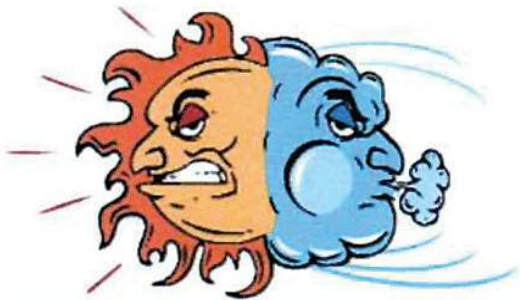




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Speed limit on Route 11 leaving Pulaski to change

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

The speed limit going out of Pulaski on Route 11 is about to change.

Ever since the town-wide speed limit was set at 35 mph, unless otherwise posted, a common complaint among many residents of the town has been that the speed limit on Route 11 (Lee Highway) leaving town is too slow.

Many motorists who were previously used to hitting the gas and driving 55 mph down the hill just past LewisGale Hospital-Pulaski weren't too fond of the new 35 mph limit.

Mayor Shannon Collins said Tuesday at a meeting of Pulaski Town Council that he had heard from "multiple" people that the speed needs to be increased, and he agreed, noting the issue needs more discussion.

Town Manager Darlene Burcham told council if it decides to change the speed limit leaving town on Route 11, it would have to be changed to 45, not the original 55 because of the need to have the

VDOT-required distance between speeds.

Vice Mayor Brooks Dawson suggested the 35 mph speed would change to 45 just past the hospital to the town limits at Morehead Lane, where it then increases to 55 in the county.

Councilman Michael Reis questioned changing the speed in the area due to possible future residential or business development on 18 acres the town owns in that area along with other acreage.

He also noted a change would be making an exception to the town's 35 mph town-wide speed, and one exception breeds other exceptions.

However, Reis said, considering it's a down-hill section of roadway, he understands why people are frustrated by the slower speed in place now.

After some discussion, Reis motioned that council amend the speed limit on Route 11 northbound in the area between the hospital and Morehead Lane from 35 mph to 45.

The amendment passed unanimously.

County GOP picks candidates for local elections

Patriot Staff Report

Pulaski County's Republican Party has selected its nominees for November's General Election.

The list includes seven incumbents and two newcomers.

The party's Executive Committee members met Friday evening and reviewed applications for those nominations.

The nominees approved to run for the county's five Board of Supervisors seats are: Dirk Compton, Draper District; Laura Walters, Ingles District; Mike Mooney, Massie District and Jeff Reeves, Robinson District – all incumbents.

Andy Cullip was nominated to challenge for the Cloyd District seat on the board.

For Constitutional Offices, the nominees are: Kim Mathews,

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Ground broken for new Food City store in Pulaski

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

Ground was broken Wednesday morning for Pulaski's new Food City store on the site of the former Lee Jeans building along East Main Street.

Local government leaders and businesspeople attended the event, as well as local and corporate Food City officials.

Those who turned out were welcomed by Pulaski Mayor Shannon Collins and Pulaski County Board of Supervisors Chairman Laura

Walters.

Collins told Food City officials if they need anything during the construction project, to come to the town.

"You've been part of our town, part of our community and we're so proud to say you are staying and enlarging. Thank you for investing more money into our town," Collins said.

"We're so excited and happy for the town, happy for Food City for your expansion," said Walters. "It feeds right into our '40 by 30' campaign we are doing."

"Anything the county can do for you we're happy to do. I'm looking forward to the construction and hoping everything goes smooth and fast," she added.

Incoming Chamber of Commerce President, Sean Pressman, CEO of LewisGale Hospital-Pulaski spoke on how Food City supports the local business community by providing products, but also in selling local products. As an example, Pressman said the local Ironheart Winery will

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Polcha new assistant school superintendent

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

Several key personnel changes were ratified by the Pulaski County School Board at its meeting Tuesday evening.

The board also discussed spring break, and the end-of-year schedule.

Leading the list of personnel changes approved Tuesday is the appointment of Sarah Polcha as

Assistant Superintendent. Polcha will take over that position effective July 1, following the retirement of current assistant superintendent Chris Stafford.

Polcha currently serves as Director of Special Education for the school system.

Another change involving Stafford is in finance, where Morgan Sklar will be the school system's new Director of Finance as of April 17.

Stafford announced in December, following his election to the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors, that he planned to retire from the school system at the end of June.

In other changes, Tonia Singleton is the new Coordinator for Elementary and Pre-K Curriculum and Instruction, as of April 5. She replaces Stacey Heller.

Jeff McCoy, longtime successful drama teacher at Pulaski County

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Commissioner of the Revenue; Justin Griffith, Commonwealth's Attorney and Mike Worrell, Sheriff – all incumbents.

Spencer Rygas was nominated to run for Clerk of the Court.

The party did not nominate a candidate for treasurer.





Ethelene Quesenberry celebrated her 98th Birthday on Wednesday, April 5th. When you see this Birthday Girl, please wish her well.



Katherine Dalton/The Patriot

Old Jail Coming Down

Crews have been dismantling the old Pulaski County Jail on East Main Street in Pulaski for a while now. Finally, on Thursday, the old structure was being razed. Bob Strenz recently purchased the property.



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Burcham addresses length of time taken for water project

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

Comments and complaints from citizens during council meetings and on social media concerning the amount of time taken to complete the West Main Street Water Line Project in downtown Pulaski were addressed during Tuesday night’s meeting of Town Council.

Town Manager Darlene Burcham recalled comments by Allen Palmore at a previous council meeting, March 21.

Palmore had questioned whether the project would be completed by April 5 as he had read in The Patriot.

He noted that he had also learned from a television news report that the project would last from 150 to 180 days.

He questioned why the change, and also earlier comments about work on the project sometimes being conducted seven days a week.

“I’m actually glad that Mr. Palmore is here tonight,” Burcham said. “He did make some comments at the last meeting, and the only thing I can say is that I said what I believed or understood at the time, so I didn’t try to make up something. I’m as easy to forget or make mistakes as anyone else. But his comments have really bothered

me. So, I went back and listened to the tape of the council meeting and talked to staff and pulled contracts and everything else to try to figure out where the missing pieces and parts were.”

“I think what has caused it [confusion] more than anything is the contractor’s commitment to us, which was a verbal one, that he would do the project as quickly as possible because he understood that it was putting a hardship on those businesses that were in that block. And he felt confident he could get it done by the first of April, and that didn’t happen,” Burcham continued.

“I would also tell you that Mr. Palmore is correct. The contract itself does call for 150 days for substantial completion, and 180 for final completion.

“But I would also tell you that we did a change order to that contract in order to allow us to put in additional meters and in some cases vaults in order to upgrade the service to many of these buildings where the owners obviously feel like there’s going to be some very positive progress on that street in the near future. And so, they have asked for additional meters for upper floor apartments or other kinds of activities,” she said.

“Unfortunately,” Burcham add-

ed, “those vaults like a lot of things are not just laying on a shelf, and we are waiting for that – although this evening coming back to work I noticed that there was some trucks moving on the Washington Avenue side of (Main Street) so it looks like perhaps they have gotten some of those materials in. But we want that done just as quickly as possible.

“And we actually asked all of the owners. We sent them a letter telling them that they had to let us know by early January if they wanted additional meters because we didn’t want to do the project, pave the street and then turn around and dig it up because of the need for additional meters, and that’s one of

the reasons why we extended the lines to the property line so that we can have sprinkler systems.

“So, I apologize for my mistakes,” Burcham stated. “I take what I say seriously and I wanted to make sure that if I was inaccurate I corrected the information.”

But, she continued, “I honestly in my heart of hearts believe that that particular block is going to make a big comeback as soon as it re-opens. I was pleased to hear that a new business is going into the former Max on Main, which again I think is a demonstration that people believe in what we’re doing there and that it’s right for development. We have five buildings that are

under renovation right now or rehabilitation, where the plan is for retail and upper floor apartments.

“When we first started this project, as I said, the contractor wanted to expedite it. We offered and I think I’ve said this previously we offered to let them work up to seven days a week if they wanted to. That was not a requirement of them. And again, we were trying to expedite the project as quickly as we could.

“But the contractor has been waiting for the last week or so for those vaults, and it appears that maybe some of that is in and we will soon see some real progress,” Burcham said.

Schools

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High School, will leave the school system June 30 as he is retiring.

William Atwood, Director of Instruction and Curriculum is also retiring as of June 30 as well.

Easter Holiday and Spring Break

Schools closed three hours early on Thursday as the Easter Holiday began in Pulaski County Public Schools. Schools remain closed through Monday.

Then, on Tuesday, Spring Break begins and runs through the full week, with schools reopening on Monday, April 17.

It was noted this is the first time in years – and maybe ever – that schools enjoy a full Spring Break, without much of it being eliminat-

ed by snow days.


Superintendent Dr. Kevin Siers noted, however, schools have been closed six days this school year.

End-of-Year Schedule

May 12 is the last day of classes for seniors, while May 19 is graduation day. The last day schools are open for this school year is May 31.

Two other key dates include May 4 when the school system’s retirement dinner will be held at Pulaski County High School beginning at 6 p.m.

Also, Monday, May 29 all schools and offices will be closed for Memorial Day.




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MINNIE CAROL HOOSIER HAYES

Minnie Carol Hoosier Hayes, age 81 of Dublin, (Lillydell Community) Virginia passed away Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at the Stanley Town Health and Rehabilitation Center in Bassett, Virginia. Born September 11, 1941 in Dublin, Virginia she was the daughter of the late Charlie Ray & Phoebe Jane Blevins Hoosier. She was also preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, James Thomas Hayes, brothers, Robert Lee Pennington, Carley Gene (Betty) Pennington and Roy Eugene (Eva) Hoosier.

She is survived by her Son – James Ray (Cheryl Ann) Hayes – North Carolina Stepchildren – Brandon (Kelli) Terpolilli – Papillion, Nebraska Lyn Rose (Brent) Calderoni – Forest, Virginia Step Grandchildren Liam, Remi, Lola, Apollo and Iris Brothers – Ray Scott Hoosier-FL, Wilburn Cecil Hoosier-Amissville, VA

Graveside funeral services will be held 11:00 AM – Friday, April 7, 2023 at the Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin.

To sign Minnie's online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com - Bower Funeral Homes, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family.



MARY ELIZABETH LAWSON

Mary Elizabeth Lawson, age 85 of Pulaski passed away Sunday, April 2, 2023 at her home.

Born September 13, 1937 in Pulaski, she was the daughter of the late George Thompson and

Cleo Ellen Marshall Thompson. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband, Charles Edward Lawson, Son, Michael Edward Lawson, and Daughter, Melody Lynn Thompson.

