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Beginner Beekeeping Classes by Heart of Virginia Bee-keepers will be held Tuesday, January 28, Tuesday, February 18 and Tuesday, February 25



Aly Sentenced to Four Life Terms

HALIFAX - Mohamed Aly plead guilty last week and was sentenced to four consecutive life terms for the first-degree murders of Joel Bianda and Ayanna Maertens Griffin and carjacking, in the Halifax Circuit Court.

SUMMARY OF FACTS On February 8, 2020, Mohamed Aly willfully, deliberately, and with premeditation killed and murdered Joel Bianda. On February 8, 2020, Mohamed Aly willfully, deliberately, and with premeditation killed and murdered Ayanna Maertens Griffin. Joel was 21. Ayanna was 18. Joel had agreed to drive Aly from Alexandria, Va. to Danville, Va. Ayanna, Joel's girlfriend, went along for the ride. Aly told Joel he needed a ride to Alexandria to pick up a friend. Aly took a firearm with him, a 9 mm, which he had picked up in Alexandria from, in his words, a "marked location." As he rode in the back seat from Alexandria, he told police, he was holding the 9 mm. He was having what he described as "thoughts." When asked what kind of thoughts, he said the thoughts were bad thoughts and good thoughts. He was having doubts about college and about his home life. At one point, the group stopped at a Wawa, and Joel asked Aly to drive, which he did for about 100 miles. They switched back again, it seems, in Halifax County, about an hour short of their

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The "Christmas Star 2020" Seen in S.W. Sky, 6 PM on Dec. 21, 2020 from Virginia. Note: The last time Jupiter and Saturn were this close together was 1226 A.D., when Genghis Khan was conquering large swaths of Asia. Photo by Ronald H. Card on Facebook, 12/21/2020.

Scott Arrested on Drug Charge

FARMVILLE - A Farmville woman is behind bars after being arrested on an illegal drug charge as part of an on-going criminal investigation by the Piedmont Regional Narcotics and Gang Task Force. Shawnda L. Scott, 41, is being held at the Piedmont Regional Jail on one count of possession with intent to distribute after cocaine was seized from her residence in the 200 block of Hylawn Avenue. She is being held without bond.

The Piedmont Regional Narcotics and Gang Task Force is composed of investigators from the Buckingham County Sheriff's Office, Cumberland County Sheriff's Office, Longwood University Police Department, Prince Edward County Sheriff's Office, the Town of Farmville Police Department and the Virginia State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigation's Appomattox Field Office.

VCU Health CMH Staff Receive COVID-19 Vaccine

SOUTH HILL - As Americans head into the winter months and COVID-19 infections increase across the country, a glimmer of hope is on the horizon as the prospect of vaccines becomes a reality. In Virginia, COVID-19 vaccines for high-risk front-line health care workers became available this week. Select staff at VCU Health Community Memorial Hospital (VCU Health CMH) received their first dose on Thursday, December 17.

"It's the right thing to do," says Desiderio Rimón, MD, of South Hill, Virginia. Curtis Poole of Wake Forest, North Carolina is the Director of Food and Nutrition Services and he explains, "I want to set a positive example for the community." Maryann Johnston of Halifax County, North Carolina is the Director of Perioperative Services and she says, "I am taking all the precautions I can."

Ikenna Ibe, MD, MPH, MBA, FACP is the Vice President of Medical Affairs and Chief Medical Officer at VCU Health CMH. When he received his vaccine he said, "This represents hope. Hope that fewer people will die from this virus. Hope we can get back to normal. I did not do it just for myself but for everybody. I hope everyone

will get it for this reason." VCU Health is one of a limited number of facilities in the Commonwealth that meets the equipment and storage requirements to safely receive and store the COVID-19 vaccine. Here, we share what you should know about VCU Health's preparations for the COVID-19 vaccine.

What is VCU Health's plan for distributing the vaccine? Weeks ago, VCU Health created an internal vaccine distribution task force to develop a plan that ensures equitable distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine. Initial vaccine supply is low, and our first priority is the safety of our team members and patients.

Following guidance from the CDC and in collaboration with the Virginia Department of Health, we are offering the vaccine in phases.

We are now offering the vaccines to interested front-line medical workers so they can safely care for all of our patients during the pandemic. This includes those who provide care to known or suspected COVID-19 patients, such as in our COVID-19 Intensive Care Unit or our emergency department. It also includes employees who regularly work in long-term care facilities.

VCU Health CMH is receiving a daily shipment to be used each day to interested

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Patty Mayer vaccinates Jackie Daniel from Lunenburg County.

Southside Va. COVID Cases Continue to Rise as Vaccines Start to Arrive

SOUTHSIDE - Coronavirus vaccines are arriving across the United States, including in Virginia with healthcare workers among the first group of people to be offered the vaccine. More distribution is expected in the next several months, but for now the total number of positive cases continues on an upward trend even as new restrictions have been announced.

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) reported 306,848 total positive coronavirus tests during the pandemic throughout the state on Monday, which is an increase of over 20,000. The total number of deaths in Virginia sits at 4,650 and increased by over 200 for the second straight week. There have been 16,878 hospitalizations now recorded since the pandemic began.

