upcoming ACC Schedule
Saturday, Feb. 25
Pitt vs. Harvard (at Port Charles, Fla.), 11:30 p.m.
Boston College vs. Canisius (at Charleston, S.C.), Noon
Bryant at Virginia Tech, 1 p.m.
Bowling Green at Louisville, 1 p.m.
Columbia at Virginia, 1 p.m.
UCF at Clemson, 2 p.m.
North Carolina at East Carolina, 2 p.m.
Belmont at NC State, 2 p.m.

Tennessee Tech at Georgia Tech, 2 p.m.
Notre Dame at UNC Greensboro, 4 p.m.
Pitt vs. Harvard (at Port Charles, Fla.), 2:30 p.m.
Baylor at Duke, 3 p.m.
Florida State at TCU, 3 p.m.
Towson at Wake Forest, 4 p.m.
Dartmouth at Miami, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 26
Pitt vs. Harvard (at Port Charles, Fla.), Noon
Boston College vs. Rutgers (at Charleston, S.C.), 1 p.m.
Bryant at Virginia Tech, 1 p.m.
Bowling Green at Louisville, 1 p.m.
Columbia at Virginia, 1 p.m.
UCF at Clemson, 1 p.m.
East Carolina at North Carolina, 1 p.m.
Belmont at NC State, 1 p.m.
Dartmouth at Miami, 1 p.m.
Tennessee Tech at Georgia Tech, 1 p.m.
Notre Dame at UNC Greensboro, 1 p.m.
Baylor at Duke, 1 p.m.
Mt. St. Mary's at Wake Forest, 2 p.m.
Florida State at TCU, 2 p.m.

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VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104
Case No. CL22000063-00
Pulaski County Circuit Court
45 Third Street, NW, Ste. 101, Pulaski, VA 24301

SCYLENEA ALLEY V. EDWARD KEITH WADE

The object of this suit is: PERSONAL INJURY

It is ORDERED that EDWARD KEITH WADE appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before APRIL 7, 2023.

FEBRUARY 16, 2023

Maetta Crewe, Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE



Public Notice Pulaski County Board of Zoning Appeals

Notice is given pursuant to the Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance and Section 15.2-2310 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, that a public hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, Pulaski, VA 24301. The Pulaski County Board of Zoning Appeals is hosting a Public Hearing and will receive public comments in relationship to the Appeals to the UDO Administrator as listed below:

- Petition by Pycone Creamery Corporation- Kenneth Dolinger, 7195 Lee Highway Radford, VA 24141 Tax Map # 038-006-0000-019A. Variance to Article 5.1C, Sign Regulations, of the Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance. Cloyd District.

Comments may be presented at the meeting and by phone or in writing prior to the meeting. Information regarding these items are available for public inspection from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Department of Planning & Zoning, County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, Pulaski, VA 24301.

If you are a disabled individual and would like special auxiliary aids or services, please contact the County's ADA Compliance Officer at (540) 980-7800 (TDD accessible) or (540) 980-7705, ten (10) days prior to the above meeting date.

LEGAL NOTICE



Planning Commission Public Hearing

The Planning Commission of the Town of Pulaski, Virginia will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Pulaski Municipal Building, 42 First Street, NW to consider the following:

- A request from Shah Development for a Special Exception for property located at 2460 Lee Highway [tax parcel(s) 063-25-25A] in the R-1, Single Family Residential District, for “Hospital or Health Center”.

All persons desiring to comment on the proposed requests should submit their remarks to Caroline Smith, Planner/Zoning Administrator, by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, to 42 First Street, NW/PO Box 660, Pulaski, VA or via email to csmith@pulaskitown.org. A copy of the application and other pertinent materials are available for public review in the Planner's office, Pulaski Municipal Building, 42 First Street, NW from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For disabled individuals who may require special auxiliary aids or services, reasonable accommodations will be made by the Town upon request. Please contact the Town Manager's Office at (540) 994-8600 prior to the above meeting date. For persons with hearing or visual difficulties, contact Virginia Relay at 711 to arrange contact with the Town.

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For additional information please call 540-994-8651 M-F 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

The Town of Pulaski reserves the right to accept/reject any and/or all bids or portions thereof be it deemed in the best interest of the town.

NASCAR Cup drivers face last hurrah at Fontana track

By REID SPENCER
NASCAR Wire Service

The love of NASCAR drivers and crew chiefs for Auto Club Speedway is all but universal.

