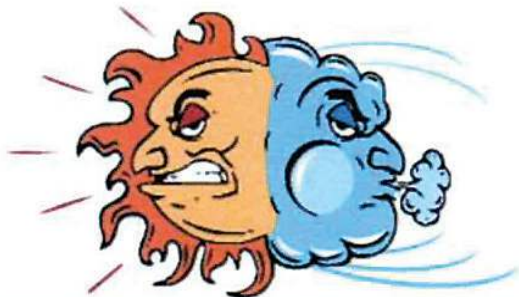




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Broadband coming to all Pulaski County

By WILLIAM PAINE
The Patriot

A presentation given last Thursday at the Pulaski County Innovation Center served to update the public on Pulaski County's Broadband Deployment Project. Once this project is completed, every household in Pulaski County will have access to high-speed internet service.

Providing broadband access to 100 percent of the citizenry of Pulaski County will be made possible by a public/private partnership forged between county, regional and state agencies and All Points Broadband. Representatives from Pulaski County, the state, and All Points Media came to the meeting with oversized multimillion-dollar checks to illustrate the investments provided by each organization for this project.

In total, more than \$55 million will have been invested in order to provide high speed internet to ev-

ery corner of Pulaski County.

"This has long been a top priority of myself and for the new board members elected in 2019 and started in 2020 and we're excited to partner with the state and All Points to solve this challenge once and for all," said Pulaski County Board of Supervisor Chairwoman Laura Walters. "For the Ingles district, as well as other very rural areas of the county, this is a game changer. This will change life as they know it."

But according to All Points Broadband VP Tom Innes, it didn't come easy.

"I remember working with (Pulaski Director of Technology) Clay Howlett over Labor Day weekend in 2019 to submit a grant application for the Snowville area and while we weren't awarded that, we used that data," Innes recounted. "We made some innovative changes to our process, applied for a CARES Act Grant with much of the same infor-

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Council discusses traffic as half of Main re-opens

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

The changing traffic patterns in Downtown Pulaski were once again a major topic of conversation during Tuesday's meeting of Town Council.

"I would like to say I know it's been a real burden to a lot of people. Change is hard," said Councilman Greg East.

"I think Third Street has worked out really well – based on my observation and based on driving on it. I know Main Street is close behind it," East said. "Still some work to do there, but certainly moving in

the right direction. I think ultimately, when all of this is said and done, it's gonna' really work out in the best interest of the town ... getting traffic to Main Street, which is one of the main goals of this – to get that traffic flow off Route 11 not directed to Third Street, but directed to Main Street.

"So overall, great job. I know there's been a lot of in-coming with the changes, but I think we're working through it and it's ultimately going to work out to be a good thing for us," East said, adding a "Thank you" to Town Manager Darlene Burcham "for taking the barbs."

Councilman Jamie Radcliffe said

Taylor announces bid for school board

Joshua D. Taylor has announced his candidacy for the Pulaski County School Board for the Massie District.

As a lifelong Pulaski County resident and former Pulaski County Schools employee, Taylor said he feels that he can bring a unique perspective on school matters, while representing the Massie District on the school board.

Taylor stated that his platforms are:

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Traffic

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day, because it's a more pleasant drive and it's actually quicker. So that's my personal opinion. It may not be shared by everybody," he noted.

Mayor Shannon Collins expressed concern, however, over the main intersections in Downtown.

"I've received multiple citizen complaints about the red lights

at Washington Avenue and Main Street and Washington and Third Street," Collins said. "I hear them and understand their concerns. It worries me, as we've said before, if there's a wreck on the interstate," he said, noting he's seen traffic backed up there before.

"It may still work fine, but have we studied that part," he asked.

Burcham responded that town staff has kept the Virginia Department of Transportation aware of the town's changes.

"I can tell you that we have kept

VDOT informed of our plans as they are developing a plan themselves for how to re-route traffic in the event of a major accident and long delay on the interstate, and we've not had any pushback from them at this point," she said.

"We know there are going to be accidents on I-81. That seems to happen every day, particularly going north. But given what has happened, what I call success, on Third Street, I think that traffic is actually moving faster. And I don't know that you're going to get that much

additional travel through with a red light versus a stop sign because – in either case, you're supposed to stop first. And unfortunately, what people don't do anymore as they used to is they don't stop at red lights. We've seen too many people that try to run a red light, even when you have a normal traffic signal that turns yellow and then turns red and people are still traveling.

"Our whole goal for the town, that council talked about quite a bit was to slow down traffic so that people could see us better. See what we had to offer, maybe become a part of that. I think that's still going to happen on Third and Main as people see opportunities. But I would have to get back and talk to some of the staff to see if they really think there'd be a major issue [at the two intersections if traffic comes into town due to an accident on I-81.]

"Of course, if we had what I call an emergency situation, it might be that we can make some intermittent decisions," Burcham said.

"Or maybe get police to direct traffic, the Mayor offered.

He noted that while some have warned of problems at those two key intersections, the same citizens say they like the change to four-way stops on Jefferson and Randolph Avenues.

"It works a lot better. We didn't need those [traffic lights], that's for sure," he said.

East reminded council of some earlier conversations.

"I remember some years ago we had a conversation about our red lights being too long, and Bill Pedigo [former town engineer] explaining to us that many of those traffic lights were timed. So, whether there's a car there or not, you stop and you sit through that timer. So, my experience downtown is it moves a lot faster," East said.

Burcham told council the east-bound lane of Main Street had been

opened just prior to the beginning of Tuesday's meeting.

She said the next step on Main Street is to get the double yellow lines painted so two-way traffic can commence. Arrows will also be painted at the Main Street intersections to direct drivers. She said hopes are all that happens within a week or so.

"But people have to have time to get used to the new pattern, and it was for that reason that we activated the red light at the intersection of Washington and Main because – in spite of all of our signs it's a four way stop - there were some people who were choosing to just avoid that in the direction heading up Washington because they knew there was no traffic coming from west Main," Burcham said.

She explained again, there won't be permanent paving on West Main until after the streetscape work is done to replace sidewalks and guttering downtown.

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Taylor said, "I would like to thank all my friends and neighbors that signed my petition and shared their concerns about Pulaski County Schools. I would greatly appreciate your support in this November's election."

Dickerson honored by Pulaski PD

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

The Pulaski Police Department recognized one of its own during Tuesday's meeting of Town Council – awarding Sgt. C.J. Dickerson with the department's Life Saving Award.

Lt. John Saul described to council an incident that occurred on Jan. 20 just before 2 p.m.

Saul said Dickerson responded as a backup to county deputies at the scene of an abandoned house on Longhorn Road in the Wurno section of Pulaski County, just outside the town limits.

Saul said when the call was dispatched initially it was for a mentally disturbed male who had broken into and set fire to an abandoned residence.

"When the officers arrived on scene there was heavy smoke coming from the residence, and they could hear a male voice yelling incoherently from inside," Saul told council.

"Prior to their arrival, the officers were made aware that the property owner had initially made contact with the subject, tried to check on him, but the subject became aggressive and charged at the property owner.

"Because of this erratic and

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Broadband

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mation and were successful in that year.”

But even after those funds were secured, county leaders had to push hard to make sure all of Pulaski County would be covered. Last January, Supervisors Laura Walters and Dirk Compton came to Richmond for a meeting of the Virginia Association of Counties (VACO) to promote their cause. At one point, they found themselves on a Zoom call in State Senator Travis Hackworth’s office.

“We were sitting in this big closet that Travis Hackworth had at VACO and this whole thing was ready to blow up on us,” said Compton.

“It blew up on us,” added Walters.

“Thanks to Jonathan (Sweet, Pulaski County Administrator), Tom (Innes, All Points Broadband) and Kevin (Byrd) of the New River Valley Regional Commission, we all got together in this big closet, and not only did we end up putting it all together, but we ended up saving \$200,000 for the county,” Compton stated. “And instead of serving 95 percent of our people, we’re serving 100 percent of our people. So, we doubled down and ended up getting better, but it was dicey for a while there.”

Executive Director of the New River Regional Commission, Kevin Byrd, acted as Coordinator and Fiscal Manager for the Broadband Development Project.

“Solutions in rural broadband are really challenging,” said Byrd. “If it was easy, it would have been done a long time ago. It takes a lot of innovation.”

Much of the innovation involved leveraging the \$2 million in Federal CARES Act funds that Pulaski County received for the project.

“We could invest our CARES Act in a variety of different ways,” said County Administrator Jonathan Sweet. “So, the \$2 million came from CARES funds and not from our local tax base. We took \$2 million of federal money and leveraged it with DHCD funds, and we leveraged it with private sector All Points Broadband funds. It took it took \$55 million to get this thing done and we brought \$2 million to the table.”

“This is the largest public private infrastructure investment in the history of Pulaski County,” added Laura Walters. “This is a big deal. We’re going to be providing service to 8000 of our citizens, our homes, our businesses, and community facilities for reliable internet service. It’s an enormous fiscal project that will span the entirety of the county finally solving the broadband efficiency for unserved homes, businesses and users. Fiber to the home is a once and for all approach to serving our broadband needs.”

Tamara Holmes, Director of the Office of Broadband for the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), brought an oversized check from the state totaling \$29,122,000.



William Paine/The Patriot

Pulaski County Supervisors hold a check for \$55 million dollars made out to the ‘People of Pulaski County’ in recognition of the investments made in Pulaski County’s Broadband Deployment Project.

Holmes describes how the need for broadband access changed with the onset of COVID restrictions.

