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Casa Cancun opens in former Al's on First site

By DANIELLE REID
Patriot Publishing

Pulaski's newest restaurant, Casa Cancun Mexican Steak House, celebrated an invitational opening on Friday evening, December 29th with a family and friends night.

A limited number of invitations were available for family and friends to enjoy a sampling of their steak and Mexican flair offerings, in exchange for feedback to the staff.

Casa Cancun Mexican Steak House is located in the Jackson Park Inn main floor area, previously occupied by Al's on First at 68 1st Street SW.

Restaurant owner Alvaro Limon has been part of the Pulaski County community for over 25 years and says he is here to serve good quality food to our local people.

"We are here for the people, its not just about the business.



My business is my life and I want to make sure people get the high quality they pay for."

Alvaro also owns El Ranchero Mexican restaurant on Cleburne Drive, close to Exit 98 in Dublin with his sister, Sandra Limon.

He decided to open the Casa

Cancun Mexican Steakhouse and hire American quisine cooks so people in Pulaski wouldn't have to drive out of town for a good steak.

"We want to keep business local and help provide jobs within the community," said Alvaro.

The restaurant will be open Tuesday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., and on Sunday from 12 p.m. to 9 p.m.

"Casa Cancun offers American favorites as well as Mexican flavors on their lunch and dinner menu. We have a number of steak dishes and other local fare such as burgers and fries," commented co-general manager Rachael Aronson. For the steak-lovers, the menu includes fire-grilled ribeye, sirloin, T-bone and Porterhouse. Customers' comments were numerous and complimentary.

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New year means new laws

By Sarah Roderick-Fitch

(The Center Square) — The new year signals change, specifically new laws which will take effect in Virginia, especially in the health care sector.

The Commonwealth will see a slew of new laws aimed at improving health insurance coverage, recognizing specific out-of-state counseling licenses, streamlining home studies for adoption and changes to

the state's medical marijuana oversight.

Hearing aids

Earlier this year, the Senate passed legislation requiring health insurers to provide hearing aids for minors at an affordable rate if recommended by a doctor. Every two years, families will be able to receive up to \$1,500 for minor's hearing devices.

Counseling Compact

The House passed a bill making it easier for counselors

to practice across state lines through Compact permits, making Virginia the 20th state to join the Counseling Compact. Eligible licensed counselors must be licensed in at least one member state.

Continuity of care

In addition, the House also passed a bill to improve the continuity of care through health insurance carriers, which will be required to notify enrollees if a provider is removed from

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Crewe announces new online concealed handgun application

In one of her last official duties before retirement, now former Circuit Court Clerk Maetta Crewe announced last Friday a change in how citizens can apply and pay online for a concealed handgun permit.

"I am pleased at my retirement, effective December 31, 2023 and as my last service to the Pulaski County Citizens, to announce that I have partnered with Permittium LLC to now offer an on-line option process to Concealed Handgun application AND payment process," Crewe stated in a press release.

According to Crewe, effective immediately citizens wanting to apply for a license to carry may now do so on-line by going to the Pulaski County Circuit

Court web page at: www.pulaskicounty.org.

"Applicants will see a link to apply for a CHP online, there will be two options, the conventional way and now the new on-line link," Crewe continued. "Once the on-line application is completed, applicants will now also have the ability to make the payment via credit/debit card. Once the completed application is submitted, the clerk's office staff will review it and if completed properly then will be submitted to PICS for approval processing. Approved applicants will be notified by email, or by telephone or text that the CHP permit will be mailed out."

"We are constantly looking at

ways to provide better service to the community. Here is another example of our effort, by offering a more streamlined process to applying and making payment of CHPs. By partnering with Permittium LLC, this new application process allows applications to be submitted anytime day or night, holidays or weekends. The on-line process will also allow us the ability to reduce the amount of time an individual would spend inside the courthouse," Crewe said.

"We are aware that some individuals may not have access to a computer nor able to apply on-line, we will continue to offer

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the conventional hand written paper applications process and money order, check or cash payment for anyone who would not choose to use the on-line process,” she added.

“I wish all of the citizens of Pulaski County the best and it has been my distinct honor to serve you for the past 39 ½ years in the office and as your Clerk of Circuit Court for the past 18 years,” Crewe said.

According to information supplied by Crewe, Permitium is a leading provider of cloud-based software for agencies around the country focused on extending government services to communities.

According to Permitium, Pulaski County is now utilizing

PermitDirector – software that offers the citizens of Pulaski County the ability to manage the processing, payment, and issuance of concealed handgun permits online.

“Clerk of Circuit Court Maetta H. Crewe partnered with Permitium to give Pulaski County a fast, easy, and affordable way for citizens to request concealed handgun permits online,” a company press release stated.

According to Crewe, “The ordering process with PermitDirector ensures statute compliance, accelerates turnaround time, increases security, automates, tracks, organizes, and streamlines CHP requests for applicants in

Pulaski County.”

Permitium’s Vice President, Chris Perez, states, “I am excited to announce the partnership with Pulaski County. I admire the pivot that they’ve made by recognizing the recent demand for their citizens to have the ability to start and process payment for their applications online. PermitDirector aligns with their priority of keeping their staff and citizens safe while providing the best service possible.”

Permitium has been partnering with innovative sheriffs’ agencies since 2009 while currently serving over 42 million citizens across the United States.

Tech researcher probes age-related memory loss

From Virginia Tech

About 40 percent of people over age 65 suffer some form of age-related memory loss, which puts them at higher risk for developing dementia and Alzheimer’s disease. However, there are currently no approved methods for preventing memory loss with age.

Tim Jarome, associate professor of neurobiology in the Virginia Tech College of Agriculture and Life Sciences’ School of Animal Sciences is hoping to change that, aided by a \$433,000 grant from the National Institute on Aging, which is part of the National Institutes of Health.

Jarome and his research partner, Assistant Professor Sydney Trask of Purdue University’s Department of Psychological Sciences, aim to manipulate a protein complex called the proteasome in the hippocampus region of the brain to determine its role in memory loss.

“We’ve known for quite some time that proteasome function decreases over a person’s lifespan and that it’s likely related to memory loss, but it’s never been directly shown because no one’s been able to manipulate the proteasome,” Jarome said.


Using a gene-editing tool called CRISPR-Cas9, Jarome and his team have been the first researchers to successfully stimulate the proteasome within the hippocampus. In the next

phase of their research, they will manipulate the proteasome to determine whether it can be increased to prevent and restore age-related memory loss.

“We hope this project will significantly advance our understanding of how proteasome dysfunction contributes to age-related cognitive decline,” Jarome said. “If successful, it has the potential to contribute to the development of novel therapeutic strategies to prevent or reverse memory loss associated with age and age-associated neurodegenerative disorders that impact the hippocampus.”

Their work carries significance for understanding and treating not only memory loss from natural aging but also degenerative brain diseases such as Alzheimer’s and dementia, which affect more than 10 percent of Americans over age 65.

“We hope this research will yield the first connection between proteasome dysfunction with age and memory loss with age and that we’ll be able to show that by controlling the proteasome we can control memory with age,” Jarome said. “If we can fix this one mechanism, we might be able to fix a lot of the things that are going wrong as we age that contribute to memory loss with age. It gives us a therapeutic target we can start to develop strategies around to stimulate and, hopefully, improve memory across the lifespan.”




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Last day to vote an Early In-Person ballot at the Pulaski County Voter Registration Office.

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MAIL ABSENTEE VOTING

Friday, February 23, 2024: Last day to request an absentee ballot by mail. Applications must be received in the Pulaski County Voter Registration Office by 5 p.m.

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“The steak was tender and done to perfection,” stated one man. A woman said her half-pound Angus burger, served with fries, was delicious.

Laws

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the carrier’s panel. Even if the provider is removed, patients can still receive care for up to 90 days following removal.

The new law makes exceptions for pregnant women to continue care with their provider through postpartum. It also provides care for up to 180 days for those with life-threatening conditions. Additionally, the provider may continue care for patients receiving inpatient treatment until discharged from the inpatient facility.

Paid sick leave

Under a new law passed by the Senate, employers must provide paid sick leave to health care providers and grocery store workers. Currently, employers are only required to provide sick leave to certain home health care workers. The bill also removes a requirement that workers work on average a minimum of 20 hours per week, or 90 hours per month, to be eligible.

Home studies

Under a new law, home studies for adoptions will become transferable, providing flexibility to the adoption process. The law will allow home studies conducted by adoption agencies or social services boards to be transferred between localities and state-licensed adoption agencies.

Medical Marijuana

A new law will affect the oversight of the commonwealth’s medical marijuana program, transferring it from the Virginia Board of Pharmacy to the Virginia Cannabis Control Authority. The CCA will be required to adopt previously enacted regulations for medical marijuana dispensaries.

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The management and staff of Casa Cancun welcomed their guests on Family and Friends night, held Friday December 29th. Pictured Left to Right are: Adar Aleves, Alvaro Limon, Tiffany Covey, Rachael Aronson, Makayla Baker, Daicy Prim, Sandra Limon, Kristin Eanes, Chelsie Linkous and Essence McCloud. Alvaro introduced Adar Aleves as his fiance during the family and friends night. “Adar’s family has restaurants in Mexico. She is familiar with management and will be working along side me in the restaurant business,” he beamed.



Danielle Reid/Patriot Publishing

Entertainment was provided by authentic Mexican dancers and musicians from Greensboro, North Carolina. Pictured here is one of the groups, Corazon de Mexico (Heart of Mexico).



Attending the Casa Cancun Mexican Steakhouse’s family and friends night were Cougar Express family members (L-R): Heather Thomas, Ray Hallett, Eddie Thomas, Rebeca Ashley, Amy Jones-Gray, Mike Beasley, Marilyn Caske, Stan Moran and Shelly Moran. The group agreed they are happy with the combination of American and Mexican food offerings and are looking forward to being able to enjoy a meal on the outside patio, when the weather permits.

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ELIZABETH ANN MCGLOTHLIN VINCENT
Elizabeth Ann McGlothlin Vincent, age 67 of Pulaski, died Wednesday, December 27, 2023, at Lewis Gale Medical Center in Salem. She was born on October 10, 1956, and was the daughter of the late Peggy Jean Edmonds McGlothlin and the late Charles Mark McGlothlin.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her dear friend, and 14 year companion, Timmy Kemp, who died on October 10, 2023: her brothers and sistres; Sharron Duncan, Dewey Wayne Duncan, Simon Duncan, and Vicky Altizer: her great nephew; Ryan Kayden Duncan, and her niece Mandy Tabor.

She is survived by a sister-in-law, Tammy Dalton: niece; Katasha Duncan: niece; Victoria Duncan: great nieces; Darlene Spence Samantha and best friends; Darlene Spence, Samantha Rogers, Brett Rogers: Sister-in-law; Tammy Dalton Godson; Jonathan Shelton. She is also blessed by many fur babies, Bella, Itty and other fur babies.

Graveside funeral services will be held Friday, January 5, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at Thornspring Cemetery, with Pastor Randal Lawrence officiating. There will be a brief time of visiting at the cemetery following the graveside service.

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



ANNIE CREGGER EDNEY
Annie Cregger Edney, from Pulaski, Virginia passed away December 29, 2023. She was born April 22, 1938, in Pulaski. She was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years (Harold Edney Sr.), her parents, grandparents, her sisters (Mary Frances Hoverter and Margaret Johnson), and brother (Randle Vernon Cregger).

Surviving are her sons, Harold Edney Jr. (Linda), Michael Wayne Edney (Bonnie), David Lee Edney (Angie), and her daughter, Rachel Lynn Edney. Also survived by 9 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, January 5, 2024, at 12:00 PM at Norris-Stevens Funeral Home. A visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow at Highland Memory Gardens, in Dublin, Virginia.