With Atlanta Motor Speedway having undergone a recent repave, the 2.0-mile speedway in Fontana, Calif., is the last of its kind on the NASCAR Cup Series circuit.

The abrasive asphalt chews up tires. Seams between the racing lanes can throw a car out of kilter if a driver misses his marks.

Yet drivers love the challenge of negotiating the D-shaped oval that's banked just 14 degrees in the corners. And crew chiefs likewise embrace the difficulty of setting up their cars and calling a race in which tire fall-off is extreme.

Like many love affairs, this one will end—and soon. Auto Club Speedway will drop from the schedule next season as NASCAR contemplates its future. One option is to build a half-mile short track on the property and sell off



Ricky Stenhouse Jr., driver of the #47 Kroger/Cottonelle Chevrolet, celebrates with his crew after winning the NASCAR Cup Series 65th Annual Daytona 500 at Daytona International Speedway on February 19, 2023 in Daytona Beach, Florida. (Photo by Mike Ehrmann/Getty Images)

more of them.”

Having won two of the last five races at the big track, Larson has to be considered a favorite on Sunday. So is Kyle Busch—now driving a Chevrolet for Richard Childress Racing. Busch has won three of the last nine Fontana races, his last victory coming in 2019.

Ford drivers, on the other hand, have work to do. Only one Ford driver—Brad Keselowski—has visited Victory Lane in the last 14 races at Auto Club.

Whether moonlighting or not, Cole Custer is a threat

He's back.

Cole Custer, that is.

The driver of the No. 00 Stewart-Haas Racing Ford has won two of the last three NASCAR Xfinity Series races at Auto Club Speedway—and in two different cars.

In 2019, he took the checkered flag in the No. 00 Mustang. In 2020, he moved up to full-time NASCAR Cup Series racing.

While still driving in the Cup Series last season, Custer won the Xfinity Series race at Fontana in the No. 07 Ford prepared by Stewart-Haas for SS GreenLight Racing owner Bobby Dotter.

After three years at the Cup level that saw him win one race, Custer is once again competing for the Xfinity Series championship this season.

Given his success at Fontana, he is almost certain to be a formidable force in Saturday's Production Alliance Group 300 (5 p.m. ET on FSI, MRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio).

“I always look forward to Fontana,” said Custer, a native of Ladera Ranch, Calif., southeast of Los Angeles. “It's always been a good track to me, and we've obviously won two races there in the Xfinity car. It's always been one of my favorite tracks, because it's fast, it's worn out, you're slipping and sliding around.”

“You have a lot of options as a driver, so you're able to figure out something better than the next guy, and how to get around them. It's always been a fun track to me and coming back home means a ton, too.”

the rest of the valuable land.

Whatever the case, Sunday's Pala Casino 400 will be the last on the two-mile configuration (3:30 p.m. ET on FOX, MRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio).

“There will be a big emphasis on trying to win the last one,” said Ryan Blaney, who has three top 10s in six Cup starts at Fontana. “It's a big, slick, multiple-lane race track. It's bumpy and rough, and drivers love that stuff.”

“The reason why all of us loved Atlanta before they repaved it. Why all of us loved Texas before they repaved it. Chicago, we don't even go there anymore but all of us loved that place. Old worn-out tracks with a bunch of grooves and lanes are what drivers like. It is challenging and you are sliding around and there is room to race. Drivers enjoy that.”

Kyle Larson, who won last year's race at Fontana, has mixed feelings about the possible move to a short track on the Fontana property. Though he loves racing on the 2.0-mile track, he can understand the value of a short track from a fan's perspective.

“I love that race track as is,” Larson said. “I feel like it produces amazing racing, but at the same time, I think we need more short tracks. I feel like, sitting in the stands, it's hard to view a two-mile track or even mile-and-a-half.”

“They're so big. I think short tracks produce exciting racing, exciting finishes, tempers, stuff like that. I'm a proponent of making it a short track, and I think we need

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February - National Cherry Month

By Laura Reasor
Associate Family and Consumer Science Agent, Pulaski/Giles

February is National Cherry Month! Cherries are a nutrient-dense food with relatively low caloric content and significant amounts of important nutrients and bioactive food components including fiber, polyphenols, carotenoids, vitamin C, and potassium.

Cherries are also good sources of tryptophan, serotonin, and melatonin.