“In a world that went almost digital overnight, access to broadband became a necessity for participating in everyday life,” Holmes explained. “Suddenly, everything from telehealth to education, to E-commerce and telework required internet access. This put into even starker terms the work that needed to be done to close the digital divide.”

According to Holmes, the Virginia Telecommunication Initiative has been investing in the expansion of ‘last mile’ broadband networks in underserved areas since 2017. Last mile describes the last connection between a provider’s network and the end user, either a home or business. The last mile is generally the most expensive part of the network to build or upgrade.

“To innovate, is to make changes in something that’s already established, to achieve a more desirable outcome,” said All Points Vice President Tom Innes. “As we all know affordable, reliable high-speed broadband was not available to all homes. We empower communities by bringing in utility grade broadband to underserved markets. What we’re doing in Pulaski County is the exact reason we founded our company. So, we’re honored to be your partner and service provider. This network is going to be scalable to 20 gigabits for each location. It’s 10 gigabits down and 10 gigabits up. It’s an investment for the next generation. And this is exactly the kind of investment you need and deserve in Pulaski.”

Innes brought along an oversized check representing the more than \$24 million investment that All Points Broadband has dedicated to the project. All Points Broadband is currently in the process of making sure the more than 1000 utility poles, which will be used to carry their fiber, are up to standard. After that, crews will be installing fiber directly to the homes of All Points Broadband customers. According to Innes, customers can find out when their service begins by going

the company’s website allpoints-broadband.com.

Broadband access will be a game changer for Kevin Meredith, who lives and often works from his home in Snowville.

“The best internet performance that I have right now is with a hotspot from my cellphone,” said Meredith. “I’ve been through the

Party salutes Johnson for service

The Pulaski County Democratic Committee expressed its gratitude to Janet Johnson for her recent service as vice chair on the Pulaski County Electoral Board. “We appreciate her service and assistance in keeping our election process fair and honest,” said Committee Chair Suzanne Bowen (on the left in the photo) as she presented Ms Johnson with a certificate of appreciation.

The Electoral Board is made up of three members who serve three-year staggered terms. Two members are members of the political party of the most recently elected governor. Ms Johnson served while the governor was a Democrat. The board administers all aspects of elections, including oversight of the Registrar, who handles voter records.

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options. I’ve been to HughesNet. I’ve been to Verizon. I’ve been through everything, and the performance is just spotty. It’s unreliable. This will allow me to do a lot more of my work from Snowville.”

“And I know they didn’t do this so I can watch movies,” Meredith added. “But being able to do that sure boosts our quality of life.”

Whichever broadband service the consumer chooses, broadband customers are encouraged to check their eligibility for a \$30 discount on their service by going to the affordableconnectivity.gov website.

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This is not a political meeting, but an opportunity for citizens to discuss ideas and concerns about their community, the Cloyd District, and Pulaski County.

Light refreshments will be served from 5:30 to 6:00 PM and the meeting will run from 6 to 7 PM.

Meeting location is Parrott Church of God Fellowship Hall, 8025 Church Hill Lane, Parrott.



Area Obituaries

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SANDRA JEAN BUCKLAND HOBACK

Sandra Jean Buckland Hoback, age 70 of Dublin passed away Thursday, April 20, 2023 at the Pulaski Health and Rehabilitation Center. Born July 23, 1952 in Falls Mills, Virginia she was the daughter of the late Walter & Frances Buckland. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Robert Earl Hoback, son, Ricky Hoback and three sisters, Connie, Pam and Imogene.

Sandra is survived by her Daughters - Samantha (Brian) Edwards, Leslie (Mike) Parmelee, Donna Hoback

Sons - Robert (Joan) Hoback, Aaron (Robin) Hoback

Grandchildren - Alexis & Zach, Devin & Brooke, Megan, Madison & Nathan, Kristen, Zach & Grace, Taylor & JD, Alex & Shay, Maggie, Alex, Zackary, Vivian, Jude, Asher, Shepard and Selah

Great Grandchildren - Flynn, Axel, Rowyn, Rory

Brother - Eddie & Robin

Sister - Mary Ann & Joe

Many nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family

Funeral services will be held 2:00 PM - Monday, April 24, 2023 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski. Interment will follow at the Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin.

The family will receive friends one hour before service time Monday at the Funeral Home. To sign Sandra's online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com - Bower Funeral Homes, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family.

DOUGLAS DUVALL KIDD

Douglas DuVall Kidd, age 82 of Pulaski, widower of Margaret Conley Kidd, died Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at Pulaski Health and Rehabilitation Center. Arrangements are pending with Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. www.seaglefuneralhome.com 540-980-1700



WILLIE JEAN BROWN COVEY

Willie Jean Brown Covey, age 95 of Snowville, died peacefully Thursday evening April 13, 2023, at Commonwealth Senior Living in Hillsville. She was born July 1, 1927 in Carroll County, and was the daughter of the late Mary Pierce Mitchell Brown and Colonel Taylor (CT) Brown. She retired from Pulaski County School System as Secretary of Snowville Elementary School with 21 years of service. She was a member of the Snowville Baptist Church, and Past Matron of the former Pulaski Chapter 113, Order of the Eastern Star.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 59 years, Melvin Glenn Covey, Sr, who went home to be with the Lord May 3, 2008. Five half-brothers and sisters-in-law, Herman and Blanche Brown, Odell and Nora Brown, Glenn and Mary A. Brown, J.P. and Bertha Brown, Clarence and Minnie Brown, two half-sisters and brothers-in-law; Lala Brown Marshall and James Marshall, Anna Mae Brown Givens and Rex Givens, and a brother-in-law, Preston Price. Also, two half-sisters and one brother died at birth. Also predeceased are the following brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Velma Covey Thacker and husband James Thacker, Madeline Covey Woolwine and husband Albert Woolwine, Rudolph Covey and wife Eunice Luckado Covey, and Curtis Covey.

She is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, M.G. Covey, Jr. and Joyce Warner Covey of Pulaski, and Terry D. Covey and Tammy Davidson Covey of Ferrum, a sister Mary Brown Price of Hillsville, three grandchildren and spouses, Drew Covey and Carrie Goforth Covey of Fishersville, Cindy Covey Cook and Jeremiah Cook of Chattanooga, TN, Amy Covey Howland and Josh Howland of Stokesdale, NC, five great-grandchildren; Pippa & Sully Howland, Hudson and Nora Cook, and Wyatt Covey, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Sunday, April 16, 2023, at Seagle Funeral Home the Rev. Neil Wood officiating. Interment followed in the Hall Cemetery in Snowville.

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

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MARY JEAN LONG SONNER

Mary Jean Long Sonner, age 68 of Pulaski, died Friday, April 14, 2023 at Highland Ridge Rehabilitation Center in Dublin. Arrangements are pending with Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. www.seaglefuneralhome.com 540-980-1700

April is Oral Cancer Awareness Month in America

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

Early detection of oral cancer greatly increases long-term survival and emphasizes the significance of routine oral cancer screening. Every dental appointment is an opportunity to be screened! According to the American Cancer Society, head and neck cancer is the sixth most common cancer worldwide.

Risk factors for oral cancer include: tobacco and alcohol use, human papillomavirus (HPV) infection, excess body weight, being over the age of 55, prolonged exposure to Ultraviolet (UV) light, poor nutrition, and overall poor oral hygiene.

Possible symptoms of head and neck cancer include: lumps,

bumps, ulcers, or infections that do not go away for more than two weeks, a lip or mouth sore that does not go away, jaw pain or swelling, continuous sore throat, problems swallowing or eating, and bleeding sores.

There are various treatments available for head and neck cancers, decided by a multi-disciplinary cancer treatment team. This could include surgery to remove a tumor or tissue, radiation therapy, chemotherapy, immunotherapy, or a combination of these.

Take a stand against oral cancer! Talk to your doctor if you have any concerning signs or symptoms and visit your dentist frequently to have your mouth checked. More information can be found online at www.dentistry.uic.edu.

DONALD GENE HUFFMAN, JR.

Donald Gene Huffman, Jr. died unexpectedly in his home on March 26, 2023, with his faithful canine, King Tiger Pit by his side. Donald is survived by his parents, Donald Gene Huffman, Sr., and Sandra Ann Collins Huffman.

Also surviving "Gene", is his daughter, Jada Huffman of Pulaski and an Aunt Cathy (James) Reynolds of Radford. Uncles, John H. (Stephanie) Collins of Dublin and Kenneth Wayne Collins of Radford.

Surviving Grandparents are Ethel Harvey of Radford and Mr. and Mrs. John Collins (Anne) of Dublin.

At this time there are no arrangements planned.

Norris Stevens Funeral Home of Pulaski is caring for the family. Online condolences may be sent by visiting www.stevensfuneralhome-pulaski.com

Missions Fair on tap April 29 at Dublin Baptist Church

The Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network is holding a Missions Fair on Saturday April 29, 2023 at Dublin Baptist Church in Dublin Virginia on Hawkins Street. It will begin at 1:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

The International Missions Board and the North American Mission Board Missionaries, Baptist Collegiate Ministries, Bland Ministry Center, and other ministry organizations will be providing information at the Mission Fair. This is an opportunity to have one-on-one conversations with the missionaries and to learn about other ministries within the New River Valley and Southwest Virginia. Come and learn about how our Cooperative Program and your Mission giving is working to reach people all over the world and right at home.

