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Board declares May 7 Fentanyl Awareness Day

Staff Report

Next Tuesday, May 7 has been declared Fentanyl Awareness Day in Pulaski County.

The Board of Supervisors – at their April 22 meeting – made the declaration by approving a resolution aimed at drawing attention to the dangerous drug. “The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors does recognize that individuals and families throughout Pulaski County and the New River Valley are affected by the use of illicit fentanyl – a highly potent and synthetically-manufactured opioid that is up to 50 times stronger than heroin and up to 100 times stronger than morphine,” the resolution states.

According to the resolution, the dangers of illicitly manufactured fentanyl – while well-documented by

health professionals and law enforcement – are largely unknown to the general population and even more so to its most vulnerable population: youth and young adults.

The resolution continues that, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, fentanyl is involved in more deaths of Americans under 50 than any other cause of death, including heart disease, cancer and all accidents.

“United States Drug Enforcement Administration lab testing indicates seven out of every 10 fentanyl pills seized by the DEA contain a lethal dose of fentanyl and the DEA seized a record 74.5 million fentanyl pills in 2023,” the resolution continues.

“Among teenagers, overdose deaths linked to synthetic opioids like fentanyl tripled

in the past two years, yet 73 percent of teens have never heard of fake prescription pills being made with fentanyl.”

According to the resolution, “New River Valley Community Services, the five community prevention coalitions in the NRV, and numerous partner agencies work daily to raise awareness of this threat to our communities and combat this issue through various strategies, including: prevention, education, harm reduction, treatment and recovery support.”

Other fentanyl facts:
• Fentanyl is a Schedule II controlled substance, meaning it has a high potential for abuse and can lead to severe physical and psychological dependence.

• Fentanyl is often mixed with other drugs without the user’s

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Daughter donates to Dad then climbs Africa’s Mt. Kilimanjaro

By WILLIAM PAINE
Patriot Publishing

Sibley Brown is what one might call an Outdoorsy Type. Her idea of a good time is walking up and down mountains, sometimes for hundreds of miles at a stretch.

Sibley’s parents, Curtis and Jennifer Brown, run the Spinning Jenny Vineyard in Draper. It is Sibley’s close relationship to her family that culminated in a life changing decision, for herself and for her father.

The Brown family moved to Draper in 2005 and opened Spinning Jenny Vineyard in 2019. Sibley, meanwhile, attended middle and high school in Pulaski County. She

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Sibley Brown stands between her parents Jenny and Curtis Brown. All three wear Kidney Donor Athletes gear, in recognition of that organization’s good work and Sibley’s recent ascent of Mount Kilimanjaro.

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		Trespassing	300 block East Main St.
		B&E	300 block East Main St.
		Petit Larceny	300 block East Main St.
	15:21	Petit Larceny	500 block Washington Sq.
4/23/2024	18:43	Petit Larceny	600 block Oakhurst Ave.
	4:39	Petit Larceny	40 block East Main St.
4/24/2024	11:03	Vandalism	20 block State St.
	11:04	Vandalism	20 block State St.
	18:38	Grand Larceny	2100 block Monte Vista Dr. Ext.
		Vandalism	2100 block Monte Vista Dr. Ext.
		B&E	2100 block Monte Vista Dr. Ext.
4/25/2024	1:01	Grand Larceny	1100 block Gunne Pl.
	1:25	Counterfeiting Money	600 block East Main St.
		Fraud	600 block East Main St.
	19:01	Vandalism	600 block 4th St, NE
		Trespassing	600 block 4th St, NE
4/26/2024	3:07	Trespassing	600 block 4th St, NE
	13:56	Drug/Narcotics Violation	40 block 1st St., NW
	16:51	Child Abuse	400 block Washington Sq. Dr.
4/27/2024	1:46	Trespassing	600 block East Main St.
	10:06	Petit Larceny	200 block Lexington Ave.
4/28/2024	20:28	Trespassing	600 block 4th St., NE
	23:53	Assault & Battery	1400 block Dora Highway
4/28/2024	11:11	Vandalism	800 block Winfield Cr
	12:10	Drug/Narcotics Violation	600 block 1st St., NE
	12:32	Drug/Narcotics Violation	3rd St., NE
	20:45	Drug/Narcotics Violation	100 block Howard St.
	23:06	Assault	20 block 8th St. NW
		Disorderly Conduct	20 block 8th St. NW

NRCC graduation dates set

New River Community College will celebrate its 54th annual commencement on Friday, May 10 and Monday, May 13 on the college's campus in Dublin in 117 Edward Hall. Students who graduate this year will have completed more than 1,000 degrees, certificates and diplomas in 82 different programs, with many graduates receiving multiple awards.

Students in the Division of Business and Technologies for the 2023-2024 academic year will be honored on Friday, May 10 at 4 p.m. Doors open at 3 p.m.

Students in the Division of Arts and Sciences for the 2023-2024 academic year will be honored later that evening at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Division of Health Professions students will graduate on Monday, May 13 at 6 p.m. in 117 Edwards Hall. Doors open at 5 p.m. A pinning ceremony for associate degree nursing graduates will be held at 7:30 p.m. following graduation.

More than 300 students plan to participate in person in the three graduation events.

Graduation ceremonies will be livestreamed for family, friends, and others to view off-campus. To view the ceremonies online, visit NRCC's graduation webpage at www.nr.edu/graduation.

California man sentenced to 18 years for trafficking fentanyl into Virginia

ABINGDON, Va. – A Buena Park, California man, who supplied as many as 30,000 pressed fentanyl pills a week to individuals who then shipped the pills into Southwest Virginia, was sentenced this week to 18 years in federal prison.

Robert Contreras, 24, a.k.a. "Quill," previously pled guilty to one count of conspiring to distribute and possession with the intent to distribute 400 grams or more of fentanyl, and one count of possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. In addition to his prison term, Contreras was ordered today to forfeit five firearms and \$31,294 in cash.

"Fentanyl, especially in the form of pressed pills, is taking its toll on America, and Virginia is no exception. This case, involving the collaboration of law enforcement agencies across the country, is a prime example of the proactive measures undertaken by this Department of Justice to combat the burgeoning pressed pill epidemic currently plaguing our nation," United States Attorney Christopher R. Kavanaugh said. "We will

investigate, prosecute and hold accountable those who profit by poisoning our communities, and – as exhibited here – we will work up the chain of drug traffickers as far and wide as possible to bring them to account."

According to court documents, between 2020 and 2023, Contreras sold between 10,000 and 30,000 pressed fentanyl pills at a time to co-conspirator Marco Orozco at least once a week. At the height of the conspiracy in late 2021 and early 2022, Contreras sold Orozco 10,000 pressed fentanyl pills multiple times per week. The pills were then shipped from California to Southwest Virginia and other locations across the country for further distribution. Specifically, Orozco's sub-distributors used various social media platforms to facilitate their drug trade.

On March 6, 2023, a search warrant was executed at Contreras' residence in California. At that time, officers recovered 1,639 pressed fentanyl pills, \$31,294 in cash, and five firearms without serial numbers, in addition to approximately 7,000 alprazolam pills, 3,000

Adderall pills, 242 grams of cocaine, and other hallucinogenic narcotics.

The Wise County Sheriff's Office, the Norton Police Department, the Southwest Virginia Drug Task Force (Wise County Sheriff's Office, the Scott County Sheriff's Office, the Lee County Sheriff's Office, the Norton Police Department, the Big Stone Gap Police Department, and the Virginia State Police), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives, and the United States Postal Inspection Service investigated.

Fentanyl

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 knowledge, making it difficult to detect and increasing the risk of overdose.

- A single dose of fentanyl, even as small as 2 milligrams, can be lethal.
- Fentanyl is available in various forms, including powder, liquid, and pill form, and can be disguised as other drugs, such as heroin or prescription opioids.

Spring Fever Handcrafted Market at Glencoe Mansion

Glencoe Mansion, Museum & Gallery is excited to announce a new event this spring with the debut of the Spring Fever Handcrafted Market. The market will take place Saturday, May 11, from 10 am to 3 pm. This will be a wonderful opportunity to support local artisans, explore Glencoe Mansion and the Mary Draper Ingles Park, and view beautiful works of art.

The market will take place on the grounds of Glencoe Mansion. There will be over 20 vendors selling a variety of goods from jewelry to soaps. This is the perfect opportunity to pick up a present for Mother's Day or to treat Mom to a special day out,

exploring all our region has to offer. During the market, snacks and drinks will be available for purchase from the Radford High School Performing Arts, which will be another way to.

The market will run from 10 am to 3 pm. The regular hours of Glencoe Mansion are from 10 am to 4 pm during which time the whole museum is open and free to explore. There is also the Mary Draper Ingles Cultural Heritage Park featuring the statue of Mary Draper Ingles and the New River Train Viewing Observatory.

Spring Fever Handcrafted Market is open to all, free to attend and family friendly.

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Team Rubicon to join forces with county for wildfire mitigation project

Pulaski County, Virginia, April 29, 2024 - Twenty-five dedicated volunteers from Team Rubicon, spanning across Virginia, are set to converge on Pulaski County from May 3rd to May 5th for a crucial wildfire mitigation project in the Draper Mountain Estates Community. Partnering with Pulaski County Emergency Management and the Wildfire Mitigation Module, these volunteers will play a pivotal role in reducing the risk of wildfires in the area.

On Friday, May 3rd, the volunteers will establish their base of operations at Central Gym in collaboration with Pulaski County Emergency Management. They will then transition into the Draper Mountain Estates Community on May 4th and 5th to undertake a series of projects aimed at mitigating wildfire hazards.

The scope of work includes: Dropping, bucking, and stacking standing dead and down trees left from a previous wildfire.

Constructing fire breaks using hand tools and leaf blowers in strategic areas of the community.

The volunteers, along with Pulaski County

staff, will be accommodated at Central Gym for two nights, courtesy of a nonprofit feeding organization. Meals will be provided, including a special BBQ dinner on Saturday catered by Bull & Bones BBQ and funded by the New River Highlands RC&D. Lunch on Sunday will be box lunches prepared by Mom & Ems Eats and funded by local State Farm Agent Deanie Hall.

Adding to the camaraderie, Great Wilderness Brewery, a Veteran-owned establishment, has brewed a special batch of craft beer for Saturday's BBQ dinner. The dinner and social time will be hosted at a downtown merchant's facility, generously provided at no cost.

According to Brad Wright, Emergency Management Coordinator, this collaborative effort not only addresses a critical risk in the community but also serves as a valuable exercise for Pulaski County Emergency Management. "This project not only helps us mitigate a risk to our community but also serves as good exercise for Emergency Management to support and manage a disaster or large emergency that may occur in Pulaski County," Wright remarked.

VFW 1184 hosting Project 22 event

Staff Report

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1184 in Pulaski will draw attention to the problem of veterans suicide on Saturday, May 18.

According to Post Commander Jim Ridpath, the post will once again host a Project 22 Walk/Run/Ride event at the post on Dora Highway in Pulaski.

Project 22 refers to the nationwide effort to address veteran suicide.

According to the Project 22 effort, "In 2012, the Department of Veterans Affairs Mental Health Services Suicide Prevention Program determined that 22 veterans commit suicide each day in our country."

Ridpath said the May 18 event in Pulaski, which begins at 9 a.m. will feature a free walk – run – ride by participants to Cool Springs and back.

Ridpath said representatives with the Virginia Department of Veterans Services and the V.A. Hospital will be on hand to speak to participants on the veteran suicide issue and information will be available.

Ridpath issued a 22 pushup challenge for the event. "I'm 70 years old and I'll take on anyone who wants to challenge me. I hope I can still do it," he joked.

A Volvo UAW truck will be on hand as well.

Ridpath said you don't have to be a veteran to participate.

For more details, call Ridpath at 540-577-2377.

Radford City Council approves budget, utility and real estate tax rates

By DAVID QUESENBERRY
Patriot Publishing

The Radford City Council, at its special meeting on Thursday, April 25th, unanimously approved on second reading the City and School Board Budgets along with utility and real estate tax rates.

The City's budget is balanced at \$79,043,310 and is distributed as follows: General Fund-\$35,411,361; Street Maintenance Fund-\$2,829,359; Transit Fund-\$2,860,488; Water/Wastewater Fund-\$6,320,498; Electric Fund-\$28,854,443; Solid Waste Fund-\$1,688,841; and Internal Services-\$1,078,320.

The City School Board Budget is balanced at \$46,803,799 and is distributed as follows: Operating Fund-\$38,098,270; School Nutrition Fund-\$1,033,057; Grants Fund-\$2,694,745; Textbooks Fund-\$852,102; Capital Projects Fund-\$220,000; Health Insurance Fund-\$2,858,251; Region 7 Virtual Academy Fund-\$184,478; and the Governor's School-\$862,896.

The real estate tax rate was set at \$0.69/per \$100 of assessed value. Because of the increase in assessments averaging 31 percent, the State Code requires that a tax rate be recalculated to provide the same amount of revenue as the present rate of 0.84/\$100 of assessed value. Called the "lowered tax rate" that amount was \$0.64/per \$100

of assessed value. The approved rate of \$0.69/\$100 of assessed value, represents an increase of \$0.05/\$100 of assessed value or 7.8 percent.

Concerning utilities, wastewater rates were increased from \$14.24 to \$16.24 for 2000 gallons, while the water connection fee was increased from \$1,300 to \$2,000.

Electric base rates (energy + customer charge) increased from \$104.65 to \$107.97 for 1,000 kwh customers.

The increase in the budget was influenced by the impact of general inflation on the City's budget; increased treatment costs by Pepper's Ferry Wastewater Treatment Authority; capital expenditures; increased cost of wholesale power purchases from Appalachian Power; and a desire to increase the City's fund balances.

Earlier in the week at its work session meeting on Monday, April 22nd, Council considered several measures.

Council conducted a first reading of Appropriation Ordinance 1787.27 appropriating \$150,198.73 to the City's Economic Development Authority (EDA) in support of the Radford Economic Development Initiative (REDI) Grant Program as applied to the Highlander Hotel property.

A performance agreement approved by the City's Economic Development Authority and

RUF Hotel Land, LLC, dated January 1, 2023, would rebate 80% of the value of the real property taxes, the Hotel had paid to the City for the previous tax year, contingent upon the Hotel meeting performance guidelines outlined in the agreement. Under the REDI program guidelines, all grants were subject to an appropriation of funds to the EDA by City Council

The EDA determined that the Hotel had met the performance requirements under the agreement and qualified for reimbursement in the amount of \$150,198.73. The EDA approved a motion at its March 7, 2024 meeting recommending Council's appropriation of the

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Town of Pulaski Real Estate Bills

Town of Pulaski Real Estate tax bills for the 1st half of 2024 have been mailed. Failure to receive a bill does not relieve the taxpayer of any additional charges of penalty or interest that will accrue under the law for failure to pay the tax assessment.

This tax must be paid on or before June 5, 2024 by 5:00 pm to avoid penalty or interest being added.

Payments should be addressed to the Town of Pulaski Finance Dept. PO Box 660 Pulaski VA 24301

Notice is hereby given that the Finance Office for the Town of Pulaski will be open Monday – Friday 8:30 – 5:00, except for holidays to receive payments for Real Estate Taxes. The Town of Pulaski office is located in the Municipal Building at 42 1st St. NW Pulaski VA 24301. For the convenience of the taxpayer there is a night drop located at the rear of the building. Payments can also be made Online -www.pulaskitown.org and click Bill Pay or by phone 1-833-998-4764. Please have your Account ID number and WIPP Pin # that is located on the front of your bill.

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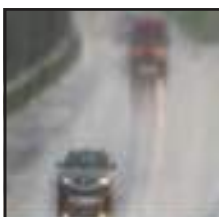
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EDITORIAL

Thunder in the Hills

Recently I attended "Thunder in the Hills", a play based off the infamous 1912 Carroll County Courthouse shootout, performed at the Courthouse.