Although there are more than a hundred varieties of cherries, they are grouped into two major types, the sweet, and tart. The most commonly grown variety of sweet cherries in the USA is Bing and for the tart is Montmorency. The majority of sweet cherries are consumed fresh, whereas the majority of tart cherries are processed primarily for cooking and baking.

Fresh or frozen cherries are a great addition to smoothies, baked goods, and desserts. Here is a simple recipe for cherry crisp.

Ingredients:

- 3 cups fresh or frozen sweet pitted cherries
- ½ cup all-purpose flour
- ¾ cup old-fashioned oats
- ½ cup brown sugar
- 1/3 cup finely chopped pecans or walnuts
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/3 cup room temperature unsalted butter

Instructions:

- Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray an 8x8-inch baking dish with cooking spray
- Add cherries to baking dish
- Add flour, oats, sugar, nuts, and cinnamon to a mixing bowl, stirring until combined. Add butter and use your hands to incorporate until it's well-combined
- Sprinkle topping evenly over cherries. Bake for 30 minutes and cool. Enjoy!

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Beautiful icy shot wins Photo Club Challenge

Joyce Sims of Radford won the theme, Winter, at the Radford Photo Club February meeting with a photo of ice enveloping a branch and buds on a tree.

Linda Waggaman and Lucy Gilmore, both of Radford, tied for first in the open theme category – Waggaman with a photo of a sheep and Gilmore with a photo taken at the Texas Tavern.

Waggaman said, “While we

were walking on the Erris Head Loop in Ireland, this ram became curious and approached us. I guess he didn't like what he saw because he stuck out his tongue before he walked away.”

The Radford Photo Club is made up of professional and amateur photographers from throughout the New River Valley. Meetings, events, and outings are open to the public. The next meeting is Thurs-

day, March 16, at 6 p.m. at the Radford Public Library. The program is the final session on Street Photography by Adi Ben Senior. The February session included an assignment – to take 50 black and white photos at three locations and narrow the shots to three to present to the class.

The agenda will also include discussion of upcoming shows and other future events. The photo challenge for March is Street Photography.

If you have questions, email Lucy Gilmore at lucyg.gilmore@gmail.com or mborgarelli@gmail.com



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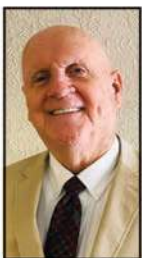
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Elisha followed Elijah for over 7 years as a Disciple and Personal Attendant before the torch of the prophetic ministry was passed unto him. Elisha was a Patriot who loved his country and his nation.

A poor woman was about to lose her two sons to a creditor whose intent was to make slaves out of them to pay her debt, and Elisha caused oil to flow from a small jar of oil and filled up every vessel she had and every vessel she could borrow from her neighbors. The oil kept flowing until she had enough oil to sell and pay the debt in full.

If we have a financial need, and we've been faithful to God, we can take it to God and He can and will make a way for us to pay our bills where there seems to be no way. God has promised to supply all of our needs according to His riches in glory, by Christ Jesus.

Elisha once made the head of an ax float. It wouldn't be very difficult to make an ax handle float, but certainly it took a miracle to make a heavy, iron, ax head float.

Elisha had so much power with God that when he died and his body placed in a sepulcher, his body decayed. The people hastily buried another dead man in the same sepulcher and when his body touched the bones of Elisha, the man was raised from the dead.

Jesus mentioned Elisha in Luke 4:27, and the healing of Naaman of Leprosy.

Naaman was a commander in the army of Syria. He was a good commander and was held in high esteemed by all. However, he had a serious affliction. He was a leper. He had heard about the miracle worker Elisha, and persuaded his King to send him with a letter to the King of Israel asking to see Elisha. Elisha told Naaman to go to the Jordan River and bathe in the river seven times and that he would be cleansed. He obeyed and was miraculously healed of Leprosy. Naaman was so happy that he had been healed of leprosy he wanted to give an offering to Elisha, but Elisha refused to accept it.

After saying goodbye to his parents, Elisha left his occupation, any inheritance he was entitled to upon the death of his parents. He left all and followed the prophet Elijah. He knew he had received a higher calling from God and went out to fulfill his calling.

If a person is not willing to leave ALL behind in order to be a true and faithful servant to God, he or she is not worthy of their calling.