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Southside Virginia Regional Technology Consortium Recognizes Three Prince Edward County Public School Employees

FARMVILLE - PECPS is pleased to highlight three exceptional staff members that were recently recognized for their hard work by the Southside Virginia Regional Technology Consortium. Sharon Carter, librarian at Prince Edward County Middle School earned an Instructional Support Award. Carter has been working closely with our In-

structional Technology Team and often advocates for students and teachers to have their technology needs met. Robert Manderbaugh was presented with the Technology Support Award. Manderbaugh is an integral part of our Technology Team. Manderbaugh works diligently to ensure teachers have limited interference from technology

issues so that they can focus on teaching our Eagles. This year's Technology Teacher award went to high school teacher, Carol Pippen. Over Pippen's educational career, she has tried to employ the latest learning applications, sites, gadgets and programs.

"We are so fortunate to have these technology stars on our team and we are grateful for the Southside Virginia Regional Technology Consortium for recognizing their talents," said James Walker, Coordinator of Technology and Assessments at PECPS.

Creating a campus rich in the latest technology resources is key to producing productive citizens who are ready to lead. However, resources are only as good as

the leaders implementing them. PECPS is a better place for having these three leaders among us.

The Southside Virginia Regional Technology Consortium assists members with coordinating the acquisition and effective integration of viable up-to-date and emerging technologies, valuable training for K-12 students, staff and other citizens in our communities to enhance learning at all levels and encourages economic technologies, valuable training for K-12 students, staff and other citizens in our communities to enhance learning at all levels and encourage economic development in Southside Virginia.

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Farmville Recognizes Employees for Service

FARMVILLE - Each year, Town of Farmville employees who have reached 25 years of service are recognized in December. They receive a watch from Town Council to commemorate the occasion. This year's recipients are:

Robert Biggers - Robert has been with our Public Works Department since March of

1995. He works as a mechanic in our maintenance shop, keeping our vehicles and equipment running smoothly.

Steve Bergloff - Steve is an operator at our Wastewater Treatment Plant and has worked for the Town since August of 1995. He works with our wastewater team to make sure 95% of pollutants are kept out of the Appomattox River.

Ken Cook - Ken is an operator at our Wastewater Treatment Plant. He has worked for the Town since July of 1995. He is a part of our wastewater team that insures the Appomattox River's waters are kept clean and safe.

Johnny Garrett - Johnny began work in August of 1995 with our Police Department. He currently serves as our Administrative Staff Officer, seeing that all of our officers are up to date on their training and certifications.

Chris McKay - Chris is a Communications Officer in our E-911 Center. He started working for Farmville in June of 1995. Chris gets help on the way quickly in an emergency situation.

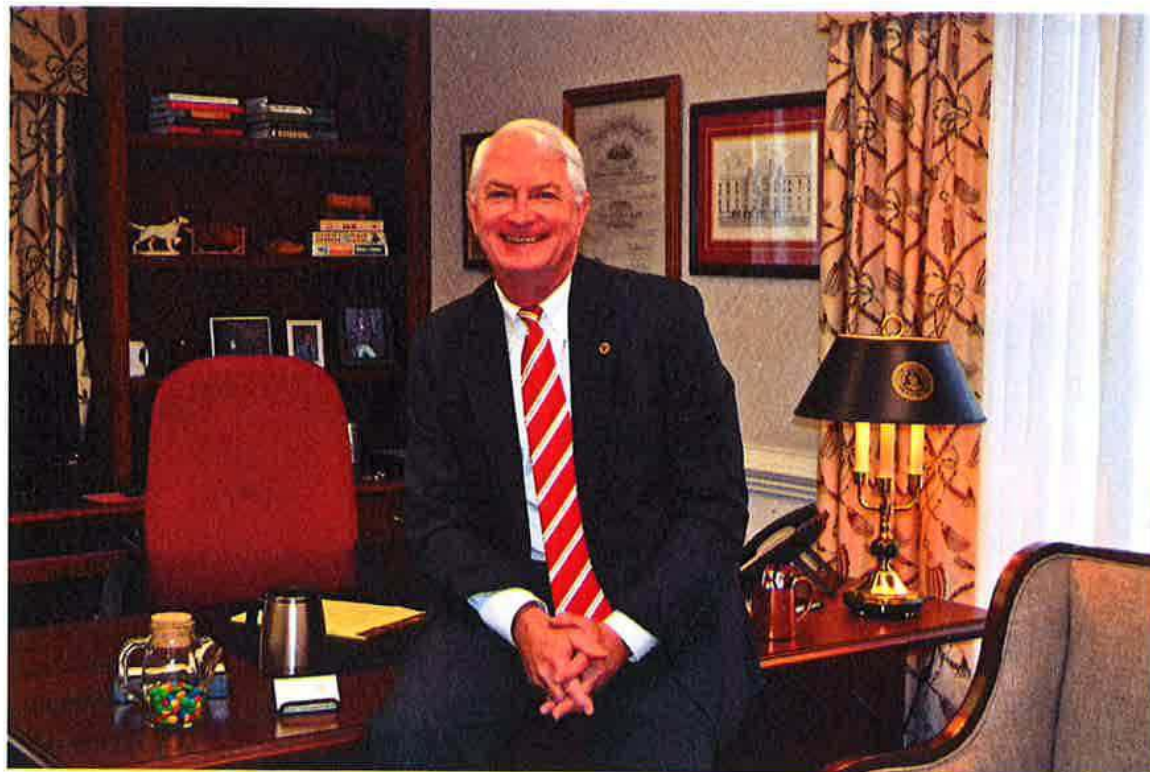
Tim Stutler - Tim has been with the Town since March of 1995. He works as an Operator in our Water Treatment Plant. Tim helps to make sure our drinking water is safe for consumption.

The Town of Farmville wishes to thank each of them for their years of hard work and dedication to making our Town a better place to live and work!

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Murders

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destination in Danville.