Carroll County and the nation were rocked by the March 14, 1912 shootout. Newspapermen from all across the country flocked to the region to cover events. Until the sinking of the Titanic, this was the nation's top story.

"The Courthouse Tragedy" emanated from a trial involving Floyd Allen, a descendant of one of the oldest families of Carroll County. Floyd had accosted a Carroll County Deputy officer attempting to turn in two of Floyd's nephews.



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

Upon Allen's conviction, bedlam erupted in the Carroll County Courthouse. Dozens of bullets flew inside the

courtroom. The community and the Commonwealth could not believe what had happened.

The shootout claimed five lives, including a Judge, the Commonwealth's Attorney and Sheriff.

Some members of the so-called "Allen Clan" were taken into custody quickly and tried. Sidna Allen and his nephew would be captured six months later in Iowa. Floyd and his son, Claude, were executed. Sidna Allen was sentenced to thirty-five years (in 1926, he was pardoned).

To this day, people from all over Virginia and the country remain interested in the incident. Families on both sides are still sensitive about the disputed events. At the memorial service I attended in 2012, some surviving family members of those who died in this tragedy traveled to Hillsville from as far away as New England.

My connection comes from my great-grandmother of Rockbridge County. She and her Bible study group traveled to Richmond to pray with inmates at Libby prison, including Sidna Allen.

While in prison, Sidna focused on woodworking and building furniture in order to sell items to support his family.

During my great-grandmother's visit, she purchased a box made by Allen. Written inside is, "Made by J. Sidna Allen, \$5."

My grandmother handed the box down to me a few years before she died.

Since elected to Congress, I have displayed the box in my DC office.

The Carroll County Historical Society Museum features a collection of Sidna Allen's work: tables, treasure and jewelry boxes. His woodworking style reflected folk marquetry, creating intricate designs in his wooden objects.

As we look back on this incident, it's important to remember that we learn little about the past by attempting to apply modern law and mores. Romance, politics, power, and family honor all merged to become a lethal powder keg in this tragic event.

The play was extremely well done. I was mesmerized by the performance. This same group has performed "Thunder in the Hills" every few years since 2012.

They say this is it. But I for one hope they will do it again or that maybe the Barter Theatre will pick up the production in the future.

Amongst the excellent cast was my former colleague in the Virginia House of Delegates, Tom Jackson. He played Floyd Allen and was superb. After the play, he showed me both Floyd Allen's pocket watch which he carried throughout the performance, and the lawbooks in the old courthouse's library which belonged to Commonwealth Attorney William Foster, who was killed in the shootout, and Dexter Goad, the Circuit Court Clerk, who was injured.

I should also mention that Martha Goad was played by Cynthia Jackson, Tom's wife, who was at Emory & Henry College while I was there. There were many outstanding performances and I do not believe I have ever seen a better cast.

As the play shows, the story has always been complicated. At Sidna Allen's death, the Lynchburg Newspaper wrote, "The Allens have just about proved their theory of their defense. That they were not all fundamentally bad men, but men for whom fate, in a bad hour, set a vicious stage."

In a like manner, Carroll County is a good place that more than 100 years ago found itself thrust by fate, in a bad hour, into a vicious set of circumstances. Let us hope that this may never occur again.

Sidna's old house in Carroll County remains today. Located just outside Fancy Gap, the Queen Anne style house is an iconic Carroll landmark. In 1974, the house was designated for the National Register of Historic Places.

A portion of the play's ticket sales go to the J. Sidna Allen House Restoration project. Contributions can be sent to the charitable organization at:

J. Sidna Allen Home
c/o Carroll County Historical Society and Museum
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You may also visit carrollvamuseum.org to make an online donation via PayPal.

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THANK YOU!

To the editor,

Pulaski County High School would like to thank everyone who helped make Pulaski County Sports Physical Day a huge success. A special "thank you" goes out to Dr. Michael Simpson, Allison Parnell, Jackie Snell and Lynn Monahan who all put a tremendous amount of time and effort into coordinating this day.

Dr. Simpson was the lead physician and headed up a team of 12 physicians. Special thanks also to Dr. Knarr and Dr. Hardee!

Lynn Monahan, of LewisGale Hospital Pulaski, organized the physicians, nurses, physical therapists, and other hospital personnel who provided services during this event. LewisGale Hospital Pulaski also

contributed necessary supplies to make this event possible.

Allison Parnell, Pulaski County High School Athletic Trainer and Jackie Snell, work to schedule rooms, volunteers, and other necessary resources to put this event together.

Many people were kind enough to give time, money and resources to make this event possible. Over 75 people volunteered their time in an effort to provide sports physicals for the youth of Pulaski Co.

Over 260 Student Athletes were given a physical.

A sincere appreciation is extended to all that made this day a success!

Scott Vest
Athletic & Activities Director
Pulaski County High School

Significance of April 29th

The Significance of April 29th
What do you think was the most significant event to take place in America on April 29th? Quite a few events are in the competition such as: the capture of New Orleans by Civil War Union forces in 1862; two well known American musicians were born – Duke Ellington in 1899 and Willie Nelson in 1933. Throw in several events from the Viet Nam War, occurring on April 29th. The same day in 1974, the Watergate scandal became the headlines with the release of White House tape recordings. In 2009, Phil Collins' "Against All Odds (Take a Look at Me Now)" becomes the number 1-Pop Hit on Billboard and in 2011 a royal wedding took place.

Granted, these are significant events to some, but there are two events occurring on April 29th that are much more significant to me. One is the First Landing at Cape Henry in 1607, and the other is the inauguration of George

One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

Washington as the first President of the United States in 1789. Both represent Covenants with God made by leaders of our country.

After a grueling 4-1/2 month Atlantic crossing, three English ships sailed into the Chesapeake Bay off the Virginia coast, carrying 144 men; including a very godly, dedicated chaplain, the Reverend Robert Hunt. The crossing hadn't been easy and there was discord and anger among the men. So, when the ships arrived in the harbor, before the entire group could embark, Rev. Hunt proclaimed two days of fasting.

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Commissions and Boards

Delegate Jason Ballard 42nd District

In last week's column, I gave you an update on the General Assembly's reconvened session, in which we sustained all of Governor Glenn Youngkin's vetoes and set May 13th as a return date to continue our work on the Commonwealth's budget. I'm confident that the General Assembly will be able to reach a consensus spending plan that doesn't raise taxes while investing responsibly in the core functions of our state government. I look forward to updating you in more detail once our work on the budget is complete, but in the meantime, I'd like to share some exciting news about the various state commissions and boards that I have been appointed to by the Speaker of the House.

State boards and commissions serve important functions as they analyze public policy and suggest improvements over various subject matters. I'm very pleased to have been reappointed to the Virginia Board of Veterans Services, the I-81 Advisory Committee, and the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Committee. My service on the Opioid Abatement Authority continues through my current elected term, and I have been newly appointed to the Appalachian Region Interstate Compact Commission.

The Board of Veterans Services is

responsible for monitoring the welfare of Virginia's Veterans and setting policies to enhance their services across the Commonwealth. This is a responsibility that – as a Veteran – I take very seriously. A subset of the Board of Veterans Services, the Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations (JLC for short), keeps the administration and General Assembly up to date on all legislative proposals that may be of benefit to Virginia Veterans. It is this dedication to those who served our country selflessly that helps keep Virginia as the most Veteran-friendly state in the nation.

As you can probably tell by the name, the I-81 Advisory Committee provides advice and recommendations – to the Commonwealth Transportation Board – regarding the development of the I-81 Corridor Improvement Plan. We continue to make headway on improvements to this vital interstate,

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Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

Nothing good comes from radicalism

Columbia University is once again the center of the radical universe.

More than 50 years after anti-Vietnam War demonstrators roiled the Columbia campus in 1968, anti-Israel agitators are disrupting the school's operations, and inspiring similar actions at other universities around the country.

In their open support for a terror group, today's demonstrators are more virulent than their 1960s forebears, but they are still the ideological heirs of the New Left -- grandchildren in the spirit of the first Morningside Heights revolutionaries.

It's Columbia 1968 -- the antisemitic version.

The protests back then were, to be sure, a larger and more violent event. Demonstrators seized buildings and briefly took a dean hostage. The campus shut down. When the police came to re-take the occupied buildings in the early-morning hours of April 30, 1968, they arrested more than 700 people and roughed some of them up.

The situation at Columbia today, noxious though it is, would have to get much worse to match 1968's mayhem. The protestors have set up an encampment rather than seizing buildings. When police moved in last week to briefly break up the illegal gathering, they arrested about a hundred people. Although the protest has generated national attention (and a well-deserved condemnation from the White House), it's not the cause celebre of 1968, when famous journalists and poets joined the demonstrators in their barricaded buildings.

Yet, the director of the college's Jewish Learning Initiative has urged Jewish students to stay home for fear for their safety, and classes have gone remote.

The argot of both sets of demonstrators is largely the same. In 1968, the protestors inveighed against the "complicity" of the University in the Vietnam War and its "institutional racism" for wanting to expand a gym in the neighborhood. Decades later, those are still the popular catchphrases.

Israel is to today's radicals what the Pentagon was to 1968's. Just as the protestors back then demanded that the university cut ties with a Department of Defense outfit doing research for the Vietnam War, today's radicals want the university to divest from Israel. The essential argument is the same -- that Columbia bears moral responsibility for crimes against humanity committed in an imperialist war.

Yesteryear's agitators might have been surprised to learn that student demonstrators acting in the tradition of 1968 have been discomfiting and harassing Jews and expressing support for a horrific terrorist assault. Here too, though, there are connections to 1968, at least its more extreme elements.

The famed Columbia protest leader Mark Rudd went on to become part of the violent

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funds to the EDA under the REDI program.

Council member Seth Gillespie and Mayor David Horton abstained from voting. Council approved the measure unanimously with the three remaining Council members voting in favor. A second reading of the appropriation

ordinance will be held at the May 13th regular Council meeting.

In other actions, Council approved a special use permit for a recreational vehicle park at 3080 Little River Dam Road. The park, located in a Conservation District, will have 180 spaces and will operate on a nine month basis. The site will be subject to various conditions as outlined in the resolution.

Also approved by Council was a resolution to approve

an extension to the terms of a restrictive covenant for facility improvements to Lot 11 in the Radford Industrial Center, owned by Techlab. The extension will be for 36 months and expire on December 12, 2026.

Council approved Appropriation Ordinance 1787.29 appropriating \$4,000 for the Virginia Trees for Clean Water Grant. The grant is for the purchase of plant material, contract labor and

other supplies and promotional materials for beautification of the Glencoe Mansion grounds and educational efforts on water resources. The City will purchase the plant materials, supplies and labor and then be reimbursed.

Following a brief discussion, Council adopted the 2024 schedule of rates and fees charged by the City.

Council conducted a public hearing on the cell tower lease extension for the Ridgewood Water Tank. The City had sought bids for a non-exclusive lease of attachment location and ground space for the tank located at 110 Ridgewood Lane.

The sole bidder, U.S. Cellular, proposed a five year non-exclusive lease with options to renew for up to seven additional five-year terms. In consideration of the lease, U.S. Cellular proposed to pay the City rent in the amount of \$2,855 per month, which would be increased by 10% during each five-year term.

There being no comments from the public, Council unanimously approved Ordinance 1804 granting the

lease to U.S. Cellular. Council also held a public hearing on electrical and water/wastewater rates. The proposed rates were approved and referred for a second reading on April 25th.

Council also unanimously endorsed the 2024 City of Radford Action Plan for the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The plan identifies housing and community development priorities that are aligned with the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

The Action Plan summarizes the actions, activities, and specific federal resources that will be used by the City to address needs identified in the Consolidated Plan.

For 2024, the federal allocation to the City will be \$204,683 with \$27,000 included from prior year for a funding total of \$231,683.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Radford City Council will be on Monday, May 13, 2024 in the Council Chambers at the Radford City Hall, 10 Robertson Street.

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On April 29th, when the group finally set foot on the sandy shore, their first act was to erect a seven-foot oak cross that had been prepared in London and safely stored below deck for the specific purpose of dedicating this new world for Jesus Christ. After they knelt in prayer, they celebrated Communion together and listened to the Rev. Hunt's dedication covenant. Here is what Rev. Hunt declared:

"We do hereby dedicate this Land, and ourselves, to reach the People within these shores with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to raise up Godly generations after us, and with these generations take the Kingdom of God to all the earth. May this Covenant of Dedication remain to all generations, as long as this earth remains and may this land, along with England, be evangelists to the world. May all who see this cross remember what we have done here, and may those who come here to inhabit join us in this Covenant and this most noble work, that the Holy Scriptures may be fulfilled. From these very shores the gospel shall go forth, not only to this new world, but the entire world. Psalm 22:27-28 All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the Lord. And all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before Thee. For the Kingdom is the Lord's and He rules among the nations."

Christian Broadcast Network (CBN) president, Gordon Robertson, stated of the 1607 landing, "America's destiny and purpose were sealed with that cross at Cape Henry. All that would follow in our nation's growth hinged on the single proclamation that this land belonged to Jesus Christ."

When America's first elected President, George Washington, was inaugurated in New York city's Federal Hall, he began and ended his speech acknowledging God:

"It would be peculiarly

improper to omit in this first official act my fervent supplications to that Almighty Being who rules over the universe, who presides in the councils of nations, and whose providential aids can supply every human defect, that His benediction may consecrate to the liberties and happiness of the people of the United States a Government instituted by themselves for these essential purposes, and may enable every instrument employed in its administration to execute with success the functions allotted to his charge. In tendering this homage to the Great Author of every public and private good, I assure myself that it expresses your sentiments not less than my own, nor those of my fellow-citizens at large less than either.

"No people can be bound to acknowledge and adore the Invisible Hand which conducts the affairs of men more than those of the United States. Every step by which they have advanced to the character of an independent nation seems to have been distinguished by some token of providential agency;

"Having thus imparted to you my sentiments as they have been awakened by the occasion which brings us together, I shall take my present leave; but not without resorting once more to the benign Parent of the Human Race in humble supplication that, since He has been pleased to favor the American people with opportunities for deliberating in perfect tranquility, and dispositions for deciding with unparalleled unanimity on a form of government for the security of their union and the advancement of their happiness, so His divine blessing may be equally conspicuous in the enlarged views, the temperate consultations, and the wise measures on which the success of this Government must depend."

The law required that Washington merely take the

Oath of Office, but he went beyond the requirements and after delivering his inaugural address, led the members of Congress to St. Paul's Church for a 3-hour divine service dedicating the new nation to God.

Here is President George Washington's prayer, which can be found in the Library of Congress.

"Almighty God: We make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection; that thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government, and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow-citizens of the United States at large. And finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

The tradition of prayer, set forth by our earliest settlers and founders, continues to be central to the American way of life. Nearly 400-years later, we recognize the guiding hand of God upon this nation and dedicate a National Day of Prayer to show our gratitude, to repent of our national sins and to seek the face of God for the continued blessings on our nation.

This year's National Day of Prayer was held at noon on Thursday, May 2nd at the Pulaski Courthouse. In the tradition of our Presidents and Founders, dozens of people gathered together to pray for our community and nation.

Management of Highlander Hotel subject of lawsuit

By DAVID QUESENBERRY Patriot Publishing

In a complaint filed in federal court, the current management of the Highlander Hotel in Radford has been named in a civil suit by the former management firm of the hotel alleging breach of contract; business conspiracy; civil conspiracy, and "tortious interference with contractual relations."

Aimbridge Hospitality, L.L.C., as plaintiff, filed the suit on April 19, 2024 with the Federal District Court in Roanoke naming Provident Group-Radford Properties, LLC, and Scholar Hotels LLC/dba Scholar Hotel Group, as defendants.