MICHAEL FRANKLIN HUBBLE
Michael Franklin Hubble, 66 of Christiansburg, passed away December 31, 2023. Arrangements are pending.

BEATRICE COLLEEN LUCION
Beatrice Colleen Lucion, of Dublin, died Wednesday evening January 3, 2024, at her residence. Arrangements are pending with Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. www.seaglefuneralhome.com 540-980-1700



GARLAND JOSEPH TABOR, JR.
Garland Joseph Tabor, Jr., age 74 of Radford passed away Friday, December 29, 2023 at his home with family. Born October 13, 1949 in Radford he was the son of the late Garland Joseph Tabor, Sr. & Mandy Lorraine Taylor Tabor. He is also preceded in death by his wife, Mary Kay Tabor and several siblings.

Garland is survived by his Children – Christine Tabor (David) Whorley – Fairlawn, Jerry Wayne Tabor – Fairlawn and Mark Joseph Tabor – Fairlawn

Grandchildren – Katie (Billy) Medley, Ashley Tabor (Lee) Alley, David Joseph (Holly) Whorley

Great Grandchildren – Emily, Hunter, Addie and Allen

Brother – Kenneth (Sherry) Tabor – Dublin

Sisters – Carolyn Jones – Hillsville, Juanita Phillips – Parrott, Louise Vest – Lexington, Patsy Robertson-Pulaski.

Memorial services will be held 2:00 PM – Saturday January 6, 2024 at the Pulaski Christian Church (4531 Brookmont Road, Pulaski) with Pastor Kathy Warden officiating.

The family will receive friends from 1:00 PM until service time at the Church.

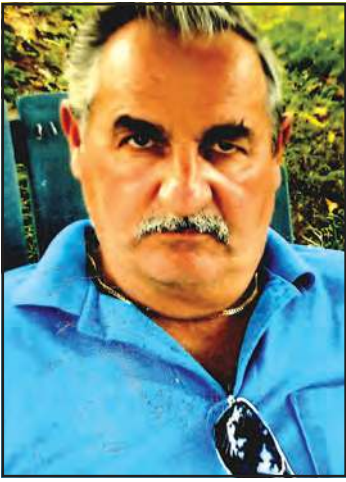
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GAIL LEIGH HAND
November 22, 1955
December 29, 2023
Gail Leigh Hand, 68, passed away Friday, December 29, 2023, at her home in Dublin. She was an employee of Radford Orthopedics. Gail was preceded in death by her parents, Charles Kenneth Hand and Elizabeth “Betty” Walsh; and daughter, Rae Leigh Nester.

Survivors include her daughter, Charla Michelle; grandchildren, Karleigh Jo Delph, Rebekah Leigh Richardson (Jimmy), and Jeremy Michael Dodson; great grandchildren, Elizah Rae Amsel, Kennedy Elleighse Richardson, and Emersyn Rae Taylor; brother, Kenneth Alan Hand (Kathy); and many other relatives and friends.

Per her request, there will be no services.

The Hand family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford, Virginia.



DENNIS DEHART ATKINS
January 7, 1944
January 4, 2024
Dennis Dehart Atkins, 79, of Dublin, passed away on Thursday, January 4, 2024. He was preceded in death by his wife, Joyce Minton Atkins; parents, Theodore Judd and Virginia Covey Atkins; and brothers, Dean and David Atkins.

Survivors include his special sister, Melissa “Missy” Elkins; special nephew, T.J. Wirt; nephew, Ben Wirt; siblings and their spouses, Carol Hall, Bobby (Betsy) Atkins, Suzanne (Terry) Vaughan, Sandra (Daniel) McCoy, Vickey (Darrell) Woodyard, Ricky (Donna) Atkins, and Donald (Peggy) Atkins; and many other special friends.

The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services will begin at 2 p.m. Burial will follow in Mountain View Cemetery in Pulaski County.

Missy and T.J. would like to extend her thanks to Medi Hospice and Andy and Angie Huff for the care that they provided Dennis.

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

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September 4, 1941 –
December 29, 2023

The vivacious Linda Elizabeth Sayers Stiner passed away unexpectedly but peacefully on December 29, 2023 at her home in Radford, Virginia. Linda Elizabeth Sayers was born on September 4, 1941 in Galax, Virginia to Ruth Elizabeth Cornett and Maynard Hastin Sayers.

The dark-haired, dark-eyed cutie had a difficult early life when her father passed away when she was only four, leaving her mother and her younger brothers (Maynard and Dennis) to make their way. But Linda persisted and thrived and met life with spirit and a smile.

Her childhood and high school days in Fairlawn, Virginia included sled runs, sock-hops, and dates at the local Fairlawn Hobnob drive-in. Linda was the Cheerleader Captain, the Homecoming Queen, and held a position as Treasurer-Secretary on the Student Council. If there was a group, she was a part of it

and usually one of the leaders. She didn't travel far for college, attending Radford University and graduating in 1963 with a BA in Education.

Her professional life was diverse, but there was always a focus on service and helping others. She taught school in Virginia and South Carolina. She was a social worker in rural South Carolina, a training coordinator for those fighting addiction in Texas, and a director of student services for underserved Native Americans in New Mexico. She volunteered for the United Way, the National Association on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, her children's schools, and the many churches she attended and worshiped in throughout her life.

Linda was a wonderful combination of sweet, beautiful, and sassy. She could sing, dance, and beat most men in golf. Golf was one of her passions and sport of choice, and she loved playing with friends and family with her 5-foot-nothing frame and her lifetime two holes-in-

LINDA ELIZABETH SAYERS STINER



one. She was a natural at tennis and even played for a women's softball league for a while.

She married Robert “Bobby” Bruce in 1963, and they had two children, Shannon and Rob. Linda and Bobby parted ways in 1984 and remained friends. She then married William “Bill” Stiner, and their adventures took her to New Mexico, Texas, Tennessee, and eventually back home to Radford, Virginia. Bill passed away in 2009, and Linda spent the next ten years focused

on caring for her mother.

Lulu, as she became known, doted on her children and embraced and supported them throughout her life. She was a children's accomplishment hoarder, which her daughter and son discovered after she passed. Report cards, terrible artwork, little league and ballet pictures and programs, and nonsensical stories and schoolwork. All of them were fabulous and important to Lulu. Her pride in her children extended to her grandchildren (Jake, Finn, and Lily) and she attended their extracurricular activities as much as possible and celebrated their high school achievements and college pathways.

In 2021, Linda met Jeffrey Doran. The young-at-heart couple took winding roads through life to meet randomly at their favorite restaurant, Preston's, and they were married in May 2022. When Linda found love again at age 80, she and Jeff threw a wedding bash like they were twenty-five years old, complete with

drinks, dancing, and a daring reception entry to Metallica's “Enter Sandman.” That was Linda Lulu. She wanted to rock and for everyone to have a good time. She and Jeff spent their short but meaningful time together laughing, traveling, visiting family, dining with friends, volunteering, and watching the sunset on the New River with a glass of Pinot Noir. Maybe two glasses.

On every birthday, holiday, and event, you could expect a card and thoughtful, handwritten note from Lulu. The notes were dramatic, loving, and downright sappy, and it was often mentioned that she missed her calling as a writer for Hallmark movies. She meant every mushy, loving word.

She was, without a doubt, the straw that stirred the drink at gatherings, parties, and events, and her sweet nature and smile impacted family, friends, and strangers who were soon to be friends.

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Ninth District Traveling Staff Office Hours for January

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

January 11, 2024
Giles County: 9:00 am – 10:30 am
Town of Pearisburg Offices

Wythe County: 11:30 am – 1:00 pm
Wythe County Sheriff's Office

Radford: 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm
Radford Recreation Building

Pulaski County: 2:30 pm – 4:00pm
Pulaski County Administration Building
First Floor Conference Room
143 3rd Street NW, Pulaski.

January meetings, closings in Pulaski County

• Monday, January 8, 2024, Pulaski County Board of Supervisors Organizational Meeting, New River Room, Pulaski County Innovation Center, 6580 Valley Center Drive, Radford, Virginia, 5:30 p.m. (Contact: Ashley Edmonds, Executive Secretary and Clerk to the Board of Supervisors, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, aedmonds@pulaskicounty.org). The Board of Supervisors is the governing body for Pulaski County and is responsible for the budget and concerns of its citizens.

• Tuesday, January 9, 2024, Pulaski County Public Service Authority Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, 9:00 a.m. (Contact: Ashley Edmonds, Clerk, Pulaski County Public

Service Authority, 143 Third Street, N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, aedmonds@pulaskicounty.org). This Board is responsible for the operation of water, sewer, garbage and streetlight service in Pulaski County.

• Tuesday, January 9, 2024, Pulaski County Planning Commission Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, 7 p.m. (Contact: Markie Saunders, Clerk, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7710, msaunders@pulaskicounty.org). This Commission oversees land – use, zoning and subdivision issues related to Pulaski County properties.

• Monday, January 15, 2024, Pulaski County Offices will be closed in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s

Birthday. The Pulaski County Public Service Authority Billing Office will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2024, in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Birthday. The Bagging Plant Road, Dublin and Mason Street, Fairlawn Convenience Centers will be open and garbage collection will remain on regular schedule.

• Tuesday, January 16, 2024, Economic Development Authority Board of Directors Meeting, 10:00 a.m. (Contact: Megan Bird, Clerk to the Board, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, mwbird@pulaskicounty.org). The Economic Development Authority serves

as the economic development arm of Pulaski County working with local industries and providing building spaces to local employers.

• Monday, January 22, 2024, Pulaski County Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia; Executive Session, 6 p.m., Open Meeting, 7 p.m. (Contact: Ashley Edmonds, Executive Secretary and Clerk to the Board of Supervisors, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, aedmonds@pulaskicounty.org). The Board of Supervisors is

the governing body for Pulaski County and is responsible for the budget and concerns of its citizens.

• Tuesday, January 23, 2024, Fairlawn Sewer Authority Board of Directors Meeting, Conference Room, Peppers Ferry Regional Wastewater Treatment Authority Administration Building, 7797 Mason Street, Fairlawn, Virginia, 6:30 p.m. (Contact: Fairlawn Tax and Bookkeeping, 7436 Peppers Ferry Boulevard, Fairlawn, Virginia, 24141, 540-639-6926). This Board manages daily operations for the sewer infrastructure in the immediate Fairlawn area.



Finding a Nursing Home

Choosing a nursing home isn’t easy, even in the best of circumstances. Whether it’s for you or a spouse, or for your parents, for now or for later, there are things you need to know and red flags to beware of.

When you want accurate information, you have to consider the sources you use. Ask friends and family for recommendations or warnings about local facilities. Go online to the National Institute on Aging (www.nia.nih.gov) and search for nursing homes and long-term care facilities. Print out their Medicare Nursing Home Checklist and take it with you to each facility. Check the Medicare Compare tool (www.medicare.gov/care-compare) for local facilities. Call the Eldercare Locator, at 1-800-677-1116, run by the U.S. Administration on Aging. Look for online news stories and reviews about any facility you consider.

Visits to the facilities you are considering are a must. Whether it’s daytime appointments with a member of staff or sudden visits at night, what you see can be revealing. Try to time at least

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

one surprise visit at mealtime. Is the food appetizing? Will it encourage seniors to eat? Are there low-sodium options, as well as foods for lactose intolerant residents? Try to talk to staff who actively work with the residents and ask questions. Ask about the staff/resident ratio, the turnover rate and the level of training given to staff. How did they do during the Covid pandemic, as well as with other illnesses? Does the facility look and smell clean?

Find out about cost (do they accept Medicare?), social and recreation activities for residents, physical therapy and use of psychiatric drugs.

If anyone doesn’t want to answer your questions, consider it a red flag.