Elisha loved God even more than life itself. Elijah, during his time, was the most powerful prophet of that day. Elijah cast his mantle upon Elisha to mark his calling into the prophetic ministry. The mantle was a particular part of the garments of a prophet. This mantle is believed to have been a leather skin with the hair left on. Casting a prophet's mantle upon another was a

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www.SnowvilleChristianChurch.com
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Evening 6 p.m.
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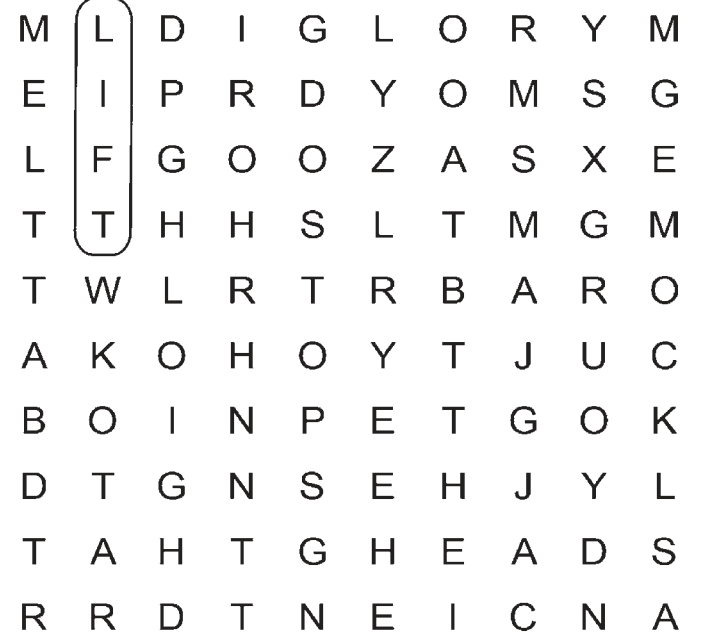
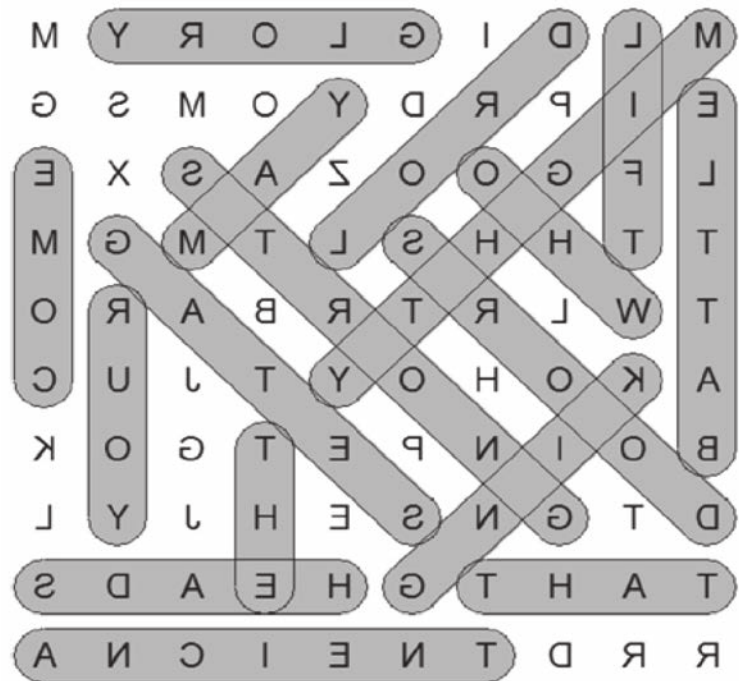
Psalm 24:7-8

Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

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Answers



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

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ceremony of sorts, ear marking another person for a prophetic office. Elijah obeyed God in the calling of Elisha.

1 Kings 19:16, God spoke to the prophet Elijah and said. “And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be King over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room.” Elisha wasn’t mama called, or daddy called, or self —called. He was called by God through the prophet Elijah to take Elijah’s place when the time came for Elijah to leave the earth.

Elisha had his hands full. But God said, “Don’t worry about the people turning away from me, because I am going to judge them for it.”

The Chariot of fire took Elijah out of the sight of Elisha by fire and wind, and also out of the sight of 50 prophets who were watching from afar. Fire and wind are symbols of the presence of God. It was a grand spectacle, when the almighty power of God, signified by the fire, and the rushing mighty wind, took Elijah out of their sight and up into heaven.