Regarding the first count of breach of contract, the initial management agreement between Provident and Aimbridge, signed on April 14, 2021, provided that Provident had: (a) "the obligation to provide Aimbridge with proper written notice under the Agreement concerning any alleged default; (b) the obligation to allow Aimbridge an attempt to cure any purported "Events of Default; and, (c) not terminating the Agreement prior to the third anniversary of the Opening Date, unless permitted under Section 12 or 13 of the Agreement."

Aimbridge alleges that Provident breached these obligations by: (a) failing to provide Aimbridge with proper written notice under the Agreement concerning Aimbridge's alleged defaults;

(b) refusing to provide Aimbridge with necessary information and details that would have allowed Aimbridge to cure the alleged defaults; (c) refusing to provide Aimbridge with the contractually specified time to cure any alleged default; and (d) relying on unfounded and unsubstantiated defaults as a pre-textual basis for early termination of the Agreement."

Aimbridge maintains that they were not given adequate notice nor were they allowed the contractual 120 days to correct the alleged defaults. An initial letter was received dated January 26th notifying Aimbridge of termination of the agreement and listing a number of defaults. Personnel from Provident and Scholar Hotel Group entered the Highlander on March 27, 2024 telling staff that Provident had appointed Scholar as the Hotel's new management company. No notice was given to Aimbridge or its employees of this action.

One of the defaults mentioned in the complaint was that the Highlander "operated at a negative 52 percent of budgeted initial revenues (-\$3.1 M shortfall to budgeted revenues) and the Hotel missed Budgeted gross operating profit (GOP) by 119% (-\$3.3 M)."

The complaint states that: "Provident relied on the Highlander's asserted poor financial performance as a basis for terminating the agreement. Provident failed to recognize Aimbridge had managed the Hotel for less than one full

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and I'm hopeful that increased funding in the biennial budget will further expedite projects that have already been approved.

The Southwest Virginia Higher Education Committee governs the SWVA Higher Education Center in Abingdon, Virginia, which is the first multi-college and university institution of higher education in the Commonwealth. This institution partners with public and private colleges to provide degree programs, certificates, and professional development courses; something extremely important as our region continues to prioritize workforce development for good-paying jobs in high demand fields.

The Opioid Abatement Authority is an independent body that reports to the Commonwealth. Its purpose is to abate and remediate the opioid epidemic in Virginia through financial support for

efforts to treat, prevent, and reduce opioid use disorder and the misuse of opioids. Our region, and Southwest Virginia at large, has been one of the most heavily impacted in the nation by opioid abuse. I'm honored to represent our area on the Authority, and there's much work to be done to reverse the harm these drugs have inflicted on our families, friends, and neighbors.

And finally, I have been newly appointed to the Appalachian Region Interstate Compact Commission, which has as its mission to study, develop, and promote a plan for the design, construction, financing, and operation of interstate facilities of strategic interest to all signatory states. I am always pleased to advocate for transportation infrastructure improvements that will strengthen commerce and leisure travel between Virginia and our Appalachian neighbors.

I'm happy to continue my work on these boards and commissions to identify ways to improve life for all in our region. Many, if not all of these commissions also consist of private citizen representation. If you're ever interested in serving on a state board or commission, please don't hesitate to reach out to my office for more information.

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.

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Weather Underground. The group's manifesto is a bilious attack on America's influence in the world.

It contends that "the main struggle going on in the world today is between U.S. imperialism and the national liberation struggles against it." The fact is, according to the manifesto, that "every other empire and petty dictator is in the long run dependent on U.S. imperialism, which has unified, allied with, and defended all of the reactionary forces of the whole world." That's why "we determine who are our friends

and who are our enemies according to whether they help U.S. imperialism or fight to defeat it."


The same logic animates today's radicals. Hamas is their equivalent of Che Guevara or the Viet Cong, and Israel an expression of Western imperialism that must be opposed at all costs. (The Weather Underground statement does briefly mention "Israeli imperialism.")

A key difference between 1968 and today is that protestors then were revolting against an institution dominated

by traditional liberals, whereas the radicals have steadily taken over the universities since. Today's protestors are only crudely expressing the attitudes and tropes that they hear in many of their classrooms. A large contingent of Columbia faculty walked out to protest the arrests of the agitators.

Columbia 1968 is widely seen as a hugely influential event in the direction of academia. It will be a calamity if Columbia 2024 is eventually viewed the same way.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

 <p>PUBLIC NOTICE: Republican Party Primary Election</p>
<p>Voter Registration and Elections</p>
<p>ELECTION DAY: Tuesday, June 18, 2024</p>
<p>ID IS REQUIRED TO VOTE AT THE POLLS. Please verify your voter registration, polling place, and VALID ID before Election Day!</p>
<p>BALLOT DROPBOX AVAILABLE AT THE VOTER REGISTRATION OFFICE 87 Commerce St, Pulaski VA 24301 Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. May 3, 2024 to June 18, 2024 BALLOT DROPBOX AVAILABLE AT ALL PRECINCTS AND THE VOTER REGISTRATION OFFICE ON ELECTION DAY POLLS OPEN 6 a.m. - 7 p.m.</p>
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<p>Email: vote@pulaskicounty.org Website: http://www.pulaskicounty.org/registrar.html</p>

OBITUARIES



ELEANOR RUTH LESTER

Eleanor Ruth Lester, age 60 of Pulaski unexpectedly passed away from her battle of cancer on Sunday, April 28, 2024, at her home. She is the daughter of the late George Wilmer Woodard Jr, and Thelma Ann Woodard. To say she lost her battle with cancer would be wrong as she never stopped fighting. Her resolve never broke no matter how sick she was, and she was determined to stay strong not only for her, but for all her loved ones. Through her, we can see what true resilience and preservation is and how generous, loving, determined, and just how wonderful a person she is.

Surviving –
Husband – Curtis Lester – Pulaski

Children – Drew White -Radford and Kal Lester – Pulaski

Sister – Elaine Woodard
Brother – Dean Woodard
Many Nieces, Nephews, Cousins, and Friends

Funeral Services will be held on Monday 7:00 p.m., May 6th 2024 in the Bower Funeral Home Chapel, Pulaski

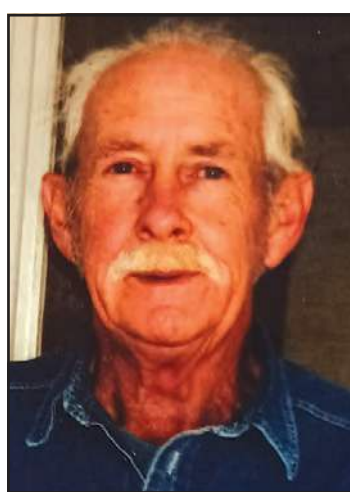
Visitation will be Monday from 5:00 pm until service time at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

GAIL “LYNN” DUNFORD-FARLEY

Gail “Lynn” Dunford-Farley, age 58 of Dublin, died Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at her residence. Arrangements are pending with Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. www.seaglefuneralhome.com 540-980-1700



CHARLES FREDERICK BELL, JR.

Charles Frederick Bell, Jr. age 76 of Pulaski passed away Thursday, April 25, 2024 at VA Medical Center, Salem.

Born September 3, 1947 in Pulaski County, he was the son of the late Fred Bell, Sr. and Ruby Surratt Bell. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara and sister, Joyce Bell.

He was a veteran of the United States Army.

He is survived by
Son– Charles Frederick. “Chuck” Bell, III and wife, Ashley- Dublin

Daughter-Carrie Bell- Bristol
Grandchildren- Sidney Bell, Logan Wilson, Zoey Fox and Chaney Budd

Step-Son– Buck Wade and wife, Jessica- Dublin

Step Grandchildren– Jordan Tabor, Shali Wade, Emmy Wade

Funeral services were Thursday, May 2, 2024, in the Bower Funeral Home, Pulaski. Burial followed at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Dublin.

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

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

KATHY PATTERSON

Kathy Patterson, age 53 of Dublin, died Monday, April 29, 2024 at Pulaski Health and Rehabilitation Center. Arrangements are pending with Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. www.seaglefuneralhome.com 540-980-1700

EDWARD ARTHUR DOUGLAS HILL

Edward Arthur Douglas Hill, age 69 of Barren Springs in Wythe County, died Saturday April 27, 2024 at Lewis Gale Hospital – Pulaski. All services will be private.

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



KENNETH RAY BEAVERS

Kenneth Ray Beavers, age 78 of Pulaski, VA passed away Sunday, April 21, 2024 at Carrington Place, Daleville, Virginia after an extended illness.

Born July 2, 1945 in Amonate, West Virginia, he was the son of the late Lloyd & Thelma Katherine Hurley Beavers. He was also preceded in death by his wife Shirley Anne Beavers, son Kevin G. Beavers, and brothers Glenn, Danny and Noel Beavers. He is survived by his children Karla Alice (Bradley Allen) Bavousett of Pulaski, VA and Kim Eric Beavers of Houston, TX; brother Dwayne Beavers of WVA and sister Karen Laney of Pulaski, VA.

Kenneth became a veteran of the United States Navy after attending Big Creek High School. He worked as an avionics engineer with Beach Air Craft in Wichita, KS and retired from Bell Helicopter Textron, Arlington, TX in 2007 after being transferred to PAX River, MD for final testing with the V-22 Osprey. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Shriner’s Club, Disabled American Veterans and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Funeral services were Thursday, May 2, 2024 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski, VA. Interment followed at the Southwest Virginia Veteran’s Cemetery, Dublin where he received military honors. Pastor Russ Hatfield of Stras Memorial Episcopal Church, Tazewell, VA presiding.

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



EMILY WELCH KELLY

Emily Welch Kelly, 79 of Wytheville, passed away on Saturday, April 27, 2024. She was born in Pulaski, VA on April 14, 1945 to Harley Welch and Emily Cassell Welch.

Emily was raised in Wythe County, VA on the family-owned farm, otherwise known as Horseshoe Farm. It was here that she developed a love of riding and showing horses.

Emily learned to ride horses at an early age and won many accolades. At 13, she was a world champion equitation and a 3 gaited Saddlebred Horse rider. She judged Saddlebred and Racking Horse classes at many local horse shows. She was also an active member and officer for 25 + years of the American Saddlebred Horse Association of Virginia (ASHAV). Emily was the New River Valley Horse Show committee and show manager for over 25 years as well.

She began showing horses again in the early ‘80s, then switched her love of Saddlebreds to American Quarter Horses and spent many hours riding trails with friends.

Emily loved dogs of all breeds, but especially Red Heelers and Australian Shepards and always had one by her side.

In her lifetime she worked at Draper Valley Market, I-81 Truck Stop and Complete Towing. Emily was an excellent bookkeeper and manager.

Emily attended Pulaski County Public Schools, St. Anne’s in Charlottesville and Marjorie Webster Junior College in Washington, DC.

She is survived by her three children, Mac Kelly (Courtney), H Kelly (Shannon) and Kam Powell (Charley). In addition, Emily is also survived by seven grandchildren, Conner and Larson Kelly, Dylan Aker (Conner), Justin Aker, Riley and Cooper Kelly and Grayson Powell.

It should also be mentioned that her long-time dear friends, Sally Beahm, Steve Wohlford and Nancy Burris were consistent in their kindness and care of Emily over many years and their faithfulness in visiting her both at her home and at the skilled nursing facility during her illness.

The family would also like to thank Hillsville Heath and Rehab center for not only their medical care but their kindness toward Emily during her stay with them. Hospice of Wythe County was also instrumental in making Emily’s transition a comfortable and peaceful experience.

A private service will be held at the family farm at a later date. Vaughan-Guynn-McGrady Chapel is serving the family.



JOSHUA ADAM WYATT

Joshua Adam Wyatt, age 45 of Draper passed away peacefully at his home on a beautiful Spring morning Thursday, April 25, 2024. Born November 27, 1978 in Asheboro, NC he was the son of Kenneth Allen Wyatt & Cassandra “Sandy” Adams Wyatt.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents; Martin Wyatt and Blanche Wray, his maternal grandmother; Thelma Adams and uncle, Leonard Adams along with many cousins and extended family.

Joshua was a kindhearted man that was full of love for everyone. He was happy to help anyone without judgment. He fed many, he welcomed people into his home to shower, sleep, or eat. Joshua was for the person who the world turned their back on. He was a loving man with the most forgiving heart. We knew Joshua as a loving son, father, brother and a friend.

He was full of the love of God. He will be greatly missed and never forgotten. He is now resting in the Father’s arms.

Joshua is survived by

Sons – Joseph Wyatt, Adam Wyatt, Jr., and Cody Brown – Draper

Parents – Kenneth Allen & Cassandra “Sandy” Wyatt – Draper

Sister – Kelley Wyatt (James) Flinchum – Draper

Niece – Mackenzie Flinchum

Nephew – Elijah Flinchum

Aunts & Uncles – Bee Gee Duncan, Ke via (James) Adams-Bush, Rhonda Adams, Mark Adams (Nora Saunders), Roger (Linda) Wyatt, Carol (John) Overby, Michael Wyatt

Other beloved cousins, family and friends

Memorial services were held Sunday, April 28, 2024 at the Draper Valley Pentecostal Church, Max Meadows.

To sign Joshua’s online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com

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



CURTIS BRIAN “BUCK” SLUSHER

Curtis Brian “Buck” Slusher, age 56 of Dublin passed away Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at his home. Born December 19, 1967 in Pulaski he was the son of the late Curtis Lee Slusher and Lucille Richardson Slusher. He was also preceded in death

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KEITH DOUGLAS MILLER

Keith Douglas Miller, age 62 of Roanoke passed away Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at his home. Born June 2, 1961 he was the son of the late Douglas Hugh Miller & Hazel Mae Nunn Miller Corvin.

Keith retired with General Electric in Salem, Virginia and he was a veteran of the United States Army. He loved sports of any kind and was on a bowling league. He loved to golf with his golf buddies. He taught line dancing for years in the Roanoke/Salem area. Keith loved camping and spending time with his family and friends.

He is survived by his

Sisters – Cathy Simpkins & Roger Jones – Dublin, Vicki & Steve Morris – Dublin

Special Nieces – Stephanie Corvin, Crystle Morris

Special Friend- Lana Fridley-Roanoke

Bonus Children – Shannon (Dennis) Maggi, Greg (Kelley) Chesnut

Grandbabies – Daniel, Sara and David Maggi, Marshall, Levi and Charlotte Chesnut

Numerous Aunts, Uncles and

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LOUIS GAILE DAVIDSON

Louis Gaile Davidson, age 74 of Pulaski passed away Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at the NRV Medical Center. Born August 23, 1949 in Pulaski he was the son of the late Clarence Elmo Davidson & Faye Sharpe Davidson. He was also preceded in death by his brother Clarence Eugene Davidson, sister Kay Davidson and sisters-in-law Deborah Viars and Sherrie Kirby.

Louis was an avid fisherman, retired mail carrier for the United States Postal Service with 33 years of service and was a veteran of the United States Army.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years – Sandra Hopkins Davidson – Pulaski

Son – Benjamin & Lora Davidson – Dublin

Grandchildren – Claire, Ruth, Hazel, Luke, Adam, Ivy, Elden

Sister – Wanda Faye Cook – Ft. Myers, FL

Nieces – Kimberly Brown, Carriane Heikes, Heather Davidson

Nephews – Chuck Cook, Todd Viars

Brother-in-law – Robin Kirby – Pulaski

Dog – Cooper

Funeral services were held Monday, April 29, 2024 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski. Interment followed at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Dublin.

To sign Louis's online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneral.com

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

Slusher

Continued From Page A6 by his grandparents, John & Sadie Slusher and Ellis & Verna Richardson.