Don’t wait until the last minute to choose a nursing home. This is not a decision to make quickly. Start now to get a handle on the facilities near you; you’ll be many steps ahead when the need arises.

Ratcliffe, Inducted into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

BATON ROUGE, LA -- Rebecca Ratcliffe, of Dublin, Virginia, was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation’s oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Ratcliffe was initiated at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Ratcliffe is among approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year.

Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter.

Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership.

Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Stiner

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If you’re reading this, raise a glass, and smile, and do a little dance. That’s what she would have wanted.

Surviving family members include her husband, Jeff Doran of Radford; brothers and sisters-in-law, Maynard and Sharon Sayers of Southern Pines, NC, and Dennis and Anne Sayers of HighPoint, NC; children, Shannon Bruce Stosser (Jeff) and Robert Bruce Jr (Gretchen); step-children, Kim Coman (Chip), Seanna Carter (Chad), Evan Stiner (Kristen), Shannon Danz (Joe), Tricia Johnson (Josh); and grandchildren, Jake

Bruce, Finn Bruce, and Lily Bruce.

Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, January 27, at 3:00, First United Methodist Church, 135 4th Street NW, Pulaski, VA 24301. A Celebration of Life will follow at Preston’s Restaurant.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in honor of Linda Stiner to the Women’s Resource Center of the New River Valley, 1217 Grove Ave, Radford, VA 24141, <https://www.wrcnv.org/>.

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EDITORIAL

Tis the season for giving: A guide for how to give

By **THALIA BEATY**
Associated Press

Christmas is over, but giving season for nonprofits is just starting to peak.

The end of the calendar year is when nonprofits make appeals far and wide to attract donors — in part because of holiday traditions or, for some, tax advantages. Nonprofits get about 30% of their annual donations in December — including 10% in the final three days of the year — according to marketing agency Nonprofits Source.

“This is one of the busiest times of the year for us as we assist donors with their year-end giving,” said Erin Musgrave, a spokesperson for the Silicon Valley Community Foundation.

Many potential donors don’t realize how much nonprofits value even small gifts, especially local organizations that meet community needs. And nonprofits and industry groups warn that donations are down this year, so gifts right now could help them a lot.

Only 11% of Americans itemize their taxes, which allows them to claim significant tax deductions for charitable donations. That means most Americans don’t give in December for tax reasons.

“They’re thinking about the organization in their community that’s having an impact and digging deep and giving,” said Chuck Collins, director of the Program on Inequality and the Common Good at the Institute for Policy Studies.

As you watch commercial appeals and sort through donation requests, here are some things to consider:

WHERE SHOULD I DONATE?

Experienced donors often have a short list of criteria they use to help select nonprofits to support. It could be organizations that serve the area where they live or specific causes or issues with which they have a personal connection.

A question to ask yourself is: “What are the issues or communities that are important to me and where do I want to make a difference?”

A great way to find out about organizations in your area is to ask your friends, coworkers and neighbors. They may have interacted directly with a nonprofit that supports after-school programs, sends companions to elderly residents, advocates around traffic safety or supports local artists. For any topic that is important to you, an organization in your area is likely working on it.

Another potential consideration is check if your employer will match donations to the nonprofit you want to support. If so, your donation could go even further.

If you feel burdened by all the urgent appeals everywhere from the checkout line to the mail or online, one tactic is to make a budget and set aside time to give to organizations important to you. Be realistic, make a plan and then, set aside the guilt.

DO I HAVE TO GIVE NOW? I HAVE LOTS OF EXPENSES.

No, simply put.

First, there’s no obligation to give to nonprofits. Many people make a difference in their communities — donating blood, volunteering with their fire department, caring for neighbors and myriad other ways.

Second, many nonprofits actually prefer for donors to set up automatic monthly donations, even in very small amounts, rather than giving a lump sum at the end of the year. The automatic donation from your bank account or credit card means they can plan for how to spend those funds in advance, which often helps them save money and resources.

HOW DO I EVEN KNOW MY MONEY IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE?

Some donors say they want their dollars to go directly to the nonprofit’s work and not to pay for rent or salaries. This perennial view of wasteful “overhead” spending has some draw backs, though to be clear, donors have good reason to assess the organizations they support carefully.

But a useful data point comes from the nonprofit ratings agencies themselves. Starting ten years ago, the agencies like BBB Wise Giving Alliance and GuideStar, now part of Candid, teamed up to challenge the idea that the best way to measure the value of a nonprofit was the portion of its funds spent on administrative costs and fundraising.

Michael Thatcher, the president and CEO of Charity Navigator, which overhauled its rating methodology in September, advises that donors consider the organization’s impact and whether it’s achieving its mission.

“What does the money do? Not where was the money spent?,” he told The Associated Press earlier this year.

WHAT IF I DON’T HAVE A LOT TO GIVE?

People who study philanthropy and advise donors like Vanessa Lee, a program officer who coordinates giving circles at the Chicago Foundation for Women, emphasize that giving back is not the purview of the ultrawealthy.

“It’s not like you have to have millions of dollars to be a philanthropist,” said Lee. “You can do this at \$10 a month.”

Additionally, donations from low- and middle-income people, who give smaller amounts,

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New Year Course Correction?

Millions of Americans are now realizing that our beloved country is heading in the wrong direction! We’ve lost touch with the bedrock foundations that our country was built upon and the consequences are becoming more obvious, even to those who, in the past, have denied the existence of those Christian foundations.

The red-flag warnings have been numerous, but our current administration and government-culture seems to be ignoring the cries of “We the People” in deference to their own agenda. So maybe it’s time to listen to someone who has lived under the torment of repressive governments and do a course correction while there is still time?

The more senior citizens may remember the name Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn. Solzhenitsyn was born in 1918 in Russia, shortly after the Bolshevik Revolution. Consequently, he grew up in a brainwashed state education system which taught that socialism was just and religion was the enemy of the people. The result was a belief in atheism and membership in the communist party.

If you are wondering why so many of our young people are turning away from their parents’ and grandparents’ Christian faith, we’re beginning to see the answer.

Solzhenitsyn became a Russian dissident and award-winning author — a former communist and atheist

One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

who became a Christian after being imprisoned in the Gulag for a private comment, disagreeing with Stalin. While imprisoned, he resolved to expose the horrors of the Soviet system (marxism, communism) of which he had once embraced and been a part. He came to realize that hatred of Christianity was at the heart of marxism and communism.

If you are someone who still embraces the fairytale that marxism, socialism and communism are good, read Solzhenitsyn’s words of warning.

“The strength or weakness of a society depends more on the level of its spiritual life than on its level of industrialization. Neither a market economy nor even general abundance constitutes the crowning achievement of human life. If a nation’s spiritual energies have been exhausted, it will not be saved from collapse by the most perfect government structure or by any industrial development. A tree with a rotten core cannot stand.”

He explained the reason for the Bolshevik Revolution and the barbarity and atrocities it wrought on the world:

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The Governor’s Budget

Right before Christmas, Governor Glenn Youngkin presented his vision for the Commonwealth’s budget for the coming biennium to the Joint House and Senate Appropriations Committees. As with every budget document, the bill itself is massive. The House and Senate Appropriations Committees will now put forth their own versions of Virginia’s budget, and lawmakers will spend much of the 2024 legislative session reviewing and debating this legislation. I’d like to offer you some highlights that are worth keeping an eye on as the budget considered by the General Assembly.

Economists estimate that the 2022-2024 biennium will end with a surplus of nearly \$2.4 billion dollars, which will be available as a resource in the upcoming budget. In response to this surplus, Governor Youngkin wants to reduce by 12% all income tax rates, which means the top rate would be 5.1%. To offset the loss of income tax revenues, Virginia’s sales tax would be increased by less than a percent to 5.2%. This change would take place in the 2025 tax year, if successful.

As mentioned in a past column, the Governor’s budget also provides a substantial amount of funding for mental and behavioral health response. It adds \$316 million over the biennium to eliminate the Priority 1 waiting list for Developmental Disability Waiver slots, funds the opening of additional crisis centers, and provides \$10 million for ongoing student mental health services. Speaking of our children and those who help us care for them, the budget provides over \$448 million per year to expand child care options through the Governor’s Building Blocks program. Teachers will receive a 1% bonus in fiscal year 2025, and an additional raise is planned for in fiscal year 2026.

To address economic development, Governor Youngkin proposes \$3.9 million annually for Virginia’s

Delegate Jason Ballard 42nd District

Community Colleges’ Career Placement Centers. \$20 million will go toward a new “Diploma Plus” program, which provides grants to students to attain industry-recognized credentials. \$100 million will go toward Virginia’s Biotech and Life Sciences industry, which includes Virginia Tech, and \$70 million will accelerate infrastructure projects in the I-81 corridor.

This is but a fraction of the spending identified in the Governor’s FY 2024-2026 budget. Unlike in Washington, DC, Virginia’s constitution requires a budget that does not carry-over a deficit. This means that the Democrat-controlled House and Senate money committees will have to “spend within their means” when considering their competing budget proposals. When I return to Richmond, you can be sure that I’ll review the budget with a critical eye toward fiscal responsibility and meeting the needs of Virginia citizens.

It is my honor to represent you in Richmond, and I want you to be fully informed what your government is doing for you. As the Delegate representing the 12th District (soon to be the 42nd District due to redistricting), your concerns are my greatest priority. If ever I may be of assistance to you and your family, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at DelJBallard@House.Virginia.Gov. You can also follow me on Twitter @JasonBallardVA or like my Facebook page, Jason Ballard for Delegate, to keep up to date with what I am doing in Richmond and in our community on your behalf. Best wishes for a happy new year!



Rich Lowery

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Review

Trump’s opponents not playing by the book

You might have heard that Donald Trump is going to be a dictator if he wins the presidency next year. Among other things, he’s threatening to target his political opponents.

Let’s stipulate that Trump is a provocateur who freaks out his opponents even when he’s on relatively good behavior. And his conduct after the 2020 election was genuinely alarming and deeply wrong. He shouldn’t talk about going after his political enemies, let alone actually do it if he takes power again.

But the vapors over Trump’s threatening statements are rich coming from people who have targeted their enemy by any means necessary for years now. The Russian-collusion investigation, the Hunter Biden cover-up and the ongoing, politically timed legal onslaught against Donald Trump are among the most shameful and tawdry efforts to destroy a political opponent in memory.

They all have involved the abuse of power by national-security or law-enforcement officials, with the connivance of a complicit press. This is Watergate-break-in-level political subterfuge, or the something drawn from fever dreams about Ronald Reagan’s “October Surprise,” except it has all happened in plain sight.

I’m not opposed to, or shocked by, political hardball. Count me out on all the saccharine cliches about how Ronald Reagan and Tip O’Neill were great friends despite some polite political differences between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. The stakes in our debate are enormous, and that debate should be litigated robustly, even harshly.

But that’s different from abusing investigative processes and leveraging the presumed professionalism and moral authority of current and former national-security and law-enforcement officials for a political campaign against one man.

The press coverage of Trump makes it sound as though we are starting on a fresh playing field, where everything has been strictly by the book since 2016.

You’d never know that back then, top law-enforcement officials began a poorly predicted investigation into Trump-campaign officials, lied to the FISA court, connived to win appointment of a special counsel, and then, that special counsel -- puffed up by the press with “walls are closing in,” “only Mueller knows” coverage --kept his investigation going well after he knew there was nothing there.

It’s unmentioned that in 2020, two weeks before Election Day, former national-security officials, some of whom were highly respected, put their names to a letter meant to mislead about the Hunter laptop; Biden, from the debate stage, lied about that laptop and his son’s business dealings; and Twitter censored the story and much of the rest of the media treated it as a non-event at best.