She is survived by Children- Sharon Sutphin- Galax, Pam Slusher and fiancée, Andy Ingram- Pulaski & Melissa Beverly and Perry Beverly- Pulaski

Grandchildren- Wayne, Sara and Ashley

Great Grandson- Eli Great Granddaughter- BryAnna Memorial services will be held Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. April 11, 2023 in the Bower Funeral Home Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Jackie Reeves officiating.

The family will receive friends Tuesday evening from 5:00 p.m. before service time at the funeral home.

To sign her online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com Bower Funeral Home, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family.



ROGER DALE RIFE

Roger Dale Rife, age 61 of Dublin passed away Sunday, April 2, 2023 at the New River Valley Medical Center. Born August 22, 1961 in Roanoke, he was the son of the late Robert Lee & Mary June Johnson Rife. He was also preceded in death by his wife; Julie Rife, brother; Ronald Rife and half-brother; Bobby Lee Johnson.

Roger is survived by his Children – Gregory (Lena) Rife – Dublin, Cara Rife & Scotty Porath – Pulaski, Steven Rife & Matthew Price – Christiansburg

Stepdaughters – April Sartin, Ashley Atkins, Stephanie Richards

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Sister – Lisa Rife Willard – Radford

Brother – David (Tina) Rife – Hiwassee

Nieces – Chelsea Schmolitz, Cynthia Willard

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Memorial services will be held at a later date by the family.

To sign his online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com Bower Funeral Homes, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family.



CHARLES GILLIS MITCHELL

Charles Gillis Mitchell, 69, of Dublin, passed away on Saturday, April 1, 2023. Gillis had a winning, laid back personality and a calm demeanor. He loved baseball, fishing, and camping with his friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charlie Roscoe Mitchell and Izola Boothe Kingrea; and his brother, Roger Mitchell.

Survivors include his brother and sister-in-law, Jack "Carson" and Diane Mitchell; his sister, Dinah Morris; stepfather, Bobby Kingrea; brother-in-law, Johnny Morris; sister-in-law, Bonnie Mitchell; good friend, Richard "Pickle" Harless; and many other nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Graveside services were held on Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at the West View Cemetery in Radford with Rev. Brian Mitchell officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to your local VFW.

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

THOMAS DEAN PFEIFER

Thomas Dean Pfeifer, age 70 of Pulaski, died unexpectedly, Thursday, March 30, 2023 at his residence. He was born in Hays, Kansas on June 20, 1952, and is the son of Lillian Hoffman Pfeifer, and the late Alfred Lawrence Pfeifer. He worked and lived in the Radford area for the last 25 years of his life, and retired as an employee of Radford University in the Food Service Department. It is with a broken heart, that we announce the death of our brother and son. He is survived by his mother: Lillian Hoffman Pfeifer, and his brother, Lawrence Frances Pfeifer.

Per request of the family, he has been cremated, and there will be no public service. His family will celebrate his life, in their many family gatherings, over the years to come. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in the form of donations to any local Humane Society.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.seaglefuneralhome.com Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski, Virginia 24301. 540-980-1700

JAMES "JIMMY" EDWARD SMITH

James "Jimmy" Edward Smith, age 85 of Pulaski, died Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at his residence. Arrangements are pending with Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski www.seaglefuneralhome.com 540-980-1700



DR. TODD DARRAH STONG

Dr. Todd Darrah Stong, age 83, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, died peacefully with his family by his side on Friday evening, March 31, 2023. He was predeceased by his father, Harold Philip Stong, and mother, Julia Battis McCullen, as well as his brothers Blaine Stong, Philip Stong, and Harold Stong. Todd is survived by his wife, Ann Vivian (Jacobsen) Stong, daughter, Melanie Davis (Glenn), and 6 sons, Gayvin Stong (Susan), Nathan Stong (Luanne), Ian Stong (Samira), Tim Stong (Susan), Matthew Stong (Lan Chih) and Todd (Jared) Stong (Sara), as well as his 4 sisters, Carol Huey, Sherry Davis, Holly Bradford, and Meg Mehl. In addition, he is survived by 19 grandsons, 5 granddaughters, and 48 great-grandchildren.

Todd was born on December 14th 1939 in the Presbyterian Hospital, in Philadelphia, and was the first of eight children. At 4 years old, his family moved to a home with no electricity or telephone, outside of Downingtown, Pennsylvania. After working to fix the home, his Dad was called to serve in the war, leaving Jule to manage the family. Todd had many adventures growing up, including a pyrotechnic episode that set him back a grade in school. He spoke of the family cow, Tiny, that was prone to leave the fenced pasture to eat green corn and get drunk. Attaining the honor or valedictorian of his high school class was the beginning of his many honors and awards.

Todd attended college at West Point Military Academy (top 10% of his class), Purdue University, and received his Doctorate of Engineering from the University of New Mexico. Todd served in the military for 27 years before retiring as a Colonel in the Army Corp of Engineers. He graduated from Airborne and Army Ranger training, and received 12 military awards, including 3 Bronze stars and 2 Legion of Merit awards. Todd then worked 4 more years at a private company, before doing humanitarian work for 30 years around the globe in Africa, Asia and most recently Mexico. His projects included bridge building, water treatment, sewer treatment, fish production, agriculture, childhood liver disease research, and various research projects. He was always looking for projects that could provide jobs for others.

As a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Todd served in many positions throughout the world, including, as a bishop. He loved genealogy and helped many to find their ancestors as well. Todd has helped

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CHARLYNE FOX MOODY

Charlyne Fox Moody, 79, of Colonial Heights, passed away on Friday, March 31, 2023. She was preceded in death by her parents, Dr. Charles Gabriel Fox, Jr. and Claudyne Worley Fox; spouse, Asa Carlyle Moody, Jr.; son, Brian Moody; and brother, Gary P. Fox.

Charlyne was born in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1943, and moved to Pulaski, VA, shortly after where she lived until she attended Southern Seminary College, in Buena Vista, VA, where she graduated with an Associate Degree in Science in 1963. She also attended the Petersburg General Hospital School of Nursing in Petersburg, VA.

Charlyne was described by friends as an extremely sweet, funny, and caring person. She enjoyed listening to Christian music and watching the "diamonds sparkle" on the Appomattox River from her back porch.

Charlyne is survived by her brother, William Frederick Fox and his children, Holly Fox and April Williamson (Jeff); her sister-in-law, Debi Fox; her nephews, Chuck Fox (Veronica) and their children, Ryan and Lauren Fox, and Chad Fox (Kelli) and their son, Quinton Fox;



her niece, Madalyn Fox-Dalton (Josh) and their son, Phifer Dalton; and special friends, Jane Denton and Jackie Worrell.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to Brookdale Senior Living for their care for Charlyne.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, April 6, 2023, at J.T. Morriss & Son – Petersburg, 103 S. Adams Street. Interment followed the service at Blandford Cemetery at the conclusion of the service.

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PCHS Forensics students earn State Gold

Pulaski County Public Schools

For the first time in 10 years, Pulaski County High School fielded a team for the Virginia High School League Forensics competition this year. The result was a small but motivated group of students that not only represented the school system well, but brought home State Championships in two events.

The team, led by Coach Brianna Smith, earned the right to compete at the State event by finishing second at the sub-regional and first regional events earlier in the year.

Out of 13 teams competing in the same classification as Pulaski County, the Cougars earned fourth place overall, despite only competing in two of 10 possible categories.

Pulaski County students were competing in two categories, Humorous Duo and Storytelling. In each of these events, students have 10 minutes to tell a story (a cutting/excerpt from a published piece that they have memorized) to the audience using only their voices and body movements. There are no props and they are allowed only a limited amount of space. They are encouraged to portray multiple characters, and they are judged based on criteria including eye and body movement, vocalization, volume, characterization, choice of selection, organization, pacing, and memorization.

In each VHSL meet, there is a maximum of six competitors per category, and the top three winners move on to the next level heading into the State competition.

James Johnson and Ben Rorrer competed in the Humorous Duo Interpretation event. In this category, students work with their partner (whom they cannot touch or make eye contact with) to tell the story to the audience. James and Ben's piece was a cutting from a short play entitled "Everyone's Gonna Die!" by Clyde Hendrickson.

The duo placed second to one of Salem's teams at the regional meet at Salem February 11. February 25, they earned first place in a very close competition at the Super Regional meet at E.C. Glass. Saturday, they brought home a first-place victory over five other teams from Salem, King George, Chancellor, and Great Bridge.

Jordan English competed in the Storytelling event, performing a cutting from The Fortune-Tellers, by Lloyd Alexander. In this category, the speaker must interpret/perform their chosen story as though for an audience of children.

Jordan finished the season undefeated, winning first place in Storytelling in all three of the VHSL season meets.

Johnson, Rorrer, and English are the first PCHS students to earn State Championships for Pulaski County in this competition. When asked about their experiences, each had comments about it all.

"The extensive amount of rehearsal and planning it took to portray the story with no props or costumes was one of the most challenging parts of it all," Johnson said. "You have to create believable characters and illustrations to the story."

"I think learning how to work and react with my duo partner without looking or making eye contact with him was the toughest part for me," Rorrer said. "Acting without reacting is completely different than anything I've ever done."

English also had some tough spots. "Adapting form theater to Forensics is a weird change," he said. "The way you hold yourself and how aware you have to become of your movement is insane. I had a tough transition, especially because



I have to depend on my own characterization and character, unable to play off someone else's energy."

While the competition was tough, there were also enjoyable moments for all of them.

"Meeting other people who were equally dedicated and interested in what we were doing was great," Rorrer said. "The passion and heart at every competition was incredible."

"I enjoyed the companionship I made not only with my duo partner, but with the whole team," Johnson said. "The memories we made with these people on our journey are some of my favorite ones."

"My favorite part was when I was able to grow the story and adapt small actions that added to the piece, unlocking deeper meaning to the story," English said. "I was able to play each character how I thought best fit."

The competition also gave each person a chance to grow and further develop their skills as the season went on.

"I have been made more aware of how I use my facial expression to emphasize what I say," English said. "The way I deliver my story has changed as I learned the importance of absence in dialog by using blank pauses or sound effects. Sound effects are a particular skill that is mainly used in storytelling to portray the environment, something I became very aware of

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Larry Allen Underwood, age 67 of Dublin, died Friday, March 31, 2023 at Pulaski Health and Rehabilitation Center. Larry was born on April 24, 1955 in Radford, and was the son of the late Edna Ruth Lyons Underwood, and the late Roy Allen Underwood.

He is survived by two sisters: Debra Ayers, of Dublin, and Ruth (Mike) Smith of Pulaski; nephews; Greg Underwood, Chase Underwood, Kevin Smith, Jason Smith and Ryan Smith. Also survived by one niece: Jocelyn Underwood.

Graveside funeral services were held Monday, April 3, 2023 at Newbern Cemetery, with Pastor Scooter Breisch officiating.

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

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many people throughout the world through his caring and concern. He was always willing to share his love of Jesus Christ and provide counsel and advice to others.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, April 6, 2023, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints at 900 Pendleton Street, Radford, Virginia.

