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Pulaski County accepts donations of Calfee Park, speedway from Shelor



Jonathan Sweet and the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors vote to accept the donation of the Pulaski County Motorsports Park from Shelor Motor Mile to the County of Pulaski in the first of two announcements Wednesday.

By WILLIAM PAINE
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The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors convened at two separate locations on Thursday to announce what amounts to be the largest gift in Pulaski County history, and likely the largest private donation ever given to a locality in the history of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The first meeting of the board took place just before noon in the VIP towers at the Pulaski County Motorsports Park.

With the board seated in front of a sizeable gathering of VIPs and county employees, County Administrator Jonathan Sweet announced that the Shelor Motor Mile Corporation had agreed to donate the Motor Mile Speedway and Dragway, along with its 152 acre campus, to the County of Pulaski.

"It is safe to say that Pulaski County's intention is to enthusiastically accept this enormous gift and we will look to optimize it for the continued benefit, enjoyment and prosperity of Pulaski County and our citizens," Sweet stated.

Sweet went on to say that the Shelor Motor Mile

Shelor will continue to manage both facilities for next three years

and its affiliates have agreed to manage the facility for the next three years and donate all net revenues to Pulaski County. In addition to motorsports activities, the county will have the option to use the facility for other professional sports and entertainment events.

The racetrack first opened in 1952 and Shelor Motor Mile purchased the venue in 2004. Since then, the Motor Mile has hosted NASCAR events, drag races, Monster truck shows and concerts.

"The Motor Mile sports management team will continue to be involved in the operation of the venue and we are working on infrastructure improvements, as we begin planning for our fall schedule of events and even expanding for special events in 2025," said Melissa Epperly of the Motor Mile.

After the announcement, Laura Walters, Chair of the Pulaski County Supervisors called the

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Chairwoman of the Board of Supervisors Laura Walters signs a document to formally accept the donation of Calfee Park to the County of Pulaski during the second announcement event Wednesday afternoon at Calfee Park.

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meeting to order to officially accept the donation from Shelor Motor Mile. The board then voted unanimously to accept the donation and then agreed to reconvene at 2 p.m. at Calfee Park.

"It's a tremendous gift from Shelor Motor Mile and we can't show enough appreciation," said Supervisor Dirk Compton. "We understand what an honor it is to have it and we're going to do the best we can with it and manage it as well as we can."

"This is a happy day for Pulaski County," added Supervisor Chris Stafford. "We're very appreciative to the Shelor Motor Mile for entrusting us with this wonderful Motorsports Park and we want to see it flourish and continue to bring economic development and fun activities for Pulaski County citizens and beyond."

The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors reconvened in front of several invited guests on the outdoor deck area of Calfee Park. County Administrator Sweet began this second meeting by announcing that, in addition to the Speedway, Shelor Motor Mile is also donating Calfee Park and its 21 accessory parcels to the County of Pulaski.

After Chairwoman Walters again opened proceedings, the motion was made to officially accept the donation of Calfee Park from Shelor Motor Mile. Her fellow supervisors all voted in favor of accepting this second multimillion dollar donation from Shelor Motor Mile.

Calfee Park was built in 1935 and is listed as both a national and state landmark. According to the Motor Mile's Melissa Epperly, Motor Mile purchased the park in 2015 and completely refurbished it.

"We do want to reassure our fans that today's announcement has absolutely no impact on Pulaski River Turtles in 2024 and beyond," said Epperly. "Calfee Park will continue to be home of the Pulaski River Turtles for years to come under the guidance of the Motor Mile sports management team."

"What a great day for Pulaski County," said Supervisor Mike Mooney. "Back in the mid 60's I attended the racetrack and in the mid 70's I played little league and all through high school I played baseball in Calfee Park. I am so proud to be on this board and I'm grateful to the Shelor Motor Mile family to trust us with this great gift. I'm looking forward to bringing this back to the county and the folks supporting it and making even more events. Be ready for more good news, I think this is just the start."

The last action of the Supervisors that day was to pass a Resolution of Recognition and Appreciation for David L. Hagan and Larry J. Shelor and the entire Shelor Motor Mile family "for their longstanding partnership and transformational support."

"It's a gift and we're ecstatic about it," exclaimed Laura Walters. "We've been working on it hard for about 8 months and it gives us opportunities for larger events and for our Tourism and Rec departments. It's just incredible."

"I like the timing on it and I think it's going to create a lot of opportunity and I think it's a great thing for the county and all the citizens as well," said Pulaski County EDA Board member Bill Cunningham.

"Shelor Motor Mile has been

active in this community for years, supporting our schools and everything else," said Supervisor Jeff Reeves. "I think it's going to be a big benefit for the county and hopefully the whole region. It's a good day."

According to Town Attorney Spencer Rygas, the Town of Pulaski had First Right of Refusal if the owners of the Motor Mile decided to sell the facility. The town was reportedly given the opportunity to buy Calfee Park for several million dollars but was unable to make the purchase.

It was after this, that it was decided to donate Calfee Park to Pulaski County.

Was Mayor Shannon Collins disappointed that Calfee Park wasn't donated to the town, as it is within town limits?

"It could have been a whole lot worse," replied Collins. "Someone could have bought it and not done anything with it, so we have to look at the positive and that's what I try to do in all aspects. We just have to work together with the county to make this work because it is in our town. We've been mending fences lately anyway, so this is another one of those. We ran it (Calfee Park) for a while and didn't do a real good job so, I look at it as a positive thing. I try to look for the light at the end of the tunnel and the light at the end of the tunnel is that there will still be baseball in Pulaski County and we'll still be watching it."

"My perspective is that Shelor Motor Mile was looking for the right steward for these assets and they found the right steward with Pulaski County," said Sweet of the donation. "So yeah, it's an honor and a privilege to have been considered for this gift."

After three years' time, Pulaski County will be responsible for managing these two venues. Is it a concern that, according to sources, neither of these two facilities has been making a profit over the last several years?

"The county's purpose is not to make money," Sweet replied. "It's a different balance sheet for the county than it is for private enterprise. We're going to have three years to work alongside the Motor Mile family and their affiliates and learn the industry and learn the business and really understand the operations. We could do some fun stuff with this and I think we can do some profitable things as well."

"Nevertheless, the value of these facilities and what that does to the county's net financial position overnight is significant from bonding agency standpoint and bond ratings," Sweet continued. "The facilities and the assets here have significant value to the county. We won't consider looking this gift horse in the mouth in any fashion. It is a blessing and we are treating it just as that."

"It's an historic day for Pulaski County and another monumental epic donation by Dave Hagan and Larry Shelor," said 42nd District Delegate Jason Ballard. "I know I am personally appreciative of their kindness and generosity and I know Pulaski County is, as well."

"This is a great opportunity for the people of Pulaski County," said 46th District Delegate Jed Arnold. "It's a wonderful asset to have here thanks to the generosity of the Shelor Motor Mile and I can't wait to see what they do with it."

Hiwassee man found dead

From Pulaski County Sheriff's Office

Upon arrival, units located a deceased male identified as 25-year-old Chad O. Pennington of Hiwassee.

On Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at approximately 8 p.m., Pulaski County Sheriff's Office personnel responded to a disturbance call in the 4800 block of Lee Highway in the Dublin area.

This is believed to be an isolated incident.

At this time no further information will be released as this is an ongoing investigation.

Constitution Alive class set

If you haven't felt it already, the promotion of the upcoming November election is already surging. It is good to be prepared to vote by investigating the candidates we have to choose among? But is going to the polls all we can do to exercise our power as We the People?

If that idea has ever crossed your mind, the Constitution Alive class that is being held at Pulaski Presbyterian on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm provides a wealth of stories and information about the power we

hold as citizens.

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The Love of Her Life, Two Quesenberrys and a Dime Store



Friday, April 5, 2024 marks the 99th anniversary of Ethelene Quesenberry. Her 99th Birthday. Not quite a century old, but close enough. The photos show two very great people in her life span. Two love stories with many chapters. One being her Father who was taken away very early in her life, but not so early as to leave a lasting memory of love and regard for her, by her Daddy, Freddie Quesenberry. Her memory of his love and missing of his hugs and horse rides he took her on. Her longing for his touch and warmth as a child in Indian Valley, Virginia still linger. Later in life, while working in a mine company store in the coal fields of southern West Virginia, a young freshly discharged soldier from World War II, one Coy Quesenberry met her and cupid's bow got them both with one arrow.

In the early 1950's they brought a daughter into the world and a new place to call home, Pulaski was that place. Ethelene's home for over 70 years. Her most cherished memories (other than her family) are being a member of the First Pentecostal Church of Pulaski and working for Roses Store on Main Street, (the Maple Shade address) and Route 99 shopping center. Some called her Mrs. Roses, but most just called her their friend and the only one they looked up after being away for years. She told her Daughter, Glenna she hopes she's around when Roses comes back so she can apply for a job. **Happy 99th Birthday Ethelene!**



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Pulaski Council votes to support Claytor Lake Festival

By WILLIAM PAINE
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The first Pulaski Town Council meeting of April 2024 began with a presentation made by Robby Morris asking for support for the upcoming Claytor Lake Festival. Morris was asking the Town for a \$500 contribution for the festival, which is to take place on Saturday, June 8 at Claytor Lake State Park.

As Morris explained, the Claytor Lake Festival began as a 50th Anniversary celebration of the founding of Claytor Lake State Park, which occurred in the years following WWII.

According to Morris, last year's Claytor Lake Festival budget was \$42,000 and these funds went towards paying for entertainers, banners, trophies, advertising, trash disposal, parking services and emergency medical personnel.

Morris also said that upwards of 14,000 people attended last year's Claytor Lake Festival and these visitors have a significant economic impact on the

community at large.

Attendees at this year's Claytor Lake Festival can expect to see various musical acts, multiple craft vendors, a car show, a fishing tournament, law enforcement displays and at least two wineries on site.

As in years past, the festival will end with a fireworks display by Gucci.

Morris, along with Leona Turner are Vice Chairs of the Claytor Lake State Park Festival Committee. Judy Isom is still acting Chair of the Committee, but will hand over the reins of that organization to Morris and Turner for next year's event.

"The festival's partners consist of Pulaski County, the Town of Dublin, Claytor Lake State Park, the Claytor State Park Ambassadors and the Claytor Lake State Park Festival Committee," said Morris.

"If there was ever an event that was worth supporting it's that," said councilman Brooks Dawson. "It's always been a tremendous draw for the county and certainly we benefit from that in the town as well."

Dawson then made the motion to approve the request for a \$500 sponsorship to go towards supporting the festival. Council agreed and voted unanimously to provide funds for sponsorship of the Claytor Lake Festival.

Next the town council took up the issue of authorizing the Virginia On Main Street Program Affiliate community application.

Mary Ann Gilmore, who recently took the position of Director of Pulaski On Main, was asked to come to the podium to explain the significance of the application.

"Mary Anne has been on board since December and has done a great job and will continue to do a great job and ... we love you," said Mayor Shannon Collins as Gilmore approached the dais.

Gilmore explained that the previous application to the Virginia On Main Street program had been lost, so that the Town needed to authorize a re-application.

"We're going to re-submit the application, but one of the most important aspects of the application involves the town's formal support," said Gilmore. "This allows Pulaski On Main to take advantage of more grant opportunities from Virginia On Main."

Town Attorney Spencer Rygas then recalled an earlier presentation by a former director of Pulaski On Main, where there was a financial commitment

involved for the Town to qualify for certain grant statuses with Virginia On Main.

"The previous presentation from Pulaski On Main involved significant financial contributions made by the town to be in the Main Street Community," said Rygas.

After some discussion, it was agreed that the current resolution of support to apply to Virginia On Main Affiliate Community Application required no financial obligations. Having determined this, the council voted unanimously to approve the application.

Gilmore later said that Pulaski On Main was currently using \$12,000 in grant money supplied by Virginia On Main to complete the mural at the Count's Crossing Pocket Park on West Main Street.

In other action, upon Town Manager Todd Day's request,

the council also voted to renew a mutual aid agreement that had expired with the Wythe County Sheriff's office.

"If we need assistance or if they need assistance, we work across county lines," said Day of the mutual aid agreement. "The Town of Pulaski and Wythe County will be able to assist each other upon request in the event of an emergency ... If the Police Chief or Sheriff deems it to be necessary."

The council voted unanimously to approve the renewal of the Mutual Aid agreement.

Lastly, the Pulaski Town Council voted to appoint Bob Huttick and Jeffery Worrell to the town's Economic Development Authority.

The next Pulaski Town Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 16.

Powerball jackpot jumps to \$1.23 billion

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — The Powerball jackpot has increased to an estimated \$1.23 billion after another drawing without a big winner Wednesday night.

The numbers selected were: 11, 38, 41, 62, 65 and the Powerball 15.

The jackpot, which now ranks as the eighth-largest in U.S. lottery history, has been growing for more than three months, reflecting the long odds of 1 in 292.2 million of winning the top prize. Since the last player won the jackpot Jan. 1, there have been 40 consecutive drawings without anyone matching all six numbers and hitting it rich.

Lottery officials note that thousands of people have won smaller prizes, which range from \$2 to \$2 million.

The \$1.23 billion prize is for a sole winner who chooses to be paid through an annuity with 30 annual payments. Winners almost always prefer the cash option, which for the next drawing Saturday night would be an estimated \$595.1 million.

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A New Evil Empire

Since the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, the United States has enjoyed status as the sole world superpower.

The defeat of the Evil Empire, coined by President Ronald Reagan, meant freedom could sound across the globe.

In 2024, those gains of freedom are under siege. Challenging those freedoms as well as the leadership of the United States are a set of bad actors across the globe. While their motives vary, those actors share the common goal of thwarting freedom and the best interests of the United States.

Among them is the Communist People's Republic of China (China). China persists in its desire to supplant the United States as the world's main superpower. President Xi Jinping has gone great lengths to consolidate his power. Xi secured an unprecedented third term as China's leader, making him China's longest serving head of state since 1949, longer than Mao Tse-tung, the first Communist leader of China.

President Xi wields the world's second-strongest economy, with attempts to use his Belt and Road initiative to expand Chinese influence throughout the globe.

China's territorial claims in the South China Sea, as well as its escalating efforts to control Taiwan, positions itself as a dangerous, power-hungry actor.