2 Kings 2:7. “He took up the mantel of Elijah that fell from him, and went back and stood by the bank of Jordan. And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, where is the Lord God of Elijah? And when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over.”

Elisha performed the same miracle that Elijah had performed by striking the waters of the Jordan River with his mantel. And when he did, the waters of the Jordan River parted.

Much more could and should be said of Elisha, one of the most powerful, miracle working Prophets of the Old Testament but due to the length of this article, it’s simply not possible to mention all of the awesome works of faith in God that He performed with God’s help.

Bible Trivia

1. Is the book of 4 John (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In Romans 10, what body part does Paul call “beautiful” on those who bring the good news? Hands, Mouth, Heart, Feet
3. Who died after getting his long hair caught in a tree and being found by enemy soldiers? Absalom, Joash, Ahaz, Asa
4. From Matthew 22:14, “For many are called, but few are ...”? Worthy, Chosen, Winners, Liked
5. What caused the death of Job’s children? Famine, Flood, Windstorm, Beheaded
6. Who was the mate of Abigail? Abraham, Adam, Nabal, Baasha

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Feet, 3) Absalom, 4) Chosen, 5) Windstorm, 6) Nabal

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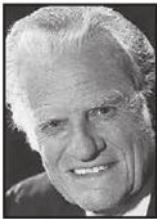
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Heaven and Hell

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham
Q: I am finishing a seminary paper on the subject of Heaven and Hell and am struggling with how to present Hell. My professor warned me to be careful what I write and that it would be better to present the subject matter as Heaven being real but Hell being allegoric, claiming that I would be a fool to present it any other way. —H.H.

A: In all earnestness of soul, the same Bible that tells us about the love of God and the beauties of Heaven also tells us about Hell.

Some people say that they are willing to live by the Sermon on the Mount because Jesus preached, “Blessed are the merciful, blessed are the peacemakers,” etc., in Matthew 5, but in that same sermon Jesus says, “Whoever says [to his brother], ‘You fool!’ shall be in danger of hell fire” (Matthew 5:22).
The most unpopular subject to preach about is Hell. Yet the Bible has almost as much to say about it as any other subject. The world may doubt its existence, but Hell is as real as Heaven. Just listen to people who use the word



My Answer

Billy Graham

in thousands of conversations in hundreds of different ways. Some use it as a swear word. Others use it to describe their lives.

In church, the doctrine of Hell is not only unpopular, it is almost forgotten. But one cannot read the Word of God without direct

references and descriptions of this place, made by Jesus Himself.

Hell has been cloaked in folklore and disguised in fiction for so long; many people deny the reality of such a place. But many wise teachers and scholars know the truth about this foreboding place and a seminary professor told his students, “Never preach about Hell without tears in your eyes.” Not one word about Hell in the Bible would ever make a person want to go there.