Just a few minutes later, in the early morning hours of February 8, 2020, Aly told Joel to pull over. Aly told police he knew the gun was loaded and the safety was off. He got in the middle of the back seat. While Joel was pulling over, while the car was still moving, in Aly's words, "I pointed the gun at his head, without thinking, without saying anything, I pulled the trigger." A second later, he shot Ayanna.

As they were both slumped over, the car was still moving. Aly had to reach forward into the front seat to try to stop it. He opened the back left passenger door and tried to stop it with his foot. Ultimately, he was able to put the car in park in the median on Highway 58 near Melon Road. He unfastened their seatbelts and pulled Joel and Ayanna out of the car; and leaving their bodies in the grassy median, he seized control of the vehicle and drove to Danville.

He picked up a friend, M. B., then a juvenile, at or near his home in Danville. Aly told police he remembered he had left the firearm at the scene, so he and M. B. returned. Aly took Joel's and Ayanna's cell phones (and ultimately disposed of them in two different locations), inspected and left Joel's wallet, found the gun, and again seized control of Joel's vehicle. As he attempted to escape the scene of the shooting, he lost control of the car--likely in the fervor of realizing cars passing by could see them--and crashed into the embankment. He abandoned the car, and the two ran into the woods near Melon Road. They disposed of the gun in the cutover, throwing the two magazines and the firearm into different locations.

They were able to find a cab driver out of Lynchburg to pick them up at an empty residence on Highway 58. They went to Danville, back to the home of M. B. where, we surmise, they cleaned up. Aly disposed of his clothes in a dumpster, according to his statement to police, and he hired another driver to pick them up from Danville and take them to Virginia State University. Aly convinced a

friend from Alexandria to pick up them up from there, telling her he had been in a car accident. They rode with her from the general vicinity of Virginia State, back to Aly's home in Alexandria.

There, he returned to school, posted on social media, and generally appeared to resume normal life. Meanwhile, law enforcement had begun to investigate the deaths of the two individuals they found in the median of 58, near a crashed car and two sets of car tracks. Ultimately, the physical evidence corroborated the defendant's confession to the police, and a number of additional statements he made to others close to him. Joel and Ayanna were found each with single gun shots to the head, as verified by the Medical Examiner. Blood in Joel's car and damage to the windshield corroborated the positions of Joel, Ayanna and Aly in the car before the murders. Aly ultimately led police to the firearm and two magazines in the woods near the scene of the shooting. Police were able to find the cell phones of Joel and Ayanna which tracked their movements throughout the night. Online cash transactions and the statements of three drivers who provided transportation to Aly after the murders corroborated his return trip to Alexandria. Aly, despite other statements to police minimizing or outright denying his role, and blaming others for the murders, also made a number of recorded jail calls and statements to inmates at the jail admitting to his role as the triggerman in the murders of Joel and Ayanna.

COURT PROCEEDING

Family members of the murder victims traveled from Alexandria to attend the proceedings. Several family members were permitted by Judge Kimberley White to give statements to the Court about the impact on their lives regarding the loss of their loved ones. Aly accepted four consecutive life terms plus 18 years pursuant to an agreement with the Commonwealth. "The Commonwealth has consulted closely with law enforcement and the families of the victims, which we do whenever possible," said Commonwealth's Attorney Tracy Quackenbush Martin. "Most of the fam-

ily members wanted to see Aly spend the rest of his life in prison, and the Commonwealth agreed that multiple life sentences were appropriate to achieve justice in the case."

Also in attendance were representatives from the Virginia State Police, Appomattox Bureau of Criminal Investigations Field Office, who investigated the case. "The Appomattox BCI agents were top notch professionals. They pulled some of their brightest agents into the investigation, and they coordinated with a number of outside agencies for assistance. This case began as a mystery. A staggering number of work hours and the concerted efforts of agents from the Virginia State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigations, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, City of Danville Police Department and Halifax County Sheriff's Office working together, led to the swift identification and arrest of the shooter in Alexandria.

MOTIVE

"One of the most painful aspects of this case is that the family may never know Aly's motive to murder their loved ones. We are all left asking, why? Although I am pleased that we had the chance to bring the family closure on this chapter in their lives, we may never have an answer to that question."

COVID

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Charlotte County saw an increase of 20 cases this past week and now sits at a total of 328 confirmed cases with six deaths. Lunenburg saw an increase of 15 cases and is now at 228 confirmed cases. Mecklenburg now has 1,164 cases and 38 deaths while Prince Edward is nearing the 1,000 mark, sitting at 981 cases.

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Obituaries

Lorena T. Tharpe

Drakes Branch, Virginia

Lorena T. Tharpe, age 98, of Drakes Branch, Va., passed away on Sunday, December 20, 2020, at her home, surrounded by her family. She was the daughter of the late Nelson and Mary Tharpe of Saxe, Va.

Lorena was the widow of David L. "Dick" Tharpe; she was also preceded in death by a son, David Irving Tharpe; three sisters, Pauline Tharpe (Bill), Gladys Crutchfield, and Lillian Langford; and one brother, Irving "Puss" Tharpe.

She is survived by three sons, Larry Tharpe of Keswick, Va., Jerry Tharpe of Drakes Branch, Va., and George Tharpe (Marsha) of Randolph, Va.; two sisters, Grace Hall of Drakes Branch, Va., and Nancy Adams of

Saxe, Va., and many nieces and nephews whom she loved dearly.

Lorena was an active member of Mt. Calvary United Methodist Church.