China has projected its military capabilities by participating in joint drills with numerous countries, most recently a five-day exercise with the navies of Russia and Iran.

Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine has shocked the West. As I have discussed in an earlier column, we have witnessed Finland and Sweden join the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) within the last year to signal Western unity in the face of Russian aggression.

Many Western leaders do not see Putin's encroachment stopping with Ukraine.

In that previous column, I mentioned the potential threat to Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia. Also threatened could be the Republic of Moldova.

Moldova is situated east of Romania and to the southwest of Ukraine.

The Dniester River, which runs through Ukraine and Moldova, splits Moldova. The region east of the Dniester is known as Transnistria.

In Transnistria, the people have much closer ties to Russia than Europe. Many Russians settled there during the Soviet Union era. Russian is the predominant language. Their flag maintains the old Soviet hammer and sickle. Russia reportedly maintains a military garrison, albeit small, of roughly 1,500 troops in Transnistria. All of these ties contribute to Transnistria's classification as a breakaway republic.

Also within Moldova, but separate from Transnistria, lies an autonomous region known as Gagauzia. Home to a populace of mainly ethnic Turks, Gagauzia holds Russia-friendly, anti-European sentiments. Their governor met this month with Putin despite Moldovan objections. Putin has promised to extend his support to Gagauzia and its people.

Moldova's concerns are legitimate.

Russia's activity in other parts of the world is also concerning, particularly their close relationship and their arms deals with Iran.

Iran is a major instigator in the Middle East, contributing further to the destabilization of the region.

On October 7 of last year, Iran-backed Hamas executed a terrorist attack of grotesque proportions, igniting a deadly war with Israel. Iran continues its threats of escalation with Israel as Israel fights in self-defense.

Further, the Red Sea, an important trade route for the global economy, is under siege from Iranian-backed Houthi rebels, who are supported with weapons and ammunition by Iran. The Houthis have upended the world supply chain with their attacks on cargo ships, supposedly targeting any vessel that is linked to Israel.

It should come as no surprise that in March, the Houthis came to an agreement with China and Russia, assuring the two powers that their ships will have safe passage through the Red Sea.

But that is not true for Western shipping, particularly US and British ships. The Houthis have fired on US and allied shipping on a fairly regular basis.

Also earlier this year, three U.S. service members in Jordan were killed by a drone strike led by Iranian-backed militants. This outpost is just one of many that have taken fire from Iranian drones and missiles.

Also Syria and Hezbollah in Lebanon are backed by the Iranians.

We are living through a remarkable flashpoint in world affairs. Our foreign adversaries grow more emboldened every day, jeopardizing the long-term best interests of freedom and the United States.

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Morgan Griffith
9th District Representative

Happy! Happy! Birthday Thomas Jefferson

When someone is asked, "What is Thomas Jefferson famous for?" the answer is predictably that he wrote the Declaration of Independence; and maybe they might know that he was the third U.S. President. But there is so much more interesting information about Jefferson and his accomplishments during his 83-years of life.

According to the Julian Calendar, which was in use until 1752, Jefferson was born on April 2, 1743. However, when the Western World began using the Georgian Calendar in October 1752, Jefferson's birthday then fell on April 13, 1743.

Among what he considers his greatest accomplishments are the Declaration of Independence, the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom and the founding of the University of Virginia; which he called "the hobby of my old age." These are the only three accomplishments he listed on his grave marker, which he designed himself.

Some historians consider Jefferson to be the Last Renaissance Man because of his many talents and interests. Besides being a politician and President, he was an avid archaeologist, architect, astronomer, author, diplomat, educator, gardener, inventor, lawyer, paleontologist (has a Mammoth named after him), philosopher and accomplished violinist. Jefferson's love for music was expressed with some frustration: "music is the favorite passion of my soul and fortune has cast my lot in a country where it is in a state of deplorable barbarism."

Additionally, he spoke 6-languages (English, French, Greek, Italian, Latin and Spanish). He loved to read and express his ideas, having written over 19,000 letters and collected over 10,000 books in his lifetime. He would sell his 10,000 book collection to the U.S. Library of Congress, which

One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

became the foundation for the Library of Congress. He was nicknamed "Long Tom" because of his 6-foot 2-1/2-inch height and his slender long arms.

Regarding his inventions, Jefferson designed a swivel chair with a leg rest and attached writing desk, a macaroni machine, an improved dumbwaiter, a Wheel Cipher to decode messages, built-in beds for his home suspended from rope, an automatic door for his parlor, a zig-zag roof system to capture rainwater, a iron moldboard plow to allow crops to be grown on hills.

Another of his great accomplishments was brokering the Louisiana Purchase, acquiring 530,000,000 acres for a mere \$15-million dollars.

His final contribution to education and his last great public service was what he called, "the hobby of my old age" where he conceived, promoted, founded and designed the University of Virginia. After securing land from James Monore, Jefferson set up the university charter, designed the buildings, including the Rotunda, planned the curriculum (including religious teachings) and served as it's first Rector.

Perhaps, some of us will consider Thomas Jefferson's greatest contribution to be his philosophy of education for all citizens. Jefferson believed that an educated citizenry was necessary for the protection and preservation of the freedoms given to "we the people" through the experiment in American self-government. His philosophy regarding education was that if people were educated and could think and reason for themselves, they could stand against tyranny.



Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

The absurd four-day workweek

Karl Marx would be proud. Bernie Sanders has proposed taking another step toward the philosopher's envisioned utopia by proposing to mandate a four-day workweek.

Marx wrote how in communist society, workers would be liberated to "hunt in the morning, fish in the afternoon, raise cattle in the evening, criticize after dinner, just as I have in mind, without ever becoming hunter, fisherman, shepherd or critic."

Needless to say, that's not how communism turned out. Yet the belief that work is basically a capitalist imposition that is unnatural and bad for people still holds sway on the left, and Sanders is, accordingly, proposing to move from a 40-hour to a 32-hour workweek to make us healthy, wealthy and wise.

"It is time to reduce the stress level in our country and allow Americans to enjoy a better quality of life," the Vermont socialist insists. "It is time for a 32-hour workweek with no loss in pay."

The last clause is the key one. If everyone can work less and produce and earn exactly the same, why not? And if this is possible, why stop at four days a week? It'd be positively cruel to make someone work four days when they can work three days with the same outcomes.

Of course, the promise that we can work less and make the same is the socialist equivalent of Mexico will pay for the border wall. It's not just promising a free lunch, but a free breakfast, lunch and dinner, with room service delivering a late-night snack gratis.

What we earn is not an arbitrary number, but is linked to what we produce. To simplify, if everyone were to work 20% less without becoming any more productive, GDP would decline by 20%. The pie would shrink, even though Sanders is saying everyone's slice would -- impossibly -- be just as big.

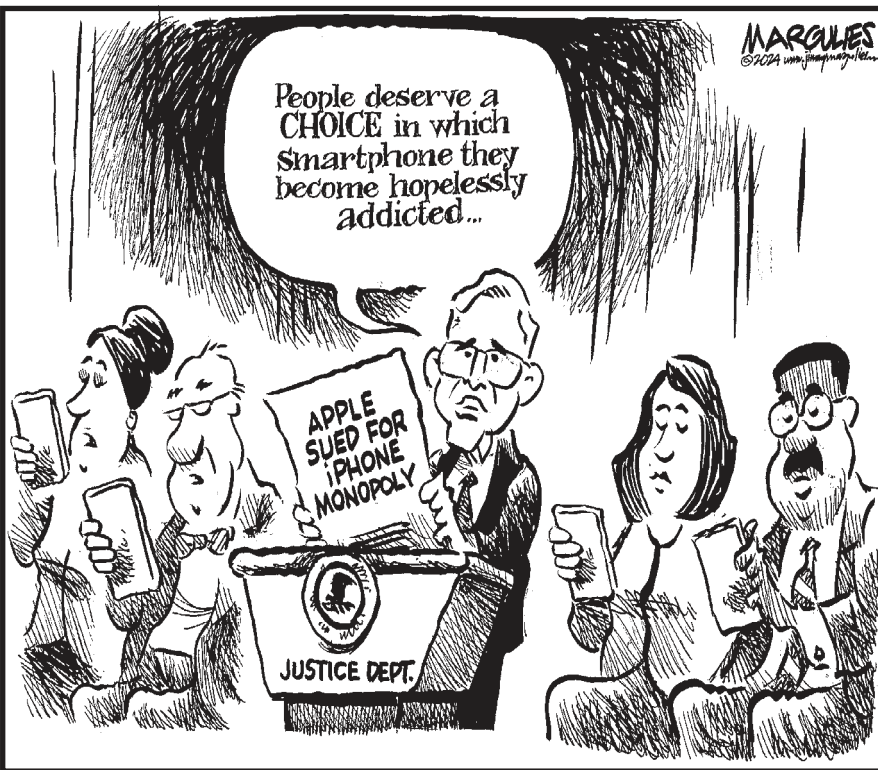
It's certainly true that Americans work more than people in other countries. France has a much-vaunted 35-hour workweek, although that stricture only applies to blue-collar workers. Still, France works less than we do, and -- in a sign that basic economic laws aren't so easily suspended -- its workers make less money. The average net disposable household income in France, according to The Week magazine, is \$34,375 a year, whereas it is \$51,147 in the U.S.

If Sanders were being honest and weren't a socialist, he'd say he has a great deal for Americans -- they can work less and become poorer. There probably wouldn't be many takers.

Sanders complains that American workers are 400% more productive than they were in the 1940s, yet they are still working long hours. Over time, though, we have worked less. In 1830, the average working week was more than 70 hours, and over the course of the next century, it dropped by almost half.

If we were all content with 1940s living standards, maybe we could go all the way and adopt a two-day workweek. From a 21st-century perspective, though, returning

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Work Continues

Delegate Jason Ballard 42nd District

Although the Virginia General Assembly's 2024 regular session is now complete, work continues in regard to Governor Youngkin's action on the hundreds of bills sent to him for consideration by the House and Senate. The Governor has signed over 100 bills into law at the time of this writing, and he has also vetoed 34 pieces of legislation (with more vetoes expected this week). Many of the Governor's recent vetoes revolve primarily around public safety related legislation, and fortunately, his veto pen is protecting Virginians from dozens of bad ideas passed forth from the Democrat-controlled General Assembly.

Among those "bad ideas" is House Bill 455, which would have allowed prosecutors to charge possession of less than 1 gram of a controlled substance as a misdemeanor. Before the bill was amended, this also included fentanyl, which means that a person could have been charged with a misdemeanor for possessing up to 500 fatal doses of this deadly drug. This bill undermines the seriousness of drug offenses, and it will unfortunately lead to a public perception that possession of a scheduled drug such as cocaine or heroin is not a serious offense; akin to underage alcohol possession. Such

perception would hinder our efforts to combat drug crises, such as the opioid epidemic. As a society, we can be fair to those who seek recovery while also providing strong legal disincentives to the abuse of substances that destroy families and lives.

Another public safety bill that met Governor Youngkin's veto pen is House Bill 972, which prohibited courts from inquiring into a defendant's immigration status. Deportation is a serious outcome for non-citizens convicted of crimes. However, courts must absolutely have the right to inquire as to the immigration status of a defendant, as it is relevant information to the way the justice system should handle a potential flight risk. Such limitations on the information available to courts risk impeding their ability to adjudicate cases fairly and accurately, potentially resulting in severe consequences for the public.

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Coast Guard's Holcomb to assist with bridge collapse

By DANIELLE REID
Patriot Publishing

It's getting close to warmer weather, which means people will be boating and using the natural resources of Claytor Lake and its tributaries, Smith Mountain Lake and Lake Anna. But few of us will realize the incredible contributions toward our safety that our local U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary makes until we have a water-centered emergency.

According to Steve Holcomb, Vice-Division Commander of the Blue Ridge Division of the 5th South District, of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, the USCG is the oldest sea-going organization and was established in 1790. The Coast Guard Auxiliary is the only Congressionally sanctioned volunteer arm of the Coast Guard, and has an exemplary reputation for training, rescuing and protection of property.

"Our training is based on over 230 years of Coast Guard maritime experience and is augmented by the FEMA ICS system courses. We're standing on the shoulders of giants and the training just gets better. There are numerous categories in which individuals can get training. For example, the Coast Guard has exceptional training classes in Public Affairs, Computers, Boat Crew, Telecommunications, Human Resources and a variety of other classes. After joining the Coast Guard Auxiliary and paying an annual fee of \$65.00, all classes are free."

Holcomb, as a Branch Chief of the National Response Directorate and Assistant District Staff Officer of Surface Operations has numerous people who answer directly to him.

His service record, spanning 45-years, exemplifies the Coast

Guard Auxiliary's tradition of volunteerism: 'Honor, respect and devotion to duty.' While serving as the Vice Division Commander and also serving on the national staff and the district staff, he wears many hats and has the ultimate responsibility for overseeing 11-Division staff officers, from the three districts of VA, NC and MD. Because of his in-depth and expansive USCG training, he describes himself as "a kind of Swiss Army Knife." He says he is nicknamed "the Old Coasty" by his staff, but not necessarily to his face.

Holcomb says "Our volunteers are highly trained and highly motivated. Lots of people who volunteer have a desire to help others and it is very fulfilling when you help to pull survivors from the water - which we did last Friday on Claytor Lake - or train college students to contribute to the welfare of others."

They recently accepted three new Coast Guard Auxiliary volunteers including a VT professor, a medical doctor and a registered nurse.

In many cases, volunteers invest up to 40-hours per week doing what they love. Retired military volunteer because they still want to be part of the mission. Other adults have a desire to serve now when they couldn't serve when they were younger. These volunteers bring their talents and abilities, as well as life-skills, to enhance the purpose of the Auxiliary.

Students can pad their resume by volunteering, plus get free training in various life-strategies that will benefit them as they pursue their careers. The Auxiliary works directly with VT and VMI students training them to be future USCG officers through the Auxiliary University Program. Holcomb disclosed that



Steve Holcomb, Vice-Division Commander of the Blue Ridge Division of the 5th South District, of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

his most recent notice of deployment transpired a few days ago, after the March 26th Francis Scott Key Bridge collapsed in Baltimore, MD. Holcomb will be working as an Assistant Public Information Officer in the Joint Information Center. As such, he will be responding to the media's inquiries in coordination with the Coast Guard's Public Affairs Office. Some of his duties will be creating press releases, monitoring and creating communications, monitoring

the media coverage, and coordinating media briefings at the Maryland Cruise Terminal Joint Information Center (JIC).