The Mission Fair Challenge of providing hygiene kits for disaster relief will be collected at the Fair on Saturday, April 29, 2023 for storage until they are needed. Kit contents needed are small or travel-size items which should be placed in a 1-gallon sealable zip-lock plastic bag. The cost of a kit runs about \$15. The list of items are as follows: soap, toothpaste, comb/brush, facial tissue, toothbrush, shaving cream, shampoo, razor/disposable, deodorant, and washcloth/cotton.

The kits that were collected last year were sent to Southwest Virginia area that hit by flooding. You may drop off any of the items above or a make up kits and drop them off that day.

We will be doing a mission project during the Fair at 2:30 p.m. by putting together items for 10 flood buckets (items have already been purchased).

You will able to view the Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network

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PHS Class of '73 to reunite Aug. 4-5

Members of the Pulaski High School Class of 1973 will hold their 50th class reunion on Aug. 4 and 5, 2023.

The event will be held at Thornspring Country Club and Event Center in Pulaski.

Please let us know if you are interested in attending. Invites will go out later, but right now we need to determine the number interested in attending.

Please email us at efsouthern@gmail.com to let us know if you plan to attend and provide your up to date address. You can write us at Class of '73 Reunion, P.O. Box 242, Pulaski, VA 24301. Also, join us on Facebook at "PHS Class of 1973 (Pulaski, VA)" Hope to hear from you soon!

To the members of the community, dear friends, and loved ones; words cannot begin to express our sincere appreciation for the overwhelming expressions of sympathy and kind gestures while we mourned the passing of our dear son, J.W. Smith, Jr. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers during such a difficult time. We are so grateful for friends like you!

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Disaster Relief Bunk House Trailer and the Chain saw Trailer.

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We would like to personally take the time to thank everyone for making the "Love for Lena (Mitchell)" fundraiser a success. We greatly appreciate it!
Sincerely,
Kenneth Mitchell



Mike Williams/The Patriot

Sgt. C.J. Dickerson (center) is flanked by Chief Jill Neice and Lt. John Saul following Dickerson's awarding of the police department's Life Saving Award during Tuesday night's meeting of Town Council.

Honored

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aggressive behavior, the fire department and EMS personnel held back until the scene was secured," Saul noted.

"The officers arrived, but they were unable to get the suspect to respond to them from outside. They did notice there was heavy smoke coming from the residence at that point in time," Saul continued.

He said the officers forced the back door of the structure open and entered into the residence without any type of fire gear.

"Once the door was breached, the heavy smoke made it hard for them to see anything inside of the residence. It was so thick that the officers were only able to remain in or near the residence for a few seconds at a time before they had to evacuate for fresh air, get a breath and then go back in.

"On one of their trips into the residence, they spotted a male sub-

ject who was lying on the floor. He was attempting to speak but was incoherent and couldn't move on his own. So, the officers grabbed him and drug him out of the residence," Saul said.

"Once they were outside it was determined that the man was possibly suffering from an overdose," he said, adding the officers were level-headed and administered Narcan and within five minutes of them removing him from residence the entire structure ignited.

"It was the fastest I've ever seen a house go up. It was so old and so dry it was engulfed in fire in a matter of seconds.

"Absolutely no doubt in my mind that Sgt. Dickerson's actions directly led to the preservation of life. He acted in the face of significant personal risk, displayed courage during the incident, and he represented the town and the Pulaski

Police Department in a highly professional manner. His actions absolutely deserve to be commended, so we're presenting him with our Life Saving Award," stated Saul.

Little Texas coming to NRCC April 28

Country band Little Texas will perform Friday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m. at New River Community College in Dublin. The event is part of the NRCC 2022-2023 Concert Series.

Tickets for the show are on sale now. Reserved seating tickets are \$35 in advance and available for purchase online only at www.nr.edu/concerts. General seating tickets are \$25 in advance and available online or in-person at the NRCC Business Office, 23 Godbey Hall, Dublin (cash and checks only for in-person sales). General seating tickets will be \$30, and reserved seating tickets will be \$40 when purchased at the door.

In the early '90s, as a new brand of country music was commanding the airwaves, there was a First

Time for Everything. With its debut album, Little Texas burst onto the scene with songs written, recorded, and performed exclusively by the members themselves, quickly becoming one of the top vocal bands of the decade.

Thousands of shows and eight albums later (with over 7 million units sold) and celebrating the 30th year of its debut appearance on the country music charts, it's easy to understand why the group earned the moniker "Hardest Working Band in Country Music."

NRCC is a Crooked Road, Virginia's Heritage Music Trail, affiliated venue. Doors will open for the show at 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.nr.edu/concerts. Questions may be directed to Tim Jones at 540-674-3625.



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A Successful First Quarter

I want to take a chance to reflect on what I have been working on thus far and what we have accomplished in the House of Representatives.

I started this year securing significant changes to the House rules. The Holman rule was reinstituted. It can be used to help control federal spending. I also fought to tighten the House's interpretation of germaneness, hopefully leading to smaller bills. The House also instituted my single purpose rule, which has never existed before in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Committee Work

Since January, the Energy and Commerce (E&C) Committee, on which I sit, has wasted to no time delving into



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

the most pressing issues facing our nation. In these first three months, we've held over 20 hearings, including four Oversight and Investiga-

tions Subcommittee hearings which I have chaired.

The Committee has held roundtables, hearings, and I chaired a bipartisan joint field hearing in McAllen, Texas, to examine our country's fentanyl crisis and issues related to unaccompanied minors.

I introduced legislation to permanently schedule fentanyl analogues, which have been scheduled on a temporary basis. The HALT Fentanyl Act passed the full Committee on March 24 and now heads to the House floor for a vote.

The Committee spent considerable time examining the origins of the COVID-19 pandemic. For almost three years, questions on how the pandemic started have been unanswered. The E&C Committee has brought in the heads of the National Institute of Health, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Protection, as well as a Government Accountability Office official and multiple academic experts.

I want to bring in Dr. Fauci, but the timing has to be worked out through the byzantine labyrinth of competition between various committees.

E&C is also focused on improving this country's energy approach, exploring ways to make energy more affordable, increase production, and removing bureaucratic red tape (see below H.R. 1).

The House Administration Committee, which I joined in January, has held a series of hearings examining both the successes and failures of the 2022 midterm elections, given its jurisdiction over federal elections.

Recently the Committee held a hearing on Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. The county proved to be wholly unprepared on election day. We heard testimony they ran out of paper ballots as early as 9 a.m. on election day. This is unacceptable and we must do better in the 2024 elections than we have done in the past.

Those directly responsible for elections in Luzerne County have yet to agree to come before the Committee to explain.

I believe it is time for the Committee to issue subpoenas. Stonewalling by county officials should not be tolerated.

House Administration's Oversight Subcommittee has also launched an investigation into the January 6th Committee, created by House Democrats last Congress. In the initial stages of combing through the January 6th Committee's documents, the Subcommittee has found that some of their work appeared to push a pre-determined narrative despite having evidence to the contrary.

Legislation Passed

Republicans know that after two years of flawed energy policies by the Biden Administration, we must unleash American energy. After many hearings in several committees (see E&C above), House Republicans recently passed H.R. 1, the Lower Energy Costs Act. H.R. 1 has five objectives: reversing anti-energy policies advanced by the Biden Administration; increasing domestic energy production; reforming the permitting process for all industries; streamlining energy infrastructure and exports; and boosting the mining and processing of critical minerals. Though the President has threatened to veto the legislation, I hope that the Senate will work with us pass a package that will lower energy costs for all Americans.

In a rare act of unity, the House passed S. 619, COVID-19 Origin Act, by a vote of 419-0. Having previously passed the Senate by unanimous consent, the legislation was signed into law by President Biden on March 20th. The COVID-19 Origin Act requires the Director of National Intelligence to declassify information relating to the origin of COVID-19.

House Republicans have also addressed the alarming trend of parents being forcibly shut out of their children's education by certain school districts. House Republicans passed H.R. 5, the Parents Bill of Rights Act, aiming to restore parents' rights by guaranteeing them the right to know what's being taught in schools and to see reading material; the right to be heard; the right to see school budget and spending; the right to protect their child's privacy; and the right to be updated on any violent activity at school.

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

American Exceptionalism

What does the term "American Exceptionalism" mean to you? Do you know where the concept came from; and is it still applicable in 2023?

Just for fun, I looked up the word "exceptionalism" in Webster's original 1828 dictionary – and guess what? It isn't there! There are several forms of the noun "exception" the first of which is "Exclusion from what is comprehended in a general rule or proposition; that which is separated from others in a general description." We'll look at those other questions a bit later but for now, let's explore where the concept of American Exceptionalism came from.

The Puritans were a Biblically-based people who viewed America as a promised land, much like that promised to the Hebrew children in the Old Testament. The Puritans who arrived on the Mayflower in 1620 believed was that they, with God's direction and help, could build a new nation that would be a model for the rest of the world.