A graveside memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, December 27, 2020, at Mt. Calvary United Methodist Church Cemetery, Drakes Branch, Va. Due to COVID-19 restrictions masks and social distancing are required. The family will receive friends at the home at all times. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Mt. Calvary Cemetery Foundation, c/o George Tharpe, P. O. Box 36, Drakes Branch, VA 23937.

The Browning-Duffer Funeral Home in Keysville, Va., is serving the family.

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Commentary

More Symbolism Over Substance

Everyone should do whatever they choose to protect themselves from COVID-19.

One study on Covid-19 masks determined that 75 percent of those diagnosed with COVID claimed they "always or almost always" wore a mask. Another percentage claimed the "usually wore a mask."

Of course this study was flawed. Anytime a study is based on "self-reporting" it is flawed. Shocking as it may sound people lie, especially when they expect to be blamed for their illness if they don't. However, it does make me wonder why there aren't any similar studies. Wouldn't it be nice to know the percentage of COVID victims who wear masks as opposed to those who don't?

Even discounting the 75 percent and assuming half



**EDITOR
AVERETT JONES**

of those people lied, the infection rate for mask wearers versus non-mask wearers would be 50 percent meaning you have exactly the same chance of contracting COVID with or without a mask.

Interestingly that study has vanished from the internet.

Another issue is that there are no requirements for masks. If you order a mask and read the disclaimers many state: "This product is not intended to protect from COVID." It is all about symbolism. Wearing a mask proves you "are a good person" but there is no evidence and no study documenting all masks are effective. However, you should wear one if you choose, the issue is no one should be forced to wear one for symbolism.

Hospitals require medical grade masks for employees, yet accept anything from patients.

Don't we have the right to know which masks work and which ones don't? Shouldn't that be studied?

Are we just going to be happy with the symbolism?

Who Cares What Bill Gates Thinks?

Realizing that Bill Gates is an expert in virology, I still don't care what he thinks. He is a specialist in computer viruses. In fact, it seems to me that he builds them to catch viruses. When you buy one of his computers or programs the first thing you have to do is buy a program to protect it from viruses. On the other hand if he knows so much about them why can't he build a computer that is immune?

Years ago I was discussing Social Security with a guy I know. I presented facts, documents and historic evidence. He presented a pamphlet like you might find stuck in your door by religion sales people. "This proves I am right," he said.

"Who wrote it, what are his qualifications and what evidence does he have?" I asked.

He replied, "That doesn't matter, he says what I want to believe."

I still think that is the saddest thing I have ever heard. Even sadder is there are more and more people

who just want to hear what they want to believe.

I just watched an interview with Bill Gates who apparently is now a spokesman for bankrupting the country. He said, "Shut it all down." And then laughed when he said everything should be closed for another six months.

Who is he, what are his qualifications and what evidence does he have? NONE. He made billions of dollars. Good for him. Do the shutdowns hurt him? Not at all; in fact, big business benefits from shutdowns while the little guys (who employ half of the country) are dying.

I have noticed that everyone I see who supports closing the country hasn't been affected by shutting the small businesses.

What would happen to Mr. Gates' opinion if the government froze his assets for the duration of the pandemic? How long would the rest of the supporters hold out if THEIR paychecks were stopped?

Big Business is booming

while the small businesses who employ half of America are being strangled.

It is time to stand up for freedom, to oppose tyranny and government control. Maybe someone could write a Declaration of Independence. It could start with "When in the course of human events..." then list the grievances; maybe it could say, "All men and businesses are created equal."

I Can't Believe It
Last night, under the cover of darkness, the statue of General Robert E. Lee was removed from the Capitol Square. How could this happen? Did Governor Northam not see people violating his curfew in his own yard?

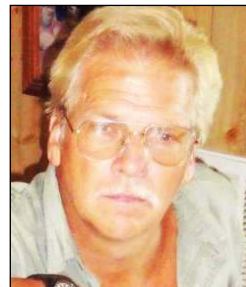
He was correct in this case.
"Nothing good happens after midnight."

To quote my mother, "If you have to hide it, you probably shouldn't do it."

But it was no big deal I am told. Just another sleazy politician making rules for us sheep that don't apply to those in the ruling class and their minions.

Biting Off More Than Can Be Chewed!

Joe Biden has been campaigning on how he'll put an end to the division and chaos in America during the Trump administration... as if Trump was the cause. It's both amusing and infuriating to hear Biden say this. Biden preaches (in a condescending tone) at Trump, but toward the 74 million who voted for Trump as well. Biden sells himself as if he and his party are the only adults in the room who can put America back on an even keel and restore civility. Its long been the characteristic of Democrats to accuse others of misdeeds they themselves have long since been doing. Biden promoting himself as this prince of peace who will calm the troubled seas across America flies in the face of reality and history. Ironic how the Democrat rule book and architects of sewing division across America now



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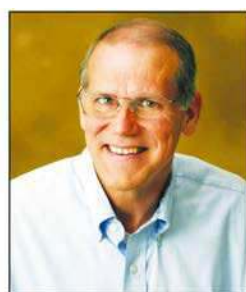
say a Joe Biden presidency is the cure.

If Biden does possess a calming effect on others, he'll need to channel that talent toward his own party first. Nineteen minutes after Trump was inaugurated, the militant arm of the Democrat party known as the Washington Post declared, "The impeachment campaign has

started!" Save Hillary and Obama, not one Democrat showed up for Trump's inauguration! Who can forget show-boating Nancy Pelosi ripping up Trump's State of the Union speech before the cameras of the world, illustrating her contempt toward Trump and the office he holds! Demo Maxine Waters told a crowd to harass Republicans and tell them they are not wanted! Comedian Kathy Griffin felt it proper and funny to assertively hold up a depiction of Trump's decapitated head. The Mueller investigation (driven by Democrats) spent three years and 30 million dollars trying to prove what was known from the outset...there was no Trump/Russian collusion. When newly elected Demo Rep. Tlaib was sworn in, the

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**FRANK
RUFF**

What do we want the results to look like when we look back at the end of the day or lifetime?