Even with this level of responsibility, Holcomb's focus is on how he can help others by saving lives and protecting property. "I've always had a desire to help others and volunteering with the USCG Auxiliary is what I'm doing right now to fulfill that desire."

Holcomb's career in public service started during high school where he worked

as a lifeguard. "I enjoyed that type of work so much that it sparked a passion inside me for EMS training and service. I was so enthusiastic that prior to graduating high school, I had already completed Firefighting Section I and II from West Virginia University and Heights Rescue School. I received my EMT certification when I turned 18," he stated.

After graduating from high school in 1978, Holcomb joined what he considered to be the ultimate search and rescue organization - the United States Coast Guard in 1979. He was fortunate to receive a wide variety of assignments such as lighthouseman, small boat crewman, instructor and cutterman (law enforcement and SAR); and received a Special Operations Service ribbon for participating in a multi-agency drug interdiction task force. He was also honored to receive two Meritorious Unit Commendations with operational distinguishing device for excellence in Guantanamo Bay refresher training and drug interdiction. He also taught at USCG Training Center Governors Island New York and training twice at refresher training in Guantanamo Bay.

Holcomb has the highest regard for the USCG and USCG Auxiliary. "The Coast Guard has never ceased to provide me with paramount training and experience," he commented.

Holcomb says he retired to do what he loves, and has been doing just that for 45 years. "This organization is worthy of everything I have to give."

Holcomb encourages anyone who want more information or to participate in the USCG Auxiliary, to visit: CGAUX.org

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Also vetoed by Governor Youngkin was House Bill 77, which sought to minimize sentencing - even retroactively - for those who commit robberies in Virginia. This proposal obviously poses significant public safety consequences for the Commonwealth, further reducing the tiered penalties for the different types of robberies. The Department of Corrections has reported that as of March 1, 2024, approximately 3,340 inmates with robbery as their most serious offense are incarcerated. Of the cohort of inmates released last July and August with enhanced earned sentence credits, 804 were re-

arrested within three months of their release date. 50 of those who were re-arrested committed a robbery offense. Releasing violent offenders early harms our communities, and this bill further erodes the public's confidence in safe streets.

It's truly disappointing to see the Democratic majority's focus on pandering to those who break our laws instead of embracing policies that make our communities safer. Fortunately, Governor Youngkin is a reliable backstop against many of these policies becoming law - this year. Victims of violent crime - and anyone who values safe communities

- should remember General Assembly Democrats' priorities come next election season.

As the Delegate representing the 42nd House District in the Virginia General Assembly, 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.

\$750K to cross bridge?

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York City Marathon organizers will soon have to pay a bridge toll, just like every other commuter, if New York transit officials have their way.

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority is demanding the New York Road Runners, organizers of the venerable race generally held the first Sunday of each November, pay roughly \$750,000 for use of the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge.

The agency that oversees New York's bridges and tunnels says the fee represents the estimated amount of toll revenue lost when the nation's longest suspension bridge is closed.

"New Yorkers love Marathon Sunday, but taxpayers cannot be expected to subsidize a wealthy non-government organization like the New York Road Runners to the tune of \$750,000," said Catherine Sheridan, president of MTA's department of bridges and tunnels, in a statement.

Lowery

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to 1940s-era housing, plumbing, technology, transportation and health care would feel like impoverishment, and it would be.

What Sanders misses, as economics writer David Bahnsen argues in his new book "Full Time: Work and the Meaning of Life," is that work is good for us, indeed an inherent part of the human condition. Moreover, the problem isn't that Americans work too much, but that too many Americans aren't working at all. Noting the long-term decline in labor-force

participation, Bahnsen points out that if the participation rate were the same as it was in 2000, an additional 10 million Americans would be working, with a concomitant increase in goods and services.

In short, the Sanders idea is a frank expression of economic illiteracy. Instead of working so hard to propose and publicize such baldly ludicrous ideas, it'd be better for everyone if the senator found more time for leisure pursuits and resolved to put in fewer hours on the job.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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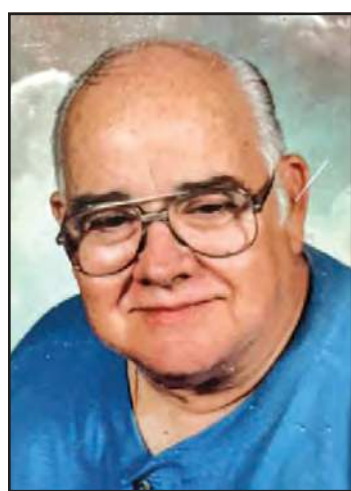
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OBITUARIES



BOB TAYLOR SR.

Bob Taylor Sr., of Pulaski, died April 1, 2024. He was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley Taylor. They were married for 66 years. Shirley died July 11, 2024.

He was a machinist for a glass factory for 38 years.

Bob is survived by sons, Bobby Taylor Jr. and wife, Tina; Frank Taylor, and David Taylor and wife, Pam. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Special thanks to his cousin, Larry Freeman.

Bob was cremated, and a memorial service will be held at a later date.



MARY KATHERINE COLLINS

Mary Katherine Collins, age 89 of Pulaski passed away Saturday, March 30, 2024 at the Montgomery Regional Hospital. Born February 7, 1935 in Pulaski County, Virginia she was the daughter of the late Robert Lee Edwards & Edna Louise Lawson Edwards. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Paris Collins; sister, three brothers and children's father, Estel Claude Reynolds.

Mary is survived by her Children - Phyllis Davis - Pulaski, Kathy (Michael) Jones - Dublin, Barbara Simpkins - Pulaski, David (Brenda) Collins - Pulaski

5 Grandchildren 13 Great Grandchildren

Funeral services were held Thursday, April 4, 2024 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski. Interment will follow at the Allison Farm Cemetery (Boyd Road, Draper).

To sign Mary's online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com

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



GARY R. MEADOWS

July 24, 1952

March 27, 2024

Gary R. Meadows, 71, of Dublin, was born on July 24, 1952, and completed his earthly journey on Wednesday, March 27, 2024. He was a dedicated member of Heritage Church and was very active in the food pantry. Gary felt called to start a prayer ministry, alongside being active in the food pantry, to minister to people in need of prayer. He also started a men's bible study group. Gary was always trying to show people how to love the Lord. He was a giving and loving person who lived a life full of service, even serving in the U.S. National Guard from 1971 until 1977. Gary never met a stranger and enjoyed talking to and helping everyone. His career in the retail profession was a great opportunity for him to meet people. Gary began his career at Heck's Inc. in Beckley, W. Va., before becoming manager of the Radford store. From there, he moved up to become district manager, servicing stores in several states. He also worked for Service Merchandise and Big Lots before retiring from retail and becoming a car salesman. Gary loved traveling and buying and selling cars but eventually ended up doing what he loved best (accompanied by his faithful canine companion, Luke) and that was farming. His love of going to auctions and buying and selling farm equipment did not compare to the love he had for talking to people. Gary genuinely loved everyone.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lacy Lonnie, Sr., and Sybil Mills Meadows; brother, Lonnie Meadows; and his sister, Margie Thomas.

Survivors include his loving wife of 47 years, Sharon "Kitty" Meadows; children and their spouses, Matthew and Rebecca Meadows, Wes and Melissa Jarrell, and Traci and Ben Wright; grandchildren, Candice and Colton Meadows, Mikayla, Bailey, and Hudson Jarrell, and Meadow Wright; and many other relatives and special friends.

Gary's wish was to be cremated. The family will receive friends from 12 p.m. until 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 6, 2024, at the Heritage Church in Dublin. A memorial service will begin at 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Heritage Cares Food Pantry, 6195 Cleburne Blvd, Dublin, VA 24084.

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



DREXEL LYONS

Drexel Lyons, of Pulaski, passed away peacefully on April 1, 2024 at his home with family by his side & his long-time little dog Zoey.

To my amazing Dad, my hero, I want to say thank you. Thank you for being there for me every step of the way. Thank you for your guidance, your support, and your unwavering love. I can never put into words how much you mean to me, but I hope this tribute comes close.

Drexel was born in Pulaski County on May 25, 1931, to the late Walter Martin Lyons & Magalene Hollandsworth Lyons. He served in the Korean War as Navy Petty Officer First Class. He was a retired U.S. Postmaster in Radford and he retired from Orbital ATK in Radford. One of his happiest accomplishments was buying a farm in Pulaski County and raising black Angus beef cattle. He was preceded in death by his wife Ruth Jones Lyons in 2016. One brother James "Buck" Lyons of Dublin and one sister Darlene Francisco of Salem.

Left to cherish "Paw's" memory is one daughter Debra Rhyder & Russ, two grandsons Richard "Joey" Manning & Shannon and Chad Manning & Savanna. Three great grandchildren Jaxxon, Reece & Myranda. He was also survived by many neices & nephews.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, April 5, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. at Seagle Funeral Home with Pastor Mike Talbert and Jody Lyons officiating. Interment will be held privately at Thornspring Cemetery. There will be no visitation at the funeral home.

My dad was a loving & giving man. In lieu of flowers please consider making donations to St Jude's Children's Research Hospital in his memory. 262 Danny Thomas Place Memphis, TN 38105

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



OPAL CHRISTINE LINKOUS KOGER

Opal Christine Linkous Koger, age 102, of Dublin, Virginia, went home to be with the Lord on April 2, 2024. She was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, Thomas Harvey Koger.

Her family includes children Tom Koger and wife Tina, Judy Koger (deceased); Nancy Koger Taylor and husband, Robert, Martha Koger Kelly and husband Stuart. Grandchildren are Susan Koger (deceased), Christopher Koger, Sarah Taylor, Paul Taylor and wife Kara, Noelle Kelly Edwards and husband Drew, Anna Kelly Banke and husband Christopher. Great grandchildren are Kaydence and Johnny Taylor and Abby and Samantha Edwards.

Opal grew up on her family's small farm on Nubbins Ridge Road near Spanishburg, West Virginia. Her parents were Elonzo E. Linkous and Lula Gunter Linkous. Her sister, Elsie L. Harmon and two brothers, Nelson Linkous and Willard Linkous, are also deceased.

While still single, Opal worked at several jobs, including at Maidenform in Princeton and at Celenese in Narrows. While waitressing at the Blue Stone Tavern in Spanishburg, Opal met Harvey, a Burlington Industries truck driver. They fell in love and married on February 9, 1950. Opal moved to Dublin where she spent her energies raising her ready-made family of Tommy and Judy, Harvey's children from a previous marriage, and later, two more daughters. In 1955 they built a house in Fair Acres. She created a clean and comfortable home, raised vegetable and flower gardens, sewed clothes, and put delicious meals on the table each day.

Joining Dublin Baptist Church shortly after moving to Dublin, Opal faithfully brought her family to worship each week. She loved her church family and in later years, enjoyed activities with the Keenagers and visiting the shut-ins.

Opal accomplished her goal of being a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend. She lived a long and happy life, greatly blessed, and loved by many.

We want to thank the team at Good Samaritan Hospice for their wonderful care and guidance. Also, many thanks to Bonnie Singleton and Anne Mills for much needed help caring for Opal.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM - Saturday, April 6, 2024 at the Dublin Baptist Church with Chaplain Todd Triplett officiating. Interment will follow at the Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin.

The family will receive friends one hour before service time Saturday at the Church.

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

9th District Traveling Staff schedule

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HELEN CASTLEMAN TAYLOR

Helen Castleman Taylor, affectionately known as Chrissy by her loved ones, passed away peacefully on March 31, 2024, in Dothan, Alabama. Born on March 13, 1977, in Fairfax, Virginia, Chrissy was a beacon of light and love to all who knew her. Her life was a testament to her passionate and loving spirit, as well as her dedication to making a difference in the lives of others.

Chrissy was a proud graduate of Fairfax High School in 1995 and went on to pursue her passion for understanding the human mind by studying psychology at Radford University, where she graduated in 2000. Her commitment to education continued as she earned her degree in special education from UNC Greensboro in 2009, followed by a Master's Degree from Auburn University in 2019. Chrissy's educational journey was not just for her own growth but was a foundation for her mission to empower and uplift others through learning.

On August 31, 2002, Chrissy married the love of her life, Jeffrey Taylor, and together they began their journey in High Point, North Carolina. Chrissy's vocation as a special education teacher blossomed in the Randolph County School system, where she poured her heart and soul into her work. Her passion for teaching was evident in her later years when

she moved to Dothan and continued to inspire young minds at Slingluff Elementary and Dothan City Early Education Center. Chrissy's love for her coworkers and students was evident in every lesson she taught and every life she touched.

Chrissy was a woman of many loves, including her cherished family. She is survived by her devoted husband, Jeffrey Taylor; her beloved mother, Kathryn Castleman; her treasured children, Zachary and Grace Taylor; her caring brother, Doug Castleman (Jennifer); her loving sister, Laura Jones (Preston); and her adored nieces and nephews, Ethan, Owen, Olivia, Haylee, and Wyatt. Chrissy was preceded in death by her father, Larry Castleman, whose memory she held close to her heart.

Her interests extended beyond the classroom to her love for animals and the joy they brought into her life. Those who knew Chrissy described her as passionate, intelligent, and loving. She approached every challenge with grace and every success with humility. Her intelligence was matched only by her empathy, and her passion was visible in her unwavering commitment to her family, her students, and her community.

Chrissy's legacy is one of profound impact and enduring love. Her dedication to education and her family's growth and happiness will be remembered by all who had the privilege of experiencing her radiant presence. As we bid farewell to Chrissy, we celebrate the remarkable life she led and the countless hearts she touched.

A celebration of life will be held at 5:00 pm on Friday, April 5, 2024 at Sunset Funeral Home with Reverend Bob Sanders officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made the charity of your choice.

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Food City launches Ship to Home service

ABINGDON – Food City is excited to announce the launch of an innovative new platform designed to assist customers in purchasing items typically not found in traditional supermarkets. Food City's Ship to Home (www.FoodCityShips.com) service enables customers to shop for hard-to-find items online and have them conveniently delivered to their door by FedEx. With nearly 30,000 available items, customers can choose from a wide variety of categories, including pet care, pantry staples, refrigerated and frozen foods, beverages, and more.