In 1630, John Winthrop, Puritan governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony,

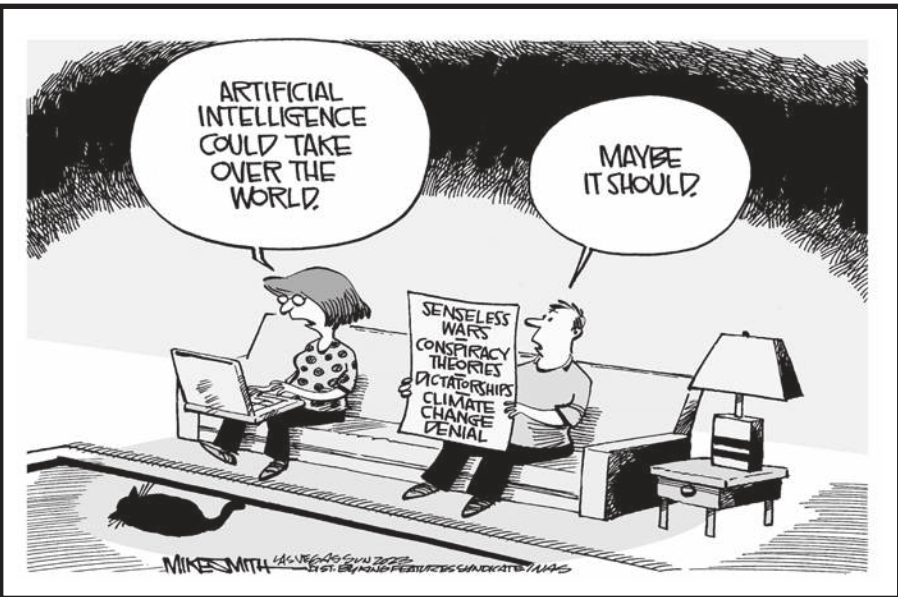
One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

delivered a sermon while still aboard the ship Arabella. He declared to the 700 Puritan settlers who accompanied him that they "must Consider that wee shall be as a City upon a Hill, the eies of all people are upon us." They believed they were uniquely blessed by God to establish a society based on the Bible and teachings of Jesus which would provide a beacon for the betterment of all people.

This national identity would be carried on through generations and in 1776 inspire "We the People" to declare their independence and freedom, based on the concept that "We hold these truths to be self-ev-

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Promoting lawlessness in Chicago

By CAL THOMAS
Tribune Content Agency

"As long as there exist stupid people supporting stupid governments in their countries, people living in those countries will continue fluttering badly in the cesspool created by this utter foolishness!" – Mehmet Murat ildan (Turkish playwright)

That didn't take long. The Mayor-elect of Chicago, Brandon Johnson, responded to a group of teenagers who attacked cars and assaulted drivers in the Loop last weekend by what sounds like justification for their behavior. While saying he does not "condone the destructive activity" (there's a euphemism) and that it "has no place in Chicago" (when it increasingly does), Johnson added, "it is not constructive to demonize youth who have otherwise been starved of opportunities in their own communities."

The second part of his statement nullifies the first.

Two teens were shot during the incident. Fifteen teens were arrested.

I am betting there are other teenagers in those "starved communities" who don't behave the way some of their peers did. Besides, with Democratic mayors running Chicago for as long as anyone can remember (the last Republican mayor left office in 1931 and Illinois hasn't voted Republican in a presidential race since George W. Bush won in 1988), which party should be blamed for the lack of nourishment?

To watch the video is to see what anarchy looks like. In the chaos, reportedly organized on social media, teens can be seen jumping on top of a bus while others start a massive brawl. A Tesla, said to be worth \$120,000, was vandalized. Johnson says he won't commit to hiring more cops.

From New York City, where District Attorney Alvin Bragg won't prosecute certain crimes and reduces some felonies to misdemeanors, to San Francisco and Los Angeles where the streets resemble a flop house, America seems to be coming apart at the seams. No wonder China's leaders see us in decline. There is ample evidence to support their view, from massive debt to the abandonment

of moral guardrails in favor of a "do your own thing" mentality.

The weekly shootings and murders in Chicago have become so routine that it rarely makes national news. Newsweek noted: "The number of homicides in Chicago hit a 25-year high in 2021 with more than 800, according to the Chicago Police Department. That number decreased to 695 last year but is still far higher than when (outgoing Mayor Lori) Lightfoot took office in 2019. Crimes including carjackings and robberies have also increased in recent years."

The cure to lawlessness is not to indulge the lawbreakers by justifying or seeking to explain their behavior. It is to enforce the law. Doing so serves to tell others there are consequences for illegal behavior and justice will be swift and certain. Without law enforcement there is no glue that can hold a city or a society together. Hundreds of Chicago police officers have left the force and the city is having trouble recruiting replacements. Is it any wonder with the "defund the police" movement and growing disrespect for those who feel called to protect and serve?

What we easily tolerate we get more of and what we strongly oppose we get less of. When lawless behavior is tolerated and leaders who are supposed to keep neighborhoods safe effectively see lawbreakers as depraved because they are deprived, to quote lyrics from "West Side Story," it is a virtual guarantee that some will run wild. As the Proverbist says: "Where there is no vision the people cast off restraint." (Proverbs 29:18)

Chicago voters are largely to blame for the mess in their city. They keep electing leaders like Brandon Johnson and Lori Lightfoot. Do they expect different outcomes?

In a famous song about Chicago, Frank Sinatra sings: "One town that won't let you down, it's my kind of town."

Not anymore. Readers may email Cal Thomas at tcadeditors@tribpub.com. Look for Cal Thomas' latest book "A Watchman in the Night: What I've Seen Over 50 Years Reporting on America" (Humanix-Books).



Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

Bragg is already losing

You don't know what's in the indictment.

That was the line that progressives repeatedly threw at conservatives dubious about Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg's case over the last couple of weeks.

Well, we've seen the unsealed indictment, and we still don't know the other crime besides falsifying business records that's being alleged, because Bragg didn't specify it in a shocking prosecutorial failure and abuse of the process.

What will be the new talking point? You don't know what Bragg might come up with between now and the next hearing on Dec. 4?

To review, Donald Trump paid off porn star Stormy Daniels, with whom he had an alleged affair, prior to the 2016 election. Such hush payments may be sleazy, but they aren't illegal.

Still, the reimbursements from the Trump Organization to Trump fixer Michael Cohen, who paid off Daniels, were logged as legal expenses. This was deceptive and potentially a misdemeanor. Dragging a former president through the criminal justice process just to get him on such a minor offense, though, was unappealing even to Bragg.

How to make the misdemeanors into felonies? Well, if the misleading bookkeeping entries were in the service of another crime, then, presto, they become alleged felonies. Bragg, through the process known as stacking, or amassing counts through sheer repetition, claims to have 34 of them.

That's a lot. But the linchpin of the whole endeavor is the other crime, and Bragg still won't tell us, or the accused, what it is.

He's writing an Agatha Christie mystery, except the unknown isn't who committed the crime but what law he or she might have violated. It's "Something or Other, We'll Let You Know as Soon as We Figure It Out, on the Orient Express."

This is a flaw, not in the handling of some low stakes case no one will ever know about, but an unprecedented, historic case. This prosecution has drawn massive media attention, has rocketed Trump back to a large lead in the polls for the Republican nomination, and will surely further derange our politics, with unforeseeable consequences.

And Bragg couldn't even dot his i's. Perhaps the most encouraging aspect of this sorry episode so far is that Bragg has demonstrated that it's possible to behave so egregiously in the pursuit of Donald Trump that even left-of-center pundits won't line up in support.

This might not be enormously confidence-inducing, but at a time of deep divisions, it shows that a disgracefully weak and contrived prosecution is a source of at least a measure of agreement among commentators usually wholly opposed to one another.

Who knew that Alvin Bragg would become a unifying force

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Griffith To Hold In-Person Service Academy Day On May 6 In Wytheville

Congressman Morgan Griffith (R-VA) will host his 2023 Service Academy Day event on Saturday, May 6, from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm at the Wytheville Meeting Center located at 333 Community Boulevard, Wytheville. Griffith issued the following statement:

“For those high school students interested in serving their country, the U.S. Service Academies offer a way to both serve and further their education. I encourage all high school students, parents, and school staff to attend to learn more about their options.”

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ident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

The Founders ended their list of 27-reasons for declaring their freedom from Great Britain by this powerful statement: “And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.”

Notice: The Founders put everything in writing and distributed it throughout the free world. It was an exceptional document, especially for it’s time since no other nation had declared their independence on the reliance of God’s character, His divine protection and His natural laws.

One of the more famous advocates of the Revolution was Thomas Paine. Writing in “Common Sense,” he described America as a beacon of liberty for the world and declares: “O! receive the fugitive, and prepare in time an asylum for mankind.”

These ideals were refined and written in our U.S. Constitution, which was ratified in 1788; declaring the United States of America as having a Constitutional Republic form of government. Incidentally, according to world historians, our Constitution is the longest-running, most durable constitution in the world.

“There is no other country in the world that embodied the blend of classical philosophy, Christianity, and even Enlightenment ideas in the unique way America did in the founding of

Lowery

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in the nation’s political debate?

The online publication Slate, a reliable source of some of the worst legal analysis on the internet, has run two doubtful pieces about the indictment. Mark Joseph Stern notes that “Bragg’s legal theory is, if not convoluted, a fairly confusing effort to patch together disparate offenses into one alleged crime, carried out over 34 illegal payments.”

Over at Vox, Ian Millhiser, usually a taker on any adventurous progressive legal theory, can’t get on board the Bragg Train on this one: “It is unclear that the felony statute that Trump is accused of violating actually applies to him.”

Ruth Marcus of The Washington Post warned about the po-

the Republic from 1776 to 1789. It was an exceptional (meaning uncommon) mix of liberty, limited government, natural rights, and religious liberty that made the American founding unique.” ForeignPolicy.com

The nation of France was so enamored by the American ideal that in 1831, they sent one of their most capable philosophers and political historians, Alex de Toqueville, to study the American culture and what made it exceptional.

“The core of Tocqueville’s American thesis is the singular combination of the spirit of religion and the spirit of liberty characteristic of the Puritan experiment in America, together with his dual claim that this fact both constitutes the proper starting point for understanding “American civilization” and provides ‘the key to nearly the whole book’.”