All of this was meant to keep the laptop’s true importance under wraps through Election Day, and -- if Joe Biden and compliant Justice department officials had had their way --until this very day. If Hunter’s

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Microsoft’s new AI key is first big change to keyboards in decades

By **MATT O'BRIEN**
AP Technology Writer

Computer keyboards are making room for an artificial intelligence chatbot button as Microsoft unveils its first major keyboard redesign in three decades.

Starting this month, some new personal computers that run Microsoft’s Windows 11 operating system will have a special “Copilot key” that launches the software giant’s AI chatbot.

Getting third-party computer manufacturers like Dell to add an AI button to laptops is the latest move by Microsoft to capitalize on its close partnership with ChatGPT-maker OpenAI and make itself a gateway for applications of generative AI technology.

Although most people now connect to the internet — and many AI applications — by phone rather than computer, it’s a symbolic kickoff to what’s expected to be a competitive year as tech companies race to outdo each other in AI applications even as they haven’t yet resolved all the ethical and legal ramifications. The New York Times last month sued

both OpenAI and Microsoft alleging that tools like ChatGPT and Copilot — formerly known as Bing Chat — are infringing on copyrighted news articles.

The keyboard redesign will be Microsoft’s biggest change to PC keyboards since it introduced a special Windows key in the 1990s. Microsoft’s four-squared logo design has evolved, but the key has been a fixture on Windows-oriented keyboards for about three decades.

The newest AI button will be marked by the ribbon-like Copilot logo and be located near the space bar. On some computers it will replace the right “CTRL” key, while on others it will replace a menu key.

Microsoft is not the only company with customized keys. Apple pioneered the concept in the 1980s with its “Command” key marked by a looped square design (it also sported an Apple logo for a time). Google has a search button on its Chromebooks and was first to experiment with an AI-specific key to launch its voice assistant on its now-discontinued Pixelbook.

But Microsoft has a much

stronger hold on the broader PC market through its licensing agreements with third-party manufacturers like Lenovo, Dell and HP. About 82% of all desktop computers, laptops and workstations run Windows, compared to 9% for Apple’s in-

house operating system and just over 6% for Google’s, according to market research firm IDC.

Dell Technologies on Thursday was the first to unveil a Copilot key on its newest XPS laptops.

Microsoft hasn’t yet said

which other computer-makers are installing the Copilot button beyond Microsoft’s own in-house line of premium Surface devices. It said some of the companies are expected to unveil their new models at next week’s CES gadget show in Las Vegas.

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usually go directly to nonprofit organizations, in contrast to many of the wealthiest donors, Collins of the Institute for Policy Studies said. His organization has researched the giving behaviors of billionaires and found that a growing portion of the overall dollars donated each year goes to donor-advised funds and foundations, not directly to nonprofits.

In one recent example, the CEO of Dell Technologies, Michael Dell, donated stocks valued at \$1.7 billion in October and December to the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation and to donor-advised funds for future charitable donations. Private foundations are obligated to grant out at least 5% of their assets each year but there is no minimum granting requirement for DAFs.

“The very wealthy are giving it to intermediaries they control and parking the money indefinitely,” Collins said. “So there’s a more of a tax advantage goal, whereas most people are giving, regardless of the tax consequence.”

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“If I were asked today to formulate as concisely as possible what was the main cause of the ruinous revolution that swallowed up some 60 million of our people, I could not put it more accurately than to repeat: ‘Men had forgotten God; that is why all this has happened.’

Solzhenitsyn believed that violent revolution followed Godlessness. “It was Dostoevsky, once again, who drew from the French Revolution and its seeming hatred of the Church the lesson that ‘revolution must necessarily begin with atheism.’ That is absolutely true. But the world had never before known a godlessness as organized, militarized, and tenaciously malevolent as that practiced by Marxism. Within the philosophical system of Marx and Lenin, and at the heart of their psychology, hatred of God is the principal driving force, more fundamental than all their political and economic pretensions. Militant atheism is not merely incidental or marginal to Communist policy; it is not a side effect, but the central pivot. To achieve its diabolical ends, Communism needs to control a population devoid of religious and national feeling, and this entails the destruction of faith and nationhood.”

“All attempts to find a way out of the plight of today’s world are fruitless unless we redirect our consciousness, in repentance, to the Creator of all: without this, no exit will be illuminated, and we shall seek it in vain. The resources we have set aside for ourselves are too impoverished for the task. We must first recognize the horror perpetrated not by some outside force, not by class or national enemies, but within each of us individually, and within every society. This is especially true of a free and highly developed society, for here in particular we have surely brought everything upon ourselves, of our own free will. We ourselves, in our daily unthinking selfishness, are pulling tight that noose.”

In America, we’ve allowed secular education to capture the hearts of our children, and the results are becoming more obvious. Our children, like those in Russia during Solzhenitsyn’s childhood, are being taught to turn from a belief in God, hate our country and embrace every crazy divisive idea out of the marxist handbook. It’s time to make a course correction and return to the values that made America a good and great nation. Those values are found in the pages of the Bible, once used as the standard textbook in America’s classrooms.

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original sweetheart plea deal hasn’t blown up upon first contact with an independent-minded judge, he would have escaped serious legal consequences.

The entire affair was a rank distortion of the political and legal process. And, oh yeah, Biden Justice Department officials and Democratic prosecutors are currently trying to put the other side’s leading contender for the White House in jail. As a warm-up act, they are also attempting to kneecap his business in a trial, or “trial,” in which the verdict has already been decided.

Almost all these charges are unworthy, dubious or imprudent, but that hasn’t stopped Trump’s pursuers,

most of whom have wanted their trials to start, for some reason, in March right after the Republican nomination will probably be decided.

Trump’s critics would be on firmer ground objecting to his declared campaign of vengeance if they had been willing to forebear during any of these episodes; if they had ever insisted on neutrality or fair play; if they’d been willing to look beyond the man they loathe and make judgments based on truth and professional standards.


Instead, they’ve lit a fuse while pretending that they’re opposed to pyrotechnics, with consequences as yet unknown.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Supervisors take oath of office for new year

By WILLIAM PAINE
Patriot Publishing

The newly re-elected members of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors took their oaths of office at the County Administration Building on the morning of Thursday, Jan. 4, 2024.

In his first official act as Pulaski County's Circuit Court Clerk, Spencer Rygas read the oath of office to the five county supervisors, who, with hands raised, duly repeated the oath.

Several newly elected school board members, as well as members of the county administration came to witness the ceremony.

After the swearing in ceremony was completed, each member of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors gave their take on their upcoming four-year term.

Mike Mooney (Massie District)

"I'm so excited to be representing the people of



Circuit Court Clerk Spencer Rygas reads the oath of office to the five newly reelected Pulaski County Supervisors From left: Spencer Rygas, Chris Stafford, Jeff Reeves, Laura Walters, Dirk Compton and Mike Mooney.

Massie District and Pulaski County. Our current board will be serving together for another four years and I think we've got a lot of good things on our

agenda. You know, our goal is for 40,000 by 2030. I'm just so excited and ready to celebrate our wins. We've got jobs and we've got opportunities in Pulaski County. We just need a workforce here to support those folks. So, I'm ready to roll our sleeves up and get to work and let's get things looking good for Pulaski County."

Chris Stafford (Cloyd District)

"First of all, I have to say it's been an honor to serve as a representative of the citizens of the Cloyd District in Pulaski County for the past year. I'm really excited to serve another four years and am very honored to have been re-elected to office. I feel like we'll have some challenges coming up but I think we have a lot of exciting announcements that we'll see as we did in 2023. I think we'll see an equal number or maybe a greater number in 2024."

"We have the broadband expansion project going on

and we'll see some progress made there as well as some other economic development announcements and things of that nature. Although we have some challenges, I think we're up to the task. We have a great board coming back. All of us were re-elected, which says something. I think we'll be able to meet and overcome any challenges we face and I'm really excited for 2024."

Jeff Reeves (Robinson District)

"It's been an honor to be re-elected. We have some challenges facing us. We need to get the [Randolph Park] pool back up and running. We need to address the housing issues. But there's a lot of positives, too, with the new businesses coming in and the opportunities we have there. I'm looking forward to a productive next four years."

Vice Chairman Dirk Compton (Draper District)

"The board is looking forward to starting a new four-year term. We've got a couple of things in the pipe. We're going to finish up our broadband, which is going to be huge for the county. We're also looking to continue some of the things that have really been successful for us, like the Pulaski Motor Speedway and our Rec. Department is going to be doubling down on bringing in some softball teams and some baseball teams to fill our hotels and our restaurants in the

summertime."

"Our goal is to go ahead and move forward with a Rec Center, too. What that's going to be is yet to be determined but right now we have nothing. So we're looking to do something that the county can be proud of. When things settle down we're looking to build back better at Randolph Park. In some places we have a clean slate and we're hoping to paint a beautiful picture."

Chairwoman Laura Walters (Ingles District)

"I'm excited about this new term. We're gonna continue some projects we've been doing and start some new things and we're not totally sure what all those new things are going to be yet, but I think we've moved Pulaski County forward and we'll continue to do so. Everything from our one bag challenge to being very excited about working with the new school board, we're celebrating a lot of wins."

"We're moving the county forward. We've had so many openings of small businesses and expansions of large businesses, and we have one scheduled for next week. So, we're starting off the year right. I just can't wait. It's gonna be fun. It's gonna be challenging. I'm ecstatic to have my board all re-elected and I'm looking forward to working with each one of them."

Major winter storm sweeping the U.S.

NEW YORK (AP) — A winter weather system moving through the U.S. is expected to wallop the East Coast this weekend with a mix of snow and freezing rain from the southern Appalachians to the Northeast — although it's too early to say exactly which areas will get what kind of precipitation and how much.

Details on the storm's path should firm up this week as the Pacific system moves through Colorado and New Mexico on Thursday and into Texas and the Southeast before moving up the East Coast, said Tony Fracasso, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service's Weather Prediction Center in College Park, Maryland.

"It's still a few days away, so we'll have to hash out the storm track — where the precipitation falls, and how long the cold air can stay," he said Wednesday.

Major U.S. cities accustomed to white winters — such as Boston, Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia — didn't receive much snow last year due to a lack of cold air.


The National Weather Service in New York City posted on social media platform X on Wednesday that the city has a low probability of snow and sleet Saturday into Sunday, with significant snowfall expected in areas west and north of the city.

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Deer in Back Creek

Take care of your venison and live better

Today's lesson boys and girls will be on the many aspects of taking and eating that most popular of wild game, venison. I am told that once upon a time the term venison referred to most all wild game, for some reason we now generally only use this term for deer. Here in the east we have the white tailed deer, *Odocoileus virginianus*, I like to throw in the scientific names of animals occasionally, and no, I can't pronounce it either.

The white tailed deer is by far our most widespread and sought after game animal. They are found over much of North America, down into Mexico, and into Canada with some of the largest deer occurring there in those cold climes. They have also been transplanted, believe it or not over much of the world including New Zealand, parts of Europe, and Cuba and Jamaica. The white tailed deer puts more hunters in the woods, sells more hunting licenses and guns and hunting gear probably than all other game animals combined. It is estimated that hunters in the US kill over six million deer a year, that is a lot of venison.

Those of you who deer hunt a lot and eat a lot of venison know how to take care of the game in the field and how to prepare it at home. I know, I have been to some of your wild game feeds and am always pestering those with a delectable venison dish for the recipe and how to prepare it. Most people who say they don't like venison or really any wild game almost always say the same thing. "I don't like that ol' wild, gamey taste!" Hunters, especially deer hunters, have heard this phase for years. As most deer hunters are men, they do what most men do when they hear something that they (A) don't understand or (B) don't want to hear. And what is that ladies? That's right, they ignore it!