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

Moody

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contributions may be made to the Pulaski Free Clinic, 25 4th Street NW, Pulaski, VA 24301.

Online condolences may be conveyed to the family at www.jtmorriss.com.



Holt to be in revival at Grace Ministries April 14-16

Paul Holt, General Finance Director from Cleveland, Tennessee, will be in District Revival at Grace Ministries, 1021 Macgill Street, Pulaski Va., April 14th-16th. Pm services begin at 7pm and Sunday morning service at 10:30 am.

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New Man

This Easter I want to revisit one of my favorite hymns, He Is Risen. Though I've shared this one before, the message of He is Risen is enduring and its history fascinating. As any staff member who has ridden in the car with me during the Easter season knows, I love to talk about He Is Risen and about Joachim Neander, who wrote the music.

In early April, both Christians and those of the Jewish faith will celebrate significant observances in their liturgical calendar. Members of the Jewish religion will be observing April 5-13 as Passover. Passover commemorates the time when the Jews were enslaved in Egypt, and one of the plagues Moses foretold was that each family would lose their firstborn son. This was true unless they placed the blood of a lamb on their doorpost. Thus, the plague would "pass over" the marked houses.

In the middle of Passover week, Christians will celebrate Easter, which commemorates the crucifixion



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As a Christian, I believe Christ was sacrificed for us so our sins could be forgiven, thus "the Lamb of

God" allows the judgment of God to pass over us.

For those who read my column frequently, you know at times of religious celebration I often harken back to church music.

Joachim Neander, born in 1650, gives us an example of how sometimes God creates interesting situations. Bear with me.

His family name was originally Neumann (meaning "new man") but, as was fairly common at the time, the family changed it to a foreign equivalent. In this case, they went from 'Neumann' to 'Neander,' the Greek form.

Neander's years as a student of theology were reportedly rather boisterous. As it goes, however, a sermon at St. Martin's Church in Bremen, Germany by Pastor Theodor Undereyk touched Neander's heart and seemingly served as a turning-point in his life, leading to significant spiritual growth.

In 1671 Neander began tutoring in Heidelberg. While there, Neander learned to know and love the beauties of nature. He later spent time in Frankfurt and was appointed Rector of a Latin school in Dusseldorf. In 1679, Neander returned to St. Martin's Church in Bremen to serve as an unordained assistant to Pastor Undereyk. Neander passed away in 1680 at the age of 30. During his lifetime, he became known as a German teacher, theology, and hymn writer. He is said to have written approximately 60 hymns, including well-known hymns like Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation and He Is Risen.

One valley in Dusseldorf served as a particular source of inspiration for Neander as he wrote his compositions. After his death, that valley was named in his honor. It was first called Neandershole (or 'Neander's Hollow,' in English) and then Neanderthal (or 'Neander Valley').

Interestingly, this valley later became famous for the 1856 discovery of bone specimens which were the first specimens to be recognized as early man-like fossils.

And so, Neander, a servant of God, whose name means "new man," has a valley named after him because it served as an inspiration for musical compositions that exalted God and, in particular, the God who promised to make us all "new men."

Further, nearly 200 years after Neander's death, scientists searching for new wisdom came across bones of what, to them, was a new man. And they named their "new man" for the valley in which they found him - Neanderthal. Translated into English, they named the new man for the Valley of the New Man.

Accordingly, that is the rather roundabout way in which Homo neanderthalensis got its name - as a result of the spiritual development of German hymn writer Joachim Neander, who grew from a boisterous student into a "new man" of faith.

(Seems that God has a sense of humor!)

In honor of this interesting situation God created and in hopes that you all have a happy Easter, below you find the lyrics added to Neander's hymn now known as He Is Risen:

He is risen! He is risen!
Tell it out with joyful voice;
He has burst his three days' prison;
Let the whole wide Earth rejoice.
Death is conquered; man is free.
Christ has won the victory.

During this holiday period, I wish people of all faiths peace and joy.

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. Also on my website is the latest material from my office, including information on votes recently taken on the floor of the House of Representatives.

Courageous Susanna Bolling – Revolutionary

Sometimes writers and poets breathe new life into historic events by romanticizing them. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote an epic poem about the midnight ride of American patriot Paul Revere, which took place the night of April 18, 1775.

I remember listening to one particular teacher who read the poem so expressively that it sparked a love for Wadsworth's other poetry. You may remember it. Here is how "The Midnight Ride" poem starts:

"Listen, my children, and you shall hear

Of the midnight ride of Paul Revere,
On the eighteenth of April, in Seventy-Five:

Hardly a man is now alive
Who remembers that famous day and year."

Actually, several others made the late night ride, alerting the Colonial Americans of the arrival of 700 British

One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

troops. Paul Revere's purpose was to warn Patriots Samuel Adams and John Hancock, who were staying in Concord, that British troops were on the way to arrest them.

But there was another epic rider whose midnight ride in May 1781, successfully warned a patriot of a plot by the British General Cornwallis to capture him. To my knowledge, no one ever wrote a poem applauding the courage and heroic efforts of this gallant rider, 16-year-old Susanna Bolling. But some historians now

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Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

Yes, we are making kids trans

We are going to look back years from now and wonder how we failed young girls so badly.

Between social media and fashionable gender theories, we are making teenage girls depressed, anxious, and trans.

In a Substack essay the other day, a mother wrote of her daughter: "She was among the last of her small group of biologically female friends to socially transition. It was mid-pandemic, and she spent most of her time with her best friend, who had, unbeknownst to me, shown her hours upon end of transgender entertainment on YouTube and TikTok."

Of course, that is going to have an effect, although there is a massive effort to deny it among trans activists and in much of the media.

The Geico gecko can convince us to buy car insurance. Trump can post a meme on Truth Social, and it can convince someone to go take a baseball bat to Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg. Someone can use the wrong pronoun and it can convince a trans person to harm himself or herself. But what can't possibly happen, we are supposed to believe, is that the constant discussion and celebration of transgenderism might convince confused young people to decide they are nonbinary or trans.

Even some trans advocates are willing to admit this makes no sense. Marci Bowers, president of the World Professional Association for Transgender Health, told the progressive New York Times columnist Michelle Goldberg: "There are people in my community who will deny that there's any sort of 'social contagion' -- I shouldn't say social contagion, but at least peer influence on some of these decisions. I think that's just not recognizing human behavior."

Bowers is an exception, though. It is taken as an article of faith among trans activists and much of the left that social contagion is a pernicious myth.

This denial is based on the idea that people, especially young people, aren't suggestible. As if what we are told, what our friends do and say, what signals we get from society aren't enormously important. And as if awareness and encouragement of transgenderism nonbinary status, and heretofore unknown genders haven't increased dramatically.

Internet searches for anorexia in recent years have declined while searches for transgender have soared. There are transgender and nonbinary celebrities. Schools have started teaching kids gender ideology, and some will "transition" children without telling parents.

The trans advocates argue that a more permissive environment is simply allowing people to embrace their true identities, the same way more people admitted they were left-handed when the taboo against lefties gave way in the 20th century. That analogy falls down, though, since the spike in trans and other identification is particularly pronounced in areas that are particularly encouraging.

As Madeleine Kearns of National Review points out, young people in California identify as trans at roughly about a 40% higher rate than the national average. And in

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Trump unites, then divides

By Cal Thomas
Tribune Content Agency

There are several ways of looking at the events that occurred this week inside a Manhattan courtroom and later at Donald Trump's home in Florida.

First, the indictment of the former president for illegally "conspiring" to win the White House in the 2016 election by paying "hush money" to two women and a doorman to keep secret behavior that could have adversely swayed voters at the ballot box. Even former Attorney General Bill Barr has said it is a "pathetically weak case." George Washington University Law Professor Jonathan Turley called the indictment "A legal slurpee, instantly satisfying, but there's nothing there." Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg said there is also an "underlying crime," which he said he didn't have to mention. How is that fair to Trump?

Second, Trump managed to do something no one else has accomplished. He united (most) Republicans behind him, at least for now. Statements by former rivals and targets of his rhetorical attacks have come out in support of him and against Bragg. These include former National Security Adviser John Bolton, Sen. Marco Rubio, Florida Republican, Alan Dershowitz, who said he would still vote against Trump given the chance, but deplores the 34 count felony indictment, former Attorney General Bill Barr, many House Republicans, and former Florida governor and presidential candidate Jeb Bush, who Trump once called "low energy." Sen. Mitt Romney, Utah Republican, who voted twice to impeach Trump, expressed skepticism about the legal justification for the Trump indictment, warning that the prosecutor's overreach sets "...a dangerous precedent for criminalizing political opponents and damages the public's faith in our justice system."

Third, the post-arraignment speech was typical of Trump. He blasted every adversary, including the Biden family, New York State Attorney General Letitia James, the Georgia grand jury that is mulling Trump's infamous phone call to Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger in which he pressured him to find more votes (Trump says it was a "perfect call" while others claim he wanted the votes "re-evaluated"). He labeled Atlanta's district attorney a "racist."

In his speech, which lasted shorter than his usual one hour-plus rants, Trump re-

peated his attacks on the 51 intelligence agents who reportedly claimed collusion between Russia and Trump in the 2016 election, attacked the "radical left George Soros prosecutor Bragg", claimed we are on the verge of a nuclear World War III (no one has ever accused Trump of having a gift for understatement), right-ly noted the tighter relationship between Russia, China and Iran, Russia's invasion of Ukraine (he said it wouldn't have happened if he were still president), said the boxes of classified documents taken from his home when the FBI executed a lawful search warrant is "a hoax" and he had the right as president to declassify them. He claimed previous presidents have done the same, but the National Archives says differently. Trump noted the rise in crime in New York City, implying that focusing on him does nothing to reduce it, he tossed in high energy and food prices, inflation and an "open border," all the fault he said of Biden administration policies.

He called Special Counsel Jack Smith "a lunatic" and claimed the justice system is "lawless" and claimed he is the victim of "persecution."

Yes, Alvin Bragg vowed to "get Trump" when he ran for office. Yes, from the start, Democrats have been united in their antipathy toward Trump. And yes, the major media have been united in their opposition to Trump, despite Trump's claims of success on the economy, the border, the Abraham Accords and judges who adhere to the Constitution.

The question for many is this: Can Trump's behavior and legal jeopardy win the independents any presidential candidate needs to win an election? Polls show many independents are turned off by his rhetoric and the current and possible future legal peril in which he finds himself.

The ultimate verdict should be up to voters, not Democratic prosecutors and judges appointed by Democrats. Letting voters decide Trump's fate might help restore some of the public's faith in the legal and political systems which are now in serious disrepair. Or, as Trump put it Tuesday night: "Our country is going to Hell."

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).



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refer to her as the “Girl Who Won the Revolutionary War.”