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

Amber Waves



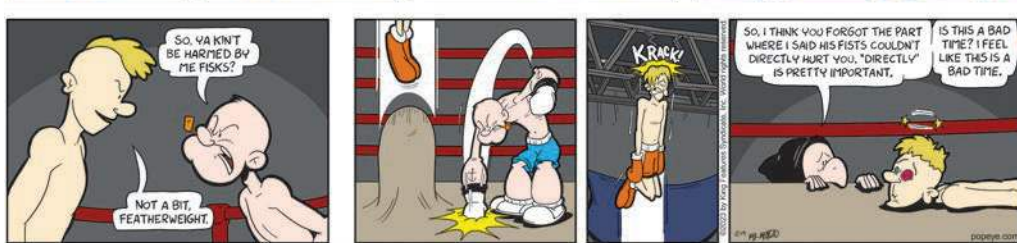
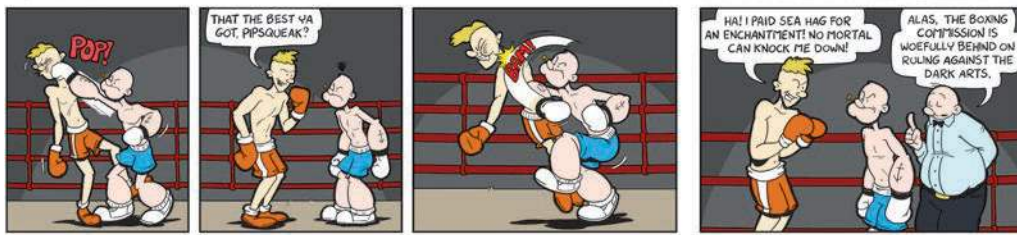
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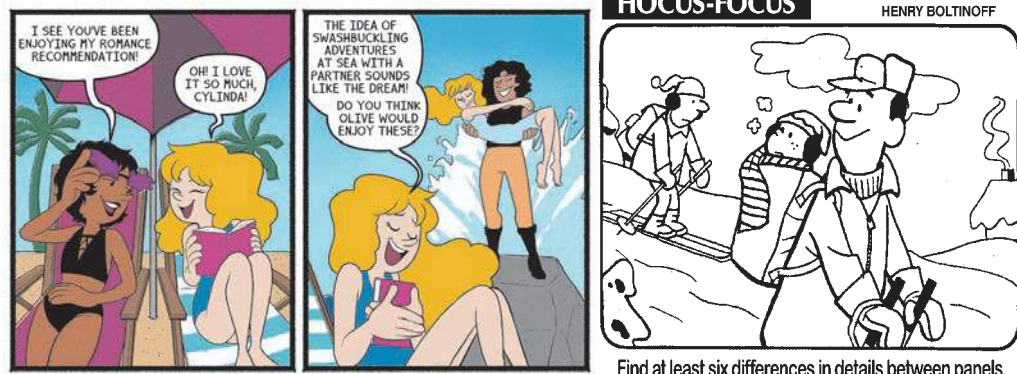
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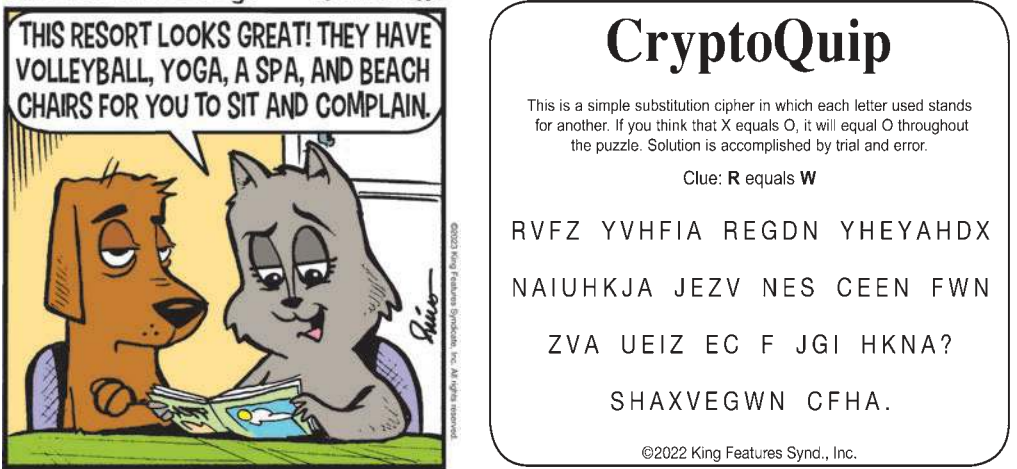
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SECTOR _____

Fasten
TAPES _____

What my _____ ever saw in you, I'll never know.

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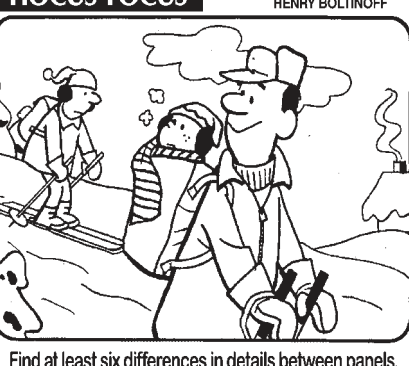
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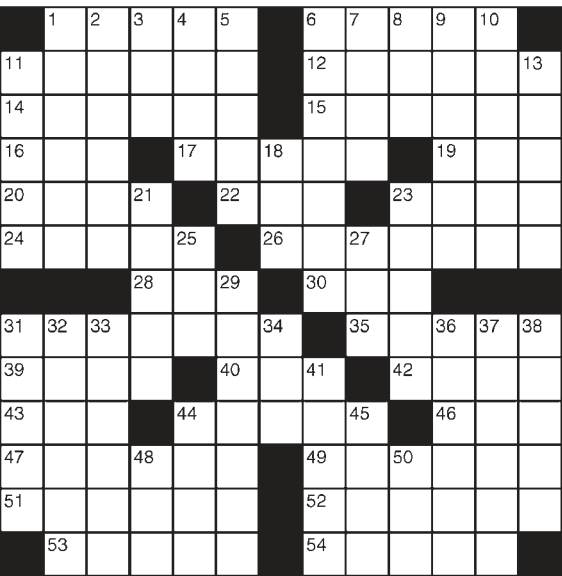
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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Shade of blue
- 6 Wanderer
- 11 Physician, slangily
- 12 Lessened
- 14 Veep before Biden
- 15 — del Fuego
- 16 Some fridges
- 17 Egypt's Anwar
- 19 Have a bug
- 20 Sunrise direction
- 22 — Alamos
- 23 Faction
- 24 Cybercommerce
- 26 Pungent relish
- 28 Scratch
- 30 Pub pint
- 31 Passageway for Santa
- 35 "Three Sisters" sister
- 39 — Godiva
- 40 Dict. info
- 42 "Star Trek II" villain
- 43 "Hail, Caesar!"
- 44 Carvey and Delany
- 46 "— had it!"
- 47 Winter, for one
- 49 Lon of horror films
- 51 Inventor's insurance