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You can see how this becomes an endless cycle. If a hunter is doing something wrong or not doing something to best prepare his game animals for the table they need to fix that. Not taking the time to properly process and care for your deer leads to the result of Case's Outdoor Theorem #17, which says a lot, and I mean a lot of venison taken every year eventually winds up in the dumpster.

I claim no great expertise in the cooking department, but I have been around several people that know how to dress and take care of deer in the field. Here are some pointers that will help you deliver good venison to the table.

Many hunters know that a plump young doe deer is a better deer to eat than a battle worn buck with big antlers and a gray nose. Most states have a rifle season in the fall during the rut; and most of us want to take a big buck with large antlers. There is nothing wrong with this but if you want a deer for eating a young animal is always best. Many states have liberal antlerless (doe) seasons. Don't get me wrong on this; bucks are perfectly edible; you just need to take the time to process what are usually tougher cuts of meat. Deer that are shot and drop almost instantly are also a better bet for the table. An injured animal that runs a long way has more time to stress and build up adrenaline and lactic acid in the muscles; this will affect the quality of the meat. Aside from the humane aspect, this is another reason we should

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Cougars rally for big win over Radford, 43-41

By RODNEY YOUNG
Patriot Publishing

MAX MEADOWS – What a difference a day and a game makes.

Coming off an horrific performance the night before and playing without their head coach due to sickness, the Pulaski County Cougars pulled off a huge win Friday night over Radford, 43-41.

The victory gave the Cougars third place in the annual First Community Bank Tournament at Fort Chiswell High School.

Down 31-22 going into the third quarter, the Cougars showed fight and tenacity in the final quarter and would outscore the Bobcats 15-6 to cut the deficit to 38-37 with 2:45 remaining in the game.

The two teams exchanged buckets with Lane Nester hitting a jumper for the Cougars and Radford's Luke Woodard knocking down a three to make the score Radford 41- Pulaski Co. 39.

Both teams would then either miss shots or commit turnovers, with 1:08 left.

The Cougars' Nester would drive and get fouled with 1:02 showing. He knocked down both free throws to tie the game at 41.

Radford would miss a short jumper with 24.1 seconds

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Brian Bishop/Patriot Publishing

Cougar sophomore Jalere Harlow shoots from the corner. Harlow scored three points in the win against Radford.

Narrows humbles Pulaski County

By RODNEY YOUNG
Patriot Publishing

MAX MEADOWS – Playing in the second round of the First Community Bank Christmas Tournament in the winners bracket, the Pulaski County Cougars found the meaning of team play – players looking and playing for each other – against the Narrows Green Wave.

Narrows humiliated and embarrassed the Cougars, 72-29. Narrows did whatever they wanted to do. They hit open jumpers, drove the lane at will with little or no resistance. They out-rebounded, out-hustled, and out-wanted the game more than the Cougars.

Narrows hit 12 threes with Levi Smith hitting five of those as he finished with a game-high 25 points. Five different Green Wave players hit a three. Kolier

Pruett had a triple-double with 12 points, 17 rebounds, and 11 assists. Green Wave (9-0) also got double-figure scoring from big man Carter Holmes and Elijah Knoetze both with 11 points apiece.

The Green Wave hit 30 field goals for the game.

Narrows head coach Patrick Bailey said, "We have three guys that can score 20 points or more a game. We have one of the best players in the state (Pruett) and he is very unselfish." He then remarked, "We didn't play that well the first night here, but we won and tonight we played much better."

The Cougars (3-7) were led in scoring by Lane Nester with 14 points. Tootie O'Dell, Johnny Anderson and Marcus Reed all scored four points each.

Cougar head coach Anthony Akers said, "We got embarrassed

and humiliated tonight. We didn't shoot and didn't defend or rebound. Narrows is as good as anyone we have faced so far."

This game saw Narrows go up 17-7 after the opening quarter, and things went downhill from there for the Cougars. They found themselves behind 33-13 at intermission. They would then be outscored and outplayed by a score of 39-16 for the second half.

The Green Wave seemed as though they couldn't miss and the Cougars couldn't buy a basket.

Narrows just wanted the game more than the Cougar players. It felt like they went through the motions and all but quit.

There should be some soul searching going forward for Pulaski County after this listless and uninspiring play.

PC - 7 - 6 - 8 - 8 = 29
Narrows - 17 - 16 - 20 - 19 = 72

PC - Nester 14, Reed 4, O'Dell 4, Hash 4, Harlow 3, Narrows - Smith 25, Pruett 12, Holmes 11, Knoetze 11, McGlothlin 5, Hazelwood 6, Helvey 2

3 Pt. Goals - PC - 1 (Harlow), Narrows -12 (Smith 5, Holmes 3, Pruett 2, McGlothlin, Knoetze)

Total FG's - PC - 12, Narrows - 30

FT's - PC - 4-6, Narrows 0-2
Total Fouls - PC - 4, Narrows - 4

Other games on the second day of the First Community Bank Christmas Tournament that is being held at Fort Chiswell High School saw the Cardinals of East Wilkes (NC) defeat the Tazewell Bulldogs, 58-46. East Wilkes got 14 points from Owen Combs and 12 from Brady Hall. Tazewell was led by Carter Creasy with 17 points and Tre Blankenship tossed in 10.

Fort Chiswell defeated Grayson County 55-31. Brady Kelly and Broderick Gunter both tossed in 10 points and Kenton Sutphin had nine. Grayson's Austin Dowdell had seven points, and Zach Weatherman finished with six.

The other game for the night saw the Carroll County Cavaliers manhandle the

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ALL that certain lot or parcel of land containing 0.3188 acre, as shown on a survey plat dated November 21, 1997, prepared by Dennis J. Hall, CLS, designated Job No. 554, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Pulaski County, Virginia, in Deed Book 611, page 214, with the deed of record as Instrument Number LR1998000830. and reference is hereby made to said plat of survey for a more accurate description of the subject property, and also being known as part of Lot 2, Block 5 Fair Acres Subdivision. Tax ID: 056-002-0005-002A.

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Cougars

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and the Cougars would call a timeout at mid-court. They would then miss not one but two short shots and on the second miss Radford would knock the ball out of bounds.

The clock showed 0.7 seconds left.

The Cougars inbounded the ball under the Radford goal and Tootie O'Dell threw the ball up in the lane. Nester caught it and launched a shot all in one motion, with the ball hit nothing but the bottom of the net as the horn sounded.

With that, the Cougars had defeated the state runners-up from last season, 43-41.

“This was a great win for our head coach and this basketball program,” said acting head coach Rajai Hines. “These kids answered the challenge I threw out to them. I told them we got to play defense. We’ve got to show some toughness and desire. They answered the call tonight. I’m so proud of these guys. Last night was really bad.”

The game started slowly with Radford up 5-3 after the opening quarter. The Bobcats would stretch that advantage to 18-12 at intermission.

The game was a defensive struggle. Pulaski County had committed 10 turnovers in the first half, but found themselves only down six points.

Nester scored a game-high 21 points, with 18 of those after halftime. He actually scored 13 points in the final stanza. The Cougars outscored the Bobcats 21-10 in the final quarter to rally for the victory. Fellow senior Marcus Reed had six points and six rebounds, and Justus Hash had five points.

Radford had no one in double

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Radford Bobcats, 51-21. Carroll County (8-0) got 11 points apiece from Davis Reitzel and Bryce Smoot. Radford got five points apiece from Luke Woodard and Mekih Martin.

Carroll County head coach Anthony Barnes said afterwards, “This was a team win. It was an all-team defensive victory.”

figures. Luke woodard and Sincere Taylor both had nine points, and Daniel Dehart-Lewis chipped in with seven.

What a difference a day and a game makes, indeed. The Cougars answered adversity and played with urgency. Hustle, playing defense and wanting to can and will bring good things.

Pul. Co. - 3 - 9 - 10 - 21 = 43
Radford - 5 - 13 - 13 - 10 = 41

Pul. Co. - Nester 21, Reed 6, O'Dell 2, Harlow 3, Hash 5, Anderson 2, Lawrence 2, Carrasco 2, Radford - Woodard 9, Martin 7, Taylor 9, Ferguson 3, Kanipe 6, Dehart-Lewis 7

3-PT. Goals - PC - 4 (Nester 2, Hash, Harlow), Radford - 2- (Woodard 2)

Total FG's - Pul. Co. - 16, Radford - 12
FT's - Pul. Co. - 7-11, Radford 15-24

Total Fouls - Pul. Co. - 20, Radford - 15

Fouled Out- Pul. Co. - Carrasco

Technicals - Pul. Co. - Hash

Other games on the final day of the First Community Bank Christmas Tournament saw the Carroll County Cavaliers win the first place trophy by beating Narrows, 71-52. Davis Reitzel had a game-high 28 points and 10 rebounds. Bryce Smoot had 17 for the victory. Narrows got 14 points from Kolier Pruett, 12 from Carter Holmes, and eight from Gavin Hazelwood. Carroll County

head coach Anthony Barnes in an emotional Cavalier locker room said, “We like to pressure teams and make them work for what they get. Our defense was really good, and I think it bothered Narrows. Isaiah Easter did a good job on Pruett and offensively – what can you say about Davis Reitzel. He hustles and plays with energy all game long on both defense and offense.”

Narrows head coach Patrick Bailey remarked, “They pressured us and we had some turnovers that hurt us. We faced some adversity and we got to play through that and we didn’t. “Carroll plays hard and their defense bothered us.”

The fifth place game saw East Wilkes (NC) hold on to beat Fort Chiswell, 73-65. The Cardinals got 24 points from Seth Lambert and 15 from Andrew Tharpe. The Pioneers (6-4) were led in scoring by Brayden Billings’ 18 points and Kenton Sutphin’s nine points.

The seventh place game saw Grayson County beat Tazewell, 44-28. Grayson got 16 points from Austin Dowell and nine from Eli Gillespie. Tazewell got eight points from senior Chase Brown and five points from senior T J Jarrett.

PH 86, PC 47

Wednesday (Jan. 3) action saw Pulaski County fall to Patrick Henry, 86-47.

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Virginia
VA. CODE § 8.01-316

Case No. JJ004798-02-00

Radford Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court
Juvenile Division

Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* ASHWORTH, AUBREY NICOLE

The object of this suit is to: APPROVE A PERMANENT ENTRUSTMENT AND TO TERMINATE THE RESIDUAL PARENTAL RIGHTS OF THE UNKNOWN FATHER OF AUBREY NICOLE ASHWORTH (A CHILD BORN OCT. 24, 2023, CONCEIVED AROUND JAN. 24, 2023 AND WHOSE MOTHER IS DANIELLE NICOLE ASHWORTH.

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DECEMBER 14, 2023

RUBY STUMP,
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LEGAL NOTICE



Public Notice Pulaski County Planning Commission

The Pulaski County Planning Commission will host a public hearing to consider this application for the Month of January. In accordance with the Code of Virginia, the Planning Commission will host a public hearing on this petition at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 9, 2024 in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, in the Town of Pulaski to consider comments regarding the following applications;

1. Rezone Application submitted by Jim Hager, rezone of Tax Map 056-001-0000-059A, from Industrial (I) to Conservation (C) located Shaedawn Park. Draper District
2. Rezone Application submitted by Melinda Travis, rezone of Tax Map 065-001-0000-0118, from Medium Density Residential (MR) to Agriculture (A) located at 4619 Wish Lane Dublin, VA, 24084. Draper District
3. Special Use Permit Application submitted by The Towers LLC d/ba Cellco Partnership d/ba/ Verizon Wireless on behalf of Stephen Hedge located at Tax Map # 066-014-0000-0013 TBD Deertrot Lane Dublin, VA 24084. Ingles District.
4. UDO Amendment- Pulaski County Solar Ordinance

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.