Getting clear on the desired outcome goals allows us to think more creatively and collaboratively on how to successfully accomplish those goals, create an experience, and share a process that is transformational. Not

having goals for ourselves often leaves us wasting our time and energy. This serves no purpose to ourselves, our family, our friends, or our greater community. Life is best when we set goals and strive for them. This is true in sports, work, and life. The first step begins with the end in mind.

So back to the number 29,147 and what it means for you. Assuming a lifespan of 79.8 years, you can look forward to living 29,147 days. If you have graduated high school, you are down to 22,500-23,000. By your early 30s, you've got about 16,000 days left. At 60, about 7,000. Wherever you are, with the start of a new year before us, it is a good time to reflect on that which you have accomplished and decide what goals

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Dear Editor:

I read with considerable amusement last week's letter by Donna Sawyer calling for "fixing" - code for "eliminating" - the Electoral College, although with that reading came the melancholy reflection that our government schools have instilled in some of us such a degree of ignorance and lust for power.

Firstly, Beijing Biden and Heels-Up Harris did NOT win the popular vote. As your mother told you long ago, if you win by cheating, you didn't win. We know exactly WHAT kind of cheating was done, WHERE it was done, WHO did it, and HOW it was done - unfortunately the Inspid Press, the Lamestream Media, the Dismal Swamp and the Socialist Media moguls are colluding to prevent the vast majority of us from knowing these things.

Doubt it? Well, surprising you should say that. Actually, there are rapid, easy methods to confirm validity of the vast majority of votes, particularly the "mail-in" ballots. It's done simply by scanning the paper ballots themselves for signs of a fold - which must be present to stuff the ballot into the mailing envelope; absent that fold, a mail-in ballot is fraudulent. Another method is matching the filled-in ovals to determine if a person or a machine marked them - and if the paper ballots are not available, via downloading the raw images of each ballot retained in the voting machines themselves. This ain't rocket surgery, and doing it by machine-scanning eliminates human bias. Unfortunately, the same Democrat operatives who blocked observers at the vote-counting are blocking all attempts at determining the legitimacy of votes. Why, I wonder, would they object to that?

Secondly, the Electoral College was probably the Founding Fathers' master stroke of genius. It was designed to prevent population centers in the cities from running roughshod over the vast remainder of the nation, something it has reliably prevented up to this point. As Jefferson said, if this country is brought down, it is the people in the cities who will do it, not the commonsensical rural folks who actually produce something besides paper, fashion, and sewage.

Forgive me if I find the calls for elimination of the Electoral College as anything more than one more lame attempt by the Left to shove its socialist agenda - and with it, its time-honored ability to bring death, poverty, corruption, and ruin - down the throats of those of us who want to remain free. If it's all the same to you, I'll pass.

Cordially,
Jim Wills, Farmville, Va.

Dear Editor,

First, I give praise to my savior Jesus Christ.

A native son of Charlotte County, Patrick Henry, in my opinion would not put up with the mandates and executive orders going on today. When he made his famous statement, "Give me liberty or give me death," he knew that if they failed against the greatest military power on the planet they would hang for it.

These COVID-19 measures strip us of the right of free assembly, the right to liberty and pursuit of happiness.

One of the top virologists/pathologist in the world, Dr. Roger Hodkinson, said this is the greatest hoax ever played on the world. He said this is government and politics playing medicine. The measures in place aren't even effective and are even harmful to health.

The highest laws in our land are supposed to be the constitutions, national and state. Any law, rule, executive order or regulation to the contrary are null and void.

Attorney Tim Anderson pointed out a website, VHHA.com Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association, go to featured Dashboard ICU. Occupancy this time last year was 68% and currently 53% (77% as compared to last year).

I'm tired of China Masks for China Flu that are ineffective for the said purpose and a violation of our constitutional rights. I ask you, the Charlotte Board of Supervisors, to adopt a resolution to protect our freedoms from the Governor's Treasonous Tyranny such as Appomattox, Campbell, and Bedford have adopted.

In conclusion, we the people are supposed to be the Government? Be resolute against tyranny. This is biological and psychological warfare. Please resist it.

We have a constitutional Republic if we can keep it.

The only hope for America is Jesus. Joshua was told to Fear Not. The Bible says, "Obey the laws of the land." They are the Constitutions, Federal and State and the Bill of rights, not a Tyrant Governor.

I reject the social distancing new normal reset. I'll keep our old Constitution, Thank You.

George Toombs, Saxe, Va.

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Barbara Rose Johns Statue to Replace Robert E. Lee at Capitol

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Virginia's statue of Confederate general Robert E. Lee was removed from the United States Capitol recently and it will be replaced by one of Barbara Johns who led a student walkout at Robert Russa Moton High School in Farmville, protesting the overcrowded and inferior conditions of the all-Black school compared to those of White students at nearby Farmville High School.

Each state is entitled to display two statues in the National Statuary Hall Collection, and for 111 years, the Confederate statue has stood along with America's first president George Washington as Virginia's contributions. The two statues were added in 1909, which was 44 years after the Confederacy rebelled against the United States and was defeated. The Lee statue had been one among 13 located in the Crypt of the Capitol, representing the 13 original colonies.