Buck is survived by his Best Friend – Chloe "Fur Baby"

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Sisters – Michelle & Phillip Long – Dublin, Staci & David Cummins – Dublin

Nieces – Nikki Gravley, Shianne Davis, Justice Rae Slusher

Nephews – Cody Burnett, Chase Cummins

Great Nieces – Selena Gravley, Luna Giles

Great Nephew – Cam Gravley Aunt/Uncle – Terrie/John Sink

Memorial services were Monday, April 29, 2024, at Bower Funeral Home, Pulaski with Pastor Mark King officiating.

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

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



MICHELE HOLLINS RICE

Michele Hollins Rice, 48, of Dublin, passed away on Wednesday, April 24, 2024. She was preceded in death by her husband, Shannon Edward Rice; maternal grandparents, Thurman and Chrystiline Hedge; paternal grandparents, Virginia and Gene Jewell, and Pearman Hollins; and her canine companion, Charlie.

Survivors include her daughters, Aleah Shay Rice and Haley Rose Rice; grandson and light of her life, Mason Lee Rice; parents, Larry Leon and Barbara Hedge Hollins; sisters, Sheri Hollins Barnett (Stanley) and Stephanie Hollins Akers (Eddie); and numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and special friends.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 29, 2024, at the Dublin Church of God in Dublin with Rev. Adam Frye and Rev. Michael Collins officiating. Burial followed in Oakwood Cemetery in Pulaski.

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



ERMA WHITE UNDERWOOD

Erma White Underwood, 91, of Dublin, VA, went to be with the Lord on April 25, 2024 at Highland Ridge Rehab Center. Mrs. Underwood was born on October 14, 1932 in Pulaski County, VA, and was the daughter of the late Harrison W. & Minnie Thompson White.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 66 years, Hensel Lee Underwood, four brothers, David H. White, Kellas M. White, James C. White and Hubert W. White, and six sisters, Gladys Stevens, Edith Kitts, Lucille Warner, Violet Underwood, Glenna Fanning and Reba Myers.

Mrs. Underwood was a member of the Dublin United Methodist Church and was a

Miller

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Cousins

Funeral services for Keith were held Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at the Bower Funeral Home – Chapel, Pulaski with Steve Morris & Dennis Maggi officiating.

Interment followed at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Dublin Wednesday, May 1, 2024.

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

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

retired employee from Carilion New River Valley Medical Center.

Left to cherish her memory are her sons & daughters-in-law, Danny & Angelia Underwood, Pulaski, VA, and Mark & Shelia Underwood, Centreville, VA; two grandchildren, Brittany Austin and Branden Underwood; three step-grandchildren. Lindsey Fedok, Lauren Bullen and Chip Huff; five great-grandchildren and seven step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 29, 2024 at Dublin United Methodist Church with Rev. Don Shelor officiating. Burial followed in Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations be made in Mrs. Underwood's honor to the Alzheimer's Association, <http://act.alz.org/sit/Donation>.

The Underwood family is in the care of A. Vest & Sons Funeral Home, White Gate, avestandsons.com, (540) 921-2985.

9th District Traveling Staff Schedule

Congressman Griffith's Ninth District STAFF will be available at the following locations during the month of May.

May 9, 2024

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Town of Pearisburg Offices

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Wythe County Sheriff's Office

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

Pulaski County: 2:30 pm – 4:00pm

Pulaski County Administration Building

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WANDA DARLENE TURPIN DALTON

Wanda Darlene Turpin Dalton, 81, of Dublin, passed away on Monday, April 29, 2024. She was preceded in death by her parents, Argell Earnest and Daisy Southern Turpin; and her husband, Walter Staples Dalton.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Keith Dalton (Wendy); daughter and son-in-law, Shelia Bailey (Scott); grandchildren, Candis, Brittney and Zachary; great-grandchildren, Brody, Myles and Millee; sisters, Hilda, Louise and Ruby; brothers, Hensel, Gene and Carl; and many other family members and special friends.

Memorial services will be private for the family.

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

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Griffith: Free Clinic of NRV gains grant

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has awarded \$1,095,626 to the Free Clinic of the New River Valley. U.S. Congressman Morgan Griffith (R-VA) issued the following statement:

"The Free Clinic of the New River Valley provides critical access to health services, with locations in Giles County, Montgomery County and Pulaski County."

"I praise this HHS grant for \$1,095,626 to promote proper medical care for communities in the New River Valley."

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graduated from PCHS in 2010.

Sibley went on to attend the University of Central Florida earning her certificate to teach English as a foreign language before eventually attaining a master's degree in education.

Sibley Brown subsequently spent three years teaching English overseas before returning home to teach Spanish in 2015/2016 at Pulaski County High School.

"I've moved around a lot," said Sibley. "I spent a year here but still had the travel bug and so I moved to Morocco to teach English after that. I did that until 2018 and then I hiked the Appalachian Trail (AT) from Georgia to Maine. I started in April and finished in October and I loved it. So, at that point, I was kind of thinking I wanted to be more outdoors."

Among the difficulties involved in hiking the 2,190 mile Appalachian Trail, Sibley noted, is that "It rained a lot and you'd go 3 or 4 days without ever getting fully dry ... and the terrain is pretty rough."

Sibley Brown's aptitude for long distance trekking was not passed down from her parents.

"I grew up here somewhat aware of the Appalachian Trail," Sibley recounted. "When I was in high school, I went out and hiked McAfee's knob out in Catawba and saw some thru hikers but they were always like skinny bearded men and it wasn't ever something I associated myself with doing. My parents like being outside gardening or on the farm but we never camped. When I was on the AT, my dad would text me with 'Goodnight. I'm going to bed on my MATTRESS.' So, they think I'm crazy."

After hiking the AT, Sibley had planned to return overseas to teach English but learned of her father Curtis Brown's worsening health while on the trail.

"My father has polycystic kidney disease," Sibley explained. "My grandmother had it. She had a transplant in the 90's. So, we kind of knew he was going to need a transplant

and growing up that was never scary because I could see my grandmother. She was a very active older person."

"It was such a slow process because you know the disease I had takes 30, 40 years for it to finally get to kidney failure," Curtis Brown recounted. "So, you don't really notice it. But toward the last six months it kind of went exponential. I just felt real fatigued all the time and had a lot of muscle cramps."

Sibley's grandmother was able to receive a replacement cadaver kidney after only waiting a few months but because of his blood type O, Curtis Brown was likely going to have to wait between seven and ten years for a cadaver donor.

"O is the universal donor but not the universal receiver," said Sibley. "A rarer blood type is potentially better because if you're an A, you can receive an A kidney or an O kidney but if you're an O, you can only receive that O and all the O kidney's go to anyone who is above you on the list."

"That's 7 to 10 years where he would need to be on dialysis, four days a week, four hours a day," she continued. "When they told you that they said like 50% of people don't survive more than three years on dialysis. Wow, that math doesn't work. We need another solution!"

That was when Sibley and her family considered the idea of donating one of their kidneys to cure their father of his increasingly worsening condition. Sibley is the only member of her immediate family that shares her father's O blood type and as such, only she could make a direct donation to her father. Her siblings could have donated but the process would have been more convoluted.

"If you have a willing donor who's not a match, they'll find you another pair somewhere in America who are the same but the opposite," she explained. "So if you have an A to offer but need an O, they'll find someone else who's got an O to offer but needs an A kidney and then you just donate to each other's recipient."

After further testing it was revealed that Sibley was not afflicted with polycystic kidney



Sibley Brown and 11 other kidney donors summited Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's tallest peak, as part of an expedition organized by Kidney Donor Athletes. Sibley is third person in from the right side of the photo.

disease, which is passed down to 50% of a parent's offspring. If she had tested positive for the disease, she would have been declared an unfit donor.

Sibley Brown finished the AT in 2018 but soon found a job teaching English as a second language in New Hampshire. She had planned to undergo the kidney donation operation during the summer break but it wasn't until December 12, 2019, before the procedure took place. Instead of recuperating through the summer, Sibley went to work at the end of winter break, 2 1/2 weeks post op.

"It's a laparoscopic surgery, which is amazing, said Sibley. "It means you lose like a teaspoon of blood ... but that first week was tough. They have to pump you up full of gas so that the little robots that are doing the surgery can like get in there. After the surgery the gas can cause a lot of pain where it sort of like rises through your body. For me, I felt a lot of pain in my shoulders. Otherwise after that first week, I felt weak but otherwise fine."

"People ask, how were you coming out of the hospital and how was Sibley?" Added Curtis Brown. "I say Sibley gave a kidney. I got cured by the treatment. When I came out, I was much better. Within 24 hours, I was back to what I was when I was 30 years old, as far as kidney function goes. So, it was remarkable. So, I have three kidneys now. I have my two and they just put the other one right down here (points to his lower right abdomen).

Counterintuitively, Sibley donated her left kidney.

"They like the left one because one of the veins is longer and that makes it easier to graft it into the new person," Sibley responded. "There's a couple of very minor lifestyle changes I had to make after surgery. One is just being vigilant about staying hydrated, which is especially important because I work outdoors in the desert. I can't take ibuprofen, naproxen anymore but I can still I can still take Tylenol. The surgeon also told me that I shouldn't take up

boxing, which was not really on my radar anyway."

"My sister just had a transplant two days ago," said Curtis. "She has the same kidney disease that I had. So, for me it was pretty miraculous because she's been on dialysis for over a year and it's been horrible."

Not long after her surgery, Sibley was back to her old habits and proceeded to hike the 2,653-mile Pacific Crest Trail (PCT). About this same time, Sibley found the Kidney Donor Athletes, whose mission is to promote kidney donation through sharing stories of athletic achievements made by kidney donors.

While on the PCT hike Sibley wrote an article for Kidney Donor Athletes, as well as blogging for Trek Magazine.

"I couldn't find anyone who'd hiked through one of these long trails after donating a kidney," said Sibley after researching the topic. "So yeah, so I wanted to kind of share that experience."

When she discovered that Kidney Donor Athletes was taking applications to hike Mount Kilimanjaro, Sibley jumped at the chance. In Spring of 2023, Sibley was chosen for the Kilimanjaro ascent team. She spent the next year training, fundraising and doing zoom calls with race organizers.

On March 6 of this year, Sibley Brown flew to Tanzania and joined the Kidney Donor Athletes who planned to summit the 19,341-foot peak of Kilimanjaro.

"We did something like 40 miles or so over the eight days," said Sibley describing the hike. "All of it is actually pretty reasonable until the summit push because they keep you going really slow, all the way up. That gives time to acclimate to the elevation. Then on summit night, you wake up in the middle of the night so you can get to the top for sunrise both for the view and then also just the weather. That's the safest weather window."

"We started hiking at like 11:30 pm and got to the summit at 6am," Sibley continued. "Then we came back down to base camp, slept for like an hour and then hiked down to 10,000 feet because they want to get you down. That day was like 14 hours of hiking, climbing 4000 feet from base camp to the summit and then descending almost 10,000 feet all in one day

and all on three hours of sleep. So that day was one of the most intense hiking days I've ever experienced."

"There were 14 of us and 12 of us made it to the summit and yeah, afterward we had a big celebration and I realized it was the first time I'd ever met other living donors," Sibley added. "They were from all different backgrounds and all different ages. The youngest was 26 and the oldest was in his early 60s. They do all different kinds of sports. A couple triathletes, a couple of marathon runners and a couple who are more into like powerlifting."

On her return from Tanzania, Sibley stopped by Spinning Jenny Vineyard before setting off to her current residence in Phoenix, Arizona. For the past three years Sibley Brown has worked as a backpacking/hiking guide for REI, whose motto is "A Life Outdoors is a Life Well Lived."

"I'm based in Scottsdale where REI's Southwestern Adventure Hub is," she related. "I guide in Grand Canyon, Sedona, Zion National Park, Joshua Tree National Park and Bryce Canyon. We do a lot of different levels of trips from backpacking to what REI calls Signature Camping, which is like glamping."

"I say that if I ever tell Jennifer I want to go camping, we'll know the kidney's taken over because under no circumstances do I ever want to go camping but all Sibley ever does is go camping," said Curtis of his new kidney. "My mother lived till 89 almost 9 years after having a kidney transplant. So, you know, it can really make a huge difference. And when you compare that to people that go on dialysis, there's much less chance of that kind of longevity. So, it was pretty remarkable."

Sibley is equally happy with her decision to donate to dad.

"My niece was born last month while I was in Tanzania," said Sibley. "So yeah, just knowing that he's around to be their grandpa. My little sister's getting married in January. He'll be around to walk her down the aisle. It's just makes it worth it. For sure."

"It makes me cry," said a teary-eyed Jennifer Brown. "I'm so proud and thankful. We're so pleased to continue to be an active part of the community because of what Sibley's done."

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calendar year and that the estimates made in the Study concerning the demand for the Highlander and projected room nights did not materialize. Thus Aimbridge was not at fault for the Highlander's asserted poor financial performance."

Aimbridge has also maintained that the manner of Provident's terminating the agreement was a breach of an implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing.

According to the complaint those alleged actions were: "(a) refusing to provide Aimbridge with details and information concerning the asserted 'Events of Default; (b) relying on stale or moot issues as a basis for alleged Events of Default (For example, in the January 26th Correspondence, Provident complained about an Aimbridge employee who had been relieved of her duties several months before) and; (c) acting in bad faith and abusing its discretion under the Agreement by asserting its role as principal under the Agreement to breach the Agreement."

On the count of breach of contract against Provident, Aimbridge seeks "a judgement in its favor, along with any other and further relief as the Court deems equitable, proper and just."

The second count in the complaint against Provident and Scholar, business conspiracy, requires under the Virginia Business Conspiracy Act, that "a plaintiff must allege (a) a concerted action between two or more persons; (b) legal malice; and (c) a causally related injury. Legal malice requires conspirators to act "intentionally, purposefully, and without lawful justification injuring the plaintiff and their business."

The complaint alleges that "Provident and Scholar engaged in negotiations for Scholar to assume management of the Highlander well before they ousted Aimbridge from the Highlander on March 27, 2024. Provident's and Scholar's actions were intentional and aimed at ousting Aimbridge from the Highlander."

The plaintiff further alleges that: "Provident's purpose in acting with Scholar was to replace Aimbridge with Scholar and save money against what it would have paid to Aimbridge under the Agreement by negotiating a better deal for itself with Scholar. Scholar's purpose in acting with Provident was to oust Aimbridge and secure another university-adjacent property for its portfolio."

The complaint notes the actions by the two organizations damaged Aimbridge by depriving it of its benefits under the Agreement, as well as damage to its reputation.

Damages sought for the count of business conspiracy include "judgement in its favor, including actual damages, treble damages, attorney's fees and costs and any other and further relief as the Court deems equitable, proper and just."

The third count of the complaint, civil conspiracy, alleges that "Provident and Scholar acted in concert to oust Aimbridge from the Hotel and breach the agreement between Provident and Aimbridge.

According to the complaint, "Provident and Scholar's conspiracy culminated on March 27, 2024, when representatives for Provident and Scholar arrived at the Highlander and took control of the premises from Aimbridge."

Further alleged by the plaintiff

is that: "Provident's actions in breaching the Agreement and Scholar's actions in interfering with the Agreement represent the "unlawful means of achieving the ouster of Aimbridge from the Highlander."

Aimbridge seeks a "judgement in its favor, including actual damages, attorney's fees and costs, and any other and further relief as the Court deems equitable, proper and just."

The fourth count of the complaint alleges Scholar's "tortious interference with contractual relations."

To claim such interference under Virginia law, "a plaintiff must plead (a) the existence of a valid contract; (b) the defendant's knowledge of that contract; (c) the defendant's intentional interference inducing or causing a breach of that contract, and; (d) damages resulting from that contract."

Aimbridge in the complaint maintains that it had a valid agreement with Provident to manage the Highlander.

The complaint states that "Scholar in its negotiations with Provident to take over the management of the Highlander was aware of the agreement between Aimbridge and Provident and had long been aware that Aimbridge had a contract with Provident to manage the Highlander."