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Notice of Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Prohibition of Through Large Truck Traffic on Giles Avenue in the Town of Dublin

At its regular meeting on Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers (second floor) at the Dublin Town Center, 101 Dublin Park Road, Dublin, Virginia, the Council of the Town of Dublin, Virginia, will hold a public hearing regarding adoption of a resolution by which the Town of Dublin would request the Commonwealth Transportation Board and its designee, the Virginia Department of Transportation, (1) to prohibit use of Giles Avenue within the Town of Dublin by through tractor-trailers, logging trucks, and similar large trucks (but not affecting pick-up trucks and panel trucks), pursuant to Virginia Code §46.2-809; (2) to post appropriate signage on Giles Avenue, Broad Street, and Cleburne Boulevard of such prohibition, and (3) to confirm that violation of such prohibition shall constitute a traffic infraction as provided in Virginia Code §46.2-830 (or any amendment thereto or replacement thereof), and subject the offender to a fine as provided in Rule 3B:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia (or any amendment thereto or replacement thereof).

All persons desiring to comment on the proposed resolution should submit their comments in writing to the Dublin Town Manager (P.O. Box 1066, Dublin, VA 24084 prior to the hearing date or appear before the Council at the above-stated time and place.

Copies of the proposed resolution are available for review in the Dublin Town Manager's Office, 101 Dublin Park Road, Dublin, Virginia.

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practice our shooting, we need to be confident in making clean one shot kills.

Nobody likes to field dress, that is remove the guts from a deer. No one wants to do this, but like dying and paying taxes it has to be done. The best practice is this; if possible remove the entrails from the deer immediately after it falls and start cooling the meat. In warm weather (40 degrees and up) get the hide off the deer, quarter it and get the meat on ice as quick as you can.

Do not make the classic mistake many hunters make when they down a large buck. Often the deer is loaded on the truck and is then taken on tour, driving to every camp and buddy in the area too show off the deer. This can go on for hours. Don't do it, dress and process the deer properly, take pictures and brag on Facebook later if you want.

Age that deer for best results. Any good steak that you have ever eaten had been aged, probably for a lengthy period. If you have access to a walk in cooler, you are very fortunate, use it. The temperature needs to be above freezing but below 40 degrees Fahrenheit, 38 may be about right. I believe that you can age deer quarters in a cooler on ice, some do not agree with this. The cooler needs to sit in a cool place on a slight incline with the drain plug removed so the water can drain. Stick a thermometer in there to watch the temp. Hanging the meat in the proper temperature will make for better

venison; about seven days should be enough.

Trim your venison and then trim it again. Trim everything off your deer meat that you don't want to eat, all the connective tissue, fat and sinew. That “silver skin” which is connective tissue has to come off. It is a lot of work and tedious but the result is worth it. You should end up with only good cuts of red meat.

The cooking is as important as the processing. I told you before that I am no great chef. The Greenbrier Resort is not pounding on my door to come work in their kitchen. I do know however that following a few simple rules with venison will give you better results. 1. Don't overcook venison, ever. 2. To grill venison such as a back strap (what some call the tenderloin), get your grill hot and place the meat directly on the grill and sear it about four minutes on each side. The searing is important, this is how you keep the juices on the inside. You can finish the venison on the grill but you may want to put it in the oven and bring it to how done you want it to be there. Some do not like really rare meat, but rare is better than well done here. Tougher cuts of venison can be made very tasty by first searing in a hot pan, remove the meat and with the pan drippings and make a heavy gravy by adding some flour, a beef or chicken stock and your favorite seasonings. Put the meat back into the pan and cook slowly, on top of the stove or in the oven.

Bon Appétit! (Whatever that means)

Larry Case
www.gunsandcornbread.com

LEGAL NOTICE

ABC License

Virginia Winery Distribution Company, trading as VWDC (6750 Falling Branch Road, Fairlawn, VA 24141-8450)

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) for a Virginia Wine Wholesaler's license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Stanley Joynes, Chairman.

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

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Public Hearing Town of Pulaski Town Council

Pulaski Town Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 16, 2023, at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at 42 First St. NW to discuss the following:

- Amending section 11.2 of Town of Pulaski Zoning Ordinances, amending the definition of “Medical Office(s)” from “...substance abuse disorder services” to “...substance abuse disorder clinics.”
- Amending section 11.2 of Town of Pulaski Zoning Ordinances to include the following definition: “Substance Abuse Disorder Clinic(s)-- An outpatient establishment where patients receive diagnosis, assessments, treatments, and follow-up care for suspected cases of substance use or abuse disorders, which dispense and/or administer controlled substances on the clinic premises that are not available to non-patients.”

All persons desiring to speak should appear at the stated time and place or submit comments in writing to the Town Planner, Summer Bork by Jan. 15, 2023.

For disabled individuals who may require special auxiliary aids or services, the Town will make reasonable accommodations upon request. Please contact the Clerk of Council (540) 994-8602 before the above meeting date to arrange these accommodations. For individuals with visual or hearing impairment, contact Virginia Relay at 711 for assistance reaching the town.

LEGAL NOTICE



Teach Me Your Word O Lord

Terry McCraw

Taming the Tongue

The words that we speak can affect others for good or for evil. We can edify others with our words, or we can tear them down.

As Christians we need to make sure that we bridle our tongues and refuse to say negative things about others.

The tongue is an important part of the body. Without the tongue, we couldn't taste our food, because most of our taste buds are in our tongues. Without the tongue we couldn't speak. The tongue even helps us chew our food. The tongue is an important member of the body, but sometimes, if we're not very careful, it can get a bit unruly.

James 1:26 says, "If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridlenth NOT his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain."

In Psalm 39:1 David said, "I said, I will take heed to my way so that I sin not with my tongue: I will keep my mouth with a bridle, while the wicked is before me."

As Christians, we must guard our tongues, lest we offend God, or give our adversaries cause, to speak evil of us. The words that we speak have the power to edify and bring peace, or they have the power to cause division, anger, and destruction.

James 3: 1-2. "My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation. For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body."

A bridle is a headgear used to control a horse, consisting of buckled straps to which a bit with reins are attached. The bit puts pressure on the tongue of the horse so we can control it and make it go where we want it to go. Bridling our tongue is controlling our speech. Speech can be the instrument for wisdom, instruction and blessing to pass along to others. Put to the proper use, it can assist us in the teaching and preaching of the word of God. But put to an improper use, it can express that which is enormously evil.

Control of the tongue is essential. We can edify or destroy, by the power of the tongue, or the power of speech. If anyone desires to be a Teacher or a Preacher of the word of God, it is a commendable vocation. But it also carries with it a great responsibility.

Sometimes we stumble. Sometimes we say the wrong thing. And we'd might as well admit it. James himself was a Teacher, so he included himself in the second verse.

"In many things," James says, "We offend all. In other words, we all say the wrong thing at times." It's important for us to see that when James says, "For in many things we offend all," he isn't speaking about the teaching or preaching of false doctrine. If he was, he wouldn't have included himself. But he is referring to making a mistake, not just in grammar, but also in things like giving out as facts that which that haven't checked out thoroughly; or saying something that offends without really meaning to do so.

Sometimes due to the personal beliefs of a person, they may say things that would be offensive to those who do not share their beliefs.

For example, I have heard preachers preaching a funeral, and verbally preach the dead person's soul into hell, and it seriously offended those who were in attendance who loved that person. Even if a deceased person died in sin, for the family's sake, we shouldn't say things that will offend their loved ones, because nothing good will be gained by that. They are in enough pain already from losing their loved one and adding to their

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CHURCH

Church Directory

Draper Valley Baptist Church
3200 Lee Highway
Draper, Va. 24324
Pastor: Alan Pearce
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 Methodist Church
3080 Greenbriar Road
Draper, VA 24324
Pastor: Lee Wiggins
Email: office@draper-methodist-church.com
Primary Service Times:
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Worship, 11 a.m.

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

Cecil's Chapel Church
5801 Cecil's Chapel Road
Hiwassee, VA 24347
Interim Pastor: John Kellam
540 230 8837
Worship Service: 9am
Sunday School: 10am
www.facebook.com/cecils.chapel

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

Dublin Baptist Church
100 Hawkins Street, Dublin, VA 24084
540-674-6061
secretary@dublinbaptistchurchva.org
Website: dublinbaptistchurchva.org
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.
Tuesday Women's Bible Study: 11 a.m.
Wednesday Youth Bible Study, 7 p.m.
Food Pantry: Wednesdays 10 a.m - 2 p.m.

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

First United Methodist Church
301 N. Jefferson Ave. - Pulaski (physical)
135 Fourth St., NW - Pulaski (mailing)
Pastor's Name: Josh Kilbourne
Sunday Service: 10:00 AM
Hispanic Service: 3 p.m.
Contact Info. Phone: 540.980.3331
e-mail: office@fumcpulask.org
website: www.fumcpulask.org
FACEBOOK@FirstUMCPulaski and
WBLB 10:00 am

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

Delton Church of God of Prophecy
4570 Boyd Road, Draper, VA 24324
Pastor Vickie Lee Viars
deltoncogop@gmail.com (276) 620-3191
Sunday mornings - 11 AM to 12 PM
Sunday evenings-Facebook live services
announced on Facebook

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

First Missionary Baptist Church
7318 Manns Drive
Fairlawn, Virginia 24141-8524
(540) 639-5331
email: fimb1872@verizon.net
Associate Minister:
Rev. Annette Cheek
Clerk: Mrs. Carlotta Lewis
Sundays:
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
The Lord's Supper - Each First Sunday
Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting &
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Draper's Valley Presbyterian (PCA)
2755 Old Baltimore Road,
Draper, VA 24324
Senior Pastor: Rev. Roland Mathews
Interim Pastor: Rev. David Gilleran
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:15 p.m.
Wednesday Youth Groups and Adult Prayer &
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Phone - 540-994-9015
e-mail - drapers.valley@dvpca.org
website - www.dvpca.org
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a.m. (or anytime on YouTube)

Trinity Lutheran Church ELCA
2 Fifth Street, N.W., Pulaski
540-980-3624
Pastor: Rev. Jessica Darty
trinitypulaski@gmail.com
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
(Sept. - May)
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
(June - Aug.)
Sunday Worship Live stream on Facebook
Bible Study: Wednesday, Noon
www.trinitypulaski.org

Trinity United Methodist
Pastor: Bill Schoeneman
540-695-0054
Sunday Worship - 9:45 a.m.
Bible Study - Wednesday, 7 p.m.
528 5th Street, S.E.
Pulaski, Va.
Phone - 980-0820

Grace Ministries Church of God of Prophecy
1021 Macgill Street
Pulaski, VA 24301
Church: 540-980-2118
Cell: 276-233-8083
Bus Ministry: 540-230-2485
www.pulaskigracemin.com
Email: pulaskigracemin@hotmail.com
Pastor Mike Williams
Children's Ministry
Aaron & Becky Sampson
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Children's Church 10:30 a.m.
Men's & Women's Ministry Wed. 6:30

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

Grace Episcopal Church
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We offer an 8:00am Contemplative Eucharist service and a 10:30am Eucharist service with organ music and a Choir, with refreshments served after. The 10:30am service is live-streamed for those who cannot attend in person.

Mountain View United Methodist Church
6648 Wilderness Road
Dublin, Va 24084
Pastor: Darlene Marshall
Phone: 540-392-2702
Sunday School - 9:45am
Sunday Service - 11:00am

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

Trinity Baptist Church
4008 Robinson Tract Road
Pulaski, VA 24301
Telephone: 980-8186
Pastor Johnny Howlett
Sunday Worship - 10 a.m.
Sunday Bible Study - 6 p.m.
Wednesday - Adult Bible Study and Youth Group - 7 p.m.

Bob White Boulevard Baptist Church
3826 Bob White Boulevard
Pulaski, VA.