"We should all be proud of this important step forward for our Commonwealth and our country," said Governor Northam. "The Confederacy is a symbol of Virginia's racist and divisive history, and it is past time we tell our story with images of perseverance, diversity, and inclusion. I look forward to seeing a trailblazing young woman of color represent Virginia in the U.S. Capitol, where visitors will learn about Barbara Johns' contributions to America and be empowered to create positive change in their communities just like she did."

Earlier this year, Governor Northam signed legislation establishing the Commission for Historical Statues in the United States Capitol charged with studying the removal and replacement of the Robert E. Lee statue. The eight-member commission, chaired by State Senator Louise Lucas, voted unanimously



on July 24, 2020 to recommend removal of the statue. At the request of the Commission, the Virginia Museum of History and Culture in Richmond, Virginia will accept ownership of the statue.

"Confederate images do not represent who we are in Virginia, that's why we voted unanimously to remove this statue," said Senator Louise Lucas. "I am thrilled that this day has finally arrived, and I thank Governor Northam and the Commission for their transformative work."

On December 16, 2020, the Commission selected civil rights icon Barbara Rose Johns to replace the Robert E. Lee statue, after receiving public input from Virginia residents during several virtual public hearings. In 1951, sixteen-year-old Barbara Johns led a student walkout at Robert Russa Moton High

School in Farmville, protesting the overcrowded and inferior conditions of the all-Black school compared to those of White students at nearby Farmville High School. This garnered the support of NAACP lawyers Spottswood Robinson and Oliver Hill who took up her cause and filed a lawsuit that would later become one of five cases reviewed by the United States Supreme Court in *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka* when it declared segregation unconstitutional in 1954. Historians consider Johns' protest a pivotal moment that launched the desegregation movement in America.

"As of this morning, Virginia will no longer honor the Confederacy in the halls of the United States Capitol," said Delegate Jeon Ward, who sponsored legislation creating the Commission. "When I think of Barbara Johns, I am reminded of how brave she was at such a young age. It's time for us to start singing the songs of some of the Virginians who have done great things that have gone unnoticed. This is a proud moment for our Commonwealth, and I am humbled to have been a part of it."

The General Assembly must approve the replacement before a sculptor can be commissioned. If approved, Johns would complement the statue of Washington, and would be the only teenager represented in the collection. Governor Northam has introduced a budget that includes \$500,000 to replace the statue.

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first thing out of her mouth was to impeach Trump using the most vulgar street language there is to describe Trump. Rep. Scalise was shot playing baseball by a Bernie Sanders supporter simply because he was a Republican!

At long last, the Left wing media has acknowledged there is Hunter Biden financial collusion with the Ukraine, China and other countries. When President Trump inquired of the Ukrainian president to look into this matter, another Democrat-led lynch mob began to impeach Trump. The Democrats voted in block to impeach Trump...for him executing the sworn duties of his office! The Democrat party, 90% of the media, CEOs of big techs like Twitter, Facebook, Google and more are spending hundreds of millions of their dollars to send Trump packing! The hostility toward Trump obviously

comes from upon high, but it comes from lower sources as well. It wasn't pro-Trump Republican conservatives who burned down and destroyed so many American cities this past summer!

If Joe Biden believes he's the chosen one who can lower the political temperature in Washington, he need look no further than his own Democrat party and supporters. Trump's presidency has highlighted like never before the size, scope and ambitions of power hungry Democrats. Trump's attempt to drain the Washington swamp caused the creatures therein to come out swinging. Biden rhetoric abounds with overconfidence. He has many aspirations to do great things as president, but doing away with strife and division in America is just one of many angry cats he can't put back into the bag. Biden has secured a 47-year track record of political ineptness. Even if he becomes president, he'll forever live in Trump's shadow of accomplishments.

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you expect of yourself during the remainder of your life. Asking yourself each morning, how are you going to move forward this day.

Being aware of how finite our lives are can be depressing, but inspiring. Inspiring and prodding one to accept every day as a blessing and daily to ensure that we spend our lives doing those things that make life better for those around us, be they family, friends, or the community in which we live.

With the end in mind, are we letting go of fear, are we acting boldly, are we radiating love and realizing the profound grandeur and the goodness of the moment? Are we living in such a manner that both reflects gratitude for what we already have and our passion to realize even bigger things going forward?

Why wait for the specter of COVID-19 to depart to start celebrating the day? Why wait for the perfect time to begin a hobby, start a project, or tell others you're sorry for the sins you have committed against them in thought, word, or deed? Now is a good time for you to forgive those who have transgressed against you. Likewise, it is a good time to express your love for those around you.

Why wait for everything to line up perfectly to live better professionally, relationally, personally?

You were born with whatever number of days to fully live. The meter is running, life is fragile, every single day matters. Live your gift of life. Today is your day. Live it inspired.

2021 Session Begins January 13th

Speaking of goals, the General Assembly will begin its 2021 session on January 13th in a way like never before. The House of Delegates will not be in Richmond but rather in front of computer monitors all around the state. At least the Senate will be back in Richmond, not at the Capitol, but rather at the Science Museum. That is probably best considering how corrupted the system has moved from representative government this year.

The logistics are still being worked out. What we do know at this time is it will be more difficult for our constituents to communicate their support or concerns about legislative proposals. Hopefully, something can be worked out. We welcome your input and need it to properly serve you.

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A Visit from St. Nicholas

BY MAJOR HENRY LIVINGSTON, JR.