"Food City was one of the first retailers in our market to offer online ordering and curbside pick-up. We're excited to launch our new Ship to Home service which will provide our valued customers access to thousands of additional items, combined with the convenience of direct-to-home delivery," says Steven

C. Smith, Food City president and chief executive officer.

www.FoodCityShips.com boasts an extensive inventory sourced from over 1,000 different food manufacturers. Customers can explore a diverse range of offerings, including over 700 gluten free items, 2,000 natural and specialty items, 700 sauces, herbs, spices, and seasonings, 500 decadent desserts, 2,000 candy and snack items, and an impressive selection of over 15,000 restaurant-grade items.

Having commenced operations on a limited basis in January, www.FoodCityShips.com is now accessible to all shoppers. Visit Food City Ships today to Shop Your Way!

Headquartered in Abingdon, Virginia, K-VA-T Food Stores (Food City's parent company) operates 154 retail outlets throughout southeast Kentucky, southwest Virginia, east Tennessee, north Georgia, and Alabama.

One photographer wins both categories



Charles Lynch of Christiansburg won both the photo challenge and the open category at the Radford Photo Club March meeting.

He won the Food Challenge with a photo of bottles of hot sauce taken at a Radford grill. "I liked the colors and the arrangement of the bottles with a beer bar background giving it a familiar sense of place," Lynch said.

He won the open category with a photo of a mountain valley landscape taken in West Virginia. "The wood grain of the farmhouse suggested black and white conversion; and it was a keeper," he explained. "It is just a beautiful scene, which requires no justification at all."

The March meeting began a new offering. At each meeting, one or two members will make brief presentations about famous photographers plus a photo in similar style of their own. In March, Michele Borgarelli of Blacksburg presented the works of Luigi Ghirri. Also at the meeting, works from the February meeting's four stations – the library, a tiny diorama, a fancy cake, and a floral still life – were presented.

In April, the photo challenge is photography in the dark, using artificial light. There will also be walks to photograph early flowers during April, which will be publicized on the Radford Photo Club's Facebook page.

The Radford Photo Club, which meets at the Radford Public Library, is made up of professional and amateur photographers from throughout the New River Valley. Meetings, events, and outings are open to the public. If you have questions about the club, email Lucy Gilmore at lucyg.gilmore@gmail.com or Michele Borgarelli at mborgarelli@gmail.com

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No matter what happens in your life, stay close to the Lord and know He will never leave or forsake you. Satan may try, but his efforts will fail because you belong to the Lord. His warfare will end!

Patricia Priddy Farrell's gifts and talents include being a coach, speaker, retreat leader, student, teacher, and Lay Minister for the Global 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.

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Fed Up



MICHAEL COLLINS

Have you ever been fed up? At such times we may say, "I've seen all of this I want to see!" Jesus had seen all He wanted to see of the misuse of the temple. It had been turned into a house of merchandise. Jesus was fed up with the money changers. He made a whip and chased them out of the temple. He turned over their tables and threw out the money from their money boxes. (John 2:14-17) In the book of Revelations, Jesus told the Laodicean Church that they made Him sick. He was fed up with them. Some things should make us feel fed up.

I'm fed up with the way the world is treating Jesus. Jesus is the best thing that has happened to this world, and I am ashamed of the way He is treated. Particularly in the United States. I am thankful for our founding fathers and the freedom they left for us, but I'm ashamed of what is happening now. Everyone has the freedom to serve or not to serve the Lord. However, I am fed up with the way He is being treated by those who have chosen not to serve Him. Our country was founded on Christian principles, but you would not know it today. The media constantly denies that He is God. Publicly His name is taken in vain as though it was acceptable language. Those who follow Him are called narrow-minded, bigots and haters. The Bible is scorned. His name is not allowed to be mentioned at many high school graduations. We are not allowed to end our prayers "in Jesus' name" at federal government events. I'm taking a stand and will publicly confess that I love Him, and I believe He is the only begotten Son of God. That He died for my sins, rose from the grave, and that He is the only way to receive eternal life. I fully intend to follow Him. I will not deny Him. He is my Lord, Savior, and coming King.

I'm fed up with the status quo. I'm fed up with the have-it-your-way lifestyle. Our way doesn't work. It is time we prayed. Lord have your way. I want to have an encounter with God.

I want to be in His presence. I want to feel so close to Him that I get tears in my eyes. I want to feel His love when I sing. I want to feel confident He hears me when I pray. I want to hear from Him, no matter what He says. I want Jesus to be a part of my life and I want to be in His presence every day.

Seeing the Lord as Isaiah saw Him will help heal this fed up feeling. Isaiah saw Jesus high and lifted up and His glory filled the temple. Isaiah recognized his sinfulness and was purged by a live coal from the altar. Our cry should be, Lord cleanse me! 2 Chronicles 7:14 says, "If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." Thank you for using Picture and Video Messaging by U.S. Cellular. See www.uscellular.com for info.

Tesla sales dip, EV demand falls

DETROIT (AP) — Tesla sales fell sharply last quarter as competition increased worldwide, electric vehicle sales growth slowed, and price cuts failed to lure more buyers.

The Austin, Texas, company said Tuesday that it delivered 386,810 vehicles worldwide from January through March, almost 9% below the 423,000 it sold in the same quarter of last year. It was the first year-over-year sales decline in nearly four years.

Sales also fell short of even the most bearish Wall Street expectations. Auto industry analysts polled by FactSet were looking for 457,000 vehicle deliveries from Tesla Inc. That's a shortfall of more than 15%.

The company blamed the decline in part on phasing in an updated version of the Model 3 sedan at its Fremont, California, factory, plant shutdowns due to shipping diversions in the Red Sea, and an arson attack that knocked out power to its German factory.

But TD Cowen Analyst Jeffrey Osborne wrote in a note to investors that weaker March sales indicate that incentives, including discounts and a free trial of "Full Self Driving" software, "did not work as demand deteriorated."

Despite the sales decline, Tesla was able to retake its global EV sales crown from China's BYD, which sold just over 300,000 electric vehicles during the quarter, Osborne wrote.

In its letter to investors in January, Tesla predicted "notably lower" sales growth this year. The letter said Tesla is between two big growth waves, one from global expansion of the Models 3 and Y, and a second coming from the Model 2, a new, smaller and less expensive vehicle with an unknown release date.

"This was an unmitigated disaster IQ that is hard to explain away," wrote Dan Ives, an analyst with Wedbush who has been very bullish on Tesla's stock. The drop in sales was far worse than expected, he wrote in a note to investors.

The quarter is a "seminal moment" in the Tesla growth story, Ives wrote, adding that CEO Elon Musk will have to turn the company around. "Otherwise, some darker days could clearly be ahead that could disrupt the long-term Tesla narrative."

Ives maintained his Outperform rating on Tesla's shares and cut his one-year price target from \$315 to \$300. Ives estimated that China sales slid 3% to 4% during the period.

Shares of Tesla tumbled 4.9% to close Tuesday at \$166.63, continuing an extended decline. Investors have shaved 33% off the value of the company so far this year, dumping shares after growing leery of the tremendous growth story that Tesla has been telling.

"Street criticism is warranted as growth has been sluggish and (profit) margins showing compression, with China a horror show and competition increasing from all angles," Ives wrote.

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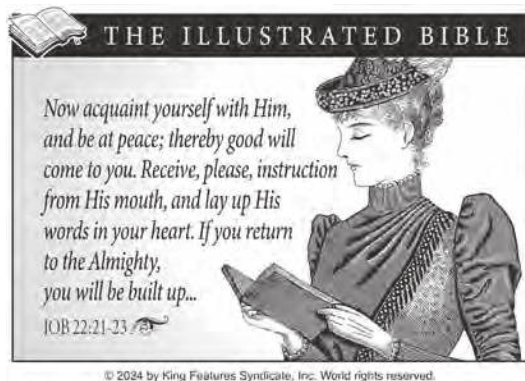
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 4. From Matthew 8, what Roman official asked Jesus to heal his servant? Marshall, Governor, Centurion, Jailer
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Va. Lottery photo

Miriam Long holds her "check" for \$1 million in lottery winnings.

C'burg woman wins \$1 million in Powerball game by mistake

From Virginia Lottery

Miriam Long wanted to buy a Mega Millions ticket. The Mega Millions jackpot was getting a lot of attention with an estimated \$893 million jackpot, and the Christiansburg woman wanted to get in the game.

However, when she went to the Virginia Lottery machine at the CVS at 1775 South Main Street in Blacksburg, she accidentally hit the button for a Powerball ticket.

That "accidental" ticket ended up matching the first five winning numbers in the March 18 Powerball drawing to win \$1 million.

"It's the best mistake of my life!" she told Lottery officials.

The winning numbers were 10-17-20-39-44, and the Powerball number was 16. The only number she didn't match was the Powerball number. She

used Easy Pick and allowed the computer to randomly select the numbers on her ticket.

She's not the only winner. Retailers that sell a \$1 million winning ticket receive a \$10,000 bonus from the Virginia Lottery.

When she discovered how much she'd won, Ms. Long said she couldn't believe it.

"My heart was pounding!" she said. "It's overwhelming!"

Powerball drawings are held at 10:59 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. The odds of matching all six numbers to win the jackpot are 1 in 292.2 million. The overall odds of winning any Powerball prize are 1 in 25.

All Virginia Lottery profits go to K-12 education in Virginia. Ms. Long lives in Montgomery County, VA, which received more than \$5.3 million in Lottery funds for K-12 education last fiscal year.

In Fiscal Year 2023, the Lottery raised more than \$867 million for K-12 education, making up approximately 10 percent of Virginia's total K-12 school budget.

For a complete list of Lottery funds distributed to Virginia school districts, visit the Virginia Lottery's Giving Back page. For general information or to play games online, visit the Virginia Lottery's website or download the Lottery's app. Connect with the Lottery on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, or YouTube.

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Powell: Fed still sees rate cuts this year

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve officials will likely reduce their benchmark interest rate later this year, Chair Jerome Powell said Wednesday, despite recent reports showing that the U.S. economy is still strong and that U.S. inflation picked up in January and February.

"The recent data do not ... materially change the overall picture," Powell said in a speech at Stanford University, "which continues to be one of solid growth, a strong but rebalancing labor market, and inflation moving down toward 2% on a sometimes bumpy path."

Most Fed officials "see it as likely to be appropriate" to start cutting their key rate "at some point this year," he added.

In his speech, Powell also sought to dispel any notion that the Fed's interest-rate decisions might be affected by this year's presidential election campaign.

The Fed will meet and decide whether to cut rates during the peak of the campaign, in July and September.

Fed officials will face a delicate decision during those months and during their upcoming meetings in May and June. The policymakers must take care not to cut rates too soon or inflation could stay high — or even re-accelerate. Annual inflation ticked up in February to 2.5%, according to the central bank's preferred measure, though that was down sharply from its peak of 7.1%.

Yet if Fed officials wait too long to reduce rates, the current high borrowing costs for mortgages, car loans and business loans could seriously weaken the economy — even tip it into a recession.

Though inflation has cooled significantly from its peak, it remains above the Fed's 2% target.

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State Police unveils Pathway to Trooper program

RICHMOND — The Virginia State Police is offering a first-of-its-kind employment opportunity for those interested in becoming a State Trooper, but are too young to apply. VSP policy requires State Trooper applicants to be 21 years of age by the time they graduate the Academy. The new Virginia State Police "Pathway to Trooper" program helps those 18-20 year-olds who need to find employment while waiting to apply to the Trooper Basic Session Academy.

Under "Pathway to Trooper," a young adult can join State Police as an Emergency Dispatcher in one of our seven Emergency Communications Dispatch Centers. In return, State Police will reserve a spot for that individual in an upcoming Academy once the young adult becomes eligible to become a State Trooper. The reservation is contingent upon the applicant completing all stages of the State Trooper hiring process.

"We are always looking at ways to get more interested, deserving applicants into the Department," said Colonel Gary T. Settle, Virginia State Police Superintendent. "'Pathway to Trooper' allows young adults, who know they want to be or are just interested in exploring a career as a State Trooper, to get their foot in the door early and learn about the Department, while waiting for their chance to attend the Academy. We're very excited to offer this unique and worthwhile employment opportunity to Virginia's youth!"

Young adults choosing to go this route and become an Emergency Dispatcher are eligible for a \$5,000 hiring bonus. The Emergency Dispatcher is a full-time, salaried position with full state health and retirement benefits and paid vacation leave. VSP Emergency Communications Dispatch Centers are located in Colonial Heights, Culpeper, Appomattox, Wytheville, Chesapeake, Salem and Fairfax.

Once the "Pathway to Trooper" program participant is accepted to the VSP Academy, they will be eligible for a 10% salary increase upon completion of initial training, and a retention bonus of \$5,000 upon completion of basic training at

the Academy.

Virginia State Police is continuously hosting new Basic Session Academy classes for State Troopers. The Department graduated 52 new State Troopers from its 140th Basic Session in February. The 140th Basic Session was the first session to graduate both traditional Trooper-Trainees as well as members of the "Expedited Law Enforcement Certified Academy." Members of the Expedited Academy are existing law enforcement professionals who have already been certified by the Department of Criminal Justice Services. The 141st Basic Session is currently ongoing and set to graduate Aug. 23, 2024.

Additional information on the "Pathway to Trooper" program is available online at www.vatrooper.com or those interested can go direct with a VSP recruiter by clicking on this link: <https://forms.office.com/g/BX247B4viM>

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SPORTS

Final Four: Beating UConn won't be easy

By JOHN MARSHALL
AP Basketball Writer

The 2024 version of March Madness has apexed with a trio of streak busters in the desert.

N.C. State is in the Final Four for the first time since Jim Valvano ran around trying to find someone to hug after the 1983 national championship. Purdue and big man Zach Edey will make their first Final Four appearance since Joe Barry Carroll dominated the paint in 1980.

Alabama? Never been.

An angry pack of Huskies awaits them in the Valley of the Sun.

Dominating on its way to a fifth national championship a year ago, UConn has looked even more unbeatable so far in its run to become the first repeat champion since Florida in 2006-07.

"Our defense is elite. Our

offense is elite. We rebound the ball," UConn coach Dan Hurley said. "These guys play every possession like it's the end of the world."