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Preaching: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service: 7:30 p.m.
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First Dublin Presbyterian Church (ECO)
409 Church Street, Dublin, Va. 24084
P.O. Box 2027, Dublin, Va. 24084
first-dublin-presbyterian-church-eco.com
Pastor:
Mary Ann Armbrister
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m.

Dublin Christian Church
5605 Dunlap Road
P. O. Box 1330
Dublin, VA 24084
(540) 674-8434
www.dublinchristianchurch.com
Charles Pruett
Minister
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Youth and Children's Meetings 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Bible Study, Youth and Children's Classes 7:00 p.m.

Snowville Christian Church (DOC - Disciples of Christ)
5436 Lead Mine Rd.
Hiwassee, VA 24347
Pastor: Jerry King
Website:
www.SnowvilleChristianChurch.com
(and Facebook)
Office: 540-633-3761
Email:
office@SnowvilleChristianChurch.com
Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Thursday Bible Study: 6:00 p.m.
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Dublin United Methodist Church
P.O. Box 577
424 East Main Street
Dublin, VA 24084
Pastor: Rev. Don Shelor
540.674.5128
email: dublinumc@gmail.com
Sunday Worship Times: 9:00 & 11:00 am
Sunday School: 10:00 am

Max Creek Baptist Church
3000 Old Route 100 Road, Draper, Va. 24324
www.maxcreek.org
www.facebook.com/maxcreekbaptist
Senior Pastor: Mike Coleman
Youth Minister: Charlie Prince
Sunday Services
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
Teen Social and Class: 5 p.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study & Classes: 7 p.m.

Pulaski Church of God
1621 Bob White Boulevard
Pulaski, VA 24301
Pastor Donald Jones
540-980-8880
www.pulaskicog.church
Sunday Services
Sunday Life Groups: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays Midweek Connect: 7 p.m.

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

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

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

Dora Highway Baptist Church
321 Dora Highway
Pulaski, VA 24301
Pastor: Harry Gunter
Worship Service: 11 a.m.
Phone: (540) 320-0738

Family Worship Center
First Pentecostal Holiness
955 Memorial Drive, Pulaski
980-7287
www.fwcpulaski.church
Jeff Willhoite, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 am
Sunday Worship 10:45 am
KidsZone 10:45 am
Alpha & Omega Pentecostal Spanish service
10:45 am
Sunday Evening Worship 6 pm

Pulaski First Church of the Brethren
1749 Newbern Road
Pulaski, VA 24301
Pastor Frank Peters
Sunday School: 9:45
Worship: 11 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.
980-3798

New Hope Church
3050 Lee Highway
Pulaski, VA 24301
Services:
Sunday's 1st Service - 9:15 a.m.
Sunday's 2nd Service - 11 a.m.
Wednesdays - 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
For: Kids, Teens, Adults
Lead Pastor: Rev. Randy Lawrence Jr.
Church Phone: 540-980-5506

Things money can't buy



immediately was healed. Jesus turned and said, “Who touched me?” There was a crowd throning Him, but her touch was different. Her touch was a touch filled with faith. Jesus had respect for her and proclaimed her healing. Those who touch Jesus in faith, earn His respect.

Acts 8:9-25 tells the story of Simon who tried to buy the gifts of the Holy Ghost, but the Holy Ghost is not for sale. The works of the Holy Ghost can be exciting. Such as when the Holy Ghost sent Peter to Caesarea to preach a reveal. You can read about it in Acts 10. Or, when Philip was led by the Holy Ghost to Gaza, so he could instruct an Ethiopian eunuch in understanding the Bible. He also led him to faith in Jesus and baptized him in water. Money can't buy the Holy Ghost. Just as Philip baptized the Ethiopian in water, Jesus will baptize believers in the Holy Ghost.

The most important things can't be bought with money, but through faith in Jesus Christ, we can have them.

McCraw

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pain is foolish, as well as mean spirited. Wise Preachers will not intentionally offend the family of the deceased.

There are plenty of things in the word of God that can be preached on, at a funeral, without openly condemning a person to hell. I'm not saying we need to preach them into heaven if they were unsaved, but I am saying that we shouldn't preach them into Hell either, for the sake of their loved ones who are grieving.

A wise Preacher can preach a message at a funeral without indicating that the one who died has gone to hell. Besides, no one knows for sure, the condition of their soul. Only God knows that and God is their judge.

James seems to be saying that some of us teach; and that all of us frequently fail. So let us all be cognizant of that fact, and weigh our words carefully, because we shall all give an account of not only what we have done, but also of what we have said.

In other words, we must measure our words carefully. We must be careful not to offend others. We must be careful to think about everything we are going to say, before we say it.

James seems to be saying as he speaks of the perfect man; the man who advances no false doctrine, who does not distort the gospel; is not a novice; is knowledgeable in the scriptures; has wisdom given to him or her from above; is among the teachers who are perfect or masterful teachers, and worthy of the vocation to which they have been called.

James further proclaims that if we can control our tongues, we can control ourselves in every other way. If a person teaches the truth of the word of God, and yet adds to it, dilutes it, or changes its meaning, everything that person has said must be discounted. We may expound upon the word, for most every teacher and preacher does that; but we are not to change it, or pervert it's meaning, without being held accountable for it by God.

BIBLE TRIVIA

1. For possible new year's resolutions, Proverbs 16:3 says, "Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be ____." Resolved, Established, Directed, Bountiful
2. Likewise, Psalm 37:5 instructs us to, "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to ____." Nurture, Pass, Action, Light
3. Which book proclaims the first day of the new year is for resting and a memorial sounding the trumpet? Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers
4. 2 Corinthians 5:17 and Galatians 2:20 are among the verses to focus on what in a new year? Blessings, Moving forward, Grace, Church attendance
5. In which month of the religious calendar did the new year begin in the Bible? 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th
6. From James 1:5, what may one lack and if they ask God it shall be given? Love, Wisdom, See TRIVIA, page B8

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

Hilltop Pentecostal Holiness Church
4892 Veterans Hill Road
Pulaski, VA
Pastor Todd Garwood
(540) 250-3741
ttgarwood674@gmail.com

First Christian Church of Pulaski
524 N Jefferson Ave
Pulaski, VA 24301-4618
(540) 980-7144
www.firstchristianpulaski.org
Pastor: Timothy Moore
Men's Sunday School: 10 am
Worship: 11 am

Community Christian Church
5382 Grace Street, Dublin VA, 24084
540-674-4308
Pastor: Bill Neeley
Children's Director: Kristen Edwards
Youth Director: Ashley Coake
www.C3family.org; Facebook: Community Christian Church|Dublin, VA;
email: triplecsecretary@gmail.com
Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting at 6:30 p.m.; C3Kids and C3Youth meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Thursday 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

Pathway to Heaven Worship Center
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 434
Dublin, VA 24084
Physical Address: 7889 Cleburne Blvd.
Dublin, VA 24084
Pastor Winfred Keene - Phone 540-239-8092
Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
Tuesday Evening Worship Service: 6 p.m.

St. Edwards Catholic Church
Corner of N. Washington Ave. and
7th Street N.W., Pulaski
Phone: 980-6511
Fax: 980-6511
Priest: Fr. Francis Boateng
Mass: 11 a.m. Sunday

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

New Dublin Presbyterian Church
5331 New Dublin Church Road
Dublin, VA 24084
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Phone: 540-674-6147
www.newdublin.org

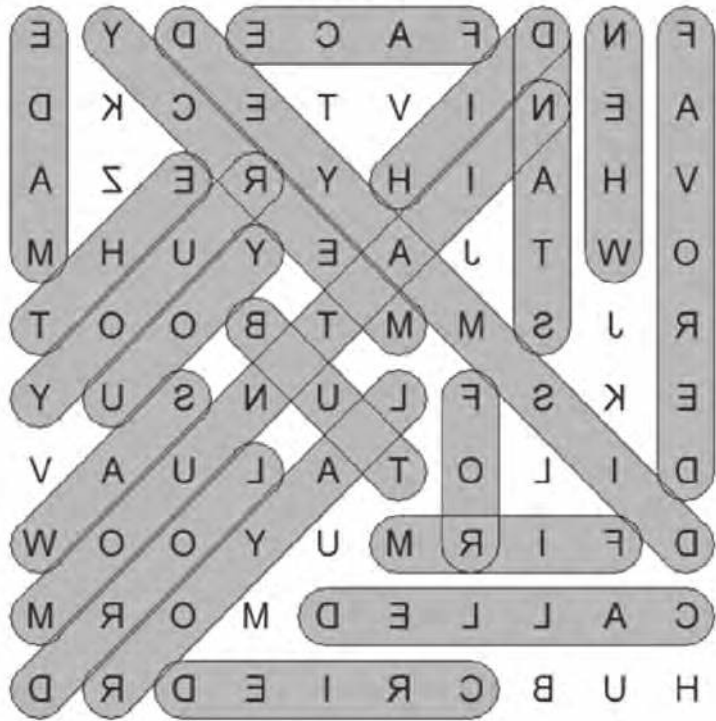
Newbern Methodist Church
5151 Wilderness Road
Dublin VA 24084
Pastor: Dave Adkins
540-230-9264
Worship: 9:45 AM
Sunday School : 11:00 AM



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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Answers



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Psalms 30:7-8

LORD, when you **favor**ed me, you **made** my **royal** **mountain stand firm**; but when you **hid your face**, I **was dismayed**. To **you**, LORD, I **called**; to **the** LORD I **cried for mercy**:

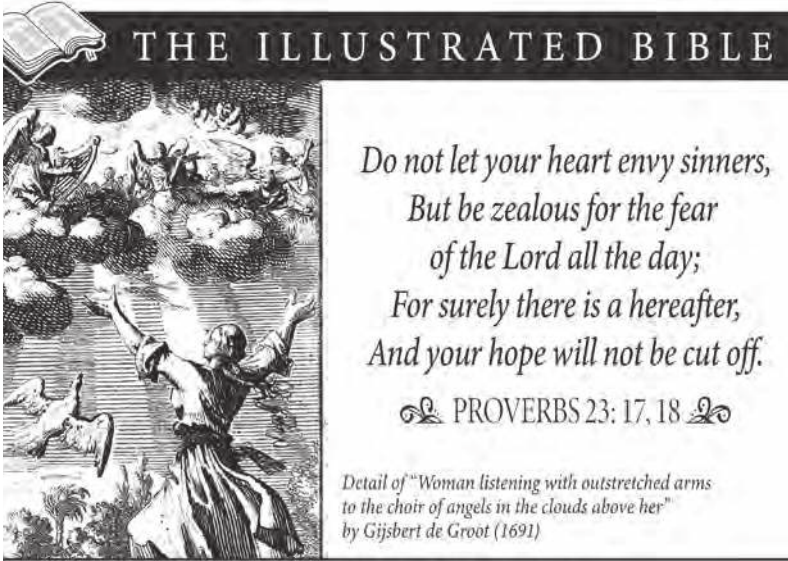
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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram.
They run in all directions — forward, backward, up,
down and diagonally.