'Twas the night before Christmas,
 when all through the house
 Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
 The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
 In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;
 The children were nestled all snug in their beds;
 While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;
 And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
 Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap,
 When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
 I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.
 Away to the window I flew like a flash,
 Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.
 The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow,
 Gave a lustre of midday to objects below,
 When what to my wondering eyes did appear,
 But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny rein-deer,
 With a little old driver so lively and quick,
 I knew in a moment he must be St. Nick,
 More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
 And he whistled, and shouted, and
 called them by name:

"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now Prancer and Vixen!
 On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donner and Blitzen!
 To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
 Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!"

As leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
 When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky;
 So up to the housetop the coursers they flew



With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas too—
 And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
 The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
 As I drew in my head, and was turning around,
 Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.
 He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,
 And his clothes were all tarnished with
 ashes and soot;
 A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
 And he looked like a pedler just opening his pack.
 His eyes—how they twinkled! his dimples,
 how merry!
 His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
 His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
 And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow;
 The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
 And the smoke, it encircled his head like a wreath;
 He had a broad face and a little round belly
 That shook when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.
 He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
 And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;


A wink of his eye and a twist of his head
 Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;
 He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
 And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,
 And laying his finger aside of his nose,
 And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose;
 He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
 And away they all flew like the down of a thistle—
 But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight—
 "Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"

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 8-years-old
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Dear Santa,
 I have been a good girl. Please bring me a baby
 doll and doll clothes. I would like some new
 clothes also. Please tell Mrs. Claus hello.

Love,
 Alexys Montgomery Corp
 Age 3
 Victoria, Va.

Dear Santa,
 My sister and I have been good (for the most part)
 this year. We hope you have been doing well. For
 Christmas we would like a Gotta Go Flamingo, a
 real baby doll, and Frozen stuff. Hope you and the
 reindeer have a safe trip!

Love, Rayna and Alayna Holt
 Ages: 5 & 3

Dear Santa,
 I have been a good girl. Please bring me a Baby
 Alive doll and a big doll baby. Please tell Mrs.
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The Birth of Jesus

In those days Caesar Augustus sent out word that the name of every person in the Roman nation must be written in the books of the nation. This first writing took place while Quirinius was ruler of Syria.

So all the people went to their own cities to have their names written in the books of the nation. Joseph went up from the town of Nazareth in the country of Galilee to the town of Bethlehem. It was known as the city of David. He went there because he was from the family of David. Joseph went to have his and Mary's names written in the books of the nation. Mary was his promised wife and soon to become a mother.

While they were there in Bethlehem, the time came for Mary to give birth to her baby. Her first son was born. She put cloth around Him and laid Him in a place where cattle are fed. There was no room for them in the place where people stay for the night.

In the same country there were shepherds in the fields. They were watching their flocks of sheep at night. The angel of the Lord came to them. The shining-greatness of the Lord shone around them. They were very much afraid. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. See! I bring you good news of great joy which is for all people. Today, One Who saves from the punishment of sin has been born in the city of David. He is Christ the Lord. There will be something special for you to see. This is the way you will know Him. You will find the Baby with cloth around Him, lying in a place where cattle are fed."

At once many angels from heaven were seen, along with the angel, giving thanks to God. They were saying, "Greatness and honor to our God in the highest heaven

and peace on earth among men who please Him."

The angels went from the shepherds back to heaven. The shepherds said to each other, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see what has happened. The Lord has told us about this." They went fast and found Mary and Joseph. They found the Baby lying in a place where cattle are fed. When they saw the Child, they told what the angel said about Him. All who heard it were surprised at what the shepherds told them. But Mary hid all these words in her heart. She thought about them much. The shepherds went back full of joy. They thanked God for all they had heard and seen. It happened as the angel had told them.

When eight days were over, they did the religious act of becoming a Jew on the Child. He was named Jesus. This name was given to Him by the angel when Mary was told He was to be born. When the days were over for her to be made pure as it was written in the Law of Moses, they took Jesus to Jerusalem to give Him to the Lord. It is written in the Law of the Lord, "The first-born male born of a woman will be called holy to the Lord." They were to give a gift of two turtle-doves or two young birds on the altar in worship to the Lord. This was written in the Law of the Lord.

There was a man in Jerusalem by the name of Simeon. He was a good man and very religious. He was looking for the time when the Jewish nation would be saved. The Holy Spirit was on him. The Holy Spirit made it known to Simeon that he would not die before he had seen God's Chosen One. He came to the house of God being led by the Holy Spirit. The parents took Jesus to the house of God. They came to do what



the Law said must be done. Then Simeon took Jesus in his arms. He gave honor to Him and thanked God, saying,

"Lord, now let me die in peace, as You have said. My eyes have seen the One Who will save men from the punishment of their sins. You have made Him ready in the sight of all nations. He will be a light to shine on the people who are not Jews. He will be the shining-greatness of Your people the Jews." Joseph and the mother of Jesus were surprised and wondered about these words which were said about Jesus. Simeon honored them and said to Mary the mother of Jesus, "See! This Child will make many people fall and many people rise in the Jewish nation. He will be spoken against. A sword will cut through your soul. By this the thoughts of many hearts will be understood."

Anna was a woman who spoke God's Word. She was the daughter of Phanuel of the family group of Asher. Anna was many years old. She had lived with her husband seven years after she was married. Her husband had died and she

had lived without a husband eighty-four years. Yet she did not go away from the house of God. She served God day and night, praying and going without food so she could pray better. At that time she came and gave thanks to God. She told the people in Jerusalem about Jesus. They were looking for the One to save them from the punishment of their sins and to set them free.

When Joseph and Mary had done everything the Law said to do, they went back to Nazareth in Galilee. The Child grew and became strong in spirit. He was filled with wisdom and the loving-favor of God was on Him.