The Huskies have done nothing but end opponents' hopes through consecutive dominating March runs.

UConn steamrolled its way through the 2023 bracket, winning each game by at least 13 points. That was the best since Indiana in 1981.

These Huskies may be better. With 7-foot-2 Donovan Clingan in the middle and talent across the roster, UConn won its first four NCAA Tournament games by an average of 27.7 points.

The Huskies made Illinois look like a JV team in the Elite Eight, reeling off 30 — yes, 30 — straight points in a 77-52 victory to become the first reigning champion to reach the Final Four since Florida's consecutive titles.

Knocking off UConn will be a monumental task in Glendale, Arizona, starting with Alabama in the semifinals Saturday.

"His (Hurley's) formula is working out pretty well," Alabama coach Nate Oats said. "I'm going to have to figure out that formula myself here soon."

Oats already has sorted a few things figured out.

The Crimson Tide lost in the Sweet 16 last season, then most of its roster. Oats had three returning players and replaced three assistants who left for head coaching jobs.

Playing fast and letting 3s fly from all over, Alabama led the nation in scoring during the regular season and has kept up the pace in March. Led by heady, gritty point guard Mark Sears, the Crimson Tide scored at least 89 points in three of four NCAA Tournament games, including 109 in the opener against Charleston.

Alabama reached its first Final Four by making 16 3-pointers in an 89-82 win over Clemson in the Elite Eight.

"Guys bought in — we can make this run, other teams have done it," Oats said. "We have the capability to do it."

The first national semifinal on Saturday will be big — as in more than 14 feet and 575 pounds of men in the paint.

Purdue has college basketball's most unstoppable force in Edey.

At 7-4, he didn't need a ladder to cut down the nets in Detroit and has the skill to go with his size. Edey was the AP national player of the year last year and the front-runner to become the first player to repeat since Virginia's Ralph Sampson earned it three straight years from 1980-83.

Edey has been nearly

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Game Day Banter

Jeramey Fleenor

Hoops season almost finished

Six games, yes, six games, is all that separates us from the end of College Basketball season and a head-first plunge into baseball season. Some of you think, "What about the NBA?" If you ask me, college is a lot more fun to watch. I gauge the end of the basketball season with the end of the college season, and we are in for an exciting ending on both the girls' and boys' sides of NCAA DI basketball.

For the men, you have NC State, who brings the only double-digit ranking to the tournament at eleven. Taking on the number one juggernaut in Purdue, and yes, for those of you who have a good memory, I will admit I was wrong. I thought my Volunteers would figure out a way to beat Purdue and make the Final Four. On the other side of the bracket, you have the four-seed Alabama and another one-seed in UConn. You will likely have two number-one seeds playing for a national championship on April 8th.

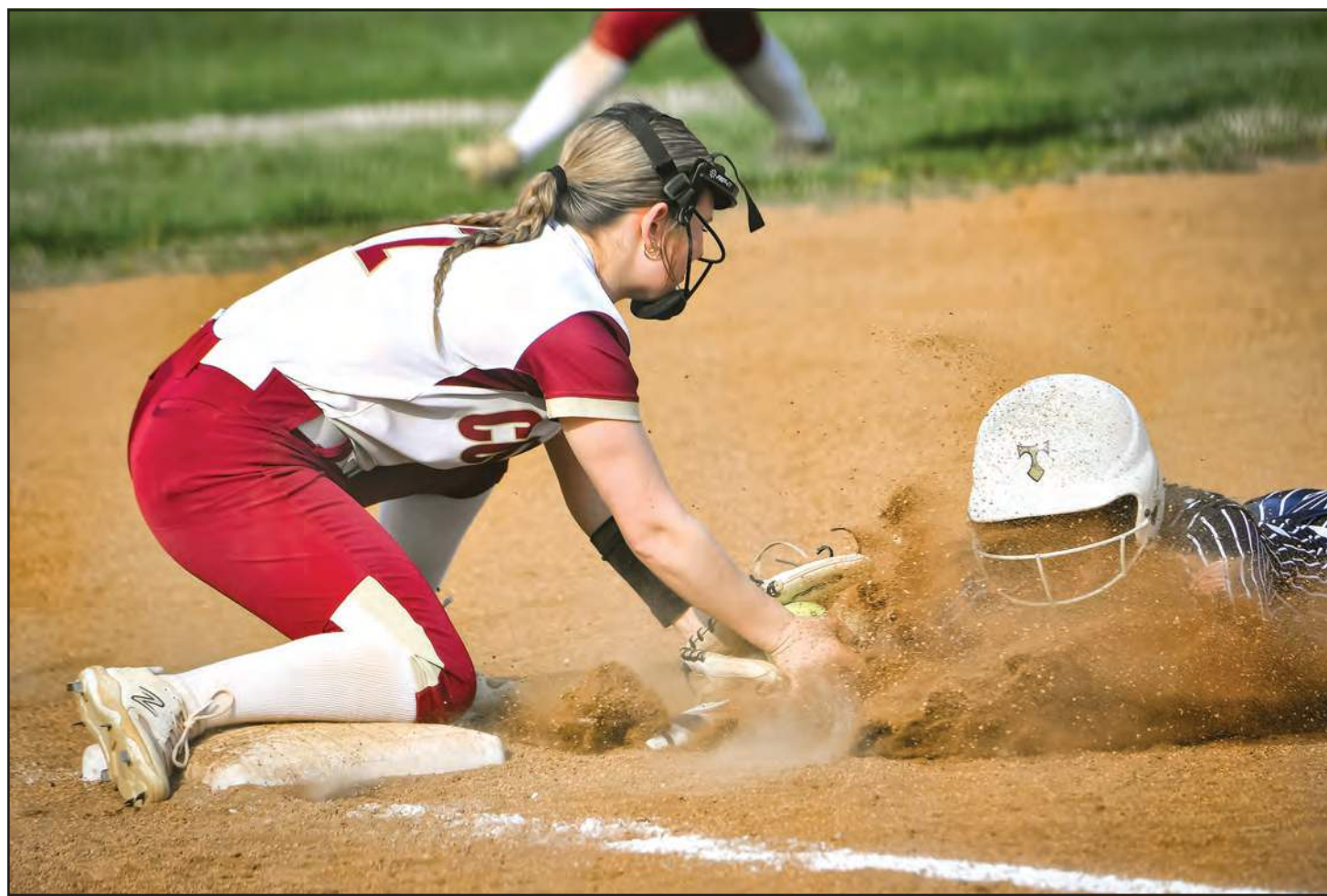
You can enjoy three competitive games to close the season on the women's side. NC State will take a crack at breaking South Carolina's perfect record. South Carolina will be hard to beat, as they have weapons at every level. They control the paint and have a range with their guards, and defensively, they make it hard to find a rhythm. Add all of that together, and that is a recipe that takes you to a National Championship game. Battling for a chance at South Carolina will be UConn and Iowa. Geno is a seasoned coach with a seasoned squad. But I look for Iowa to take this one, not because Clark is on fire coming off a record-setting game against LSU and adding another 40-point game to her resume before heading off into the sunset and starting her professional career. Geno likes to run his top 6 players and mostly 5 ninety percent of the game. Iowa is too fast and too deep for that plan to work. Everyone watches Clark and forgets there are four other great athletes at any given time on the court. Old habits are hard to break; if Geno does not change the plan, Iowa deftly punches the ticket to the ship.

The fact that NC State and UConn have both of their basketball teams in the Final Four speaks volumes about their programs. It would be great to add another chapter in the record books by having the women's and men's teams of a university win a national championship. Unfortunately, this is not the year Purdue, South Carolina, and Iowa will crush those dreams on April 5th and 6th, but it never hurts to hope.

As we look at our local sports, Pulaski County Middle School moves to 2 and 2 on the season with a win over Radford last week. It was an excellent day for PCMS. Bryce Beeler stepped on the hill first, putting what would be a no-hitter for the Cougars into motion. Along with the no-hitter for Beeler, Cayden Mines led the way with four runs batted in, while Miller Woods showed his patience at the plate by drawing three walks on the day.

The Varsity Cougars improved to 2 and 3 with a win over

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She's OUUUUTTTTTT!

Brian Bishop/Patriot Publishing

Sydney Phibbs applies the tag at third base in a cloud of dust, easily getting this Hidden Valley runner out during Tuesday's softball game in Dublin. Hidden Valley got the win on this day, however, beating Pulaski County 7-4.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Caroline Bishop

Caroline Bishop is this week's James Hardie Athlete of the Week. The Cougar junior racked up 18 saves during Tuesday's lightning shortened soccer match against Hidden Valley. The Cougars fell 2-0.

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Duffy named VT's women's basketball head coach

From Virginia Tech

BLACKSBURG — Megan Duffy was named the eighth head women's basketball coach at Virginia Tech, Director of Athletics Whit Babcock announced Wednesday morning. Duffy, who guided Marquette University to the NCAA tournament in 2024, spent five years in Milwaukee where she accumulated a 110-46 record that included a 64-30 mark in BIG EAST play.

Babcock and Duffy agreed to terms on a six-year contract to lead the Hokies.

"I am thrilled to welcome Coach Duffy and her husband Kevin to Virginia Tech," Babcock said. "An accomplished player and coach, Megan has a relentless work ethic and a demonstrated ability to develop talent and build successful programs."

"She is a proven winner and committed to continuing our women's basketball program's momentum. I am confident

Hokie Nation will embrace and support Megan as we enter the next chapter of Virginia Tech women's basketball."

Duffy's head coaching career spans seven seasons, five at Marquette and two at Miami (Ohio) and features six seasons of 20 or more wins — leading to an impressive career record of 154-66 (.700). Each year she has guided her club to at least a winning percentage of .600 in league play and she has reached the postseason in every year except for 2020 (COVID-19 pandemic).

Through five seasons at the helm at Marquette, Duffy owned the best winning percentage of any coach in that program's history at 70.5% (110-46). During Duffy's tenure, the Golden Eagles made four postseason appearances, including three trips to the NCAA tournament, and earned



Megan Duffy

a pair of runner-up finishes in both the regular season and BIG EAST conference tournament.

Marquette had a notable beginning to the 2023-24 season with the best start in program history at 12-0. The Golden Eagles were one of 10 teams in

the country to go undefeated in nonconference play, including winning the Fort Meyers Tip-Off with two wins over Power Five foes — defeating Boston College and Arkansas. She also guided MU to a win over Illinois and her squad earned a ranked victory over No. 20 Creighton.

"I am ecstatic to join Virginia Tech Athletics as the leader of the women's program," Duffy said Wednesday morning. "The opportunity to continue the winning tradition with Hokie Nation and to be a part of the passionate, savvy Blacksburg community makes this a dream job for me. The ACC is the best conference in the country with deep talent and outstanding leaders. The work with the team begins today as we look toward building the next great Hokie team. I want to thank President Sands, Whit Babcock and the entire athletics administration

for welcoming Kevin and I to the university, sharing their vision for the program, and for their long-term support of women's sports."

Under Duffy's leadership, nine different athletes garnered All-BIG EAST accolades, including the first duo to collect first team nods in the same season from Marquette in Jordan King and Chloe Marotta.

Other highlights of her tenure in Milwaukee include becoming the fastest coach in Marquette history to the 100-win mark, owning the most road wins in a season in program history, securing the most home wins in a single season in program history and defeating multiple AP top five foes in the same season (No. 3 Texas and No. 4 UConn in 2022-23).

Duffy was a four-year

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UConn

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unguardable in the NCAA Tournament, becoming the first player since Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (then known as Lew Alcindor) in 1968 to have at least 50 points and 35 rebounds while shooting 65% from the field the first two games of an NCAA Tournament.

Edey topped that with a career-high 40 points and 16 rebounds in a 72-66 win over Tennessee that sent the

Boilermakers to the Final Four a year after making history by losing to a No. 16 seed.

"Zach's got a competitive fight to him. He doesn't back down," Purdue coach Matt Painter said. "When you have that elite physical size and you have that competitive spirit with it, with some skill, it's pretty dangerous. He's pretty hard to handle."

So is N.C. State's DJ Burns Jr. The 6-9, 275-pounder has a

big-sized game and a personality to go with it. He's the focal point of the Wolfpack offense and opponents have yet to find a way to stop him.

Burns has great footwork, a soft touch and vision to find the open man nearly every time. Combined with the team's other DJ, Arizona State transfer DJ Horne, N.C. State won five games in five days just to get into the NCAA Tournament and

kept rolling into the Final Four as a No. 11 seed.

"DJ Burns has been around for a long time, but his personality, his play has really opened eyes of a lot of folks around the country," N.C. State coach Kevin Keatts said.


Now the Wolfpack get to play in the game's biggest spotlight with two other teams who ended long droughts — and a fourth vying for a place in history.

Banter

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Christiansburg High School. Zach Dalton led the way, driving in four runs. Multiple Cougars contributed to the effort. Brogan Epperly and Chase Lawrance both drew walks that scored a run, and Auto Wilson hit a sac grounder that scored a run. Cole Hutton earned the win for Pulaski. He only gave up three hits and one run over six innings. Gabe Huff went 3 for 4 at the plate to lead the way for Pulaski.

Our JV Cougars are holding strong at 3 and 2 with a victory over Hidden Valley. The JV Cougars failed for the victory despite trailing 6-0 in the first inning; though Hidden Valley would add one more run throughout the game, the Cougars would not be trounced and added 9 total for the victory. Aiden Whitlock would blow the game open in the bottom of the sixth with 3 RBIs. Collier Alderman and Cade Souder each collect two hits on the night. Souder and Jude Garrett also had multiple RBIs to help propel the JV Cougars to Victory.




Town of Dublin Seeking Sealed Bids For Mowing

The Town of Dublin, Virginia is accepting sealed bids for mowing of the Town Cemetery located on Maple Street behind Patty's Kitchen and Electro-plate Rite.

It would include mowing and trimming twice a month, possibly more depending on rainfall. Time of mowing season to be determined, possibly through mid-October 2024.

Sealed bids will be accepted at the Town Hall building until 5pm on April 15th, 2024. Any questions, call Darrin Cullip, Superintendent of Utilities, at 540-616-6532 during the hours of 7am – 3:30 pm Monday through Friday.