The complaint further states that "Scholar's intentional actions in working with Provident to develop a plan to oust Aimbridge from the Highlander and take over management of the Highlander, aided Provident in breaching the Agreement with Aimbridge."

As a result "Aimbridge has been damaged by Scholar's actions by losing out on the benefit of the bargain it negotiated under the agreement and through injury to its reputation."

Damages sought from Scholar include: "judgement in its (Aimbridge's) favor, including actual damages, treble damages, attorney's fees and costs and any other and further relief as the Court deems equitable, proper and just."

No statements from either Provident or Scholar have been issued, nor has a court date been confirmed as of press time.

County land transfers for March

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

Michael W Trueheart to Joshua L Hines, property at 547 Farris Mines Road, Allisonia, \$157,000.

Ruth E Milstead to Travis Stuart Jr., property at 4505 Pond Lick Hollow Rd, Pulaski, \$18,500.



William Paine/Patriot Publishing
Ernie Ross stands in front of his artwork while holding a "Double Cheeseburger." Ernie Ross is known for his willingness to use various materials as his canvas. Ernie's painted saws can be seen on the upper left side of the photo and his rock paintings are displayed in the center. Additionally, the Ross Art Exhibit displays more traditional canvas paintings. These are currently on display at the Edna B. Love Gallery at the Fine Arts Center for the New River Valley at 21 West Main Street, Pulaski.

Ross Art opens at the FAC

By WILLIAM PAINE
 Patriot Publishing

The Ross Art Exhibit, featuring the works of well-known local artist Ernie Ross, officially opened with a Friday evening reception held in the Fine Arts Center for the New River Valley.

The reception filled the Edna B. Love Gallery with admirers of Ross's work, many of whom had been his students either recently or from the distant past. Ross recently taught a Beginner and an Intermediate Acrylic Painting class in the same room only a couple of months prior but has taught painting for many years. He frequently gives lessons at senior living facilities. Before the reception, Ross taught a group of 20 veterans in Wytheville with the aid of a large screen.

Ernie's subject matter includes nature scenes showing animals and landscapes, as well as portraits, geometric designs and more. Notably, Ernie Ross chooses a surprisingly wide

range of items to act as his canvas.

"It's a collection of different ways I'm producing art," said Ross of his exhibit. "I don't just paint. I draw. I sculpt. I paint on handsaws, rocks, anything that I can paint on, I paint on it. Just whatever pops up in my mind, I want to try to do. If I get tired of doing something, I'll do something else and go back to this and go back to that."

"I enjoy what I do," Ross continued. "My daughter keeps on my case and everything like that. She says 'Dad, you're better than that. Keep painting more.' I do about 4 paintings every day starting out at 4:30 in the morning and work till nine."

Some of Ernie Ross's art warrants closer inspection. The top of a basic can of beans becomes his setting for a beach scene. The Double Cheeseburger piece is convincing enough to whet one's appetite but is actually a round rock painted to look like a burger. Another rock appears like a potato on one side but flip it over and the rock

becomes a canvas for a beautiful mountain scene.

Ernie Ross has been known to place these painted rocks in various locations simply so people could find them and enjoy them.

"I paint a lot of rocks," said Ernie. "I give away a lot of painted rocks. It's worth it just to see them smile when I do it. That lights up my day and makes me want to keep painting."

Still, Ernie doesn't mind that several pieces of his art sold at Friday's reception.

"Well, I've got to make lunch money," Ernie said with a smile. "I'm 77 now so I'm glad I got this show."

Ernie Ross first came to Virginia from Colorado to look for his brothers. He found them, but today he is the only one of his brothers to remain in the Old Dominion. Ross came to Pulaski in 1970 and currently resides in a house he built on Brookmont Avenue.

The late Bob Ross, who had a long running painting show on PBS, is a cousin of Ernie's from the Florida branch of the Ross family. Ernie's family was part of the Kentucky branch of the family before he moved to Colorado. According to Ernie, all the Rosses originally came from Scotland.

Ernie Ross will teach a more advanced painting class at the Fine Arts Center beginning on March 25 and this may include a Mandala class, which Ernie describes as "dot painting."

"And what I will do is that if you paint anything, I will show you how to make it better," said Ross of his upcoming painting class. "I'll give you tips and things like that."

The Ross Art Exhibit will be featured at the Fine Art Center for the New River Valley for the entire month of May.

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Averett University photo

Radford High graduate Andrew Olverson competes in the shot put for Averett University.

Olverson making mark at Averett Univ.

Staff Report

A New River Valley native is making his mark in track and field at Averett University in Danville.

Andrew Olverson, a senior at Averett, was recently recognized as one of the National Strength and Conditioning Association's Athletes of the Year.

Olverson, the son of Randy and Pam Olverson, was also recognized as the Cornerstone

of the Year Award winner on the Cougars' track team. In 2023, Olverson won the Athlete of the Year Award on the track team.

In his junior season, Olverson set the Averett record in the shot put, throwing for a distance of 13.55 meters. He also set the school record in the discus throw during the ODAC championships – throwing for a distance of 32.26 meters.

The 6-2, 340 pound Olverson, a Radford High School

graduate, graduates Saturday from Averett with a degree in Sports Management.

Olverson also played on the Averett football team all four years of his career at the Danville school. In his senior season, Olverson played in seven games for the Cougars, starting one.

Averett competes in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference.

Olverson gets his sports abilities from his parents, who



Andrew Olverson

were both star athletes for Pulaski County during their younger years.

Hamlin: 'Worse drivers' have won title

DOVER, Del. (AP) — Denny Hamlin took his cut — he gripped the checkered flag like a Louisville Slugger and took a swing moments after he delivered on his called shot at Dover — and then lobbed a high, hard one at some of the NASCAR greats before him.

Yeah, maybe 36 drivers have won Cup championships.

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Hamlin is off to one of the best starts of his two-decade career, with three wins for Joe Gibbs Racing — plus a victory in the exhibition Clash at the Coliseum — over the first 11 races. Again, Hamlin is in the mix to win his

first career Cup title. Again, Hamlin knows his season will be judged not on his start, but on his finish.

Can he ever get over the hump in the No. 11 Toyota and score NASCAR's biggest prize, the pursuit of which has caused him all kinds of heartache through the years?

Sure, he can. But if he doesn't win it all, Hamlin seems at peace with the knowledge that his career has hovered in the rarified air as one of the best in NASCAR history.

His 54th career win — one he predicted on his podcast — was just the latest reminder of his elite ability behind the wheel. Hamlin

tied Lee Petty for 12th on the career wins list, and only Hall of Famers Kyle Busch and recently-retired Kevin Harvick are ahead of him.

Hamlin can't knock 'em.

As for the "does a championship define greatness?" crowd, Hamlin told the haters to take a hike.

"I know that I'm a championship-caliber driver," Hamlin said. "I'll just say it. I think there's been worse drivers to win a championship than me." Like who?

Stroll through the garage or flip through the history book and it's easy to find championship drivers Hamlin would be foolish to trade careers with just for a title.

Brad Keselowski won the 2012 championship but has only three other top-five series finishes over that span and is winless (he has 35 overall) since 2021. Hamlin also has three Daytona 500 victories to none for Keselowski.

Matt Kenseth is as respected as any driver in recent NASCAR history and currently serves as a competition advisor for Legacy Motor Club. His one win in his 2003 championship season made him a scapegoat the following year when NASCAR upended the championship process and moved to a playoff-type format. Kenseth won 39 career races.

— Hey, who doesn't love

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Game Day Banter

Jeramey Fleenor

Grading the top 15 picks in the NFL Draft

As most of us still ponder why some teams did what they did in this year's NFL draft, we are going to take a look at and grade this year's top 15 picks.

"Da Bears" take Caleb Williams, QB, USC - A Grade. The Bears could have done something stupid like trade this pick away or select a lesser quarterback that the owner wanted for some reason. Instead, they selected the best quarterback prospect in this class, giving them a tremendous 5-year window to win a Super Bowl while having their franchise signal-caller under a rookie contract.

Washington "Redskins" Commanders selected Jayden Daniels, QB, LSU - A Grade. Three possible quarterbacks were discussed as a possibility for the Redskins at No. 2. Ultimately, Washington made the correct decision. While J.J. McCarthy has a high floor and Drake Maye possesses an enormous ceiling, Jayden Daniels maintains both. He was the right choice for the Redskins despite some drama that occurred between him and the organization during the top-30 visit.

The New England Patriots pulled the top quarterback from my options: Drake Maye, North Carolina - A+ Grade quarterback. There was great speculation that the Patriots would trade out of this pick, but they would never accept any offers that wouldn't blow them away. The reason is simple — the Patriots were desperate for a franchise quarterback and happened to be in a position to draft one. Drake Maye is riskier than the two quarterbacks chosen before him, but he has immense upside. The Patriots made a wise decision to draft him over any of the other options.

Arizona Cardinals: Marvin Harrison Jr., WR, Ohio State— B+ Grade No trade for the Cardinals is lame because they could have acquired more assets and then drafted a top receiver. While they can't get an "A" grade because they didn't complete a deal, they should be praised for getting a superstar receiver for Kyler Murray, which is something they needed after DeAndre Hopkins left the team.

Los Angeles Chargers: Joe Alt, OT, Notre Dame - C+ Grade. So much for that J.C. Latham nonsense. The Chargers are drafting the best player available, but there are three reasons to dislike this pick. First, no trade was made, but that's not a huge deal. Second, the Chargers are passing on the top receivers despite having nothing at receiver. And third, the Chargers are picking a player to play right tackle who has zero experience playing right tackle. This selection could still pan out, but it's hard to like very much.

New York Giants: Malik Nabers, WR, LSU - A Grade Malik Nabers could have gone fourth or fifth without any complaints, so the Giants getting him with the sixth pick is an excellent move. The Giants have sorely needed a No. 1 receiver since Odell Beckham

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Camden Hite

Pulaski County's No. 1 tennis player, Camden Hite is this week's Athlete of the Week. In a double-header against Carroll County last week, Camden took wins of 8-1 and 8-6 to lead the Cougars. His wins came one night after a dramatic victory over his Blacksburg opponent.

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In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of **\$116,250.00**, dated **January 5, 2023** recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the **Pulaski County, Virginia**, in **Document No. 202300069**, at the request of the holder of the Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the entrance to the **Circuit Court Building, located at 45 Third Street, Pulaski, on June 3, 2024 at 11:00 AM** the property described in said deed, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 21, Longview Court, with any improvements thereon.

Subject to any and all covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust, if any, affecting the aforesaid property.

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\$10,000.00 of cash will be accepted, with settlement within fifteen (15) days from the date of sale. Sale is subject to post sale confirmation that the borrower did not file for protection under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code prior to the sale which affects the validity of the sale, as well as to post-sale confirmation of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, the sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of his deposit without interest. Additional terms may be announced at the time of sale. Pursuant to the Federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, we advise you that this firm is a debt collector attempting to collect the indebtedness referred to herein and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

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Hamlin

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Dale Jarrett? The popular NBC announcer failed to win a race in his first four seasons and had only two wins in his last four full seasons. He did win four of his 32 career races in his 1999 championship season.

The Labonte Brothers. Terry

Labonte won 22 times over a whopping 890 career Cup starts. In an era where slow-and-steady won the championship race, Labonte won Cup titles in 1984 and 1996 — with a combined four wins. Bobby Labonte needed 729 races to win 21 times. He did win five times in 1999 and four times in 2000, when he won his only career Cup championship.

Would Hamlin trade careers with his JGR teammate and 2017

champion Martin Truex Jr.? What about 2023 champ Ryan Blaney? Surely not.

Consider, since Hamlin's rookie season in 2006, he has only one winless year (2018) and posted 8, 7 and 6 win-seasons at JGR.

"I care about wins and winning every single week because in the end I absolutely would take 60-some wins and no championship over 20 and one," Hamlin said. "It's just not even close."

The 43-year-old Hamlin and Junior Johnson are the only drivers in the 50-win Cup Club without a championship.

"This team definitely has all the makings of," a championship season, Hamlin crew chief Chris Gabehart said. "Denny is doing a phenomenal job as a driver. The car, the new Toyota Camry, it's really given us a lot to work with. Everybody at Joe Gibbs Racing is really pulling the rope and excited to win races."

Hamlin and Christopher Bell have delivered four wins this season to JGR. William Byron has three wins and Kyle Larson and Chase Elliott each have one to give Hendrick Motorsports five checkered flags in 2024. The Ford teams — like Team Penske and Stewart-Haas Racing — have been flat this season which has already created some massive separation between the contenders and the rest of the field. The first 11 races could just be a preview for what's ahead.

"I think we have got off to a good start, Hendrick and us," Gibbs said. "This is very competitive. I think that's what we'll see as we go forward."

Hamlin had some fun after the race when he pointed toward the Dover scoring pylon with his 11 in the top spot and posted a photo on social media with the caption "pylon works." Hamlin trolled Talladega and Texas after the tracks removed the scoring pylons in moves that offended NASCAR traditionalists.

Winning that title sure would be nice. Ending the season with a few more wins to jolt him higher on the careers list just might be even better.

"It's my personal goal, in my career I want to get to a number that puts me well inside that top 10 of race winners," he said. "I think that will speak for itself and the resume."

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Public Notice Pulaski County Board of Zoning Appeals

Notice is given pursuant to the Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance and Section 15.2-2310 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, that a public hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 in the I.T. Conference Room at 89 Commerce Street, in the Town of Pulaski, VA 24301. The Pulaski County Board of Zoning Appeals is hosting a Public Hearing and will receive public comments in relationship to the applications as listed below:

1. Petition by Hoff Homes LLC, Variance to Article 4.7.C Minimum Structure Setback, and Minimum Lot Size in a Low Density Residential Zone District, of the Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance. The property is located at 4018 Charles Street, Pulaski VA Tax Map # 072-001-0000-0014, Robinson District.

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

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

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Public Notice Board of Zoning Appeals

The Town of Pulaski Board of Zoning Appeals gives notice of a public hearing to be held on May 9, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the Town of Pulaski Municipal Building, NW 1st St. Pulaski, VA 24301, to hear citizen comment regarding the Board of Zoning Appeals intention to act on the following request for a Use Permit:

A request from Mr. Joseph Hoff for a use permit to under section 6.1.4 of the Pulaski Town Zoning Ordinance, under the authority given to the Zoning Board of Appeals in section 7.6.4

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Narayan, Inc., trading as **Dublin Food Mart**, 4861 Cleburne Boulevard, Dublin in Pulaski County, VA 24084-4549.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Convenience Grocery Store license, for off-premises sale of beer, wine.

Naineshkumar Soni, President

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF DUBLIN

Fiscal Year 2024-2025 BUDGET

The Dublin Town Council will hold a public hearing regarding the proposed budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 at its regular meeting starting at 7:00 p.m. on May 16, 2024 in the Council Chambers at the Dublin Town Center, 101 Dublin Park Road, Dublin, Virginia. Attendance and comment by the public is welcome. The Dublin Town Council will then convene for approval of a budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 at 7:00 p.m. on June 20, 2024 at the Dublin Town Center, 101 Dublin Park Road, Dublin, Virginia.