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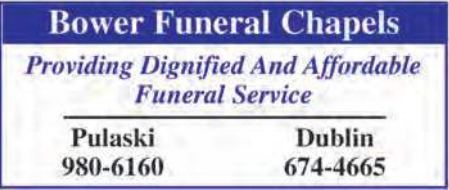
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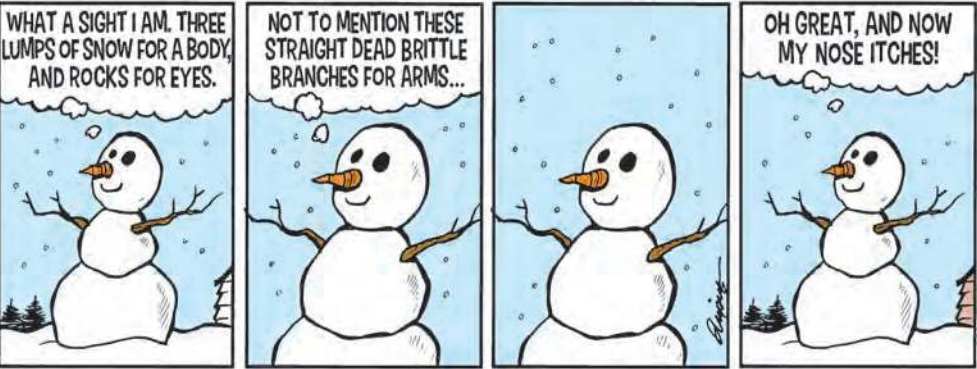


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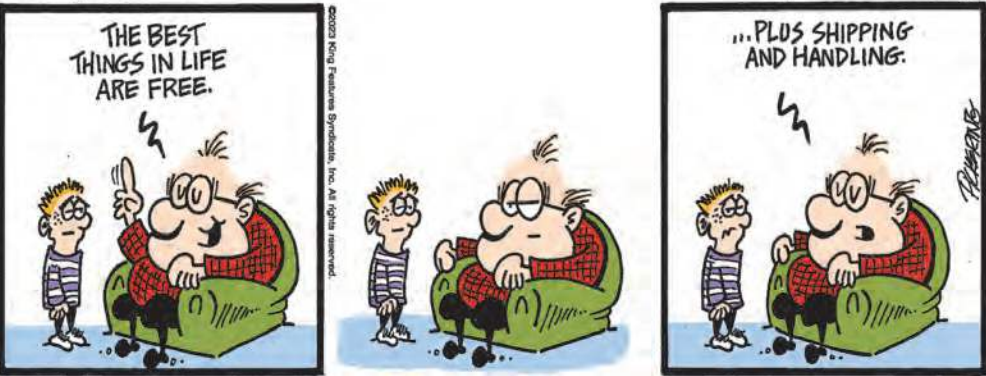
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The Spats

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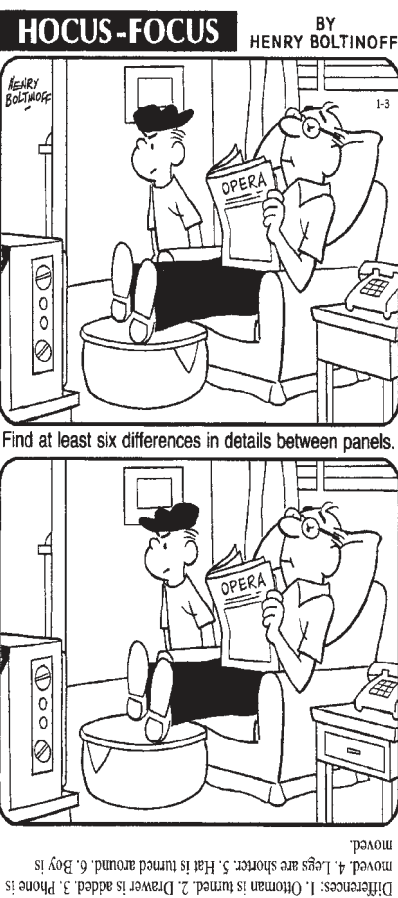


TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



OLIVE



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: L equals N

XTLFU MCWX OBU LMFSPBLOW

OLR GBMVOVWI ZM QPLSTLZ OS

L TZQS, T CMPWR FOWW SQU D

VURSTDU GBUIUBX.

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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!

Merge ITUNE

Blunt PUBRAT

Chunk PLUM

Cad SACRAL

"My wife is very _____.

She's always exactly half an hour late!"

TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Melville cap-
tain

5 Male swans

9 Luau dish

12 Humorist
Barry

13 Med. plan
options

14 PC program

15 Barrel bottom
bit

16 Concerning

17 Old Olds

18 Voice in an
iPhone

19 Half of XIV

20 Rooters

21 Formerly
called

23 "Morning
Edition" aier

25 Humidor con-
tents

28 Salad base

32 Maxim

33 Sean of
"Rudy"

34 Bequest

36 Surround with
light

37 Judge Lance

38 Approves

39 Iowa crop

42 WWII service
member

44 "See ya!"

48 Some

49 "Legally
Blonde" role

50 Branches

51 Wish other-
wise

52 Intend

53 Harvest

54 Curvy letter

55 "Garfield" dog

56 Catches
some rays

6 Hotel chain

7 Ho-hum

8 Away from
NNW

9 Brazilian rub-
ber

10 Frank

11 Wall St.
debuts

20 Clean slate

22 Upright

24 Bit of mischief

25 Baseball's
Ripken

26 Chemical suf-
fix

27 Joke

29 JFK info

30 Goose egg

31 — -cone

35 Cried in pain

36 Tertiary Period
epoch

39 Give a darn

40 Burden

41 Deli loaves

43 Jai —

45 Bailiwick

46 Eliot Ness,
e.g.

47 Nile vipers

49 Punk rock off-
shoot

DOWN

1 Totals

2 Mata —

3 Say it's so

4 2013 Keira
Knightley film

5 Sour cream
tidbits

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top ten

WORLD'S LARGEST METEORITES

1. Hoba West, Grootfontein, South Africa	54.4 TONS
2. Ahnighito (The Tent), Cape York, West Greenland	30.9 TONS
3. Bacubirito, Mexico	27 TONS
4. Mbosi, Tanganyika	25 TONS
5. Agpalilik, Cape York, West Greenland	20.1 TONS
6. Armanti, Western Mongolia	20 TONS
7. Chupaderos, Mexico	14 TONS
8. Willamette, Oregon	14 TONS
9. Campo del Cielo, Argentina	13 TONS
10. Mundrabilla, Western Australia	12 TONS

Source: The Travel Almanac

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: When is Three King's Day celebrated typically?
- TELEVISION: In the drama series "Mad Men," what product is presumed to be Don Draper's last advertisement?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is a chain or collection of islands called?
- MOVIES: To which city is the McCallister family traveling in the holiday classic "Home Alone"?
- LEGAL: What is a moot court?
- LITERATURE: What is the name of the heroine in "The Scarlet Letter"?
- FOOD & DRINK: What kind of nut is used in marzipan?
- MUSIC: What is the gift on the 11th day in the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas"?
- SCIENCE: How much of the Earth's surface is covered with water?
- HISTORY: What are the two Japanese cities that the United States hit with atomic bombs in WWII?

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Answers

1. Jan. 6, the 12th day of Christmas.
2. Coca-Cola.
3. An archipelago.
4. Paris, France.
5. A simulated court to give law students a chance to practice what they have learned.
6. Hester Prynne.
7. Almond.
8. 11 pipers piping.
9. Almost 71%.
10. Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

WORD LADDERS

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

HAPPY

LANDS

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Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Americanisms

"First you take a drink, then the drink takes a drink, then the drink takes you."

—F. Scott Fitzgerald

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CryptoQuip

Since owls are nocturnal and probably go hunting at night, I would call them bedtime prayers.

PULASKI COUNTY PULSE

On going:

Ballroom Dancing
Ballroom Dance every first Saturday of the month at the Carroll County Virginia Senior Center @ 7pm. Find us on Facebook @ Ballroom Dance in Hillsville.

Alcohol Anonymous
Alcohol Anonymous meet

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

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

Lifestyles Changes
If you are currently trying to lose weight, we may have what you need. Contact Bill Brewer

at 540-813-1605.

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

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

Send Your Pulse Items To:
pulaski@pcpatriot.com

Making God Rich

“But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself? This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God.’”

Luke 12:20-21

Jesus shared a powerful parable about a rich man who had an abundance of produce. Instead of sharing it or giving it to the poor, he decided to just build more barns to store his grain and goods. This way he felt he could take life easy, eat, drink, and be merry.

What struck me about the verse from Luke was the statement on how we could be rich toward God. How can we be rich when we have nothing to give, and God is the ruler and maker of everything on earth?

It will be with souls captured for Him and the kingdom! We can make God rich by bringing him more saved souls before the end of this world. We are kingdom people, and Jesus challenges us to think kingdom thoughts.

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasure in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will also be.”

Matthew 6: 19-21

Sons of Confederate Veterans meet Jan. 18

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

Journey To Faith

By Pat Priddy

Kingdom people seek God's purpose in their lives. Kingdom people also know that God's most precious possessions are His earthly children. When we care about others, we make God rich by showing Him our true love! Jesus asked Peter three times if he loved him. Each time that Peter answered yes, Jesus responded, “Feed my sheep,” or “Take care of my sheep.”

Be determined to make God rich in souls by your sharing the love of Jesus Christ. Time is short, and we have been given the honor and opportunity to serve Him and expand His kingdom!

Lord, help us today to be a vessel of your unlimited and unconditional love. May we make your kingdom rich with lost souls who have found their way home. Amen. In Jesus Name, so be it.

Patricia Priddy Farrell gifts and talents include being a coach, speaker, retreat leader, student, teacher, and Certified Lay Minister for the United Methodist Church. Finding her own life's purpose came in the desert of her life. She has survived and endured many hardships and lives to help others know they are enough, and they not only can survive but also thrive.

Pat speaks from the heart to women and men in an effort to help them understand the power they hold to change other's lives. There is no meeting by coincidence, and there are incredible opportunities for us to share and grow as we journey through life.

Pat Priddy (Farrell), RN, MSN, CPVA, CEP Life Coach, Certified Lay Minister for the Wytheville District UMC

Work Hard Now, Celebrate Later

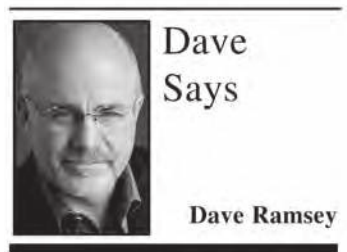
Dear Dave,
My husband and I bought a franchise recently, and we are opening our business in a couple of months. We've got \$40,000 saved up, but my husband wants us to take a two-week vacation before we open for business. He feels that the business will completely consume us for the next two or three years, and he wants to go into things relaxed and refreshed. How do you feel about this idea?

Jill

Dear Jill,
I understand where your husband's coming from. A business is very time consuming, and to make it a success you'll both have to eat, sleep and breathe it for a very long time.

But here's the reality of your situation. Right now, you're basically unemployed. On top of that, you have just \$40,000 with which to start a business. It's time to rev up your engines and get to work, not spend a bunch of money vacationing. Trust me, there'll be plenty of time to celebrate after you've won, maybe in even bigger and better ways, if you'll just delay gratification and put in the dedication and hard work now.

When it comes to opening



Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

a new business, a good rule of thumb is this: Everything's going to take twice as long to accomplish as you thought it would, and everything's going to be twice as expensive as you thought it'd be. I'm sure you're both smart people, but my guess is you're not exceptions to this rule when it comes to opening and running a small business.

Think about it, every single dollar connected with your business could mean the difference between survival and going under. Like I said, I kind of get your husband's thought process, but it would be a very unwise idea right now. You've got to look at the big picture. You're going to be heartbroken, and maybe in a real financial bind, if you have to close up shop in a few months because you ran out of money.

On the other hand, if you work hard now, stay smart

and make this thing a success, you can take a vacation—and really celebrate—when the time is right!

—Dave

* Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.

Trivia

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Truth, Goals
ANSWERS: 1) Established, 2) Pass, 3) Leviticus, 4) Moving forward, 5) 7th, 6) Wisdom
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| | - Open Cholecystectomy | |
| | - Ostomies | |

PET OF THE WEEK

Happy Paws is between 2 and 3 years old, neutered and up to date on vaccines. He must be in a home either with no cats or other FIV positive cats.



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