LEGAL NOTICES



Public Notice Pulaski County Planning Commission

The Pulaski County Planning Commission will host a public hearing to consider this application for the Month of April. 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, April 9, 2024 in the I.T. Conference Room at 89 Commerce Street, in the Town of Pulaski to consider comments regarding the following applications;

1. Rezone Application submitted by submitted by Greg Henderson, rezone a portion of tax map 074-012-0000-0010 from Low Density Residential (LR) to Agriculture(A) located at 4521 Hurston Road, Pulaski VA, 24301, Draper District
2. UDO Amendments to Land Use Table

Comments may be presented at the meeting and by phone or in writing prior to the meeting. Information regarding these items are available for public inspection from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Department of Planning & Zoning, County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, Suite 1 in the Town of Pulaski or by phoning (540) 980-7710.

For disabled individuals who may require special auxiliary aids or services, please contact the County's ADA Compliance Officer at (540) 980-7800 (TDD accessible) or (540) 980-7705, ten (10) days prior to the above meeting date to arrange for these special accommodations.

LEGAL NOTICE



Public Hearing Town of Pulaski Planning Commission

The Town of Pulaski Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on April 8, 2024, at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers at 42 First St. NW to discuss:

- A Special Exception for 627 E Main St. [072-51-246-13] for a Pediatric Medical Office in a B-2 zone.
- Amending section 11.2 of the Town of Pulaski Zoning Ordinance definition of "Hospital"
- Removing the Use Hospital from Sections, 4.1.2-2, 4.2.2-2, 4.3.2-2, 4.4.2-2, and 4.10.2-2.

A copy of the proposed actions is available for public review in the Planning and Zoning Office at the Town of Pulaski Municipal Building, 42 1st. St. NW, during normal business hours. All persons desiring to address the Planning Commission should appear at the stated time and place. Comments may be submitted in writing to the Town Planner by April 5, 2024.


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Public Hearing Town of Pulaski Town Council

The Town of Pulaski Town Council will hold a public hearing on April 16, 2024, at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at 42 First St. NW to discuss:

- rezoning 1733 Dora Hwy [73-1-16 and 82-1-1] from DS, Drop Site to B-2, General Business District
- rezoning 100 Sheriff F. R. Conner Dr. [72-140-187] from DS, Drop Site to I-2, Industrial District.

A copy of the proposed changes is available for public review in the Planning and Zoning Office at the Town of Pulaski Municipal Building, 42 1st. St. NW, during normal business hours. All persons desiring to address the Town Council should appear at the stated time and place. Comments may be submitted in writing to the Clerk of Council by April 15, 2024.

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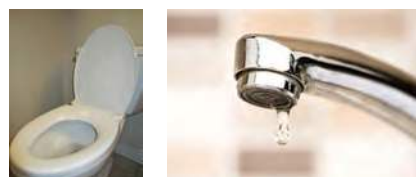
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12.3 million: Iowa over LSU most-watched women's game

By **JOE REEDY**
AP Sports Writer

Caitlin Clark can claim another record — the most-watched women's college basketball game in history.

Iowa's 94-87 victory over LSU in the Elite Eight of the women's NCAA Tournament on Monday night averaged 12.3 million viewers on ESPN, according to Nielsen. That makes it one of the most-viewed games in any sport other than NFL football over the past year.

Iowa-LSU outdrew all but one of the five games in last year's NBA Finals, along with the clinching game of last year's World Series (11.48 million).

Clark scored 41 points as the Hawkeyes avenged last year's loss to the Tigers in the national championship game.

The viewership surpassed the 11.84 million who watched the 1983 NCAA championship game between Southern California and Louisiana Tech. LSU coach Kim Mulkey played for Louisiana Tech and was matched up against USC great Cheryl Miller in that game, which the Trojans won 64-58.

It was also the most-watched men's or women's college basketball game ever on ESPN, more than doubling the prior largest audience.

According to ESPN, the 2002 women's national championship game between UConn and Oklahoma had the old mark at 5.68 million. ESPN's most-watched men's game was the 2008 regular-season matchup between Duke and North Carolina, which drew 5.61 million.

Only one men's NCAA Tournament game this year had bigger viewership: North

Carolina State's win over Duke on Sunday in the men's Elite Eight on CBS averaged 15.1 million.

According to Sports Media Watch, it was the most-viewed basketball game on ESPN since Game 7 of the 2018 Eastern Conference finals, when the Cleveland Cavaliers' victory over the Boston Celtics averaged 13.6 million.

UConn's 80-73 win over Southern California, which was on after the Iowa game, was the

second-most watched college game in ESPN history at 6.7 million. ABC had both regional finals on Sunday, with South Carolina averaging 3.1 million in its win over Oregon State and North Carolina State drawing 2.5 million against Texas.

Clark's four March Madness games on ESPN and ABC have averaged 6.83 million. Iowa will face UConn on Friday's second national semifinal on ESPN. The winner will face either South Carolina or North Carolina State on ABC on Sunday.

Duffy

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letterwinner at Notre Dame (2002-06), helping the Irish to four straight NCAA appearances and two Sweet 16 berths. She is one of four players in school history to total at least 1,000 points, 500 assists and 200 steals.

The Dayton, Ohio, native has translated her extensive playing career, which included All-America selections (finalist for national player of the year awards), USA Basketball participation (Gold medalist) and professional experience in the WNBA (Minnesota and New York) and overseas, into success in the coaching ranks.

Duffy arrived at Marquette after leading Miami (Ohio) to a pair of WNIT appearances during her two-year tenure with the program. Miami finished the season with a 23-9 overall record and a 13-5 Mid-American Conference mark in 2018-19 and reached 20 wins in back-to-back seasons for the first time since the 1980s.

She was one of just four rookie head coaches in 2017-18 to collect at least 20 wins and the only female to accomplish the feat. The RedHawks finished 21-11 that season, the largest improvement in the nation from the previous season in terms of total victories (nine more than 2016-17, 12-21). Duffy guided the program to a 44-20 (.687) record during her two years,

making her the winningest active coach in the MAC at the time.

Under Duffy's tutelage, Miami produced two all-conference performers, while the team's successes carried into the classroom as well. Miami had a program-high eight student-athletes tabbed Academic All-MAC and the RedHawks were named to the Women's Basketball Coaches Association Top 25 Honor Roll in 2018 after earning the sixth-best team grade-point average in the nation among all Division I schools.

Prior to her time in Oxford, Duffy owns stops at BIG EAST school St. John's (2009-12, assistant coach), George Washington (2012-14, associate head coach) and Michigan (2014-17, assistant coach). She helped lead each of the three programs to the postseason (seven total appearances), highlighted by a trip to the Sweet 16 with the Red Storm in 2012 and the WNIT title with the Wolverines in 2017.

Duffy graduated from Notre Dame in 2006 with a double degree in psychology and computer applications. She is married to Kevin Hoyng.

A formal introduction was scheduled for Friday, April 5 at 9 a.m. at Carilion Clinic Court at Cassell Coliseum.



Larry Case photo
David Hightower of Ellijay GA with a big gobbler he took this year while hunting with his Mom and Dad.

Why take a kid hunting?

Maybe we could all agree we live in a crazy time. Some people can't seem to agree on much of anything anymore. And here I am bringing up the subject of hunting of all things. If you think you are against hunting, or maybe you are kind of on the fence about one of our oldest traditions maybe you will give me a few minutes about taking young people to the field.

Hunting gets kids outside and introduced into the great outdoors. Hopefully no one has a problem with kids spending more time outdoors. There is an entire outdoor world out there for a young person to discover. Hopefully this can be without the cell phone and other digital distractions. Not all hunting has to be sitting quietly all day in a blind. Sometimes we need to teach our young people (and some older people) the importance of scouting. This usually entails roaming our hunting area without any firearms or bows. The kids are free to be kids, running through the woods, splashing across a creek, and swinging on the occasional grape vine. (No kid will turn these things down!)

At the same time you can throw in a quick lesson on finding animal tracks, identifying them, and guessing what the game we are after might be eating this time of year. It is all up to you the adult mentor as to how you present it. Give them options and let them choose.

Keeping you fit. Maybe you have never thought about it, but being an avid hunter can help with your physical fitness. Think about the times you over did it walking to a place to you wanted to hunt or letting some of your comrades peer pressure you into exerting more than you should have. Most of the physical part of hunting is usually walking, kids can do this if you measure what you are doing and keep in mind the age and limits of the individual child. Don't over do it is the obvious first rule. Make a game out of it and let the kid decide. How far do you want to walk



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today? Do you want to go a little farther? Do not do as I did and expect a kid to walk as far as you want to (Don't do it!) it is a sure way to turn a young hunter off for the next trip.

Keep it fun! You would think you would not have to be told this! At first, while we are measuring how much of an interest level this child has, keep the sessions short and sweet. A quick scouting trip to check for turkey or deer tracks, throwing some rocks in the creek and then stopping in town for some rooster nuggets or ice cream may be all you need for one day.

Hunting teaches lifelong lessons. Hunting teaches us life skills and lessons that make us better people and citizens. Things like patience, discipline, and endurance are important to all of us in life whether we are hunters or not. That patience thing is a biggie, hunting is not an instant gratification game, kids (and adults) need to learn this and hunting is a great way to do it. Young hunters can learn the importance of sticking to something for the long haul and the rewards to be had for this in the hunting world.

Let them do things on your own. Hunting is great way to allow kids to grow into responsibilities they may have thought of as beyond their grasp. When you let a young person be a part of the hunt and take on jobs and activities they see adults doing, you really get their attention. Show them how to use a box call for turkeys and let them call some, (sometimes they are quite good) let them handle and carry a firearm, (even if it is unloaded) under your careful supervision. Insist they take part in camp chores like carrying a few sticks of firewood or washing dishes. Kids see this as them being one of the gang and they will always appreciate it.

Firearms safety. Guns are everywhere in our world and even if you don't plan on hunting or owning firearms you should know some basics for gun safety. Hunting teaches the basic rules like treat every gun as if it were loaded, (all guns are loaded all the time) and never point a gun at anything you don't plan to shoot, and make sure of your target and what is beyond it. Hunting teaches these basics of safety in way the young person can understand and see the importance of. Often these rules will stick with them for life.

As you hunters know we could go on a lot more about the important lessons hunting can teach our young people. This time of year many of us are ready to hit the turkey woods to chase our greatest game bird the wild turkey. Consider taking a kid with you. If you don't have one of your own find one nearby and introduce them to it. Take

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Truex loss motivates him for Martinsville

By **HOLLY CAIN**
NASCAR Wire Service

After leading a dominant 228 of the 407 laps in Sunday night's NASCAR Cup Series race at Richmond (Va.) Raceway but not getting to celebrate in Victory Lane, Martin Truex Jr. was understandably frustrated in the checkered flag moments.

The good news for Truex, however, is that he heads north in Virginia for this weekend's race at Martinsville (Va.) Speedway the driver points standings leader for the second consecutive week

— 14 points ahead of Hendrick Motorsports' Kyle Larson.

Truex is riding a streak of five consecutive top-10 finishes, highlighted by a runner-up finish at Bristol (Tenn.) Motor Speedway three weeks ago. He's led laps in six of the seven races — his 362 laps total this season second only to Larson's 368.

So, while Sunday night was unquestionably a tough outcome to stomach, his season has been impressive. And the expectations remain high.

"Unfortunately, that's happened to us a few times over the years," an obviously frustrated Truex said of leading the most laps, but not hoisting the trophy.

"Definitely sucks but a good solid day and another car capable of winning," he added, "just have to come back next week and try to get them again."

The good news is Truex and his No. 19 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota team are headed to a place — Martinsville (Va.) Speedway — where he's had plenty of success. The 2017 NASCAR Cup Series champion is a three-time race winner (2019, 2020, and 2021) at the historic half-mile track.

He's finished inside the top-10 in half his starts (16) there — 10 times he's earned a top-five finish. He turned in one of the most impressive afternoons in modern history in 2019, leading 464 of the 500 laps en route to his first victory there. Four times he's led at least 100 laps at Martinsville. No one has won as many races there as Truex since 2019 and he's the last driver to win back-to-back races (2019-20).

He was third in last year's Spring race and started from



Denny Hamlin, driver of the #11 Mavis Tires & Brakes Toyota, leads Martin Truex Jr., driver of the #19 Auto-Owners Insurance Toyota, on the restart to win the NASCAR Cup Series Toyota Owners 400 at Richmond Raceway on March 31, 2024 in Richmond, Virginia. (Photo by Alex Slitz/Getty Images)

pole position in the Fall Playoff race there — leading 47 laps and finishing 12th.

"Definitely high confidence going into Martinsville compared to the first year of this car," Truex said. "To be able to go run like we did at Richmond it gives me a lot of confidence going forward that our Martinsville stuff should be good."

"I love going there, it's been a really good track for us over the years aside from that first year of Next Gen. Hopefully, we can continue that, and use that going forward with our Bass Pro Shops Camry [this week]."

Since his amazing 2017 NASCAR Cup Series championship run with Furniture Row Racing when he won a career single season high eight races — he's led the championship standings in all but one season. The confidence level is higher than the disappointment threshold this week.

"Plenty more races left so we'll keep fighting," Truex' crew chief James Small said Sunday night.

And that's something you can bet on.

Hidden Valley defeats Pulaski County 8-1

Singles:

1. Camden Hite 1-8
2. Ethan Worley 1-8
3. Eli Duke 8-5
4. Jonah Morgan 6-8
5. Jack Powell 1-8
6. Forfeit

Doubles:

1. Camden/Eli 1-8
2. Ethan/Jonah 2-8
3. Forfeit

Coach: Chad Graham

Next Match

Friday @ Home against Patrick Henry

Coach's Comments

"On Tuesday, Hidden Valley defeated Pulaski 8-1. For Pulaski, the hero of the night was Senior Eli Duke at #3. He played better than I have seen him play in the three years that I have coached him. He knows why. His win was the highlight of the season so far and will not be quickly forgotten. Jonah Morgan, playing as #4, delivered the second-best performance of the evening again, despite a narrow 6-8 loss. Everyone else on the team gave great effort, but could not get traction against a team that has the advantage of having access to their nearby indoor courts. This was the first match this season that we played doubles first and pro-set singles. We lost Ryce Washington this week to Spring

Women's tickets twice the price of men's

By **The Associated Press**

The average price paid for a ticket on the resale market this week was twice as high for the NCAA women's Final Four compared with that for the men's semifinals, according to a technology company that analyzes prices across multiple platforms.