General George Washington’s friend (almost like an adopted son) and trusted officer, the Marquis de Lafayette, was quartered at the Half Way House. It was strategically located between Richmond and Petersburg in Chesterfield, VA.

Susanna Bolling and her Mother were in the house alone on the Bollingbrook family Plantation in Hopewell, VA when Cornwallis and his men arrived. With the Colonial men off to war, the British frequently took advantage of their absence to demand food and lodging of the remaining family members. Apparently, they were not intimidated by the women and spoke freely about their plans to hunt down and capture Lafayette while Susanna served them dinner.

Susanna realized the urgency of the situation and decided to take action. But what could a young Colonial girl do against the might of the British army? Susanna devised a plan of her own.

According to historic writer Tara Ross, under cover of night “The young girl used an underground tunnel to sneak out of her home. The tunnel took her straight to the family’s dock on the Appomattox River. Once there, she took a canoe and paddled her way across the river. Upon reaching the other side of the river, she borrowed a neighbor’s horse and rode 10-miles as quickly as she could to warn Lafayette. Amazingly, she not only found him in time, but she returned home before her absence was discovered. Her warning enabled Lafayette to get away.

Indeed, Lafayette would go on to play a game of “cat-and-mouse” with Cornwallis’ army.” Because of Lafayette, Cornwallis and his men were trapped in Yorktown a few months later and surrendered in October 1781, changing the destiny of the United States of America. All because of the courage of 16-year-old Susanna Bolling.

Sources: Libby Carty McNamée, Susanna’s Midnight Ride Prince George County VA, website: How a 16-year-old girl from Hopewell helped win the Revolutionary War

Tara Ross website: <https://www.taraross.com/post/tidi-susanna-bolling>

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the Davis Joint Unified School District, in a heavily progressive city outside Sacramento, the rate is three times that of California as a whole.

Girls are particularly sensitive to peer pressure. This aligns with the trend. According to Kearns, there used to be more gender-dysphoric boys than girls by about a two-to-one margin. Now, there are more gender-dysphoric girls than boys by three to one.

Such suggestibility was evident in the TikTok-driven phenomenon during the pandemic of teenagers developing strange tics. According to a Canadian study, The New York Times reports, “The adolescents were overwhelmingly girls, or were transgender or nonbinary -- though

Pulaski artist Ernie Ross rocks

By WILLIAM PAINE
The Patriot

Ernie Ross is a local artist with a penchant for painting rocks ... and then losing them ... on purpose.

For several years, Ernie Ross taught painting classes at Judi’s Studio, across from the OLD courthouse on West Main Street In Pulaski but ... “we finally had to close the doors when a water leak from one of the apartments upstairs messed up the ceiling and destroyed some stuff on the first floor,” Ross explained.

Ross currently displays several pieces of his art, which include depictions of various landscapes painted sawblades, wood boards and, of course rocks, at the Fine Arts Center for the NRV on West Main Street. Other of his works include colorful tiles mounted on tiny tripods, as well as paintings done on conventional canvas.

He is still teaching painting classes. A few months ago, Ross taught an acrylic painting class at the Fine Arts Center but he also goes to Hillsville, Galax and other places in the region to teach. Ross often frequents Assisted Living facilities, where he’s known to offer his services at no charge to the residents.

But what about losing his rocks ... on purpose?

“I do more realistic type paintings on rocks and then I hide them different places,” Ross explained. “You know, somebody’s walking by and if they just happen to look down, it might just be in a little corner somewhere. It might be on top of something. I’ve put them amongst the rocks at various churches ... but you know. You can find them. That’s the point.”

Ross has left these rocks in the Town of Galax and in various parts

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as I developed my piece.”

“My skills as an actor have improved and teamwork definitely,” Rorrer said. “Also, time management has played a huge part.”

“My ability to work well as a teammate and push and pull the energy of the performance has tremendously increased,” Johnson added. “This was a life-changing experience that I will never forget.”

With the competition now complete and the awards in hand, how does it feel to be the first State Champions in this event for Pulaski County?

“Honestly it feels unreal,” Rorrer said. “I cannot compare it to anything else I’ve ever felt. I can’t put to words how glad I am to have had this opportunity. I don’t think anything can top it.”

“It’s crazy, one of the most exciting moments in my life,” Johnson added. “I can’t believe that all that

no one knows why.”

In light of all this, other countries have pressed the brakes on aggressive treatment for trans-identifying minors. In urging that so-called gender-affirming care be used only in “exceptional cases,” Sweden’s National Board of Health and Welfare cited “the uncertainty that follows from the yet unexplained increase in the number of care seekers, an increase particularly large among adolescents registered as females at birth.”

If Sweden can acknowledge reality, so should we.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



William Paine/The Patriot

The art of Ernie Ross can be seen (and purchased) at the Fine Arts Center for the NRV.

of Carroll County but most of his painted rocks end up in and around the greater Pulaski area.

What do people do when they find these rocks?

“It’s a gift,” said Ross. “Sometimes I put on there, ‘You’ve found me. I belong to you now.’ Another says, ‘The Lord made me do it’ and just other little things like that.”

Ross’s painted rocks sometimes find their way into surprising places.

“You know how shopping carts fit together?” Ross asked? “I opened them up and put a rock down there. The next customer comes over and gets a buggy and they think, ‘what

in the world is that?’”

“I’ve put a rock in the fruit section of grocery stores,” said Ross with a smile. “So, somebody’s getting oranges and suddenly they find that, right? I even painted one so it looked like a potato on one side and there was a mountain scene on the other side.”

Ernie Ross was born in Carroll County but moved to Colorado at a young age. He came back east to look for his two brothers, whom he hadn’t seen since he was nine years old.

Ernie Ross has lived in Pulaski County since 1971 and he’s been painting even longer.

A woman recently called the Fine Arts Center to find out who painted the painting her mother gave her 50 years ago in Colorado. It turned out to be a Still Art painting signed by a fellow named Ernie Ross. Another art lover, who works at a local hospital, has an Ernie Ross landscape painting that dates back to 1972

Artistic talent seems to run in the family as Ernie Ross’s daughter, Lauren Bobbitt is also a fine artist who, along with her husband, makes illustrations for Marvel Comic books.

Ernie is also kin to his more fa-

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Local officials and Food City officials break ground Wednesday morning for the new Food City store in Pulaski.

Food City

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be featured in the new Food City, among others.

State Senator Travis Hackworth told a story as only he can about supporting local business. He spoke of how Food City has always supported the communities where it is located by helping out in times of need. He also praised the stores' reputation for customer service.

Ninth District Congressman Morgan Griffith noted Food City's footprint now extends to five states.

"But their heart is still in Southwest Virginia," Griffith stated, adding that Food City CEO Ste-

ven Smith is "always looking out for Southwest Virginia."

"That's what he is doing here — making sure that Pulaski has a top-of-the-line store," Griffith said, adding that "if you've been to any of their other either upgraded or new stores, you know they are second-to-none when it comes to having a great environment and great products on the shelf."

Smith said he is proud to be from Southwest Virginia and a second-generation grocer, relating how — as a young child — he hung around his father's store.

"I cut my teeth literally in a grocery store," Smith said, adding "I can't tell you how much fun it is to lead a company of over 18,000 teammates like I have."

"Our company is successful not because of me or my family,"

Smith said. "It is successful because of the people that we have that work hard every day to take care of their communities."

He saluted several of his company's leaders on hand for the event, including Roxanna Jones, who will be the manager of the new store in Pulaski.

Smith said Food City talks about local "and we are local," noting that when you see Food City trucks on the highway, they're Volvo trucks built right up the road.

"So we get the local part of business," he added.

Smith said the current Food City store was opened in the late 90's and has been a great facility and Pulaski County area residents have supported it well.

"But," he noted, "It is one of our smaller formats, and we're limited on what we can do in there. We know in today's environment folks want more variety, more selection, more things to choose from. That's what we're going to deliver to you here in this new store."

"It's gonna' be almost 55,000 square feet and we'll probably create at least 80 new jobs," Smith said.

He added the store will include a full-blown food service sit-down café complete with Starbucks fireplace "where you can mingle and relax, have a meal in the morning, afternoon or in the evening."

He said the store will have expanded grocery, frozen dairy departments.

"Our meat department will have the full service meat and seafood, but it will be expanded and upgraded," Smith said, adding it will also have sushi in the store. "I know that will be a big attraction and a big treat."

Noting Food City is one of the few companies that will employ 14- and 15-year-olds, Smith said plans are to open the new store in the first quarter of 2024.



Food City CEO Steven Smith



Rep. Morgan Griffith



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Our esteemed forefather, President George Washington, so aptly called our great nation to prayer with these words: “It is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favour;...”1 With this call echoing through the centuries, we invite all local leaders, public servants, and first responders in our historic Pulaski County to stand alongside a Pulaski County minister, joined by our fine citizens representing churches from all over county in a solemn and inspirational gathering for prayer and community fellowship.

Bring a chair or a lawn blanket and prepare for corporate and small-group prayer and worship led by local pastors. This year’s Day of Prayer event will begin with a large, live chalk-art illustration of John 6:29 by local Chalk Evangelist Dwight Haynes. Rev. Haynes is coordinating the event on behalf of the Pulaski County Ministerial As-

sociation and may be contacted by phone, 540-230-5782, or by email to Dwight@ChalkTalks.net with any questions. Each pastor, or church representative, will be paired with a local government leader, first responder, or educational leader to offer a brief public prayer for the area of our society represented. Thank you for planning to take your lunch break on Thursday, May 4, to share in this service.

Immediately following the of-

fering of public prayers, those who are able may join our Pulaski Prayer Walk from downtown to Emmanuel Bookstore & Gift Shop on Rt. 99 where a light luncheon is provided for more fellowship and prayer time (feel free to drive and pray). This is truly an all-in, team effort throughout the county and country to intentionally join together for prayer for our local, state, and federal governments and believers .

Ninth District Traveling Staff Office Hours for April

Congressman Griffith’s Ninth District STAFF will be available at the following locations during the month of April. Traveling office hours follow the status of local government offices, which vary across the 23 counties and five independent cities of the Ninth District.

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Wythe County: 11:30 am – 1:00

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Wythe County Sheriff’s Office
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245 South 4th Street
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Radford: 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm
Radford Recreation Building
200 George Street
Radford, VA 24141

Pulaski County: 2:30 pm – 4:00pm
Pulaski County Administration Building
First Floor Conference Room
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William Paine/The Patriot

Ernie Ross stashes one of his art pieces in downtown Pulaski. Ross places his painted rocks in various locations so as to spread the joy of art.

Ross

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mous cousin Bob Ross, who painted “happy little trees” on his long running Public Television show The Joy of Painting.

Bob Ross certainly made a big impact with his TV show but Cousin Ernie is doing his part to promote art appreciation by leav-

ing his small, meticulously painted rock art in unexpected places, just so that random strangers can take them home and appreciate them.