The following is a synopsis of the proposed budget and is published for informational and fiscal planning purposes only:

2024-2025 General Fund Revenue:	Proposed Effective 7/1/2024
Real Estate & Personal Property Taxes	\$ 382,000
Other Local Taxes	\$ 523,000
Licenses and Permits	\$ 63,000
Fines	\$ 15,000
State Revenue	\$ 1,067,856
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 275,000
Total General Fund Revenue	\$ 2,325,856
Expenditures:	
General Administrative	\$ 236,552
Police	\$ 543,932
VDOT Street Dept Eligible	\$ 805,154
Street Dept In-Eligible	\$ 5,750
Fire/Marshal	\$ 11,180
Fire	\$ 113,188
REMSI, Inc.	\$ 6,800
Recreation Department	\$ 2,500
Capital Outlay	\$ 86,400
Debt Service	\$ 12,560
Nondepartmental	\$ 348,400
General Fund Balance	\$ 50,000
General Fund Cash Flow Reserves	\$ 103,440
Total General Fund Expenditures	\$ 2,325,856
Enterprise Fund Revenue:	
Water Sales	\$ 2,163,400.00
Sewer Fees	\$ 705,000
Solid Waste Collection/Disposal Fees	\$ 278,000
Dublin Industrial Park	\$ 815,000
Total Enterprise Fund Revenues	\$ 3,961,400
Expenditures:	
Water Department	\$ 1,683,324
Sewer Department	\$ 328,000
Nondepartmental	\$ 468,561
Capital Outlay	\$ 418,558
Solid Waste Collection/Disposal	\$ 152,600
Dublin Industrial Park	\$ 665,549
Debt Service	\$ 164,248
Enterprise Unrestrictive Reserves	\$ 80,560
Total Enterprise Fund Expenditures	\$ 3,961,400
Total Budget-Rev. & Expend. for both Funds	\$ 6,287,256

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
Commonwealth of Virginia
VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104
Case No. CL24000044-00
Pulaski County Circuit Court
45 3rd Street, NW, Pulaski, VA 24301

RONALD KEVIN DELAPP v. KELLY ANNE DELAPP

The object of this suit is to: OBTAIN A DIVORCE

It is ORDERED that KELLY ANNE DELAPP appear at the above-named court and protect her interests on or before JUNE 21, 2024.

APRIL 22, 2024

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Commonwealth of Virginia
VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Case No. JJ012512-01-00
Pulaski J&DR - Juvenile Division

Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* CHOCON, LUISA
FERNANDA CHAVAC

The object of this suit is to: GRANT CUSTODY OF THE MINOR TO HER BIOLOGICAL MOTHER

It is ORDERED that the defendant WILLIAM MATIA SUCHIETE appear at the above-named court and protect his or her interests on or before MAY 20, 2024 AT 1 P.M.

APRIL 9, 2024

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Moving Sale - May 18th, beginning at 8:00 am. 1013 Oak Street, Pulaski - off Newbern Road near old Claremont School. Cash only please.

Three-family yard sale, Saturday, May 4th on Oakhurst Ave. in Pulaski, Va. Watch for signs.

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Freedom Fellowship Church will be having a yard/bake sale and craft sale on Saturday, May 4 from 8:00 - 3:00. Breakfast foods and lunch will also be sold. There will be a car show beginning at 10:00. The address is 5355 Wilderness Road, Dublin (Newbern). Come and enjoy the day with us.

Community yard sale at Pulaski Village Apartments on Memorial Drive in Pulaski. Friday, May 3 and Saturday, May 4, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Three-day Combo Sale of antiques, crafts and yard sale items May 2-4, 7 a.m.-2 p.m. First brick house on right beside Memorial Baptist Church, 805 Orchard Road, Pulaski. Under cover, rain or shine. Antiques include amber glasswear, full bedroom suite, tools, dolls, Snoopy collectibles, books and more. Crafts include wood items, wreaths, unique candle holders, gift bags, do-it-yourself craft items and more. Yard sale items include two-story furnished doll house, comic books, curtains, toys, small appliances, pocket knives, video games, artwork, kids items, lots of clothes and much more.

The Ladies Of Thornspring United Methodist Church, 5670 Thornspring Church Rd., will be having a yard sale, Thursday, May 9 and Friday May 10th from 8 am-2 pm. On Saturday, May 11th only there will also be a bake sale, hot dog sale, pinto beans and cornbread sale. From 8 am-2 pm rain or shine. More new items. Everyone is welcome.

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Banter

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Jr. was traded, and they finally have one. Nabers will give Daniel Jones a chance for once, though improved blocking is still needed.

Tennessee Titans: J.C. Latham, OT, Alabama – C Grade. I'm not crazy about this pick. I get it because the Titans don't have a left tackle, but J.C. Latham, despite his placement in my mock draft, doesn't stand out as a top-10 prospect, and I also think he'd be a better fit at right tackle than left tackle. I hoped the Titans would trade down and get Latham later, but they didn't. I won't fail Tennessee for this selection, but it could have been better.

Atlanta Falcons: Michael Penix Jr., QB, Falcons – D Grade Wow, the Falcons screwed this up. Why did they sign Kirk Cousins if they had plans to draft Michael Penix? Why draft Penix if they spent so much money on Cousins? They were going all in by signing Cousins, but now they're building toward the future? It makes no sense. This is an example of a bad owner meddling when he shouldn't.

Chicago Bears: Rome Odunze, WR, Washington – B+ Grade. It's disappointing that the Bears didn't trade down because they have just two picks after this. However, I can't hate on this selection because Rome Odunze is a stud receiver, and giving a rookie franchise quarterback a stud receiver is never a bad idea. This pick makes sense even with Keenan Allen and D.J. Moore in place, as Chicago will have a lethal trio at receiver.

Minnesota Vikings: J.J. McCarthy, QB, Michigan – C Grade

When there was speculation that the Patriots would draft J.J. McCarthy, I would write, "I thought they already drafted Mac Jones." Well, now the Vikings drafted Mac Jones. McCarthy has a higher floor but a shallow ceiling, much like Jones. I'm not too fond of this pick, but the Vikings at least didn't give up significant resources to get their man, so I can't hate on it too much.

New York Jets: Olu Fashanu, OT, Penn State – C Grade I don't hate this pick, but

it's underwhelming because the Jets still don't have any downfield playmakers outside of Garrett Wilson. Also, the Jets signed Tyron Smith, so will Olu Fashanu even be able to get onto the field as a rookie? Given that the Jets are all-in to win now, that's an important question. This is a good pick for the long haul, but the Jets needed an impact player for 2024.

Denver Broncos: Bo Nix, QB, Oregon – D Grade This reminds me of the Vikings drafting Christian Ponder or the Jaguars drafting Blaine Gabbert. Both quarterbacks were second-round prospects who were pushed way up because of position and need. This is the case here, as Nix should be a second-round selection. However, the Broncos were desperate for a quarterback and backed into a corner. They should have traded back and tried to get Nix.

As a fan, I don't get to say many good things about the Las Vegas Raiders, but they got the round pick right! Brock Bowers, TE, Georgia – A Grade; so much for Michael Mayer. I don't care that the Raiders drafted Mayer last year because A) Mayer sucked as a rookie, and B) this is a new front office. Brock Bowers makes the most sense as the best player available. I love this pick, as Bowers will be a significant threat for whomever the Raiders find to play quarterback.

New Orleans Saints: Taliese Fuaga, OT/G, Oregon State – A- Grade The Saints needed a left tackle, but Taliese Fuaga is a right tackle. However, the Saints also need a right tackle, as Ryan Ramczyk's knee injury has doomed his season. This pick makes sense, and Fuaga could have gone a bit earlier than this, so you have to like the slight value.

Closing out the top 15 is the Indianapolis Colts: Laiatu Latu, DE, UCLA – A+ Grade. The Colts are getting the top defensive player at No. 15 overall. That's unreal. Some media people are slow on the Latu news, but he was cleared medically, so he should have gone to the top 10. Latu would have gone eighth overall if Arthur Blank hadn't stepped in and done something stupid, so the value here is outstanding.

Observations on the mid-season slump

We are deep into the second week of the spring turkey season in my home state and I am tired. No, I have not hunted every day like I said I would, but I am tired. For reasons I cannot really explain things are not like they used to be. I know, I know, you may not want to hear people who are not so young anymore go on about that but bear with me a little OK? Get a refill on your coffee, and let's talk a little about this.

By the way, the turkeys in my area have really been acting snooty. Even though my memory is about as fragile as a politician's promise, I seem to recall going through this last year and maybe the one before that. Long stretches in the season where the gobblers in your area come down with lock jaw and act like they owe you money. In other words they are mostly silent and seem to have no interest in answering your calls and coming in where they may be decently shot.

Now before you say anything, I know some of you out there are finding turkeys that gobble a hundred times on the roost and then that many times again as they strut over to you in the classic fashion before you pull the trigger. I am happy for you and I kinda sorta remember what that is like. (I just wish you wouldn't gloat about it so much) Remember that after any stretch where you kill a few turkeys and begin to think of yourself as some sort of turkey oracle, there is a great reckoning coming.

If you remember some of our sessions in the past, (Case's Theorem of the Outdoors #27) "Turkeys are the great equalizers of all mankind". Quite often when you are on a streak where you seemingly can do no wrong when calling turkeys, the bottom falls out. About the time you are offering your services as a guide, thinking about doing turkey calling seminars, and maybe writing a book on the subject, the hand of fate deals you a terrible blow. You find yourself unable to hear a turkey, much less call one in. The gobblers seemingly overnight have all received the same memo and will not talk to you no matter how you plead.

In my experience with such things you have a couple of options on what to do. One is you can simply quit for the



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season and sleep in, rest, catch up on chores around the house, and in general try to go back to being a somewhat normal human being. (This is hard for most turkey hunters) Next is you can humble yourself and ask to go hunting with a hunter that you figured was not nearly on your scale as a turkey assassin. You hunt with this person, let them take the lead in the woods, even let them do all the calling. (this will sufficiently bruise your over inflated ego) After this little exercise the turkey fortune gremlins may have mercy on you and allow you a somewhat normal season, or not.

Back there near the beginning I started down that "things ain't like they used to be" road. I could hear the groans from here, but most of us that have spent more years in the turkey woods than some of the current crop of turkey chasers have been alive know this is true. This is not the first time I have said this maybe even this year, but I know the following phenomena in the turkey woods are true.

Turkeys do not gobble like they used to as in not as much, on the limb or the roost, they just don't. (Insert your reasons as to why that is here) I would also add they (the gobblers) do not gobble as early as they did years ago; I mean in the slap dark; this made it easier to get into his area of operation. For years I was sure that I was seeing a lack of other hunters in the woods, especially after the first couple days or the first week, now I am not so sure, there may be more. What do you think?

So thanks for listening about the current slump I may be in. I think I may be able to pull out of it, we still have a lot of season left to go. I'm not ready to take a half a box of TSS loads and start crawling on field turkeys, yet.

By the end of the forth week of season though, all bets are off.

Larry Case
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Some ACC players to watch

A look at football players in the Atlantic Coast Conference this spring who are poised to have breakout seasons this fall, when the league will also add SMU, Cal and Stanford:

CLEMSON: WR Bryant Wesco is a five-star freshman who enrolled early and is drawing comparisons to some of the program's top wideouts like Sammy Watkins and Tee Higgins. Wesco, at 6-2, could be the stretch-the-field receiver Clemson's been seeking the past few seasons.

DUKE: QB Maalik Murphy, the Texas transfer, got the start at the spring game and knows he's got work ahead if he hopes to make a winning impression with the Blue Devils. He connected with Jordan Moore on a touchdown and said the game was a good way to help his timing with his new receivers.

NORTH CAROLINA: WR

Jordan Shipp is the Tar Heels' highest-ranked recruit and played like someone who can make an immediate impact this season. He had a 16-yard TD catch in the final spring scrimmage.

VIRGINIA: DE Chico Bennett Jr. enters his sixth year as healthy as he was two years ago when he led the Cavaliers with seven sacks. Bennett was slowed last season by shoulder problems, but was dominant in the spring game with seven tackles and three tackles for loss, including two sacks.

VIRGINIA TECH : DL Keyshawn Burgos is a 6-5 junior who took some steps forward as he made six starts. The Hokies believe he can be better this season and was a disrupter throughout spring. He forced an interception in the spring scrimmage.

FSU, ACC deal with QB changes

By PETE IACOBELLI
AP Sports Writer

Florida State coach Mike Norvell, like most every other coach in the Atlantic Coast Conference and across the sport, has spent the spring handling change.

He hopes it can lead to another league title and a spot in the 12-team College Football Playoff.

The biggest new addition for the Seminoles is at quarterback, where one-time Clemson starter D.J. Uiagalelei takes over for Jordan Travis, who helped Florida State to its first ACC championship in nine years before a late, season-ending injury.

Uiagalelei, a backup behind Trevor Lawrence when the Tigers last went to the national playoffs in 2020, looks to keep the Seminoles near the top.

"All in all, it's just been a really good spring that we've been able to put together," Norvell said following the team's spring game this past weekend.

Uiagalelei, who twice defeated Florida State as a Clemson starter, spent last season at Oregon State. Uiagalelei said he joined the Seminoles because expectations are high after last season's success.

"That's what you want. You want to be able to be able to be able to play at a place where the expectations are high and it's ACC championship, national championship or bust," said Uiagalelei, playing his fifth season.

SIGNAL CALLERS

The Seminoles are not the only program navigating change this offseason. Louisville is without Jack Plummer, who led Jeff Brohm's first-year program to its first ACC title game berth.

North Carolina State broke in Coastal Carolina transfer Grayson McCall this spring. North Carolina, Duke, Pitt, Syracuse and Wake Forest will all have quarterbacks getting their first extensive action with their teams.

Brohm liked what he saw out of Texas Tech transfer Tyler Shough this spring. "Once we get into game planning and ways to move the chains, he'll be very efficient because he's an accurate passer," Brohm said.

Accuracy is what new Wolfpack passer McCall is all about. He set the NCAA record with a 207.6 passer efficiency rating in 2021, a mark that was surpassed by LSU's Jayden Daniels (208) this past season.

North Carolina State coach Dave Doeren saw McCall's poise and confidence all spring. "He's got a lot of grit. He's a really tough kid, couldn't be happier with what he's doing," he said.

COACHING CHANGES

Three ACC teams had new leaders in charge this spring in Boston College's Bill O'Brien, Duke's Manny Diaz and Syracuse's Fran Brown.

O'Brien took over when Jeff Haffley left to become Green Bay's defensive coordinator. O'Brien had success as head coach at Penn State before going to Houston. He also was on Nick Saban's Alabama staff and helped develop quarterbacks Mac Jones and Bryce Young

Diaz, the former Miami coach, was hired after Mike

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Library friends host author, Madeline Hoge

By DANIELLE REID
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On April 7th, during National Library Week, the Pulaski Friends of the Library held their first full membership meeting of 2024 at the Dublin Public Library with more than 40-members in attendance. The dinner meeting was catered by Lindy Mann.

According to Carol Smith, President of the Friends of the Pulaski County Library, their mission is to promote literacy through their many programs. "We have provided books for use in schools, jails, and we've sent books to people who are teaching children to read – and recently, some to teachers in Alaska. We also help pay for books used in the Summer Reading Program for local school age children."

The Friends of the Library is known in the NRV for its fundraising book sales which are held at the Booksale Room in the apartment building across from the library in Pulaski. Smith reported that the recent book sale generated \$300.00 in revenue.

During the dinner, Catherine Stout introduced guest speaker Madeline Hoge. The room was filled with fans of Hoge, who has written about her family's quest to save the Belle-Hampton Farm on Highland Road in Pulaski County. Although the family business is consulting, Madeline is also a historiographer who married into the Hoge family, and writes captivating stories about the family and their discovery and renovation of the family farm.

Hoge shared several of their family's core values which she believes are important for all generations:

"We believe that succeeding as a family are as important as succeeding independently as we love intentionally. We live by the Golden Rule, never compromising the truth. We communicate openly and our actions are consistent with our words. We have the inner strength to remain constant to a purpose, idea or task in the face of obstacles - Nothing worth doing is easy. We learn from experiences, explore new possibilities and inspire others."

Hoge explained, "The family legacy began in 1767 when James Mayo Hoge was searching for his lost brother who fought in the French-Indian War. Instead, he found his true love, Elizabeth Howe, and together they built a home on land he called Hayfield (now Belle Hampton Farm). They had 11 children, one of them being General James Hoge."