DOWN

- 1 Prepare left-overs
- 2 Black Sea port
- 3 Feminine principle
- 4 High cards
- 5 Faithful
- 6 Boris' cartoon partner
- 7 Final notice
- 8 West of Hollywood
- 9 Subway line in an Ellington song
- 10 Mock
- 11 "Me and Bobby —"
- 13 Longtime Chicago mayor
- 18 Elmer, to Bugs
- 21 "Lassie" lad
- 23 Porterhouse, e.g.
- 25 PC linking system
- 27 Einstein's birthplace
- 29 Stinging insects
- 31 Purse fastener
- 32 Attack
- 33 Think up
- 34 Hankering
- 36 Polished
- 37 Sanctuaries
- 38 In the blink of —
- 41 Confronted
- 44 Word of warning
- 45 Actress Elisabeth
- 48 Gender
- 50 Bio stat

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Source: WalletHub

*Average monthly energy bill

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. TELEVISION: Which cable TV series features a character named Don Draper?
2. MOVIES: What subject does Professor Minerva McGonagall teach at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry?
3. HISTORY: Where was civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. assassinated?
4. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president had a sign on his desk that read, "The Buck Stops Here"?
5. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the world's largest desert?
6. LITERATURE: What is the real name of the author Lemony Snicket?
7. FOOD & DRINK: What is the fruit that gives the liqueur creme de cassis its flavor?
8. MUSIC: What inspired the Beatles' song "Blackbird"?
9. CELEBRITIES: What is singer/actress Judy Garland's birth name?
10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What are squirrels' nests called?

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WORD LADDERS

Can you go from COINS to SPIES in 6 words? Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

flip

bind

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Solution time: 21 mins.

King Crossword — Answers

Americanisms

"You never completely have your rights, one person, until you all have your rights."

— Marsha P. Johnson

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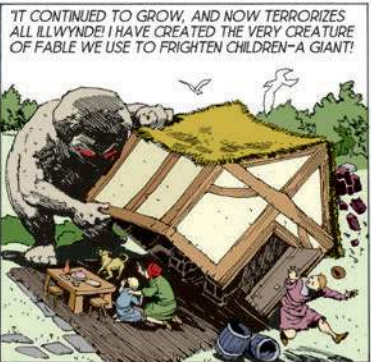
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CryptoQuote

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.

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Cryptoquote

If we expect to create any drive, any real force within ourselves, we have to get excited.

— Earl Nightingale

APPLE VARIETIES

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Are you willing to do what it takes?

Dear Dave,
I'm an anesthesiologist, and I make between \$260,000 and \$270,000 a year. My wife is a stay-at-home mom who takes care of our preschool-age kids. We have about \$50,000 in a retirement fund, \$50,000 in consumer debt, \$220,000 in student loan debt, and we owe \$280,000 on our house, which is worth around \$500,000. We're thinking about using our retirement fund to pay off credit cards and such, then selling the house and using the money to pay off the student loans. After that, we'd live in an apartment for a while, save up 20% or more for a down payment on the next home, and do things right financially moving forward. What do you think about this game plan?