“I enjoy doing it,” said Ross. “You know, if it makes people happy to have something like that, then I’m doing my job.”

Phi Kappa Phi Inducts New Members

BATON ROUGE, LA -- The following people recently were initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation’s oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines.

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These two Lions Club members - “Chip” Clevinger (left) and Willard Akers - play important roles in the weekly breakfast event. Each week, Clevinger picks up the biscuits, gravy mix, bacon, sausage, eggs, potatoes and more to be served. Akers sets up the serving tables and makes sure everything is in place.

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successful event for Dublin Lions Club



Besides good food, the Community Breakfast gives participants a chance to chat and catch up.



Mike Williams/The Patriot

Sunshine Tours sponsored this past Wednesday's breakfast, which helps the Lions and also gives Sunshine Tours an opportunity to recruit riders for their popular bus tours. Paul Nester (seated above at right) is a 2nd Vice President of the Dublin Lions Club and CEO of Sunshine Tours.



Andy Hullender, Treasurer and Membership Chair for the club chats with longtime Lion, Willard Akers.



Dishing out the food each week are volunteer Karen Kelly, Bob Brouse and Dr. Scott Brandau.

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LSU rallies to take tourney trophy from Tech

DALLAS (AP) Alexis Morris scored 27 points and had two of her misses in the fourth quarter turned into putback baskets by Angel Reese in a big run as LSU rallied to beat top-seeded Virginia Tech 79-72 in a national semifinal game Friday night.

Reese finished with 24 points and 12 rebounds for LSU (33-2), which is going to the national championship game for the first time.

The win came in the second season since feisty and flamboyantly dressed coach Kim Mulkey - in a rarned pink top this time - returned to her home state to take

over a Tigers program that lost five consecutive national semifinal games from 2004-08 the only other times they made it this far.

LSU will play Sunday against the winner of the South Carolina-Iowa semifinal.

Mulkey, who won three national titles in four Final Four appearances over her 21 seasons at Baylor, is only the second coach to take two different teams to the national championship game. The other was C. Vivian Stringer, with Cheyney in the inaugural 1982 women's tournament and Rutgers in 2007.

Trailing 59-50 after three quarters, LSU went ahead with a 15-0

run over a five-minute span in the fourth period. They led for the first time since late in the first half when Falu'jae Johnson had a steal and drove for a layup to make it 64-62.

Reese had six points in that game-turning spurt, including a basket after Morris' attempted 3-pointer clanked off the front rim. Reese had a second-effort follow of her own miss after rebounding another miss by Morris.

LaDazhia Williams added 16 points for LSU.

Elizabeth Kitley had 18 points and 12 rebounds for Virginia Tech (31-5), the ACC champion that was in the Final Four for the first time.

Georgia Amoore and Kayana Traylor each had 17 points, while Cayla King had 14.

Amoore set an record for the most 3-pointers in a single NCAA Tournament with 24, though she had a tough night shooting - 4 of 17 overall, including 4 of 15 from beyond the arc. She passed Kia Nurse's record 22 set in the 2017 tourney for UConn, which lost in the national semifinals on the same court. Arizona's Aari McDonald had 22 in six NCAA tourney games two years ago.

The big run for LSU came right after Amoore made her last 3-pointer with 7:52 left for a 62-57 lead.

The Hokies didn't make another basket until King's 3 with 1:19 left.

Morris had opened the fourth quarter with a 3-pointer for LSU, then had a driving layup in a quick 7-0 run that prompted a timeout by Hokies coach Kenny Brooks.

The Hokies ended the first half with an 11-0 run to lead for the first time, at 34-32 on

Traylor's driving layup with 53 seconds left.

LSU went scoreless over the last 4:48 while missing its last six shots after Virginia Tech switched to a zone defense. That included three

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Brian Bishop/The Patriot

Pulaski County ace softball pitcher Laken Greever goes through the motions in a game against George Wythe. The Cougars won and Greever went the distance for the win.

Pulaski County beat GW, PH in softball

Patriot Staff Report

The Pulaski County Cougars improved their softball record to 4-3 after winning two games in the past week.

Last Thursday, the Cougars beat Patrick Henry in Roanoke, 5-1. Then this past Monday, the Cou-

gars hosted George Wythe and beat the Maroons, 6-1.

Laken Greever turned in an outstanding performance against PH, going the 7-inning distance and holding the Patriots to just one run. She struck out 11 batters, while allowing only three hits and two walks.

At the plate, Sydney Phibbs led the way for the Cougars going 2-for-4 with two runs and two RBI. One of her hits was a homerun.

Addison Puckett, Madelyn Legg and Tori Vest each knocked in a run for the Cougars.

In the win over George Wythe, Pulaski County jumped out front with four runs in the first inning and followed that with two more

in the second to put the game away.

Greever again went the distance, going seven innings while allowing only five hits and one run. She struck out eight and walked two.

Emily Webb, Puckett, Cassidy Price and Vest led the way offensively for Pulaski County. Webb went 1-for-3 with two RBI, Puckett went 2-for-3 with one RBI, Vest went 2-for-3 with two RBI and

Price got two hits in the game.

Head coach Jeff Linkous' Cougars were due to get back into action on Thursday when they host Hidden Valley at 5 p.m.

Next Tuesday, April 11, the Cougars travel to Montgomery County to face Blacksburg at 5 p.m.

Cougars fall twice to Floyd in tennis

Pulaski County hosted Floyd County on Wednesday in a tennis double-header on the courts.

In the 4:30 match, Floyd defeated Pulaski 8-1.

Singles:

1. Camden Hite 8-1
2. Aaron Bennet 4-8
3. Mark Graham 2-8
4. Eli Duke 1-8
5. Ashton Paul 2-8
6. Ethan Worley 4-8

Doubles:

1. Camden/Aaron 8-8 5-7
2. Mark/Ashton 0-8
3. Eli/Jackson 2-8

In the 6 p.m. match, Floyd defeated Pulaski 7-2.

Singles:

1. Camden Hite 8-2
2. Aaron Bennett 0-8
3. Mark Graham 2-8
4. Eli Duke 3-8
5. Ethan Worley 1-8
6. Jackson Rahlan 4-8

Doubles:

1. Camden/Mark 8-2
2. Aaron/Eli 2-8
3. Ashton/Ethan 4-8

About the matches, Cougar coach Chad Graham said, "The best news of the long night

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- Proposed text amendments to the Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). Text amendments relate to Article 4, 5, 8 and 11.
- Rezone Application submitted by David Laws to rezone Tax Map 039-001-0000-0003 from Commercial (CM) to High Density Residential (HR) located at 6011 Belspring Road Radford, VA 24141, 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, Suite 1 in the Town of Pulaski or by phoning (540) 980-7710. For disabled individuals who may require 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 to arrange for these special accommodations.

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The green flag was pushed back to 6:00 p.m. in hopes of avoiding the rain and that proved to be the

Tennis

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for Pulaski County was that #1 Camden Hite showed he was the best tennis player on the court as he delivered Floyd their first loss of the season. Camden won both of his singles and a doubles match with Mark Graham all with the score of 8-2.

“The only tiebreaker of the night came in a #1 doubles match (and first match of the day) in which Camden and #2 Aaron Bennett lost by two points at 5-7.

“Other highlights were that newcomers #7 Jackson Rahlan and #6 Ethan Worley as well as #2 Aaron Bennett were all able to get four games out of their pro sets.

“After several tie-breakers and two 4-5 losses to Floyd last season, we were hopeful of a redeeming victory on Tuesday, but were out-matched possibly due to match experience. Similar to our outing last week against PH, Floyd had played six matches before what as only our third match of the season.

“As maybe an intimidation tactic, the Floyd County team was discovered on our home courts training as if they had been there all day while we were just getting out of school (Note: Most away teams arrive about 30 minutes before the match is set to begin).

“My expectation is that the Floyd team will continue to get better as participation continues to increase as we lose four seniors next year and will need new PCHS athletes to step up to represent and compete for their county in Tennis.”

Pulaski County was scheduled at Hidden Valley Thursday, weather permitting.

right decision. The new season got underway when the Sportsman Series took to the track for the first of two 35-lap twin races. In a dominant race that saw him lead nearly every lap, it was Kyle Barnes that was the first to park his car in Victory Lane this season.

The following race on the track was the first 50-lap twin for the late model stocks. A very talented field that included many accomplished drivers battled for awhile but the top three eventually separated themselves from the rest of the field. Martinsville 300 winner Mike Loo-

Tennis team loses close on to PH, 5-4

Pulaski County lost a close match last Thursday to Patrick Henry, 5-4.

Singles:

1. Camden Hite 3-6 6-3 T13-11
2. Aaron Bennet 2-6 3-6
3. Mark Graham 1-6 2-6
4. Eli Duke 2-6 2-6
5. Ashton Paul 3-6 4-6
6. Ethan Worley 6-2 6-3

Doubles:

1. Camden/Aaron 4-8
2. Mark/Ashton 8-1
3. Eli/Jackson 8-6

Next Match:

Floyd at PCHS (Double Header on April 4)

After the match, Cougar coach Chad Graham had this to say:

“Somehow, PH had played six matches compared to the same time that we played one away match pri-

Trophy

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misses by Reese, who had a late shot blocked by Kitley.

Virginia Tech had trailed for only 9 1/2 minutes combined in its first four NCAA Tournament games, easily the best mark by the four teams that made it to Dallas.

But the Tigers led for 17:55 of the first half with the Hokies getting

ney, last year’s Motor Mile Speedway track champion Kyle Dudley and former ARCA Series driver Derrick Lancaster finished on the podium. Looney snagged the win after leading over 40 laps before a late caution forced him to outrun Dudley on the restart.

The Pure-4s then competed in a 20-lap dash. When the checkered flag waved it was Kirby Shipman that crossed the line first. First-timer Caleb Sewell finished second and Javon Parker placed third. Following post-race inspection, Ship-

or to Thursday. This ended up making all the difference as we lost by a few net shots after about four hours. PH has a new coach that has a great attitude and the same years of experience as I do (5th season coaching high school tennis).

“One highlight from the outing was that Freshman Ethan Worley #6 won his first high school match. Another was that our new #2 doubles team, Mark Graham and Aston Paul, added to their winning streak from when they played together as the #3 doubles.

“And finally, I should mention that #1 Camden Hite pulled out an exhausting 2-hour come-from-behind victory in which he caused my watch to give me an alert that I had never seen: “Your heart rate rose above 120 BPM while you seemed to be inactive for 10 minutes”. Apparently, Tennis can be an exciting sport.”

off to such a slow start shooting - they missed eight of their first nine shots - that an LSU cheerleader had an assist even before they officially had a shot.