Tocqueville observed “The position of the Americans is therefore quite exceptional, and it may be believed that no democratic people will ever be placed in a similar one.”

Through the generations, Americans held to the idea of American Exceptionalism. According to a Gallup Poll, 80 percent of Americans believe the United States “has a unique character that makes it the greatest country in the world.”

In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson reiterated the idea of America as a bastion of freedom and declared it to be our unique duty to spread liberty abroad.

President John F. Kennedy echoed the sentiments of Wilson and America’s Forefathers, suggesting that America’s exceptionalism stems from its determination to exemplify and defend freedom all over the

tential weakness of the case prior to the unsealing of the indictment and is now decidedly unimpressed. She calls it “disturbingly unilluminating, and the theory on which it rests is debatable at best, unnervingly flimsy at worst.”

Former FBI deputy director Andrew McCabe, a top Trump villain, said the indictment “landed like a dud ... an unimpressive document.”

Pundits won’t determine the course of the Bragg prosecution, but the climate around it matters, if nothing else, as a barometer of its strength and merits. It is telling that Bragg has managed to create a loose right-left consensus about the shoddiness of his handiwork.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

The event will feature representatives from each of the U.S. Service Academies, the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets, the Virginia Military Institute, and other Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) programs.

Students in surrounding jurisdictions, outside of the Ninth District, may attend to receive information about the Service Academies and serving in the military.

For more information, contact Josh Hess at (540) 381-5671 or Josh.Hess@mail.house.gov.

world. In a speech, Kennedy invoked Winthrop’s “city upon a hill” and said: “More than any other people on Earth, we bear burdens and accept risks unprecedented in their size and their duration, not for ourselves alone but for all who wish to be free.”

Unfortunately, there are others who regard American Exceptionalism in a negative way, who choose to consider our exceptionalism with offense, anger or resentment. They claim that Americans project attitudes of superiority, aggression, cultural supremacy, imperialism, etc. As it turns out, the actual term “American Exceptionalism” was coined in 1929 by communist leader Joseph Stalin as a derogatory term in ridicule of America. The communist party considered “(American) exceptionalism as a disease, a chronic disease.”

But should we pay attention to their machinations – or rather forgive their ignorance of America’s exceptional founding which is based on those unique circumstances documented by Tocqueville?

I prefer to view America and American Exceptionalism as two of our former Presidents did. President Ronald Reagan embraced the City on a Hill dream: “In my mind it was a tall, proud city built on rocks stronger than oceans, wind-swept, God-blessed, and teeming with people of all kinds living in harmony and peace.”

President George W. Bush embraced the belief that America would spread freedom throughout the world: “Like generations before us, we have a calling from beyond the stars to stand for freedom. This is the everlasting dream of America.”



Gilbert Meadows and Odell Palmer Fixing Fish From the last Fish Fry Of 2022.

Fish fry set for Saturday

New Mount Olive United Methodist Church, 309 Russell Avenue, Radford will hold a fish fry Saturday, April 22 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

New Menu Prices:

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Together We Rise: Ladder Art Comes to Pulaski

By WILLIAM PAINE
The Patriot

Beginning in early May, an art installation comprised entirely of ladders will begin to slowly rise from the center of Pulaski's Jackson Park.

The size and scope of this ladder sculpture depends entirely on how many ladders will be collected between now and Saturday May 6, when artist Charlie Brouwer plans to put the finishing touches on the Together We Rise: Pulaski project.

Where will all these ladders come from?

The ladders are borrowed from residences and businesses of this community – That is to say from people like You, Dear Reader!

The Fine Arts Center for the New River Valley is sponsoring the Together We Rise: Pulaski art installation and is currently collecting ladders that will become a part of this artwork.

Ladders of all sizes are now being accepted at the Fine Arts Center for the New River Valley at 21 West Main Street in Pulaski. All ladders will be accepted including toy ladders, tiny ladders, handmade ladders or even ladders that bear a strong resemblance to stepstools!

Those wanting to personalize their ladders in some creative fashion are welcome to do so because this is, after all, an art project.

All ladders used for Together We Rise: Pulaski will be duly tagged and recorded and then returned to their owners ... unless the owner wants to donate the lad-

der, and that's OK, too.

Charlie Brouwer, the artist/sculptor who conceived this idea, has designed and built several of these "Rise Up" ladder sculptures in cities like Atlanta, Chattanooga, Roanoke and Bluefield, Va. Each of these ladder sculptures is intended to reflect the community where it's being erected and so no two have the same design.

Brouwer attaches these ladders together using heavy duty zip ties and, according to the artist, this method has proven to be more than adequate in producing structures that are both safe and secure.

The final form of the Together We Rise: Pulaski art installation has yet to be determined but Brouwer has already expressed an interest in creating a ladder sculpture that has an entrance leading to an interior space. Being inside of a work of art made from a sprawling framework of ladders should provide an interesting perspective for those who venture inside. Together We Rise: Pulaski might hold the added benefit of bringing curious outsiders into town to check out this unique art installation.

"In the art world, when we think of beauty, we often think that it's visual," said Brouwer. "In this project, the beauty is in the whole process. Each ladder joins the hopes and dreams of the whole community."

Charlie Brouwer, with the assistance of a local artist named Barry Keller, will begin work on the ladder sculpture starting on Monday May, 1. Brouwer and Keller will be working on the sculpture from 3



Courtesy Photos

Rise Together Atlanta was built from 140 ladders and located in Atlanta's Freedom Park.

p.m. till 7 p.m. all that week until the final ladder is put in place on the evening of Saturday May, 6.

The Together We Rise: Pulaski art installation will remain in Jackson Park until Friday, June 2, when it will be disassembled and stored at the Fine Arts Center for the NRV. Ladders can be picked up from the Fine Arts Center the following week.

Until then --Don't miss this opportunity to be a part of this once in

a lifetime community art project, as it will most likely be Charlie Brouwer's final Rise Up project.

Ladders may be dropped off at the Fine Arts Center for the NRV at 21 West Main Street from 10 a.m. till 5 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Someone there will register and tag the lended ladder.

Those who would like to lend a ladder for Together We Rise: Pu-

laski but need someone to pick up that ladder for them are encouraged to call the Fine Arts Center at (540) 980-7363 or (540) 577-5917 or email at info@facnrv.org and arrangements will be made to pick your ladder up.

Individuals are also encouraged to learn more by visiting the Fine Arts Center for the NRV website, which provides a link to sign up for the Together We Rise: Pulaski project.



The Planning Committee for PHS Class of 1970 met this week at Main Street Grill to finalize plans for their upcoming reunion, June 9-10. Pictured are Bill Thompson, Suzette Williams, Imogene Porter, Maetta Crewe, Cathy Coble, Carolyn Mathews, Eddie Smith, Shermie Smith, Barry Wolfe, and Committee Chairman Dan Grubb.

PHS Class of '70 to reunite

Graduates of Pulaski High School from the late 1960s and early 1970s are invited to join the Class of 1970 at Calfee Park on June 9 for a River Turtles game.

The game kicks off a reunion weekend for the Class of '70. The planning committee urges anyone who attended PHS in the years surrounding 1970 to join in the fun, fellowship, and reminiscing.

The Pulaski River Turtles will face off with the Danville Otterbots at 7 PM, and stadium's party section along the 3rd base line is reserved for the Class of 1970 and their friends. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased by contacting Maetta Hendrick Crewe, Class of '70 Reunion, 45 3rd St. NW Suite 101, Pulaski, VA 24301. The dead-

line is May 1.

Members of the Class of 1970 who have not yet registered for the weekend of activities should also send their registration by the May 1 deadline date. A Saturday Night Social will be held at Thornsprng Country Club on Saturday, 6-11

PM. Tickets are \$35 per person. There will be food (heavy hors d'oeuvres), fellowship, music, corn hole competitions, and a cash bar. Class of 1970 graduates who need a registration form, may request one by emailing cmathews1908@icloud.com.



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Circling the arena at Rural Retreat are Katherine Kelley and her cousins Elizabeth Saufley and Sarakate Saufley, all of Draper.

Draper cowgirl excels at Loping Ridge fun show

By Donald Trausneck
Special to The Patriot

A 17-year-old cowgirl from Draper turned in a stellar performance Saturday at the Loping Ridge Fair Show held at Rural Retreat Fairgrounds.

Katherine Kelley, the daughter of Peter and Monica Kelley and a homeschooled eleventh grader, began the morning with a first-place finish in the Western walk/jog class and a second-place finish in Western walk/jog/lope. Before the day was over, she had claimed another blue ribbon for first, another red for second, three ribbons for third place and yet another for fifth.

Riding her filly Valley Rose, Katherine was the most successful rider from among over 100 cowgirls and cowboys in the fun show.

"I've been riding since I was two or three," Katherine said. "Our family has always ridden. I was taught by my mawmaw, Debbie Kelley."

"My first horse was an older bay American Quarter Horse who taught me how to ride and how to be who I am. Then I bought my first filly, Valley Rose. She was a yearling when I got her and from there we both really learned together and now we're here. She's getting ready to turn four."

In addition to excelling in the morning session show classes, Katherine tried her hand in the evening's game and speed classes and fared pretty well. "We don't

really do rodeos as of now, but who knows what might happen," she said. "We just have fun and have a good time, that's the plan."

Joining Katherine among the riders Saturday were her cousins Sarakate and Elizabeth Saufley, both also of Draper. They also performed well.