General Hoge was an entrepreneur who expanded the farm into a 5,000 acre profitable agricultural and cattle business. In 1826, he built a beautiful brick main house, smokehouse and separate cooking house. It was the only brick structure in a 100-mile radius and contained six rooms, a cellar under the entire house and an attic. Because of it's proximity to the Battle of Cloyd's Farm, injured



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Over 40 members of the Friends of the Library enjoyed an evening of food as they listened to Madeline Hoge describing her family's journey of restoring historic Belle Hampton from her new book

soldiers may have been treated there.

During the next generation, James Hoge Tyler (grandson of General James Hoge) returned from the Civil War to find the property in disarray. With inner strength and diligence, in 1879, he enhanced the property adding to the front of the house, a staircase, parlor and upstairs bedroom. When all was accomplished, he renamed the home Belle Hampton. Tyler was elected Governor and vacated the home, using it only during the summer home; which continued in use by his son, S. Heth Tyler. Heth added another section to the main house – a kitchen; and also additions to the cooking cottage. Still later, a pool and tennis courts were constructed.

Succeeding generations were unable to maintain the property and after 2006, the prestigious Belle Hampton was in desperate need of repair. It was to be sold (outside the family) because of the massive repairs that it needed.

"Serendipitously, my husband Tom, who is a Great Great Grandson of General Hoge, and our family happened to visit the property while celebrating our son's 21st birthday. The property was boarded up and locked but we managed to gain entry through a window." The family found Civil War letters and photos on a desk, original furniture, and historic artifacts and ledgers. They realized the historic and family history of the property might be lost to future generations. She said the first 25-pages of the diary of Governor Tyler was "like a data dump of geneology, including a picture of the family coat of arms."

After returning home to Ohio, they decided to purchase Belle Hampton and entered a five-year labor-of-love restoring the property to its original beauty.

Hoge described several interesting family scenarios that she discovered during her intensive research, including one about Daniel Howe during the American Revolution. He was in charge of arresting Tories and was sent to arrest



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Carol Smith, President of the Friends of the Pulaski County Library (right) and caterer Lindy Mann.

Howard Haven Hill. Instead, he ended up marrying Hill's daughter!

Hoge has chronicled the Hoge/Howe Family History

and documented life stories of local Virginians in several works. "Sleeping in the Valley" was her first publication, followed by "Robert H. Hoge's

Autobiography" and later "The Diary of Governor James Hoge Tyler." She is currently working on another publication, "Pages of the Past," which delves deeper into the stories of people associated with Belle Hampton.

The Pulaski County Friends of the Library will be hosting guest speakers and local authors throughout the year. They will be celebrating their 45th year of service in the NRV with a Tea on September 8th.

To become a member of the Pulaski County Friends of the Library, complete a form at either of the Pulaski County Libraries and pay the annual dues: \$10.00 for senior citizens, \$12.50 for an individual adult, \$15.00 for an entire family, and \$25.00 for a business.

For additional information about membership, contact Carol Smith at: 540-616-5217

To read about Belle Hampton by Madeline Hoge please visit: <https://www.belle-hampton.com/>

The Lesser of Two Evils

Dear Dave,

My husband and I are following your plan, and we're on Baby Step 2. We just learned that the person who has done our taxes for the last three years made mistakes on all our returns. They were really nice and did our taxes for free, but now we owe back taxes in the amount of \$18,000. Since we're still paying off debt, the only savings we have is the \$1,000 in our beginner emergency fund. Should we take out a personal loan to take care of this, or set up payments with the IRS?

Laura

Dear Laura,

Take out a personal loan. Period.

Let this sink in for a minute. How often does Dave Ramsey tell people to borrow money? Almost never. Why am I doing it now, in this situation? Because the IRS is the worst creditor on the planet. They have almost unlimited power, which they use and abuse, and they have ridiculously high penalties and interest rates. With a personal loan from a local bank



Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

or credit union, you'll at least have more input and flexibility in deciding the terms of the agreement.

Now, I don't know about you, but if the person doing my taxes screwed things up to the tune of \$18,000, I'd find someone else in a heartbeat. I understand you want to work with someone nice, and free is usually a great price. But in this case, free was not so free after all.

Just go to your local bank or credit union, explain the situation and see what you can work out. I always recommend small banks or credit unions over any of the mega banks. Places like Bank of America and Fifth Third just have no soul or empathy whatsoever.

And the customer service at a credit union or small bank is what you'll find at a big bank. Sure, they're still bankers, but there's a human element in there. You're not just a number to them like you are to the mega banks.

I hate debt, Laura, and I'm sorry you guys are in this situation. But 100% of the time, I'd rather have personal loan debt than IRS debt. In my mind, it's the lesser of two evils.

— Dave

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

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Elko left to become Texas A&M's choice to replace the fired Jimbo Fisher.

BIGGER CHANGES

The ACC, like all other Power Five leagues except the Pac-12, will add to their membership with SMU of the American Athletic Conference joining officially on July 1 and Cal and Stanford the Pac-12 joining on Aug. 2.

The moves mean additional travel for college football coaches that don't generally like change. Florida State will play at SMU next season and host Cal.

Louisville goes to Stanford next season a week before facing Pitt at home. Another contender, North Carolina State, heads to Cal in mid-October.

CLEMSON'S SPRING

The Tigers, picked last summer to repeat as ACC champions, instead lost four league games before November and missed the CFP for a third straight season.

Clemson finished with a flourish — five straight victories including over ranked opponents in Notre Dame and North Carolina — and took plenty of confidence into spring drills. Coach Dabo Swinney anticipates a huge step forward for quarterback Cade Klubnik in his second full season as starter.

"We had to learn the hard way sometimes and I had to learn the hard way," Klubnik said. "That's just how it is."

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Journey To Faith

By Pat Priddy

Help me to wait on the Lord

It's so easy to go against the Lord's will. Now hear me out before you start to judge me claiming you have no idea what I'm talking about. I'll bet you do.

There is nothing better than to be in the will of the Lord. His will for us is perfect even when there are things we don't like or understand. We surrender knowing God loves us and only wants the best for us. He not only knows what we are going through but He also knows what is coming at us. He hears things we do not hear and sees things we do not see. That should be enough right there for us to wait on His direction.

But we don't always do that. We don't pray and ask for God's direction. Even when we do, we don't wait on the Lord.

You wanted that job so badly. After all, it would double your income and give you extra benefits. Surely God would want you to take that! But there were red flags that you ignored. There was something about the person you interviewed with that didn't make you comfortable. Maybe folks were not that friendly when you rounded in the unit during your interview process. You rationalized that was just fear in your mind, and you left a position that you loved (and felt you were loved) for more money and have paid the price in misery ever since.

You met a man (or woman) that you really liked the moment you met them. You prayed for God's direction but rationalized that this must be a God thing since you were not even looking for a significant other to be in your life. But there were red flags. He (or she) has been divorced for years and is still angry at the settlement they had to pay. He/she can't stand to be called by a nickname because his/her 'x' called them that. And that person is still angry after 10 years. But you ignored all of those warnings, jumped in, and got your heart broken. How long did you wait for your answer about him (or her)?

These are just two examples; I know there are many more temptations in your life and in mine with relationships, property, cars, and vacation homes.

Lord, teach us to pray and ask for your direction. We really need help waiting on Your answers. We know the scriptures. We can quote your Words, but when the carnal mind gets involved, we desperately need your help.

"I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do, I do not do but what I hate I do." Romans 7:15

Don't beat yourself up when the lesson comes around. Learn from it. Hard lessons can teach us to be and do better when the next temptation comes! Pray and wait on the Lord!

"I wait for you, O Lord. You will answer, O Lord my God." Psalm 38:15

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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Rock Bottom



MICHAEL COLLINS

Perhaps you feel like you have hit rock bottom. Your plans have failed. Your troubles seem to multiply, and you see no solution to your problems. You are not alone, many others feel the same. There is a story in the Bible of a young man who felt the way you do. His story is told in Luke chapter fifteen. We call him the Prodigal Son.

His story started well. He didn't know how good he had it. He had parents that loved him. They saw to it that all of his needs were fulfilled. His parents added discipline to his life. They taught him the importance of work. His future was bright. Yet, he thought something was missing, that there was more to life. His story somewhat mimics the story of Eve and the serpent. Eve and her husband Adam had it made. Their life was complete. Then the serpent showed up and told Eve, that her husband and her could be like God if they ate from the tree in the midst of the garden. The tree that God had forbidden them to eat from. Instead of obeying God, Eve gave in to temptation and ate from the tree. Adam's and her life went downhill from there.

I'm sure the devil was talking to the Prodigal Son just as he had to Eve. The devil likes nothing better than to see one of us disobey God and suffer the consequences.

The Prodigal Son asked his father for his inheritance, and his father gave it to him. He probably felt like he had won the lottery. It didn't take him long to pack a few things and leave home. He had plans for a great time. He went far from home and made what he thought were new friends. However, they were only friends as long as the Prodigal Son's money held out. His money was soon gone and so were his so-called friends.

He finally became so hungry that he took a job as a pig keeper. It was a disgraceful job for a person of Jewish descent. Just when things could not get any worse, he thought he would eat the husks meant for the pigs. This young man had hit rock bottom.

As he was sitting in the pig pen, he began to remember home. At home, even the servants had plenty of good food to eat and were treated well by the Prodigal Son's parents. He decided to go home and ask his father to let him become a servant. When he got close to home, his father, who had been watching for him, ran out to meet him. They embraced, and his father told the servants to get a clean robe for his son, and the family ring for his finger. The father also told the servant to prepare a celebration for his son's homecoming.

If you have hit rock bottom like the Prodigal Son did, why not do the same thing he did? Go home! Our Heavenly Father is watching for you now. His will be the most wonderful embrace you will ever experience. Let the celebration begin.

United Methodists repeal ban on gay clergy

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — United Methodist delegates repealed their church's longstanding ban on LGBTQ clergy with no debate on Wednesday, removing a rule forbidding "self-avowed practicing homosexuals" from being ordained or appointed as ministers. Delegates voted 692-51 at their General Conference — the first such legislative gathering in five years. That overwhelming margin contrasts sharply with the decades of controversy around the issue. Past General Conferences of the United Methodist Church had steadily reinforced the ban and related penalties amid debate and protests, but many of the conservatives who had previously upheld the ban have left the denomination in recent years, and this General Conference has moved in a solidly progressive direction. Applause broke out in parts of the convention hall Wednesday after the vote. A group of observers from LGBTQ advocacy groups embraced, some in tears. "Thanks be to God," said one.

The change doesn't mandate or even explicitly affirm LGBTQ clergy, but it means the church no longer forbids them. It's possible that the change will mainly apply to U.S. churches, since United Methodist bodies in other countries, such as in Africa, have the right to impose the rules for their own regions. The measure takes effect immediately upon the conclusion of General Conference, scheduled for Friday.

The consensus was so overwhelmingly that it was rolled into a "consent calendar," a package of normally non-controversial measures.

"It seemed like such a simple vote, but it carried so much weight and power, as 50 years of restricting the Holy Spirit's call on people's lives has been lifted," said Bishop Karen Oliveto, the first openly lesbian bishop in the United Methodist Church.

"People can live fully into their call without fear," said Oliveto, of the Mountain Sky Episcopal Area, which includes Colorado, Montana, Utah and Wyoming. "The church we've loved has found a home for us."

Also approved was a measure that forbids district superintendents — or regional administrators — from penalizing clergy for either performing a same-sex wedding or for refraining from performing one. It also forbids superintendents from forbidding or requiring a church from hosting a same-sex wedding.

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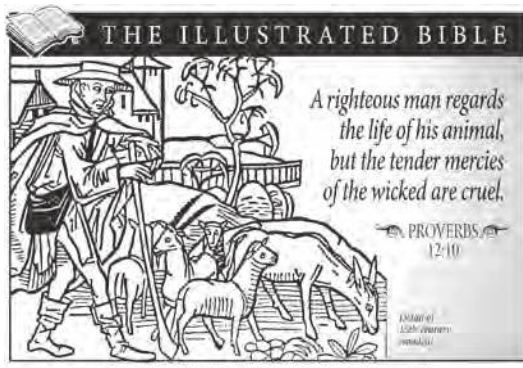
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BIBLE TRIVIA

1. Is the book of Simon (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 2. How many chosen men of Israel did Saul take with him to the wilderness of Ziph to search for David? 12, 100, 200, 3000
 3. From 1 Samuel 3, whose voice did Samuel think it was when he first heard God calling him? Jonathan, Saul, Ahiah, Eli
 4. The word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any ...? Tongue, Knife, Two-edged sword, Wit
 5. In Genesis 26, where did Isaac stay when there was a famine in the land? Gerar, Endor, Sychar, Lydda
 6. What insect was a plague on the Egyptians? Wasp, Locust, Flea, Cockroach
- ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) 3000, 3) Eli, 4) Two-edged sword, 5) Gerar, 6) Locust
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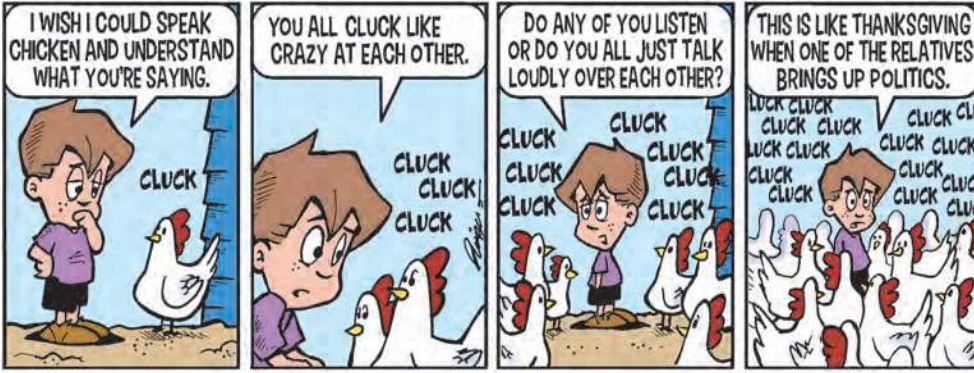
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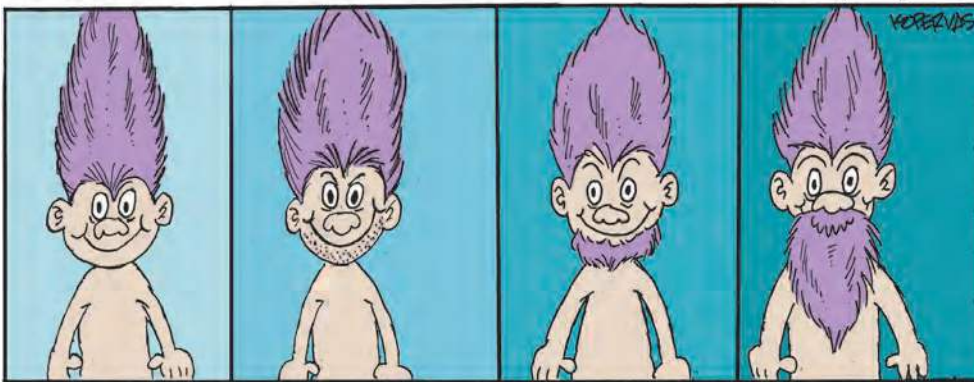
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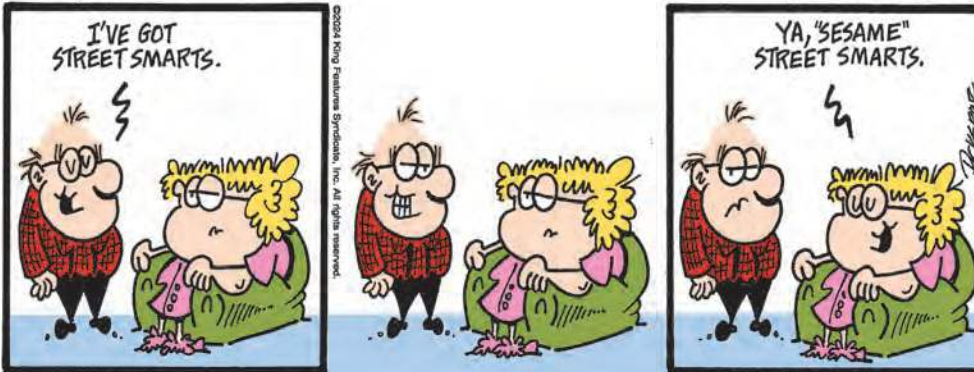
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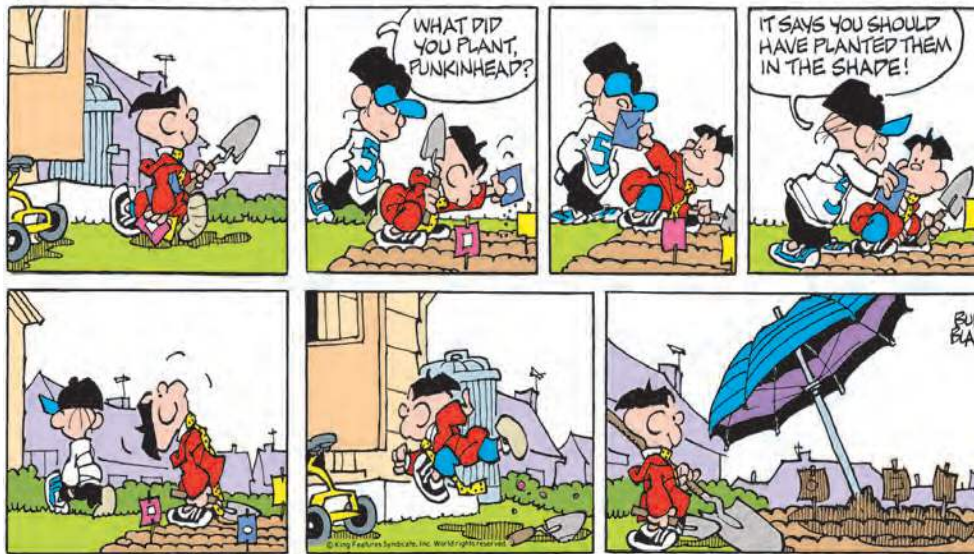
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by Dave T. Phipps