The average price of a ticket sold to the women's semifinals was \$2,323; the average sale price for the men's was \$1,001.21, Logitix reported Wednesday.

The women's games Friday match Iowa against Connecticut and South Carolina against North Carolina State at 19,432-seat Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse in Cleveland. Including data from sales made a month ago and longer, the average price for the women's semifinals is \$1,131.78, compared with \$400.29 for the same period in 2023.

The men's games Saturday pit Purdue against North Carolina State and Connecticut against Alabama at 63,400-seat State Farm Stadium in Glendale, Arizona. Overall average ticket price for the men's semifinals is \$993.70, compared with \$636.43 in 2023.

Case

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them out to listen for turkeys, they will often hear better than you do, let them call some, maybe set up a ground blind and let them see a finicky old gobbler come strutting in. You will see all this in a new way, through eyes of a young hunter. You will not regret it.

What does that guy on the Guns and Cornbread website always say? Keep your guns clean your knife sharp and take a kid hunting.

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Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

You're a great big brother

Dear Dave,

My mother died about a year and a half ago, and she left me and my younger sister \$75,000 each. My sister is 16, and she plans on enlisting in the military after high school, then using the G.I. Bill to pay for college afterward. She won't receive the inheritance money until she's 18. What advice can I give her to ensure she makes good decisions with the money?

Davis

Dear Davis,

I'm truly sorry to hear about your mom. At the same time, I'm so proud of you for stepping up to help your little sister. You know, \$75,000 sounds like a lot of money—especially to a teenager. But that kind of cash can disappear in a heartbeat if she's not careful. And then, all she'd have left where her inheritance is concerned is a lifetime of regret.

If she'll be smart with this money, and by that, I mean investing wisely and having a little bit of fun, she could end up a rich, little old lady one day. Not only that, but she can honor the memory of your mother and change her family tree forever. Her family will think differently, and be able to live differently, all because she had the maturity to not blow the money.

You said she'll get \$75,000, right? Think about this. She could just have fun with \$15,000 or so, and invest the rest in good, growth stock mutual funds. If the stock market continues to average what it has since its start, she'll be a multi-millionaire—and then some—by retirement. Even if I'm half-wrong on the math, the advice still stands. She'd have millions waiting for her. The point is that investing a big lump sum of money, and leaving it there for her golden years, is a great idea.

Now, I'm going to give you some homework, Davis. I want you to talk to a bunch of rich, old folks. Learn what they did to build wealth and hang onto it. Also, make sure the friends and family you both have around you are quality people—the kind who have your best interests at heart. Remember, the Bible says, "In the multitude of counsel there is safety."

Your sister is very lucky to have a big brother like you. Walk her through this advice. Be there for her. Look out for her. She needs you right now, and she'll need you in the years to come.

God bless you both!

—Dave

*Dave Ramsey is an eight-time No. 1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 20 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS Mornings, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for the company, Ramsey Solutions.



Brian Bishop/Patriot Publishing

Soccer Season In Full Swing

Pulaski County High School's soccer season is in full swing. Tuesday afternoon, Hidden Valley dropped the Lady Cougars at home, 2-0 in a lightning-shortened match. In the top photo, Caroline Bishop saves a goal against Hidden Valley. In the bottom photo, Reece Nolan fights for the ball against a Hidden Valley player.

Pulaski County property transfers for February

Pulaski County property transfers for February 2024 as reported by the Circuit Court Clerk's Office.

James R Hayes to Elam S King, property at 7337 Lilly Dell Circle, Dublin, \$207,500.
Harold W Duncan to Brian

T Lane, property at 4742 Shelburne Rd, Snowville.

Jackie L Adkins to Rodney E Mobley, property at 635 Vermillion St, Dublin, \$225,000.

Debra L Rhyder to Randall L Taylor, property at 216 La

Grange St, Pulaski, \$128,000.

Audry Saunders to Club Cracker Business Trust, property at 2990 Mt. Olivet Road, Pulaski, \$65,000.

Daris O Dell Smythers to Joshua D Taylor, property at 430 Buck Island Ln, Hiwassee,

\$60,000.

William C Hendon to Robert Lee Pennington Jr., property at 7101 Horton Rd, Dublin, \$361,000.

Dennis Wayne Trail to Tyler F Kirkner, property at 4654 West Glow Ln, Pulaski, \$75,000.

Sarah M Saville, Administrator to Timmie C Hughes, property at 585 Birch Street, Pulaski, \$20,000.

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs to Joseph D Engle, property at 2487 Lowman's Ferry Rd, Pulaski, \$207,000.

Lola Bess Hedge to William Lynn Stilwell, property off Dallas Freeman Rd, Hiwassee, \$70,000.

More property transfers will be published in next week's edition.



Friends of the Pulaski County Library System
Semi-Annual Meeting and Program
Thursday, April 11 – 5:30 pm Dublin Library

This meeting is open to current members of the Friends of the Pulaski County Library System. To become a member, please pick up a brochure at either of the libraries and pay dues - \$15.00 Family, \$12.00 Single, \$10.00 senior and \$25.00 Corporate. You may also contact Carol Smith at chsmith@pulaskicounty.org or 540-616-5217 to have one mailed to you.

The event will include a meal catered by Lindy's Good Foods, a small business meeting and our wonderful program by Madeline S. Hoge. Please RSVP to 540-980-5217 or 540-616-5217 by 5:00pm on Monday, April 8th.

Madeline is a family business consultant and family historiographer who lives in Belle-Hampton, the Hoge family farm in Dublin. She is a captivating speaker known for her engaging talks across various topics. Madeline shares her expertise in family business consulting, delves into the fascinating journey of her own family, and imparts insights from her published books. Moreover, she brings the region's founding families' rich history to life through engaging presentations.

Her first book, *Sleeping in the Valley*, is about prominent Virginia families resting eternally in a cemetery overlooking Sunnyside, their ancestral home. It is a peaceful resting place, nestled among the familiar hills they loved so much. As decades passed, their joys and tears during their time on earth were forgotten. However, their life stories are now uncovered to be remembered for future generations. We can learn from the pain and struggles of these notable Scottish and English ancestors, who left their heraldry for America's wilderness to become some of the first pioneer families in Southwest Virginia. Their stories can teach us about the core values and magnificent vision for a republic, dating back to the birth of our nation.

Madeline understands the significance of passing on the family history to the next generation. She believes that by intentionally encouraging each family member to discover their purpose, they can reach their full potential. While our genes make us who we are, learning about our ancestors' history can profoundly impact our identity today and into the future. Madeline's books will be available for purchase at the meeting.



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Pictured is the Introduction Committee receiving the Deputy Grand Master. At left is Right Worshipful Thomas F. Hannifan, at right is Right Worshipful Jeffrey L. Warf, and center is Right Worshipful Gary Huffman.

Snowville Lodge Welcomes Virginia Grand Master



Right Worshipful Chris K. Childress at left is presenting Worshipful Brother Brian M. Broce with his Past Masters Certificate who was Master of the Lodge in 2023.



Right Worshipful Chris K. Childress receiving the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Jack Kayle Lewis.

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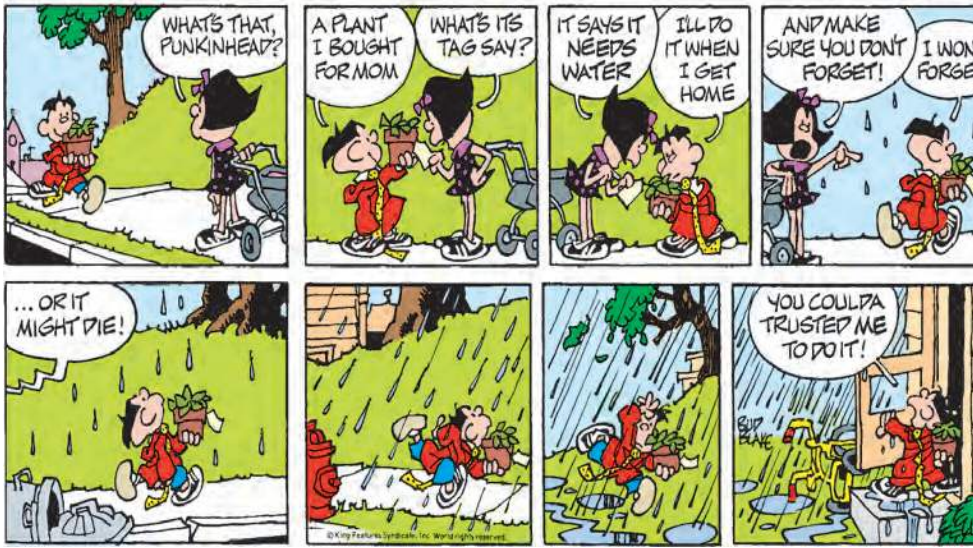
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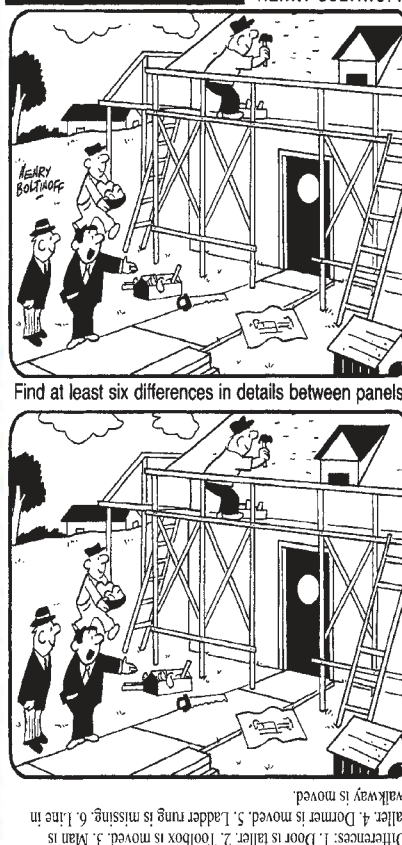


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This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: Y equals X

PZNM AV MZX MXHO EQH
VQOXQWX PZQ'V XYNOAWAWF
MZX UAEX QE CHXVASXWM
FXHNUS? N EQHS XYCUQHXX.

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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!

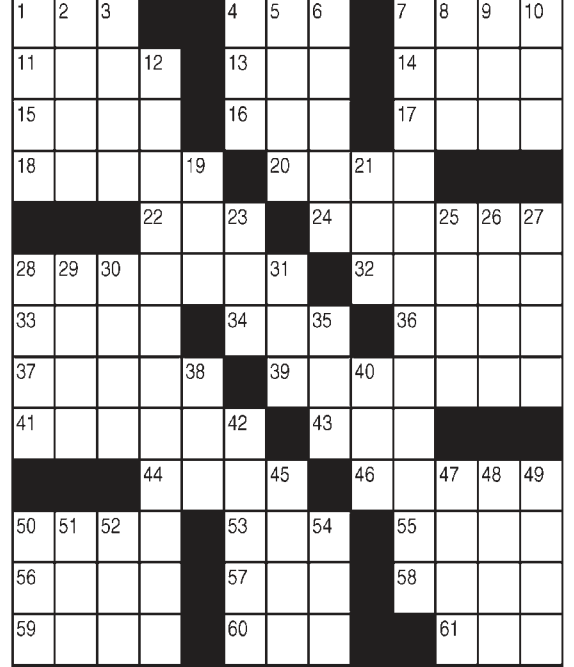
Seek UPUSER
Entry LOPART
Sniff HALIEN
Dense TUBEOS

TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Goal
- 4 Hosp. hook-ups
- 7 "Peter Pan" pooch
- 11 "Pygmalion" writer
- 13 Use a straw
- 14 Bone-dry
- 15 Teeny bit
- 16 Capita lead-in
- 17 Makes lace
- 18 Tic
- 20 Laptop connection
- 22 Deli choice
- 24 Radiated
- 28 Reach
- 32 Battery part
- 33 King of the jungle
- 34 Dog's foot
- 36 Similar
- 37 Canal vessel
- 39 iPads, e.g.
- 41 "In America" writer Susan
- 43 — Perignon
- 44 Partially mine
- 46 Chip choice
- 50 First light
- 53 Suitable
- 55 Roller coaster feature
- 56 "Zounds!"
- 57 Three, in Rome
- 58 Links org.
- 59 Pear variety
- 60 Storm center



- 61 Designer monogram

- 9 Quibble
- 10 Billboards
- 12 Capital on the Potomac and 7-Down locale
- 19 Astronaut Jemison
- 21 Ga. neighbor
- 23 Super Bowl VIP
- 25 Stirred
- 26 Tend texts
- 27 Cozy rooms
- 28 Priestly vestments
- 29 Pisa farewell
- 30 Trumpet

- 31 Chow down
- 35 Bankroll
- 38 Vichy water
- 40 " — voyage!"
- 42 Shred, as cheese
- 45 Agile
- 47 Mimic
- 48 Swine
- 49 October birthstone
- 50 Cotillion celeb
- 51 Previously
- 52 Existed
- 54 Golf peg

DOWN

- 1 Tag sale words
- 2 Breakfast chain
- 3 — Hari
- 4 AOL, for one
- 5 Perspective
- 6 Parsley piece
- 7 Site of the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial
- 8 Coach Parseghian

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top ten

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- 6 The town of Bridgeville, CA: \$1.77 MILLION
- 7 Honus Wagner baseball card: \$1.1 MILLION
- 8 Ferrari Enzo: \$1 MILLION
- 9 Shoeless Joe Jackson's baseball bat: \$577,610
- 10 Ian Usher's "life": \$309,292

Source: FinancesOnline.com

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: When did April Fools' Day come into being?
2. GEOGRAPHY: In which nation is the Great Victoria Desert located?
3. MOVIES: What sport is featured in the movie "The Mighty Ducks"?
4. HISTORY: What is the name of the island where Napoleon was exiled in 1814?
5. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the largest rodent in the world?
6. LITERATURE: What is the name of Ron Weasley's pet rat in the "Harry Potter" book series?
7. U.S. STATES: Which letter of the alphabet is not in any U.S. state's name?
8. TELEVISION: Which iconic 1960s sitcom inspired two spinoff hits, "Petticoat Junction" and "Green Acres"?
9. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for bravery in WWII?
10. ANATOMY: How many pairs of spinal nerves exist in humans?