The rodeo and horse show season is now in full swing in the area.

This coming weekend, Billingsway Arena near Crockett will open its season with two nights of exciting rodeo action. Competition Friday will begin at 7 p.m. and Saturday's events will start at 6. Events will include mutton busting, calf riding, chute dogging, calf roping, barrels, poles, bull riding and more. Billingsway Arena is located at 670 Cinnamon Run (SR652) approximately seven miles north of Speedwell off VA 21.

Looking further ahead, a Rodeo Extravaganza in honor of Reed Lawson for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital will be held June 16-18 at the New River Valley Fairgrounds in Dublin.

Upcoming Events

April 21-22 - Billingsway Arena monthly rodeo series.

April 22 - R&R Arena barrel race, Chilhowie.

April 23 - Precious Valley Farms Fun Show, Elliston.

April 23 - Horse Trials and dressage, Green Hill Park, Salem.

April 29 - Bland County Fair Fun Show, 1 p.m.



Brian Bishop/The Patriot

Sydney Phibbs led the way, going 5 for 5 with three runs and two RBI in the Cougars' rout of Hidden Valley.

Sports physicals offered at PCHS

Pulaski County High School, in conjunction with LewisGale Hospital Pulaski, will again be providing sports physicals to Pulaski County Public School students who will be enrolled in the 6th through 12th grades during the 2023-2024 school year. The physicals will take place at PCHS in the Career and Technical Education Building on Wednesday, May 3 beginning at 3:20 pm. The cost will be \$10 dollars and students should arrive with their Virginia High School League physical form (pages 1, 2 and 4) completed and signed by both student AND parent/guardian. Parents, please be aware that to participate in school sports during the 23-24 school year, student physicals MUST BE DATED May 1, 2023 OR AFTER. Physical forms are available in the front offices of Pulaski County High School and Pulaski County Middle School, or can be printed at vhs.org. In an attempt to expedite this process, the start time for current PCHS students is 3:20 pm. Current middle school students should arrive no earlier than 4:15 pm to prevent overcrowding and congestion.

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Cougars beat HV, Salem in softball

Patriot Staff Report

Pulaski County cobbled together two runs on one hit and some heady base running and another strong outing by their ace on the mound to beat Salem on Tuesday, 2-0.

Emily Webb got the Cougars' lone hit in the game in the bottom of the fourth and single-handedly manufactured Pulaski County's first run.

Webb singled, went to second on a passed ball, stole third base and then scored the game's first run on another passed ball.

In the bottom of the sixth, Victoria Hale got to first after being hit by a pitch. She went to second on a wild pitch and then stole third.

Webb then reached base on a dropped third strike that was scored as a wild pitch, allowing Hale to score from third for the Cougars' second run.

Laken Greever made the two runs hold up by limiting Salem to just four hits and striking out a dozen Spartans in the win.

The victory lifted Pulaski County's record to 6-4 on the season.

Pulaski County 15, Hidden Valley 5

The Pulaski County Cougars rallied for three runs in the third inning Monday afternoon to take the lead and never looked back, whacking the Hidden Valley Titans, 15-5.

The win upped the Cougars' season record to 5-4.

Monday, Hidden Valley jumped out to a quick 3-0 lead in the top of the first inning off Cougar starter Laken Greever who was the victim of three Pulaski County errors.

But that was the high-water mark of the game as the Titans as the Cougars cut the lead to 3-1 in the bottom of the first before their three-run rally in the third.

The Cougars added two runs in both the 4th and 5th innings before exploding for a sixth seven-run sixth for the final, 15-5.

The Cougars got 19 hits and six walks with Sydney Phibbs leading the way, going 5 for 5 with three runs and two RBI.

Victoria Hale and Addison Puckett got three hits apiece. Hale scored three runs and knocked in two, while Puckett scored two runs and knocked in four RBI.

Hale and Puckett each had one-run homers for Pulaski County.

Greever got the win for Pulaski County, going the six-inning distance, allowing seven hits and five runs, but only one earned. She struck out eight.

Head coach Jeff Linkous' Cougars will travel Friday to Christiansburg (6 p.m.) before returning home on Monday against Cave Spring (5 p.m.).

PCHS falls in tennis to HV, 6-3

Pulaski County fell 6-3 Monday in tennis at Hidden Valley in Roanoke.

The Cougars' singles matches went like this:

1. Camden Hite 3-6 6-1 T10-8
2. Aaron Bennet 0-6 2-6
3. Mark Graham 6-6 T7-9 6-6 T2-7
4. Eli Duke 0-6 2-6
5. Ashton Paul 6-2 4-6 T10-4
5. Ethan Worley 6-4 6-4

Doubles results for the Cougars were:

1. Camden/Mark 2-8
2. Aaron/Eli 7-9
3. Ashton/Jackson 4-6 (DNF)

Coach Chad Graham had this to say after the match:

"Mentionables go to #5 Ashton Paul getting his first singles victory, Pulaski's #3 Mark Graham battling through two exhausting sets with tiebreakers, #6 Ethan Worley overcoming a two-hour match to get his second win, and #1 Camden Hite's comeback."

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Heron's Landing Community-Wide Yard Sale: Fairlawn, May 6, 7a.m.-2p.m. Both entrances: River Course and Heron's Landing Drive. Rain date May 13.

Garage Sale: Saturday, April 22 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 666 Cardinal Drive, Pulaski.

Yard Sale: Friday, April 21 from 8 a.m. to sold out or 3 p.m. at 6891 Sunset Terrace Lane in "The Landings" in Fairlawn. Women's plus-size clothes, men's hunting jacket, lamps, shoes, pocket-books, Bass Pro deer comforter - twin size, fishing equipment and more from A to Z.

Yard Sale and Food Sale: Thursday and Friday, May 4 and 5 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, May 6 from 9 a.m. noon at Barren Springs Holiness Church at 818 Gardner Road, Barren Springs. Various household items and clothes. Cheeseburgers, hot-dogs, macaroni and potato salad, desserts and drinks. For information call 540-980-7514.

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Yard Sale on April 22 at Volvo Union Hall located at 5110 Cougar Trail Rd., Dublin, VA. Time: 7:00 AM until. CI alumni will have tables set up to sell items and baked goods. Will rent tables for \$20.00 to interested in selling for themselves. You can pay for tables on arrival. Proceeds will go to CIAA. More information please contact Pattria at "pgham66@shentel.net" or Connie "cshe60@verizon.net".

Big Estate Sale: At 910 Valley Road, Pulaski (come to Randolph Avenue, turn left, follow the signs to the sale). Glassware starting at 50 cents and furniture starting at \$5. Thursday - Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Indoor Yard Sale - Flea Market Event

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The Town Council of the Town of Pulaski VA will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 7pm in the Council Chambers at 42 First Street NW to sell the home located at 321 Maple Street which was constructed under the ARS program.

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2. A request from Town Council for rezoning for property located at 2460 Lee Hwy, [tax parcel(s) 063-25-25A] from the R-1, Single-Family Residential District, to R-O.

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Teach Me Your Word O Lord
Terry McCraw

Jesus' Prayer of Submission

The bible lesson for today is entitled Jesus' Prayer of Submission. By submission I think it means when Jesus surrendered His will to God's will.

This now famous garden, the Garden of Gethsamane, is often called The Garden of sorrow. It is where Jesus went to pray after the last supper.

Today's lesson allows us to study each evangelists account for the details included. Hopefully looking at the event through all 4 of the gospel accounts, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John we can gain a fuller picture of what happened in the garden.

From John 18:1. "When Jesus had spoken these words, He went forth with His Disciples over the brook Kidren where was a garden, into the which He entered, and His Disciples."

The garden of Gethsamane was located in or near part of the Kidron Valley at the foot of the mount of Olives.

The name Gethsamane means oil press. It contained an olive grove. The workers would put the olives in a press and squeeze out the oil.

Making olive oil. There are olive trees still there, some dating as being high unto 2,000 years old. Olive trees have extremely long lives.

The garden may have been David's royal garden at one time. It was the place where David fled from Absalom, his son, who was trying to take over the throne of David. David crossed over the area weeping and barefoot, while fleeing from Absalom. It was a place of sorrow and betrayal. And also the place where Judas betrayed our blessed Lord for 40 pieces of silver.

Asa destroyed his mother's pagan idols there, so it came to be thought of as a place where Satan's power is destroyed. It was a place of cleansing and submission.

Notice that the disciples of Jesus followed Jesus here and wherever else He went. Which makes up a good spiritual point. Question: Are you following Jesus step by step as His Disciples were doing? We all need to be following Jesus because His footprints will lead us to our heavenly home. This reminds me of an old gospel hymn. "Where He leads me I will follow; where He leads me I will follow; where He leads me I will follow, I'll go with Him, with Him, all the way." Earnest W. Blandy. 1890. I particularly like the last verse which says, "He will give me grace and glory, He will give me grace and glory, He will give me grace and glory, I'll go with Him, with Him, all the way.

Luke 22: 39, 40. "And He came out and went, as He was wont, to the mount of Olives and His Disciples also followed Him. And when He was at the place, He said unto them, pray that ye enter not into temptation." Judas was not with them for he was busy selling out Jesus to the religious establishment.

"As He was wont" meant as He was accustomed. Jesus came there often to pray when He visited Jerusalem. It was His place of prayer in Jerusalem. And that is most likely why Judas led the armed soldiers there, to find Him.