CryptoQuip

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

Clue: Y equals B

UCPX QCBWOP YVLX QIPKG
 IK KEC GOLCG VS SVWVG'
 ECILG KEIK IPC GEIQCL WOMC
 BEDTMG VS YIMCL YPCIL:
 CIP WVIUCG.

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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!

All-Out

TOTUMS

Fleece

CLASP

Burst

TRUPE

Tip

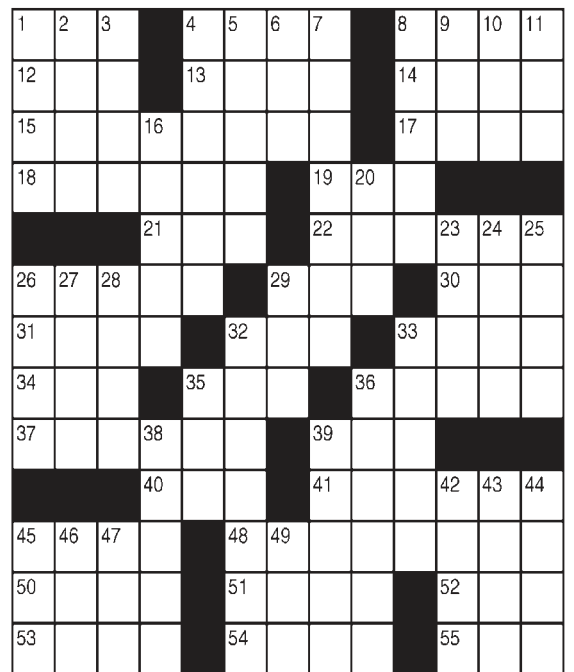
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TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Scene stealer
- 4 Pilgrimage to Mecca
- 8 Auction
- 12 Carte lead-in
- 13 Pakistani language
- 14 Currier's partner
- 15 Florida city
- 17 Clothing store section
- 18 Intimidates, with "out"
- 19 Apprehend
- 21 Shade
- 22 Pictures
- 26 Throat affliction
- 29 Sault — Marie
- 30 Fib
- 31 Cobra feature
- 32 IRS employee
- 33 Exceptional
- 34 Mornings, briefly
- 35 "Oy —!"
- 36 Duck down
- 37 "Pop Goes the —"
- 39 Evening hrs.
- 40 Chopping tool
- 41 Portugal's place
- 45 Apple computers
- 48 Hit song by Shawn



DOWN

- 1 Door fastener
- 2 Regrettably
- 3 Creche figure
- 4 "Quiet!"
- 5 Stood
- 6 Banned pesticide
- 7 "Walk on the Wild Side"
- 8 "The Lion King" lion
- 9 "Hail!"
- 10 Actor Cariou
- 11 Curved letter
- 16 Yearned
- 20 Soul, to Camus
- 23 Pleased
- 24 Green land
- 25 Crystal gazer
- 26 "Candida" playwright
- 27 Hefty book
- 28 Activist Parks

- 29 Covert agent
- 32 Piano's cousin
- 33 Stair part
- 35 Puzzle
- 36 Represent
- 38 Malia's sister
- 39 Wine grape
- 42 TV host Kelly
- 43 Slanted type (Abbr.)
- 44 Org. for seniors
- 45 Coffee holder
- 46 "Caught ya!"
- 47 Gear tooth
- 49 Goof up

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- GEOGRAPHY: Which of the Great Lakes is smallest in surface area?
- TELEVISION: Which sitcom has the theme song, "Where Everybody Knows Your Name"?
- ANATOMY: Which part of the human body is involved with ACL surgery?
- GAMES: What is the victim's name in the U.S. version of the board game "Clue"?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the world's largest species of frog?
- SCIENCE: What do isobars indicate?
- LITERATURE: In the novel "Don Quixote," who is the human companion to the title character?
- MOVIES: In which movie did actor Bill Murray live the same day over and over?
- THEATER: Who is believed to be the first actor in a Greek drama?
- MUSIC: What is the name of Beyonce's 2024 country album?

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WORD LADDERS

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

LASER

FACES

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SCRAMBLERS

1. Umorst; 2. Scarp; 3. Erupt; 4. Hint

TODAY'S WORD

PUSHUPS

Answer: LASER, LAYER, LAVED, LACED, FACED, FACES

WORD LADDER

Answers: 1. Lake Ontario; 2. "Cheers"; 3. The knee; 4. Mr. Boddy; 5. Goliath frog; 6. Atmospheric pressure; 7. Sancho Panza; 8. "Groundhog Day"; 9. Theophrastus, 6th-century poet; 10. "Cowboy Carter"

Solution time: 26 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Americanisms

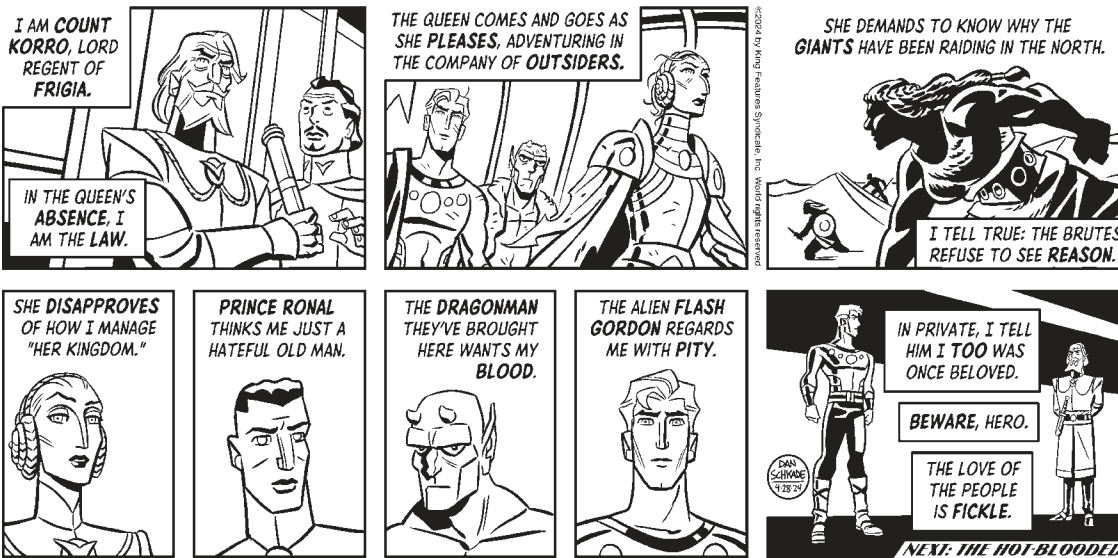
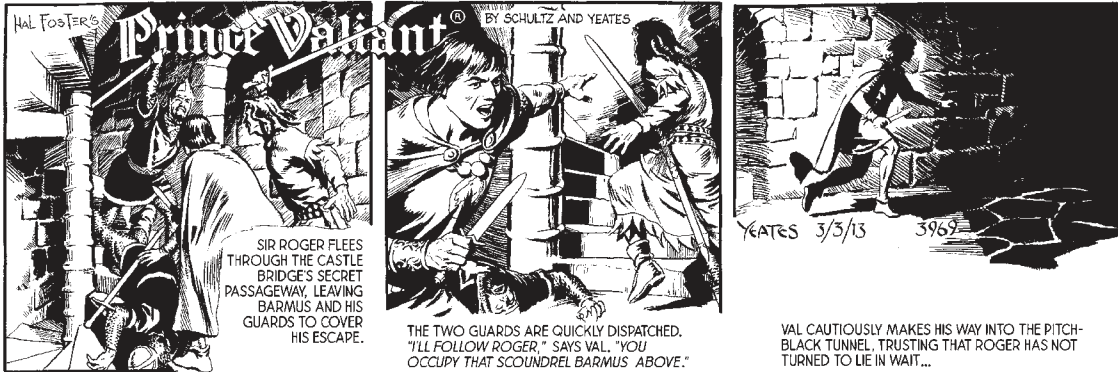
"If you think that nobody cares about you, try missing a couple of payments."

—Steven Wright

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Cryptoquip

Very peculiar body parts at the sides of folks' heads that are shaped like chunks of baked bread: ear loaves.



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 D E V E E L S E I R O T S I L

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: A SHORT — SHIRT

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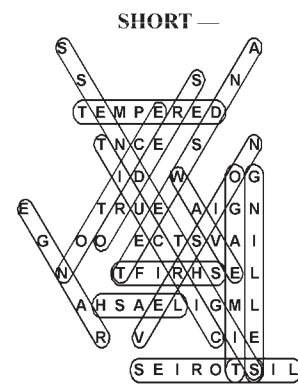
CryptoQuote

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.

OR YNET RJ DG JDXOJZT,
 GTYGHONQQE OW EJZ
 FNXXG N AGYZRNROJK
 WJA TZDRQGRE.
 — OTNNH NTOIJX

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CryptoQuote answer

It pays to be obvious, especially if you have a reputation for subtlety. — Isaac Asimov

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

ANSWER

Weekly SUDOKU

Here's a Tip!

* "My best friend recently had her first child. For her shower, we decided to get together and cook her several meals that could be frozen and go right from the freezer to the oven. This way, she has many meals to grab in the first few sleepless weeks." -- E.S. in Mississippi
 * Need to save money grocery shopping? Studies show that if you shop when the store is least busy, you'll make smarter decisions. Try shopping at off-peak hours, such as later in the evening or early in the morning.

Or try your store on Wednesday, traditionally the least busy day of the week.
 * "I was making cookies last week and needed to roll out the dough. I couldn't find my rolling pin anywhere. In a pinch, I pulled a bottle of wine off my wine rack and wrapped it tightly in plastic. It did the trick. I'm thinking I might just save the next empty bottle and clean the label off of it to use. I can store it right there in my rack!" -- O.V. in Oregon
 * Add shredded veggies to tomato sauce to up the veggie

quotient. Many vegetables can be added without adding many calories and will not change the taste that much. Try carrots, squash or sweet potatoes. You can even add a tablespoon or two of canned, pureed pumpkin.
 * "I like the smaller size of kids' meals at the drive-thru. I save the toys in a box, then I drop them off with a teacher friend to use as rewards in her classroom." -- via email

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Top Ten in Movies

1. Civil War (R) Kirsten Dunst, Wagner Moura
2. Abigail (R) Melissa Barrera, Dan Stevens
3. Godzilla x Kong: The New Empire (PG-13) Rebecca Hall, Brian Tyree Henry
4. The Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare (R) Henry Cavill, Alan Ritchson
5. Spy x Family Code: White (PG-13) Takuya Eguchi, Atsumi Tanezaki
6. Kung Fu Panda 4 (PG) Jack Black, Awkwafina
7. Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire (PG-13) Paul Rudd, Carrie Coon
8. Dune: Part Two (PG-13) Timothée Chalamet, Zendaya
9. Monkey Man (R) Dev Patel, Sharlto Copley
10. The First Omen (R) Nell Tiger Free, Ralph Ineson

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May 4

Quarter Bingo

VFW Auxiliary will sponsor Quarter Bingo on Saturday, May 4 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. All are welcome. Snacks and drinks are available for purchase. Location: Ruritan Club building at 403 N. Jefferson Avenue, Pulaski. April through October.

Yard / Bake / Craft Sale

Freedom Fellowship Church will be having a yard/bake sale and craft sale on Saturday, May 4 from 8:00 - 3:00. Breakfast foods and lunch will also be sold. There will be a car show beginning at 10:00. The address is 5355 Wilderness Road, Dublin (Newbern). Come

and enjoy the day with us.

May 6

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.

May 10

Yard Sale

The Ladies Of Thornspring United Methodist Church, 5670 Thornspring Church Rd., will be having a yard sale, Friday May 10th from 8 am-2 pm. On Saturday, May 11th only there will also be a bake sale, hot dog sale, pinto beans and cornbread sale. From 8 am-2 pm rain or shine. More new items. Everyone is welcome.

May 11

Strawberry Festival

2nd annual Strawberry Festival on May 11th 4-7 at Pulaski First Church of the Brethren located at 1749 Newbern Road, one block behind the DMV. Plate dinner will be \$5.00 a piece. The Hotdog plate with two choices of chips, mac/cheese, baked beans or salad. The pancake plate with sausage and scramble eggs. We will have all kinds of Strawberry foods, milkshakes, and sundaes for sale. Crafty Angels will also have crafts for sale. The funds raise will go towards sending children to camp, our Back to School Bash and the Little Library.

Mother's Day -

Woodlawn P.H. Church

Woodlawn P.H. Church, located at I-77 South exit 19 turn right on 620 then right on Oak Grove Rd. 4 miles - Church on the right (3874) will celebrate Mother's Day with a special service. Pastor Mike Hall & congregation invites you and your family to come and be blessed. Jacob & Alison Bryant will be ministering in song. May 12th - Service begins @ 10:45

May 16

Sons of Confederate Veterans

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet on Thursday, May 16, 7pm at Aly's Italian Family Restaurant at 3204 Riner Road. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are also invited to attend. Tiffany Lloyd will give a talk on the Sam Davis Youth Camp. For further information, please call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

June 9

Klopman Mills Reunion

All former employees of Klopman Mills Plant - a division of Burlington Industries in Newbern - will gather June 9 at the train station in Pulaski. Please bring two covered dishes. Drinks will be provided. We'll eat at 1 p.m. Doors open at 10 a.m.

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Monday Services

Evangelists Jodie and Rosanna Whittaker - Monday night services at 7 p.m. at the Quality

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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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