King was charged with a turnover on a ball that hit the rim and bounced over the top of the backboard and got stuck there. With encouragement from officials and others at that end, a male cheerleader lifted up a female cheerleader, who knocked the ball down.

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man’s car failed to make weight so the win went to Sewell in his inaugural race at Motor Mile.

The Sportsman Series returned to the track for its final twin of the night and it was James Sweeney who avenged a spin in his first race with a win in the second. The duo of Sweeney and Daryn Cockram got together in the first race and

found themselves racing together again, this time up front, during the nightcap. While three cars were racing for the lead, Cockram was sent to the back of the field for aggressive driving and causing a caution. Sweeney then checked out on the restart, led the final

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LEGAL NOTICE



Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Real Estate Leasing

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Virginia Code §15.2-1800.B, the Council of the Town of Dublin, Virginia will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on April 20, 2023 in Council Chambers on the second floor of the Dublin Town Center, 101 Dublin Park Road, Dublin, Virginia regarding leasing of town-owned real properties not utilized by the Town for its municipal government functions.

Anyone having an interest in the proposed sale may appear in person before the Council at the above-stated time and place or submit a written statement to the Dublin Town Manager no later than 3:00 on April 19, 2023, which statement will be read during the public hearing.

LEGAL NOTICE



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL Professional Engineering Services/Town Engineer

Release of RFP: Friday, April 7, 2023

Deadline for Submittal: Friday, April 21, 2023 by 4:00 pm

General Information

The Town of Pulaski has been seeking a full-time permanent employee to serve as Town Engineer, and that effort has not produced a candidate with the desired training and experience. Therefore, the Town is seeking to contract with an engineering firm to provide on-call engineering services.

Scope of Services

The selected firm shall provide services as listed below, which are for the purpose of illustration only and services may not be limited to the items listed here.

1. Advising Officials. The Consultant shall advise officials, employees, etc. through telephone conferences, meetings, and correspondence.
2. Approves plats.
3. Performs subdivision and site plan review with an emphasis on erosion and sediment control, traffic engineering, and access management requirements.
4. Reviews proposed development plans with developers, architects, engineers, and others.
5. Reviews, approves, and manages excavation permits for utilities operating in the Town’s right-of-way.
6. Reviews, approves, and manages road closure permits for work in the Town’s right-of-way.
7. Reviews easements, plats, and right-of-way vacations.
8. Reviews building and grading permits for compliance with right-of-way conflict/resolution.
9. Signs off on documents requiring Professional Engineer Certification.

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, April 18, 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 applications as listed below:

A) Petition by Andrew & Julie Rosenberger, Variance to Article 4.7C, Setbacks in Low Density Residential Zone District, of the Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance. The property is located at 6133 Hall Drive Dublin, VA 24141 Tax Map # 066-002-0000-0013 Ingles District.

B) Petition by TAS Design, Inc on behalf of Robert and Wendy Rotanz, Variance to Article 4.8.C, Setback Requirement in Medium Density Residential Zone District, of the Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance. The property is located at 4005 Cabin Land Drive Radford, VA 24141 Tax Map # 084-003-0000-0008, Ingles 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



Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Real Estate Sale

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Virginia Code §15.2-1800.B, the Council of the Town of Dublin, Virginia will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on April 20, 2023 in Council Chambers on the second floor of the Dublin Town Center, 101 Dublin Park Road, Dublin, Virginia to consider proposed sale of surplus real estate located at 5690 Bagging Plant Road, currently bearing tax map/parcel # 47-1-49F, comprised of 1.916± acres of land with a masonry building thereon.

Anyone having an interest in the proposed sale may appear in person before the Council at the above-stated time and place or submit a written statement to the Dublin Town Manager no later than 3:00 on April 19, 2023, which statement will be read during the public hearing.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER’S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 528 KERRY STREET, TOWN OF DUBLIN, PULASKI COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Pursuant to an Order of sale entered by the Circuit Court of Pulaski County on March 27, 2023 in the case of County of Pulaski, Virginia v. Donald R. Hodge, et al., case # 2022-537, Samuel D. Campbell, special commissioner, shall offer the following real property for sale at public auction on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the front of the Pulaski County Circuit Courthouse, 45 Third Street, N.W., Pulaski, Virginia:

A 0.399 acre parcel of improved land located at 528 Kerry Street in the Town of Dublin, Pulaski County, Virginia, currently bearing tax map/parcel # 56-6-F-15, tax account # 20554, as acquired by Donald R. Hodge by deed dated August 30, 2004, recorded in the Pulaski County Circuit Court Clerk’s Office as land instrument # 2004-5313.

Terms of Sale: Cash deposit of 20% of the selling price (highest bid) on the day of sale, full balance of the purchase price in collected funds (no personal checks) within 10 calendar days after the date of entry of an Order of confirmation by the Circuit Court of Pulaski County. If the successful bidder defaults, then the property may be sold to the next highest bidder and the deposit shall be deemed forfeited. Additional terms of sale may be announced at the time of sale. The property will be sold and conveyed in “AS IS” condition, in all respects and aspects, and title will be transferred by special commissioner’s deed with special warranty of title, subject to any and all easements, covenants, conditions, restrictions, reservations, and/or regulations of record affecting the property. The sale is subject to confirmation by the Circuit Court of Pulaski County. Notice is hereby given that the title owner of record of the above-identified property, Donald R. Hodge, may redeem his property prior to 4:30 p.m. on April 11, 2023 by paying in full to the Treasurer of Pulaski County and the Treasurer of the Town of Dublin all delinquent taxes (both county and town), lien amounts, penalties, interest, and publication and litigation costs, pursuant to Virginia Code §§58.1-3965 et seq.

Samuel D. Campbell, special commissioner



Courtesy Photo

Cam Cooper participated in a private signing ceremony at the UAW Union Hall.



Courtesy Photo

Trevor Burton participated in a private signing ceremony at the UAW Union Hall.



Brian Bishop/The Patriot

Signing at PCHS were (left to right) front row: Molly Keller, Olivia Viers and Lacey Armes. In the back row, left to right are Evan Alger and Davis Neel.

Signing Day for PCHS athletes

Wednesday, March 29 a Signing Day event was held at Pulaski County High School.

Cougar signees were:

Evan Alger	Emory & Henry College	Wrestling
Lacey Armes	West Virginia Wesleyan	Volleyball
Trevor Burton	Virginia Military Institute	Football
Cam Cooper	Bluefield University	Football
Molly Keller	Emory & Henry College	Wrestling
Davis Neel	Roanoke College	Track & Field
Olivia Viers	Roanoke College	Track & Field



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APRIL 8, 2023

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New River Valley Regional Youth Cattle Working Contest

On Saturday, April 1, Teams from across Southwest Virginia competed in one of five Regional Youth Cattle Working Contests held in the state. The contest was held at G&G Livestock, LLC in Fort Chiswell. Teams came from Bland County, Grayson County, Lee County and Wythe County and were competing to earn a chance to compete at the state contest held in Harrisonburg at the Beef Expo & Junior Beef Round-up on April 14.

Teams, made up of three individuals, may represent county 4-H programs or FFA Chapters and could be sponsored by local feeder cattle associations or area cattlemen's groups. All teams and contestants must have chute-side experience and have practiced on live cattle prior to competing in a regional contest. Each member must also have been through the Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) program and have a BQA certification in order to compete.

Before the cattle processing begins, each team is given the products to be used along with a cattle processing plan, map and form.

Information included on the processing plan includes processes to be completed, products to be used, route of administration, location on animal for application, dosage and pre-slaughter withdrawal time. All maps will be scored, and corrected if needed, and returned to each team as their turn arrives to compete at the chute.

In addition, each team will be responsible for the preparation and administration of each animal health product which can include the following:

- *Growth Implant
- *Vaccines
- *Ear tags
- *Dewormer
- *Other products as deemed appropriate

Teams are evaluated on administration of products, handling of cattle and use of the equipment and overall safety to minimize any potential for injury to team members and cattle.

Two teams from each of the five regional contests are selected to compete at the state contest. The top two teams from the NRV Re-

gional contest are:

- 1st – Grayson County FFA
- 2nd – Rural Retreat FFA
- *James Taylor
- *Sallie Williams
- *Cole Stockner
- *Court Wyrick
- *Luke Johnson
- *Chris Martin

Congratulations to all who participated and especially these six youth that made it on the state contest in Harrisonburg! Good luck!

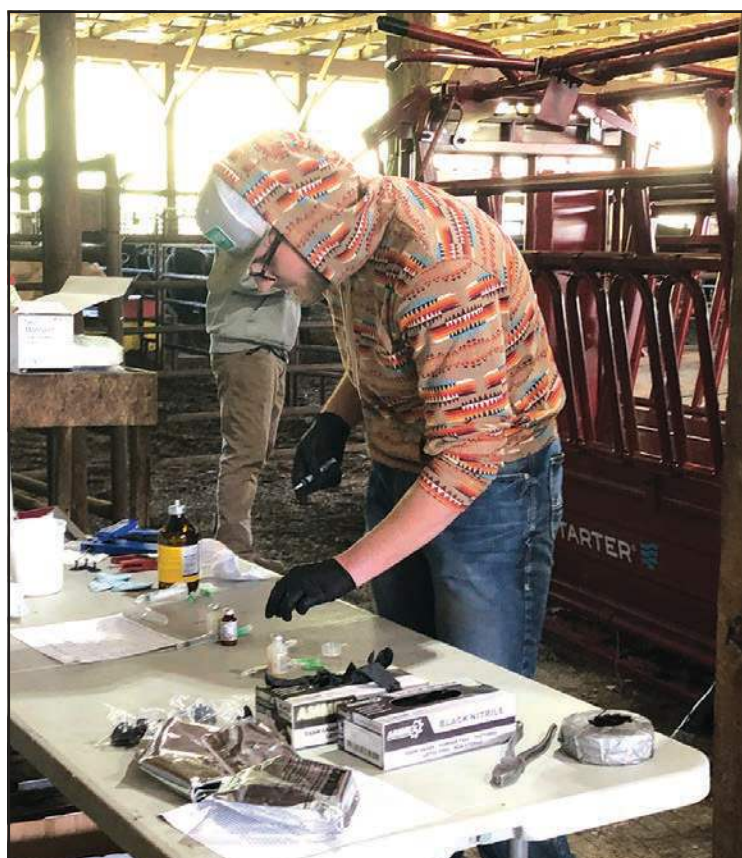
Also a BiG thank you to those who made this regional contest possible!

*G&G Livestock for providing the facilities and the cattle – obviously we could not have this contest without you!

*Bill Tolbert, manager of Carroll County Coop, Wytheville Branch, for providing the Tartar Chute and awards for our top teams. Also, to Duncan Berryman, Tartar Rep, for being with us throughout the day.

*Our judges, John Beahm, Britney Litton and Jacob Sharitz.

Thanks to everyone for taking the day to make a difference in the lives of our young people.