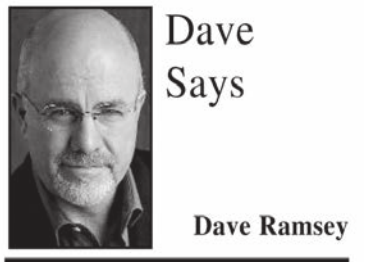
Jake

Dear Jake,
Wow, I really appreciate your motivation, man. You're willing to do whatever it takes, and that's pretty cool. Not many people have the determination to do the kinds of things you're talking about. I almost never tell people to sell their homes. If you actually can't afford it, that's one thing—and in that case, we'd sell the house. If it's the only way to avoid bankruptcy, we'd get rid of it in a heartbeat. But in your case, things are a little different. You're in a pretty deep hole, but your income as an anesthesiologist gives you a really big shovel you can use to carve out some steps, get up

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Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

out of that hole, and fill it in so you never fall in again. Now, this is going to mean some real lifestyle changes for a few years. I'm talking about beans and rice, and no vacations. There's no more living like a rich doctor, because you're not a rich doctor—you're a broke doctor. We're going to temporarily stop adding to your retirement fund, not cash it out, and we're going to start living on a written, monthly budget where every single dollar is given a name and a purpose. Cleaning up \$270,000 of debt sounds scary. But with a \$260,000 income and the other changes we talked about, you could put \$90,000 a year toward all this and have it completely cleaned up in just three years. That's what I'd do if I woke up in your shoes. It will set you free for the rest of your lives to invest and save.

Get on it, doc. You can do this!

— Dave

*** Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of "The Ramsey Show." He has appeared on "Good Morning America," "CBS This Morning," "Today," 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 of Ramsey Solutions.**

The Patriot

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March 1

Community Lenten Service & Lunch

During the season of Lent, special mid-week services are being offered, rotating through five host congregations. Join us on Wednesdays at 12:00pm for the service, followed by a simple soup lunch, beginning on March 1.

Community Lenten Service & Lunch - March 1, 12:00 pm at New Dublin Presbyterian Church, 5331 New Dublin Church Rd. (Rt. 797), Dublin

The schedule for the services is:

March 1 - New Dublin Presbyterian, March 8 - First Dublin Presbyterian, March 15 - First United Methodist, March 22 - Dublin United Methodist, March 29 - First Christian Church

March 2

Radford Legion to meet

The American Legion, Harvey-Howe-Carper Post 30 will meet on Thursday, March 2, 6pm at the VFW Post Home on 102 Watts St. in Radford. If Radford City Public Schools are closed on Thursday or Friday of this week due to weather, the meeting is cancelled. For further information, please call 540-250-2253 or 540-239-9864.

March 3

Church Women United - World Day of Prayer

FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 11:00 am

First Presbyterian Church, 408 N Jefferson Avenue

All women are invited to attend this special program written by the women of Taiwan. The program will be followed by refreshments provided by our host church.

March 14

Sons of Confederate Veterans

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet on Tuesday, March 14, 7pm at Aly's Italian Family Restaurant at 3204 Riner Road. Members of the United Daughters of the Con-

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federacy (UDC) are also invited to this meeting. If Montgomery County Public Schools are closed on Tuesday or Wednesday of this week due to weather, the meeting is cancelled. For further information, please call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

On going:

Alcohol Anonymous

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

Pulaski Al-Anon Family Group

Pulaski Al-Anon Family Group (a support group for friends and families of alcoholics) meet every Monday night at 8 p.m. at Pulaski Presbyterian Church of America located at 975 Memorial Drive. Contact number 540-818-0621.

Lifestyles Changes

If you are currently trying to lose weight, we may have what you need. Contact Bill Brewer at 540-813-1605.

Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered 12-step program where people gain freedom, healing and accountability for life's hurts, habits, and hang-ups. Group Meeting at 6:15pm every Thursday at Valley Harvest Ministries. 1 Harvest Place, Dublin.

Heritage Cares Food still distributing food

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

Attention: Community Service Providers

The Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS) is seeking applications to establish grant awards to agencies providing comprehensive suicide prevention and opioid addiction programs for Military Service Members, Veterans, and their families throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.

To learn more about this grant program, scan the QR code below or go to bit.ly/dvssosrfa2 to access the Request for Application (RFA).

Don't delay. Applications for grants are due February 28, 2023.

Questions? Contact Vivian.Doobay@dvs.virginia.gov or 804.482.8505


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