Notice, when they got to the garden, Jesus instructed them to pray. He had just prayed for them at the last supper, and now He instructed them to pray for themselves. Jesus knew what was going to happen. He knew He would be arrested and taken to the Sanhedrin court for a trial. He knew they wanted to put him to death. Another good spiritual point is for us to remember while we are praying for others, to pray

See MCCRAW, page B5

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Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.
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Dublin, VA 24084
Senior Pastor Steve Willis
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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.
Tuesday Women's Bible Study: 11 a.m.
Wednesday Youth Bible Study, 7 p.m.
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Allisonia Pentecostal Holiness Church
1560 Julia Simpkins Road
Allisonia, VA
Pastor Justin Phillips
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
301 N. Jefferson Ave. - Pulaski (physical)
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Pastor's Name: Josh Kilbourne
Sunday Service: 10:00 AM
Hispanic Service: 3 p.m.
Contact Info. Phone: 540.980.3331
e-mail: office@fumcpulask.org
website: www.fumcpulask.org
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6887 Depot Street
Belspring, VA 24058
Pastor Darrell Linkous
Service Times:
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study and
Youth Group: 7 p.m.
Darrell Linkous: 353-0081
belspringbaptistchurch@gmail.com

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995 Peppers Ferry Road
Pulaski, VA 24301
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trinitypulaski@gmail.com
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(Sept. - May)
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Bible Study: Wednesday, Noon
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Bible Study - Wednesday, 7 p.m.
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Pulaski, Va.
Phone - 980-0820

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Pulaski, VA 24301
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Pastor Mike Williams
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Aaron & Becky Sampson
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Children's Church 10:30 a.m.
Children's Free Breakfast 10:30 a.m.
Ages 5-12
Men's & Women's Ministry Wed. 6:30

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Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday Children's Church: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
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Wednesday Bible Study & Classes:7 p.m.

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Sunday Services
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Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.
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Pulaski, VA 24301
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Worship 7 p.m.
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7 p.m.

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Pastor: Rev. Douglas Patterson
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Monday's Child Youth Group, Monday
Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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Pastor: Harry Gunter
Worship Service: 11 a.m.
Phone: (540) 320-0738

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Pastor Darrell Gray
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Service Times
10 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Sunday Service

Grace Episcopal Church
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639-3494
Rev. Deacon William Yagel
Service: 10:30AM Sundays
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Facebook: Grace Episcopal Church
Morning Prayer services at 8:00am and
10:30am (live stream of service available)

McCraw

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for ourselves. I always try to pray for others and lastly I pray for myself. Which is a good practice.

Jesus wants us to stay prayed up. So we don't get ourselves in a place of temptation. And one way to overcome temptation is to pray for fellowship, worship and God's grace. When we pray we ask God to deliver us from temptation. And God will do just that. If we'll walk in the spirit and not in the flesh.

Billy Graham said the best way to pray is using scriptures out of the bible and repeating them back to the Lord, claiming His promises, and asking Him to strengthen us, guide us and help us to obey His word.

From Matthew 26: 36-38. "Then cometh Jesus with them, unto a place called Gethsamane, and saith unto His Disciples, Sit ye here while I go and pray yonder. And He went further into the garden and took with Him Peter, James and John and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. Jesus said to the three, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death. Tarry ye here and watch with Me."

These three Disciples, Peter, James and John formed a sort of inner circle with Christ. Remember Jesus took these three with him to the mountain-top where they were permitted to see Him transfigured or glorified, and Moses and Elijah appeared with Him. These Disciples had seen His intense glory and Now they would see His intense pain.

As Jesus was nearing his final hours there settled down upon Him, a deep, penetrating form of depression. Mark and Matthew spoke of it as being heavy. He was exceedingly sorrowful. Overwhelmed with grief, Jesus felt the presence of death. Remember Jesus was a man, as well as being God, so He had a battle with his flesh over the great amount of suffering He knew was coming.

Matthew 26:39. " And He went a little further and fell on His face, and prayed saying O My Father, let this cup pass from Me, nevertheless not as I will but as Thou wilt." Three times Jesus prayed this same prayer and each time, He said, "nevertheless, thy will be done."

Jesus came to this earth to die. He knew it well. It was all up to Him to save fallen man. If he failed to do it, then there was no one else who could have done it. I imagine every time He came to Jerusalem, He would pass by the place of the skull and think to Himself, that's where I am going to end up on a cross.

Luke said the place where Jesus prayed was but a stone's throw from where He left the three Disciples.

Jesus was seeking for an alternative plan to save fallen man. That's why He prayed if it be possible, let this cup of suffering and death pass from Me. But it wasn't possible for this cup to pass from Him. There was no other way to redeem fallen man.

We should note that Jesus did drink of the cup of suffering and of death for you and for me. He died on Calvary so that we might live.

This prayer that Jesus prayed included the total submission of Jesus' will to the will of the Father. We can only imagine the pain, agony and suffering that Jesus endured that night. He prayed so fervently his sweat became as great drops of blood. Never has a man suffered as much as Jesus suffered during his prayer, arrest, trials, whippings, and being nailed to the old rugged cross. The flogging He received disfigured His body so much that the bible says, "His countenance was marred more than any man's."

But by submitting Himself to the will of God the father, we who know Jesus in the pardon of our sins, can thank Him and praise Him. For He was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and by His stripes we are healed.

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Psalms 25:12-13

Who, then, are those who fear the LORD? He will instruct them in the ways they should choose. They will spend their days in prosperity, and their descendants will inherit the land.

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

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10:45 am
Sunday Evening Worship 6 pm

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1749 Newbern Road
Pulaski, VA 24301
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Sunday School: 9:45
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Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.
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Men's Sunday School: 10 am
Worship: 11 am

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Worship: 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Thursday: 7 p.m. Service

Community Christian Church
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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Answers

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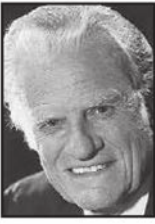
From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: I'm trying to be an example for Christ on campus. Everywhere I turn, there's immorality and people looking out for number one, but it's covered in deception. How can I be sure I won't stumble into this and hurt my testimony for Christ? Is this what Jesus meant when He said to take up our cross and follow Him? – C.C.

A: It's not just the young who find it challenging to live a pure

life. All believers are called to be holy in mind, body, and spirit (1 Peter 1:15). Advertisements and entertainment have become so saturated with sexual themes and images that it is difficult to avoid them. Greed, self-gratification, and the lust for power seem to drive our culture. We've become like the people of Jeremiah's day: "They have no shame at all; they do not even know how to blush" (Jeremiah 8:12, NIV).

If we are to be pure and holy, we must first commit ourselves — mind, body, and spirit — completely to Christ. We can't hold



My Answer

Billy Graham

back any area of life from Him, and it is right to avoid situations that might encourage impure thoughts or actions. The best way to do this is to fill our minds with Christ by feeding our souls on a daily dose of prayer and God's Word.

To take up our cross means to associate with Christ and to share His rejection (see Matthew 16). It means to take a stand for Him even though people poke fun and, yes, even persecute us. The greatest hindrance to Satan's destructive efforts is for us to stand strong in the knowledge and fear of the Lord.

"How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your word" (Psalm 119:9, NASB).

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

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

CHECK OUT THAT FLOCK OF BIRDS LOOKING AT US.

THERE'S AN AIRPLANE RIGHT ABOVE. I BET THEY CAN SEE US DOWN HERE.

OH LOOK, HERE COMES A WEATHER BALLOON.

OK, NOW I FEEL LIKE I'M BEING WATCHED.

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

THE SPREAD OF PANIC: AN UPDATE

SOMEONE YELLING "FIRE" IN A CROWDED MOVIE THEATER

AGGGH!

LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!

EVERYBODY RUN!

SOMEONE SNEEZING IN A CROWDED ELEVATOR

AH CHOO

AGGGH

LET'S GET OUTTA HERE!

RUN!

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

I'M LIKE A FINE WINE...

...I GET BETTER WITH AGE.

MAYBE I SHOULD KEEP YOU IN THE CELLAR.

TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

HEY, WE GOTTA QUIT

I'M LATE, I GOTTA GO HOME NOW, TIGER

WHAT YOU LOOKING FOR?

A QUARTER. I MUSTA LOST IT WHILE WE WERE WRESTLING

FINGERS KEEPERS!

GET OUTTA HERE!

OLIVE

OKAY! LET'S TRY COFFEE WITH THE GALS AGAIN!

WINTER BLASTS WILL NOT RUIN THIS SPRING!

AAAAAA

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTONOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

WHY IS IT WITH YOU GUYS IT'S CALLED "BLUFFING" AND WITH MY WIFE IT'S CALLED "LYING"?

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: N equals S

IPJF MW OWT LJBB NWGUSWMO

IPW NFWZN TNRVK JV RBBVUNN-

FXUJFRVK NTSNFJVLU?

J GUMRLRVU MXWZZUX.

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"I can't understand it. At home you're always ready with a _____ answer."