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Racing

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handful of laps and took home the checkered flag.

The Super Streets took to the track and it was Jimmy Mullins who claimed the win in convincing fashion. Mullins got to the front and never looked back. The man who usually dominates in Franklin County made the drive down to the New River Valley and brought back a trophy with him.

The final event of the night was the second late model race and, again, it was Looney that took it to the field. Following the inversion of the field after the first twin, it took the veteran just eight laps to find his way to the front. Due to a few late-race cautions, he and Dudley continued to battle on restarts but it was Looney that ultimately pulled the double to begin the new year. As they did in the first twin, Dudley and Lancaster finished in second and third to round out the podium.

Racing returns to Motor Mile Speedway on Saturday, April 8 for the Easter Eggstravaganza. There will be eight races across six divisions and a wide array of Easter activities for kids and families to enjoy. The green flag drops at 3:00 p.m. and kids 12 and under are free.

Apco submits rate review - could mean another \$20 hike

RICHMOND, Va., – A plan to improve service reliability and reduce the impact on low-income customers are among the prospective changes included in Appalachian Power’s triennial rate review application submitted last Friday to the Virginia State Corporation Commission (SCC). The review provides an opportunity for the SCC to examine the company’s financial and operational performance, and any request to modify the base rate for service or return on equity.

The SCC last conducted a triennial review of Appalachian Power’s rates and earnings in 2020. In the application filed today the company requested to increase

rates by approximately \$212 million, or 16 percent, to continue to provide customers with safe and reliable electric service.

Numerous factors contributed to the request to modify rates, including increases in capital, depreciation, and material and labor costs related to the company’s distribution operations and vegetation management. Additional funds will allow Appalachian Power to restore maintenance of miles of its rights-of-way to pre-2020 levels and target the worst-performing circuits.

“Trees and other vegetation are consistently the leading cause of outages,” said Aaron Walker, Appalachian Power president and chief operating office. “We have an obli-

gation to ensure our customers have access to safe and reliable service. Substantial tree removal, pruning, and brush clearing are needed to prevent and reduce the duration of outages across the system.”

“We understand this request comes at a time when other costs are increasing for customers,” said Walker. “We have included a proposal to reduce the financial impact on our lower income customers and will work with the SCC and others to help balance competing interests to the greatest extent possible.”

The proposed increase will vary depending on customer class and usage. If approved as requested, residential customers using 1,000 kilowatt hours (kWh) a month will see a net increase in their monthly

bill of approximately \$20. A customer using 2,000 kWh would see their bill increase approximately \$40. Any increase approved by the SCC will not take effect until January 2024.

To reduce the impact on lower income customers, the company has requested approval to eliminate the basic service charge for qualifying low-income customers. Appalachian Power serves about 540,000 customers in southwest, central and southside Virginia. Under the proposal about seven percent of its residential customers would qualify for the discount, which would amount to savings just under \$100 a year.

Appalachian Power has 1 million customers in Virginia, West Virginia, and Tennessee (as AEP

Appalachian Power). It is part of American Electric Power, which is focused on building a smarter energy infrastructure and delivering new technologies and custom energy solutions. AEP’s approximately 17,000 employees operate and maintain the nation’s largest electricity transmission system and more than 224,000 miles of distribution lines to efficiently deliver safe, reliable power to nearly 5.6 million regulated customers in 11 states.

AEP is also one of the nation’s largest electricity producers with approximately 31,000 megawatts of diverse generating capacity, including more than 6,900 megawatts of renewable energy.

Woman struck by vehicle at Walmart

From Pulaski County Sheriff’s Office

On March 29, 2023 deputies from the Pulaski County Sheriff’s Office responded to Walmart in Dublin with Pulaski County Emergency Medical Services in reference to a female who had been struck by a vehicle.

After initial investigation, it was determined that Donna Gaines, 50 from Barren Springs had exited the store and was walking across the travel lanes to the parking area.

Goines walked behind a vehicle traveling north and out in front of another vehicle traveling south, driven by Misty Bralley, 29 of Dublin.

It was determined that Bralley’s speed was not excessive, however, her view of Goines was obstructed by sunlight and another vehicle. Bralley was unable to stop in time and struck Goines.

Goines received medical treatment at the scene and was transported to Roanoke Memorial Hospital, but has since been released and has no major injuries.

The incident is still under investigation by Deputy Kinard and no further information will be released at this time.

Dog found in bucket in dumpster

From Pulaski Police Department

On March 31, 2023 at approximately 11:05 am, Pulaski Police Department Criminal Investigations Division was called to assist a Pulaski County Animal Control Officer in reference to a dog found in a dumpster at Ollie’s shopping center in the Town of Pulaski.

The dog was located in the dumpster inside of a bucket with the lid on it. The dog’s legs had been taped together. The dog was rescued by a citizen who happened to hear it making noises. The dog is currently in the care of Pulaski County Animal Control according to their Facebook page is not available for adoption at this time.

The bucket is blue with a white lid and has “Pioneer Athletics” written on it. It is believed to have contained field marking paint at one time.

The Pulaski Police Department is offering a monetary reward for any information leading to the arrest of the person or persons who committed this heinous act. Please call Detective Riddle at (540)994-8609.

Pickled Eggs

By L. Dawn Barnes,
Senior Extension Agent Family and Consumer Sciences

Picking a subject for an article can be difficult at times and at others it suddenly arrives via a phone call. Yesterday, a call came in requesting information about the correct storage of pickled eggs. Some of you reading this may be familiar with pickled eggs and others may be wondering what I am referring to and asking if it is something edible. Yes, they can be eaten if they have been prepared and stored properly. More on that in a bit.

I have been familiar with pickled eggs most of my life but didn’t have much knowledge about the history. I made a quick non-scientific search on the history of pickled beets and found they go as far back as the 1700s and are associated with the British, the Germans, the French, and the Pennsylvania Dutch. More recently, many may remember them as an item seen on the bar or store counter.

Eggs were pickled to make them available for a longer period of time. The process includes boiling small to medium sized eggs and peeling. A boiling brine of vinegar, salt and spices is poured over the peeled eggs. The eggs are submerged in the brine, placed in the refrigerator and left a couple of weeks to allow the eggs to take on the flavors before eating. For best quality it is suggested to use the eggs within 3-4 months. Remember to always keep them in the refrigerator.

To seek more safety information, I searched USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service and The National Center for Home Food Preservation (NCHFP). Both agree that it is not recommended to can pickled eggs at home. The USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service stated that commercially pickled eggs should be refrigerated after opening and be used within seven days. Again, home pickled eggs should also be refrigerated. The NCHFP calls attention to the fact that botulism has been associated with home pickled eggs stored at room temperature.

If you are a lover of pickled eggs, or just curious, you can find six recipes and detailed, safe, directions for making pickled eggs at https://nchfp.uga.edu/how/can_06/pickled_eggs.html. The recipes include the more traditional ‘pink’ pickled eggs that contains beet juice and an unusual one using pineapple juice.



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Teach Me Your Word O Lord

Terry McCraw

Jesus Arose

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At the empty tomb Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene who came early to the empty tomb on Sunday morning. “Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?’ She, supposing him to be the garden-er, said to him, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him, ‘Rabboni!’” (John 20:14-16)

Then Jesus appeared to three women, Mary the mother of James, Salome and Joanna. “And behold, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they came up and took hold of his feet and wor-shipped Him.” (Matthew 28:9).

Jesus appeared to Peter. “The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon Peter.” (Luke 24:34).

Jesus appeared to the two men traveling on the road to Emmaus. “And behold, two of them were going that very day to a village named Emmaus, which was about seven miles from Jerusalem. And they were conversing with each other about all these things which had taken place. And it came about that while they were conversing and discussing, Jesus himself approached, and began traveling with them. But their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.” (Luke 24:13-16). After Jesus spoke to them at length, opening up the Scriptures of the many prophesies concerning Him, then He revealed His iden-tity to them. Their hearts burned within them as Jesus expounded on the Holy Scriptures to them.”

He appeared to a group of His Disciples who were hiding from the Jews in a locked room in Je-rusalem. “When therefore it was evening, on that day, the first day of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst, and said to them, “Peace be with you.” And when he had said this, he showed them both his hands and his side. The disciples therefore rejoiced when they saw the Lord. . . But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.” (John 20:19,20,24).

Eight days later Jesus appeared once again to His Disciples and this time Thomas was pres-ent. “And after eight days his Disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, ‘Peace to you!’ Then he said to Thomas, ‘Reach your finger here, and look at my hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into my side. Do not be unbelieving but believ-ing.’ And Thomas answered and said to him, ‘My Lord and My God!’.”(John 20:26-28).

Jesus appeared to seven of His Disciples at the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tibe-rias. “After these things Jesus manifested himself again to the Disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and he manifested himself in this way. There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didy-mus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two other of his disciples.” (John 20:1, 2).

Jesus appeared to the eleven

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Church Directory

Draper Valley Baptist Church
3200 Lee Highway
Draper, Va. 24324
Pastor: Alan Pearce
Service Times:
Bible Study Sunday, 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening, 5 p.m.
email: drapervalleybc@gmail.com
www.drapervalleybaptist.org

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

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

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

Christ Episcopal Church
144 North Washington Ave., Pulaski
P.O. Box 975
Service: 10 a.m. every Sunday
Phone: 980-2413
Email: christ24301@gmail.com

Jordan's Chapel UMC
Pastor: Ginny Tompkins
Worship: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Cecil's Chapel United Methodist Church
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Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.

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995 Peppers Ferry Road
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Sunday Worship Live stream on Facebook
Bible Study: Wednesday, Noon
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Trinity United Methodist
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Bible Study - Wednesday, 7 p.m.
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Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
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Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
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Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study & Classes:7 p.m.

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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Monday's Child Youth Group, Monday
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Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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Disciples in Galilee. “But the eleven Disciples proceeded to Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had designated. And when they saw him, they worshiped him; but some were doubtful.” (Matthew 28:16,17).

Paul stated that He also appeared to James. “Then he appeared to James, then to all the Apostles.” (1 Corinthians 15:7).

He appeared to over five hundred of His Brethren at once. “After that he was seen by over five hundred people at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep.” (1 Corinthians 15:6).

Finally He appeared to Saul on the road to Damascus after His ascension. “And as he (Saul) traveled, he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?’ And he said, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ And the Lord said, ‘I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting’.” (Acts 9:3-5).

Luke wrote in the book of the Acts of the Apostles, “To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:”

The words “infallible proofs” means unerring, unfailing, flawless, accurate proofs.

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“Who shall change our vile body that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.” Phil. 3:21

“Hallelujah, Jesus is alive, Death has lost its victory, and the grave has been denied; Jesus lives forever, He’s alive, He’s alive, Hallelujah Jesus is alive.” Don Moen.