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WORD LADDERS

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

BLEAK

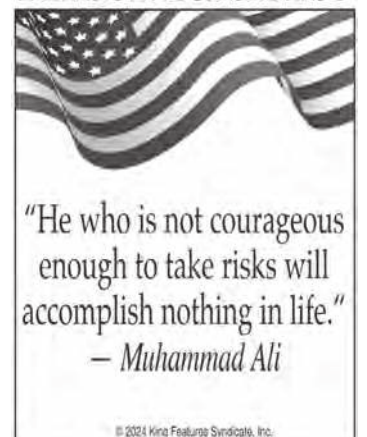
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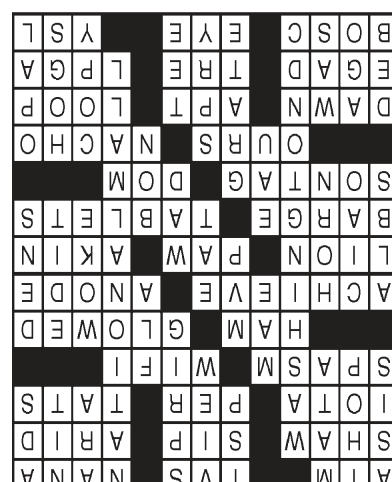
SCRAMBLERS
solution
1. Pursue; 2. Portal; 3. Inhale; 4. Obtuse; Today's Word

WORD LADDER
Answer
BLEAK, BREAK, BREAD, DREAM, CREAM

Americanisms



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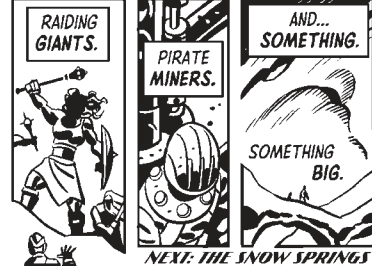
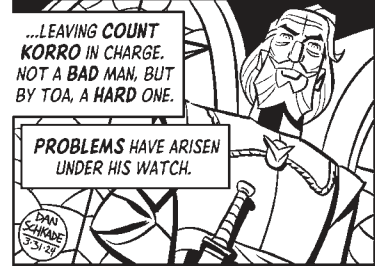
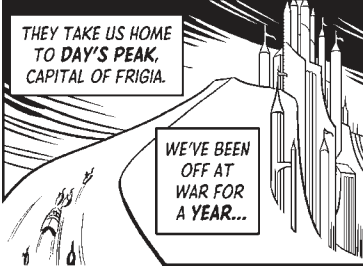
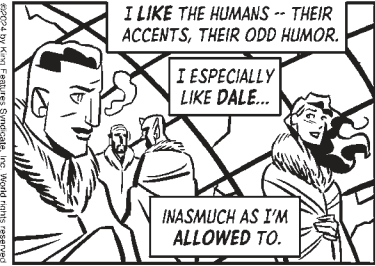
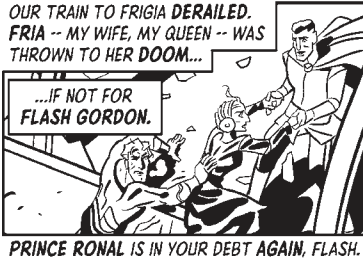
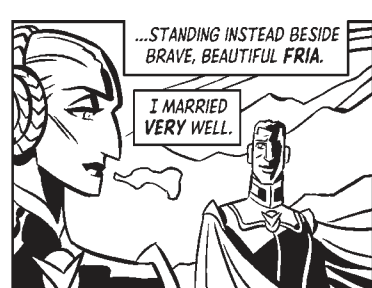
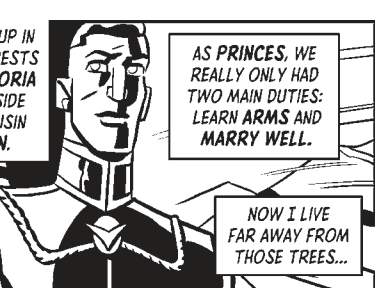


Solution time: 22 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

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Answer
What is the term for someone who's examining Gerald? A Ford explorer.



MAGIC MAZE ● — OVER —

E D B Y W T R P M K I F A D B
 Y W U S Q O M K I F D L B T Z
 R A P O W T H X Y W L U G E S
 Q C D A O N E S L W J H O Y H
MOON MIAMI F T D B T C
 A M A Y W E D T P I E C I O V
 V E G T D N H I W S Q P G N N
 L H A E E K E T S I F D N A H
 I E I D H F E E L E C B Z Y W
 V R N U S G L G R L Q P N M L
 F E Y S A E S G G E A J I H F

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: A DOUBLE BOGEY IN GOLF

All the map Eggs easy Get with Moon Miami
 All with End end Go big Not yet
 Come here Fried easy Hand fist Voice IP
 Do again Get it Head heels

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CryptoQuote

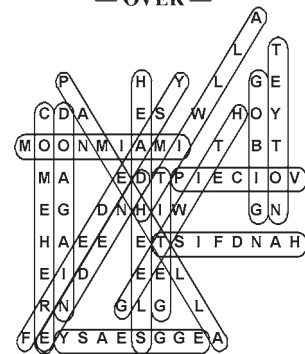
AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

V'U UYTS RYTTVSJ WIYAD
 ISVEK W KYJY FSTLYE DOWE
 ISVEK DOS ISLD BYYDIWCC
 FCWNST VE DOS RYTCJ.
 — CVYESC USLLV

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— OVER —



CryptoQuote answer

I'm more worried about being a good person than being the best football player in the world. — Lionel Messi

8	4	5	6	7	6	3	2	1
7	1	6	5	2	3	2	9	4
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3	1	3	2	1	8	4	6	9
8	9	6	8	6	5	3	2	4
2	4	7	1	6	9	8	5	3
3	1	8	2	6	5	4	5	7
7	9	4	5	8	8	1	2	6
8	5	2	6	1	4	7	3	5
8	9	4	6	1	7	3	2	8

ANSWER

Weekly SUDOKU

Here's a Tip!

* "Technology can be really helpful, especially if you have very little storage area for papers. I had a trustworthy neighborhood teenager come over and help me scan in all my important documents. I have everything on flash drives and have given copies to appropriate people. She showed me how to scan a copy of warranty receipts so I can find the information I need quickly if I have an electronic item or appliance break down." -- T.L. in Massachusetts
 * D.B. in Minnesota has this to share: "When you are going

fishing and only bringing a couple of lures, use an old, empty pill container. Holds well and you won't get poked!"
 * Oranges are wonderful treats and full of delicious fiber and vitamin C. Save your peels and stash them in a net bag hanging from your rearview mirror for just a day or two. As they dry, they give off the best smell.
 * Need to take pills daily? Set a reminder on your cellphone. Most have alarm functions, and it works!
 * "This tip is from my babysitter. She gives small children two 'get

out of bed free' tickets at bedtime. If they get out of bed, say, for one last drink of water, etc. (we parents know these are stalling tactics), they have to give her a ticket. If they still have a ticket unused when they fall asleep, she will leave a prize with their parents for the morning." -- M.J. in New Mexico
 * "My friend and I found these great vintage spice bottles at a garage sale. We decided that we would treat ourselves to a few new, interesting spices that were a little pricey -- and we went in half on them." -- E.D. in Illinois

Top Ten in Movies

1. Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire (PG-13) Paul Rudd, Carrie Coon
2. Dune: Part Two (PG-13) Timothée Chalamet, Zendaya
3. Kung Fu Panda 4 (PG) Jack Black, Awkwafina
4. Immaculate (R) Sydney Sweeney, Álvaro Morte
5. Arthur the King (PG-13) Mark Wahlberg, Simu Liu
6. Late Night with the Devil (R) David Dastmalchian, Laura Gordon
7. Imaginary (PG-13) DeWanda Wise, Taegen Burns
8. Love Lies Bleeding (R) Anna Baryshnikov, Kristen Stewart
9. Cabrini (PG-13) Cristiana Dell'Anna, John Lithgow
10. Bob Marley: One Love (PG-13) Kingsley Ben-Adir, Lashana Lynch

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

5			3	2				4
	9		6					3
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	1			9				5
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	7			4				6
4					5	9		
		3	9					8

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
 ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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\$500 SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE: THE JEAN EVANS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP provided by the Pulaski County Republican Women. To qualify, students must be a resident of Pulaski County and graduating from a public, private or homeschool. Applications are available at the Pulaski Library (in Pulaski, VA), The Charles and Ona B. Free Memorial Library (in Dublin, VA) and at Pulaski County High School. Essay topic: Read the U.S. Constitution's 10th Amendment: "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution..." and give your well-reasoned opinion on what the writers considered so important that they ratified this amendment. Or, give your well-reasoned opinion of what they were hoping to avoid by including the 10th Amendment in the U.S. Constitution. Deadline for submission is APRIL 20, 2024.

April 6

Breakfast
Woodlawn P.H. Church, 3874 Oak Grove Rd., April 6th 8am-12 Noon. Bacon, Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs, Biscuits And Gravy. Donations For The Youth.

April 8

Monday Gospel Sing
Monday Gospel Sing Gospel

Sing 9:30-11:00 a.m. every Monday, Pulaski Church Of God, 1621 Bob White Blvd., near Food City. Enjoy great traditional music and fellowship. Come and go as you please. Great way to start your week and make new friends. Park in lower level and use elevator to 2nd floor.

April 5

Yard Sale
There will be a yard sale on Friday, April 5th from 9 am-2 pm at Thornspring Church, 5670 Thornspring Church Rd. All new items.

April 6

Cemetery Cleanup
The cemetery at Thorn Spring United Methodist Church will be cleaned Saturday, April 6th in preparation for the upcoming mowing season. We respectfully request each family to inspect their plots and remove any wreaths, flowers, vases, etc. that you would like to keep or reuse at another time. If you have any questions, please call 540-320-5348.

Spaghetti Fundraiser
Please join us for a spaghetti fundraiser at Warriors for Christ II Church on April 6 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the church at 600 Skyline Circle in Pulaski. Tickets for a tray will cost \$12. Tray includes spaghetti plate, salad, bread, a dessert and

drink. Orders will be taken for eating in or take out.

April 7

Cow Bell Service
Cow Bell Service on April 7th at Pulaski First Church of the Brethren. Located at 1749 Newbern Road, one block behind the DMV. Our special speakers are: Joe Italio, Annette Hubbard, Cesia Salcedo and Connie Blose. Each person will have 10 minutes to a message, if they go over the Cow bell will be rang. A Ice Cream Social is to follow.

April 13

Taco Dinner and Bingo
Taco Dinner and Bingo, Rockford Community Church on April 13 at 5:00 p.m. Taco Dinner at 5:00 p.m. (proceeds to youth) Bingo around 6:00 p.m. (proceeds to church improvement fund) Church is located at 6867 Viscoe Road in Fairlawn (up the road from Riverlawn Elementary School) Come join us for a wonderful taco dinner followed by fun bingo games and prizes.

April 18

Genealogy Club meeting
The Carroll County Genealogy Club will hold a business meeting on Thursday, April 18th at 6pm. Plans are in the

works for upcoming Genealogy Workshop on Saturday May 25, 2024 from 11am until 3pm. To be held at the Carroll County Search and Rescue Building. Watch our Facebook page at Carroll Co. Genealogy Club and local papers for up dates of speakers and more details. Cookbook committee is still collecting recipes for another book sometime soon. Club meets in the Historical Courthouse on left side. Parking on street and back of building is available. Everyone with an interest in Genealogy is invited to attend.

On going:

Monday Services
Evangelists Jodie and Rosanna Whittaker - Monday night services at 7 p.m. at the Quality Inn in Dublin Conference Room. 540-674-1100 - You're invited to attend powerful spirit-filled services.

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

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

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

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

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PC's Dunnigan graduates from Rec and Parks Directors School

The Pulaski County Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to announce the graduation of Mr. Shay Dunnigan from the National Recreation and Park Association Directors School.

This exclusive two-year professional development program prepares new directors to excel as leaders in the parks and recreation field. Graduating members complete the program

with the knowledge and confidence to navigate emerging challenges, improve operations, and maximize positive impact on their communities.

"I am thankful for the opportunity to learn from some of the nation's most tenured and innovative parks and recreation professionals during the course of this program. It is my honor to serve Pulaski County and

I look forward to advancing our department's impact in our community in the years to come," says Mr. Dunnigan.

Prior to serving as the Director of Parks and Recreation, Shay served eight (8) years in the department in both facilities management and sports coordination. Shay completed his Bachelor's of Public Administration from Liberty University in 2022.

April nor'easter bears down on Northeast

April nor'easter with heavy, wet snow bears down on Northeast, causing more than 680,000 outages

By DAVE COLLINS Associated Press

A major spring storm brought heavy snow, rain and high winds to the Northeast late Wednesday and Thursday,

causing more than 680,000 power outages across the region with the majority in Maine and New Hampshire. A woman was reported killed by a falling tree in a New York City suburb.

Two feet of snow is possible in parts of northern New England by Thursday evening, and wind gusts are predicted to hit

50 to 60 mph (80 to 97 kph) in coastal areas as well as inland, according to the National Weather Service.

Trees and power lines were reported down across the region. More southern areas were hit mostly with rain, causing flooding in some locations.



Photo courtesy Pulaski County

Pulaski County's Shay Dunnigan

K-9 killed protecting officer

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — A K-9 was killed "heroically" protecting a correctional officer, who was responding to a violent attack involving apparent gang members, Virginia prison officials said.

Rivan, a 5-year-old Belgian Malinois, died despite life-saving measures after being "violently and repeatedly stabbed and kicked" by the inmates involved in the assault, the Virginia Department of Corrections said in a news release Wednesday.

Three inmates affiliated with the MS-13 gang attacked another inmate Tuesday inside a housing unit at the Sussex I State Prison,

with another inmate appearing to supervise the assault, the department said. Corrections Officer Kharmishia Phillip Fields and Rivan, her assigned K-9, were working in the area and responded to stop the attack and protect the inmates, the department said in a news release.

Rivan sustained injuries but Phillip Fields, a four-year veteran of the department, did not, "due to her training and Rivan's courageous actions," the news release said. Corrections officers ended the assault, and the inmate who was attacked was treated for injuries at a hospital and returned to the prison department.



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PET OF THE WEEK

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