SCRAMBLERS

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

Allow

TIMPER

Amend

LATER

Evade

PEACES

Close

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ACROSS

1 Burden

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8 Confront

12 Guesser's words

13 Rushmore face

14 Big-screen format

15 Banner

16 Actuality

18 Prepare for printing

20 Staffers

21 Small batteries

22 "Today" rival, briefly

23 Bizarre

26 "The West Wing" actor

30 Altar constellation

31 Group of whales

32 Pledge

33 Was behind schedule

36 "Thank Me Later" rapper

38 — tear (raging)

39 Sticky stuff

40 Cockeyed

43 Worldly

47 Stop signal

49 Small iPod

50 Story

51 Calendar abbr.

52 Flintstones' pet

53 Scratched (out)

54 Earth (Pref.)

55 RBI, for one

DOWN

1 Barn storage area

2 Paris airport

3 Now, on a memo

4 Ersatz book-mark

5 Taxi costs

6 Help a crook

7 Arthur of "Maude"

8 Re offspring

9 During

10 Sidewalk eatery

11 Former mates

17 Mary's follower

19 Melancholy

22 Deity

23 Series of battles

24 Historic period

25 007 creator

26 Caviar base

27 Lab eggs

28 Stir-fry pan

29 Lamb's dam

31 School support org.

34 Did nothing

35 Con

36 Medico

37 Bout segments

39 Very beginning

40 Jocular

41 Ship wood

42 Between jobs

43 Actress

44 Elisabeth

45 "Downton Abbey" role

46 Cheer (for)

48 Joke

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top ten

MOST COMMON Animal Phobias

1. Spiders
2. Snakes
3. Wasps
4. Birds
5. Mice
6. Fish
7. Bees
8. Dogs
9. Catepillars and other insects
10. Cats

Source: The Travel Almanac

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. TELEVISION: Which drama focuses on the inhabitants of Wisteria Lane?
2. GEOGRAPHY: The Aswan Dam is located on which river?
3. LANGUAGE: What is the only word in the English language that ends in "mt"?
4. MOVIES: What is the name of Ryan Reynolds' Alaskan hometown in "The Proposal"?
5. U.S. CITIES: How many buildings in New York City have their own ZIP codes, including the Empire State Building?
6. SCIENCE: Entomology is the scientific study of what?
7. CHEMISTRY: Which natural element is the most unstable?
8. FOOD & DRINK: What is the condiment tahini made of?
9. LITERATURE: What is the setting for John Kennedy Toole's novel "A Confederacy of Dunces"?
10. ANATOMY: How many lobes are in the human brain?

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WORD LADDERS

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

MOVES

LIVID

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Answers

1. "Desperate Housewives."

2. The Nile River.

3. Dreamt.

4. Sika.

5. More than 40.

6. Insects.

7. Francium, because it has 49 more neutrons than protons.

8. Sesame seeds.

9. New Orleans.

10. Four.

SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

1. Permit 2. Alter

3. Escape 4. Almost

LOVED, LIVID, LIVID

MOVES, ROVES, ROVED

Answer

WORD LADDER

Americanisms

"To leave the world better than you found it, sometimes you have to pick up other people's trash."

— Bill Nye

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King Crossword

Answers

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...BRINGING THE SPECTERS OF OTHER CRISES HE'S FACED TO LOOM OUT OF THE DARKNESS: THE LAKE MONSTER OF PICTLAND...

...THE COLOSSAL CRUSTACEANS OF THE UNCHARTED WEED SEA...

VAL BROODS OVER A PLAN TO COMBAT THE GOLEM, BUT MEMORIES CROWD OUT HIS STRATEGY...

...THE ODD KRAKEN THAT, UNFORTUNATELY, CONTINUES TO INFEST THE NORTHERN SEAS...

...AND, OF COURSE, THE MIGHTY DRAGON HE UNSUSPECTINGLY GUIDED TO CAMELOT ITSELF.

HE FOUGHT THESE HORRORS, AND ALWAYS FOUND A WAY TO - 'I HAVE IT?' HE EXCLAIMS!

HAVING LIBERATED THE PEOPLE FROM MING THE MERCILESS' EVIL REGIME...

... FLASH, DALE AND DR. ZARKOV BID FAREWELL TO THE PLANET MONGO.

FLASH GORDON

BY JIM KEEFE

CONCLUDING: THE WAY IT BEGAN...

WITH MING DEFEATED BY FLASH, DALE AND DR. ZARKOV, RETURN TO EARTH.

CRASH-LANDING IN THE ATLANTIC, THEY'RE SPOTTED BY A NAVY VESSEL. UNFORTUNATELY, THE SPACECRAFT CAPSIZES AND IS LOST.

THEIR STORY IS MET WITH SKEPTICISM.

A BOLD PLAN IS PROPOSED.

FLASH AND ZARKOV WILL RETURN TO MONGO AND PROCURE A SUPPLY OF RADIUM...

...AN ENERGY SOURCE FAR EXCEEDING THAT OF ANY ON EARTH.

THEIR CHANCES OF SURVIVING A SECOND JOURNEY ARE SLIM.

ZARKOV GIVES PROOF BY THE ADVANCED SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE HE HAS ACQUIRED.

AGAINST HIS BETTER JUDGMENT, ZARKOV ASSISTS DALE IN STOWING AWAY ABOARD THE SPACECRAFT.

REUNITED, THE TRIO HURTLE THROUGH SPACE TOWARDS THE PLANET MONGO...

...THEIR ADVENTURES HAVING ONLY JUST BEGUN

WHAT HAD BEEN DISMISSED AS A COMET WAS IN FACT THE PLANET MONGO!

STORY DEDICATED TO FLASH'S CREATOR- ALEX RAYMOND.

TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

HEY, WE GOTTA QUIT

I'M LATE, I GOTTA GO HOME NOW, TIGER

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H F D C R A A A A L T R K O Y

X W V T M D S W Q R A O C P H

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

Unlisted clue hint: CAPITAL OF NOVA SCOTIA

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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.

BJ HVG TLDUHH UVVP MUVRLUH,

ZVRI VSLTQBNFI RGMMLRRLR I

VVP D UVQN IBZL.

— RILSL YVOR

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If you really look closely, most overnight successes took a long time.

— Steve Jobs

Cryptoquote answer

ENDING IN "AX"

CRYPTOQUOTE

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

		9		4		3	
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Meredith McGrady Office Manager

\$15,000 Buys a Nice Used Car!

Dear Dave,

I was recently in a car accident that totaled my car. My old car was paid for, and the insurance company is writing it off and giving me \$15,000. I'm a physical therapist who does home care treatment, so I need a reliable car for work. I'm debt-free, and I'm in the process of finishing up my emergency fund, but I can't seem to find a car like my old 2014 Toyota Camry with all the accessories. My rental car is paid for by insurance until the end of the month, and I've looked at used cars at a few dealerships, but the dealers and salespeople are telling me used cars still cost the same as new ones, and that I should just finance a brand-new car. I'm not sure what to do.

Valerie

Dear Valerie,

Asking a new car dealer if you need a new car is like asking a dog



Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

if it's hungry. The answer's always going to be yes.

The smart answer, though, is this: If you've got a \$15,000 insurance check in your hand, go buy a great, used \$15,000 car. You may not be able to find the exact car you had before, right down to all the bells and whistles, but Toyota Camrys aren't exactly rare, either. That money will get you virtually the same car—one that is very comparable in equipment, reliability, miles and overall quality to the one that was totaled.

I realize this whole thing is a big inconvenience. And you're probably feeling a little pressure to make a decision. But the line you're getting about used cars still costing the same as new cars is a load of crap. Used cars do not cost as much as new ones anymore. That was true for about five minutes on the back end of the pandemic, when the Mississippi River ran backwards and used cars went up in value. It was an absolute miracle!

There seems to be something in the human brain that tries to tell us we have to get an upgrade if we total a car. I want you to fight that idea, because you don't need to wreck your emergency fund over something that's not an emergency. Go online, and look around there without the pressure that always goes with being on a car lot.

And I'm just going to say this out loud: A \$15,000 car today is a much better vehicle than anything I drove for the first 30 years of my life. The quality of used vehicles and the life left in them are so much greater than even a new car back in the day. You know that old saying, "They don't make 'em like they used to"? Well, thank God for that!

But a \$15,000 pre-owned car in today's world? That's a nice car!

April 23

Lessons and Legacies

This month the Ratcliffe Museum is pleased to welcome Jim "The Buick Man" Peters on Sunday, April 23 at 2 p.m. for his talk on "The Pioneers of the Early Auto Industry." The museum is located at 51 Commerce Street, Pulaski.

April 29

2023 W.A.L.K.

2023 W.A.L.K. "Walking and Loving Kids with Down Syndrome: A Fundraiser for the Down Syndrome Association of the New River Valley" April 29th, 10am, at Randolph Park Stay tuned for registration and donation details on our website: <https://www.nrv-down-syndrome.org/>

May 4

Radford Legion to meet

The American Legion, Harvey Howe Carper Post #30 will meet on Thursday, May 4, 6pm at the VFW Post Home on 102 Watts St. in Radford. For further information, please call 540-250-2283 or 540-239-9864.

May 6

Farmer's Market

Robinson Tract Community Center Farmers Market will be held first and third Saturdays beginning May 6 and 20th in the Trinity Baptist Church Parking Lot. To participate as a vendor, call 540-239-4720.

Spring Fling

Saturday, May 6, 2023, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm the Appalachian Authors

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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PULSE

Guild is hosting "Spring Fling" at the Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator, 852 French Moore Jr. Blvd., Abingdon, VA. Speakers, Jim Minnick, Linda Hoagland and a panel of authors to answer questions will be there is try to help anyone interested in writing. Check the website: appalachianauthors.com for registration information.

May 13

Vendor Craft Event

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 58 in Dublin, VA., will be having a vendor and craft event on Saturday May 13th from 8am-3pm. Come support our local vendors

and crafters while supporting our Veterans! The American Legion Post will be doing hotdogs!

May 18

Sons of Confederate Veterans

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet on Thursday, May 18, 7pm at Aly's Italian Family Restaurant on 3204 Riner Road. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy are also invited to this meeting. For further information, please call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

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