Bible Trivia

1. Is the book of Gethsemane (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. What’s the only book of the Bible that mentions Christ’s tomb being sealed? Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
3. From Matthew 28:2, who rolled back the stone from the door of Jesus’ tomb and sat upon it? Simon, An angel, Villagers, Disciples
4. When Mary Magdalene and “the other Mary” came upon the risen Jesus, who did He ask them to inform? Priests, Disciples, No one, Villagers
5. From John 20, which disciple doubted that Jesus had risen unless he could see the wounds? Peter, Andrew, Thomas, Thaddeus
6. How long did Jesus remain after His resurrection before He ascended into heaven? Instantaneously, 1 hour, 7 days, 40 days

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Matthew (27:65-66), 3) An angel, 4) Disciples, 5) Thomas (called Didymus), 6) 40 days (Acts 1:3)

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Thursday: 7 p.m. Service

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Sunday Worship - 10 a.m.
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Preaching: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service: 7:30 p.m.
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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie’s Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 25:8-9

Good and upright is **the LORD**; **therefore** he **instructs sinners** in **his ways**. He **guides** the **humble** in **what** is **right** and **teaches them** his **way**.

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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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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Answers

W O G U I D I U G Q W
T H E R E F O R E
S D R I G H T S N F
I E H T S D E S T H
N W A Y R H T H I U
N O A O C R G P D M
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When Jesus died on the cross, every sin of mankind was placed on Him

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

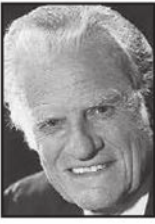
Q: My friend asked me why I won’t accept Jesus as my Savior. My answer is because the things I’ve done are unforgivable; I was so unkind to my parents before they died and I loathe myself. How can I expect God to forgive my wretched behavior? – U.S.

A: Thoughts about God not willing to forgive people for sinful acts actually comes from Satan, the enemy of the human race. He will do almost anything to make us think God hates us

and won’t forgive us. One of Satan’s tricks is to encourage us to keep dredging up the sins of the past. He uses our memory of them to condemn us and tell us how terrible we are.

That’s why the Bible calls Satan “the accuser of our brethren” (Revelation 12:10). But his accusations are false! Here is the truth: Those who honestly and humbly turn to Jesus and ask Him to forgive them can be sure He has.

When Jesus died on the cross, every sin of mankind was placed on Him. He paid the penalty for



My Answer

Billy Graham

all sin. But we must admit our sin, repent, and turn from sin and receive Him and live for Him. If we continue in sin and allow past emotions and memories to defeat us, we are serving the devil. Guilt is a tool of Satan. The Bible says, “The blood of Jesus

Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin” (1 John 1:7).

This is our confidence when we belong to Christ: “There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus” (Romans 8:1).

John Newton, the slave trader who repented and turned from his sin, wrote, “Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now I’m found, was blind but now I see.”

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

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

GERALD HONEY, YOUR DAD AND I ARE GOING TO GO OUT FOR THE EVENING.

OH, NO PROBLEM! I'LL BE JUST FINE. I'LL JUST ORDER TAKEOUT AND CHILL.

NO DEAR, WE ARE GOING TO DROP YOU AT THE COOPER'S TO WATCH YOU.

FINE! I HOPE THEY HAVE GOOD INSURANCE.

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

IT'S NOTHING SERIOUS, REBECCA. I RECOMMEND WEARING THESE GLASSES FOR A FEW DAYS AND TRY NOT TO ROLL YOUR EYES AT MEETINGS ANYMORE.

COMMON AFFLICTIONS AMONG MILLENNIALS

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

I'M LIKE A FINE WINE...

...I GET BETTER WITH AGE.

YOU'VE SLIPPED YOUR CORK.

POPEYE

BY RANDY MILHOLLAND

THE SECRET OF GOONHALLA PART 2

AFTER LOCKING UP SWEEPEA AND ALICE JR. TO KEEP THEM SAFE, POPEYE AND ALICE BEGAN SEARCHING GOON VALLEY TO LEARN WHAT HAS BECOME OF THE GOONS.

DON'T WORRY ALICE!

THE GOONS GOTTA BE HERE SOMEWHERE...

BUMP!

OH MY GOWRSH! THEY'RE ALL TRAPPED IN THIS BUBBLE!

VALLEY GOONS! MOON GOONS! SEA GOONS! EVEN SOME I NEVER SEEN'S FORE!

WOT SORTA NEFARIOUS MONSTER COULD TRAP ALL O' THE GOONS LIKE THIS?!

OKAY, EVERYONE, I'M GONNA SEND AROUND SOME SURVEYS. THIS IS MY FIRST ABDUCTION, SO PLEASE GIVE ME YOUR HONEST CRITIQUE.

ALSO, PLEASE ONLY TAKE ONE DONUT SO EVERYONE GETS ONE, OKAY?

JUSK 'CUZ HE'S POLITE DON'TS MEAN HE KINT BE A NEFARIOUS--

RIGHT, SORRY, I'LL SHUT UP.

OLIVE

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

MWAHI! CAN'T WAIT TO CELEBRATE TODAY!

WOT?!

DON'T BE SILLY! YOU KNOW! IT'S OUR DAY!

UHHH... SHORE.

THE DATE, OF COURSE. HE SWEET! HOW COULD I FORGETS?!

SUN

HE SAYS HE'S GOING TO CELEBRATE TODAY!

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Bat is shorter. 2. Logo is missing. 3. Curtain is shorter. 4. Slippers are missing. 5. Hand is missing. 6. Lamp is missing.

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

LOOK AT THAT, A \$5.00 WINNER! IT TOOK \$300 AND A FEW HOURS, BUT GIVEN MY IN-LAWS ARE AT MY HOUSE, I'M A WINNER!

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: X equals L

UE QCXW U ZQBXJ YDHDYKD NOD

LMJ DEEDZNK NOMN MRUCR UK

OMHUCR QC FW LQJW.

U'F EDDXUCR KQ WQBNQXDKK.

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SCRAMBLERS

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

Drape

FONDLE

Secure

TABNET

Insist

MADDEN

Request

LEAPPA

TODAY'S WORD

"We'll be a little late, Fred — some people just can't accept _____."

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Shred

6 Tyke

12 Alaskan capital

13 Actress Lansbury

14 Soak up

15 Packed in a box, as oranges

16 Boxer Spinks

17 Like dried mud

19 Mac alternatives

20 Round Table titles

22 First lady?

24 Expected

27 Facts and figures

29 Congers

32 Elvis Presley hit song

35 Spiked club

36 Mandolin's kin

37 UFO crew

38 Billboards

40 Minor quibbles

42 Nile biter

44 &&&&

46 Deal (with)

50 Weak

52 Missouri-born president

54 "— serious?"

55 Small song-birds

56 Take offense at

57 "Leda and the Swan" poet

8 Links org.

9 Personal bug-aboo

10 Power co. supply

11 Tiny amounts

12 Tokyo-based carrier

18 Amaze

21 Altar promise

23 Victory sign

24 Poorly lit

25 Actress Hagen

26 Fugitives

30 Allow

31 Soon-to-be grads

33 Homer's neighbor

34 Profit

39 Beauty parlor

41 Diving gear

42 Miles away

43 Withered

45 Neither fem. nor masc.

47 Skip

48 Frying needs

49 Em halves

51 "See ya!"

53 Caviar

DOWN

1 Hayseed

2 Not — many words

3 Drudges

4 Eg. and Syr., once

5 Barhopping

6 Big truck maker

7 Ham — (deli order)

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top ten

MOST EXPENSIVE CITIES

1. New York and Singapore (tie)

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4. Hong Kong and Los Angeles (tie)

6. Zurich, Switzerland

7. Geneva, Switzerland

8. San Francisco, California

9. Paris, France

10. Copenhagen, Denmark

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. AD SLOGANS: Which company was advertised with the slogan, "Think Outside the Bun"?

2. TELEVISION: Which TV show spawned the spinoff sitcom "Mama's Family"?

3. U.S. CITIES: In which city would you find the USS Arizona Memorial?

4. ANATOMY: What are the bones that make up the spine known as?

5. GEOGRAPHY: What is the lowest point in the United States?

6. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the traditional material in a 40th anniversary gift?

7. MOVIES: What is the name of the tow truck in the animated movie "Cars"?

8. CURRENCY: Which former president is depicted on the U.S. \$50 bill?

9. LANGUAGE: What does the texting acronym SMH mean?

10. LITERATURE: Where do Winnie-the-Pooh and his friends live?

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WORD LADDERS

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

DARES

TAXES

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Answers

1. Taco Bell.

2. "The Carol Burnett Show"

3. Honolulu, Hawaii (Pearl Harbor).

4. Vertebrae.

5. Death Valley, California.

6. Ruby.

7. Mater.

8. Ulysses Grant.

9. Shaking my head.

10. Hundred Acre Wood.

SCRAMBLERS

DEFEAT

Today's Word

1. Entold 2. Batten; solution

3. Demand; 4. Appeal

WORD LADDER

Answer

DARES, CARES, CAVES

FAVES, FAXES, TAXES

Americanisms

"America is hope. It is compassion. It is excellence. It is valor."

— Paul Tsongas

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

Cryptoquip

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Prince Valiant
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VAL AND GAWAIN AT LAST FACE A LIVING GIANT! THE GOLEM LUMBERS OUT OF THE TREES AS THEY CHARGE FORWARD...

...ONLY TO HAVE THEIR LANCES SINK USELESSLY INTO ITS CLAY-LIKE SUBSTANCE THE MONSTER IS NO MORE THAN ANNOYED...

...AND THE KNIGHTS THINK BETTER OF CONTINUING THEIR BATTLE, AN ENTIRE TREE FLUNG IN THEIR DIRECTION CONVINCES THEM TO RETREAT.

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OOM FOOVAT CALLS OUT FROM THE CAVE, WHERE HE AND THE OTHERS ARE HIDING: "IN HERE, QUICKLY! IT'S TOO BIG TO FOLLOW!"

EVEN SO, THEY MUST MOVE DEEP WITHIN TO ESCAPE FROM THE GIANT'S GRASP.

VAL LOOKS TO OOM: "IF THE THING IS AS MINDLESS AS YOU CLAIM—WHY WOULD IT ATTACK US?" OOM SHIVERS MISERABLY. "IT'S ME—I SEEM TO ENRAGE IT. DID I NEGLECT TO MENTION THAT?"

NEXT: In retrospect

THE PLANET MONGO.

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...MING THE MERCILESS!

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THE CREATURES ARE DESTROYED.

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NEXT: MING'S REIGN!

FLASH GORDON
BY JIM KEEFE

CONTINUING: THE WAY IT BEGAN...

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TIGER
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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: CLOTH FLOOR COVERING

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Brake pads
Gloves
Hip joints

Horseshoes
Knees
Old jokes
Parents

Pillows
Relationships
Sandpaper
Sneakers

Socks
Tires
Toothbrush

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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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