His parents went to Jerusalem every year for the special religious gathering to remember how the Jews left Egypt. When He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem as they had done before. When the days of the special supper were over, they started back to their town. But the boy Jesus was still in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it. They thought Jesus was with the others of

the group. They walked for one day. Then they looked for Him among their family and friends.

When they could not find Jesus, they turned back to Jerusalem to look for Him. 46 Three days later they found Him in the house of God. He was sitting among the teachers. He was hearing what they said and asking questions. All those who heard Him were surprised and wondered about His understanding and at what He said. When His parents saw Him, they were surprised. His mother said to Him, "My Son, why have You done this to us? See! Your father and I have had much sorrow looking for You." He said to them, "Why were you looking for Me? Do you not know that I must be in My Father's house?" They did not understand the things He said to them.

He went with them to Nazareth and obeyed them. But His mother kept all these words in her heart. Jesus grew strong in mind and body. He grew in favor with God and men.

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The Word

Christmas 2020 Amidst Broken Dreams: God is Using This

This Christmas season feels like no other, with drastic changes and broken dreams impacting the season usually marked by joy and celebration. We've lost friends. We've lost jobs. We've lost perspective. And at times it can feel like we are losing hope. Life is messy and hard, and we are wondering when or if things will be normal again. I know I am. It is hard to feel excited about anything and easy to forget why we celebrate at all.

Yet I am convinced that the worldwide pandemic is no accident, neither is the social and political unrest in our country. Living in it is hard, sometimes devastating, but the truth remains: God is using this.

There are no accidents with God. Nothing is wasted. Everything has a purpose. God's timing is perfect. Of course, we can only see that in retrospect. Hindsight is 20/20 and perhaps only after 2020 has been long closed will we glimpse what God was doing.

It is only with that hindsight that we can view the events of Christmas Eve two thousand years ago as the perfect fulfillment of all God had spoken. Up close it would have looked different. The Jews had waited centuries for the promised Messiah, long foretold by the prophets. But God had now been silent for



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400 years. God's chosen people must have felt forgotten.

Yet in that time God was preparing the world for his coming. The Greeks had given the civilized world a common language that would enable the Gospel to spread. Roman rule brought unprecedented peace, known as the Pax Romana, and a physical infrastructure with roads that made travel possible. Roman roads united the world.

The world was finally ready for the long-awaited Messiah. The Jews had not been forgotten—the moment they had been waiting for since God's promise to Abraham was finally here. But at the time they didn't know it. Very few were aware of it. A poor Jewish couple. Some farm animals. Lowly shepherds tending sheep.

But the heavenly hosts knew. They had been waiting on tiptoe for centuries. They knew that the fulfillment of all God's promises was here.

Even narrowing our focus further, from the timing for the world we see the specific timing for Mary and Joseph. This couldn't have been messier timing for them. Mary was an unmarried virgin. Her pregnancy was scandalous. She could have been stoned. And even after those humiliations, the long trek to Bethlehem could not have come at a more difficult time.

The couple traveled alone to the city of David, and Mary gave birth in a stable without friends or family around. No one would take them in. She put her precious baby in dirty, smelly manger, an animal feeding trough, because there was nowhere else to put him.

No mother wants to do that. Especially when your pregnancy starts with high expectations. Mary was told by an angel how favored she was (Luke 1:30). She might easily have assumed that God was going to work everything out by Christ's birth. She knew that all generations would call her blessed (Luke 1:48) but did she know that it would take decades to glimpse the blessing? Or that a sword would pierce her own

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The Poor Christmas

It was going to be such a good Christmas.

The bills were paid. We had three healthy children all under eight years old, and I? Well, I had two hundred dollars in the bank to spend on presents.

That's when on December the first the washing machine broke, not to be repaired for any sum.

My wife and I stayed up long into the night figuring what to do. And there was nothing to be done but to buy a new washer, one hundred and eighty dollars.

With but twenty bucks left I had a thin wallet and kids with big expectations.

In the morrow I remembered how the children been asking and asking and asking for me to build them a tree house. I'd been putting them off for several years.

So with twenty dollars I bought a bag of nails and six long 2x4s. In the backyard I selected four trees in a rectangle. I then gathered the children, telling them of my plans for a big tree house of fun. And we were going to build it ourselves, a gift for Christmas.

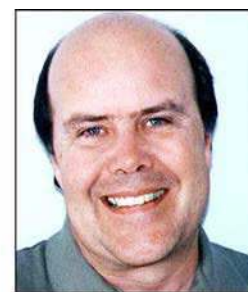
Soon our backyard was a frenzy of sawing and hammering and laughter. Then the frame was up. We ran out

of lumber and money.

That's when Bryan remembered the packing crates behind his granddaddy's furniture store. For the next two weeks we scavenged wood, cleaned away the staples and cardboard. A floor went in. A roof. A neighbor watching our progress gave us some extra roof shingles. Another offered us a couple of hinges for the door.

And by Christmas Eve there it was—every child's dream—a clubhouse of their very own. Floating in the trees, in their own backyard. For the next eight years that tree house was a fort, a castle, a doll house, a spaceship, a reading room, a place to be

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Advent: A Glorious Story

It was the most important event ever, accompanied by the most important song ever, containing the most important announcement ever.

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!" (Luke 2:14)

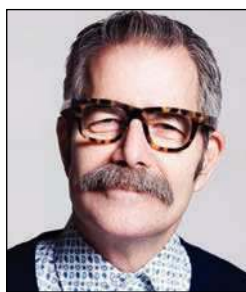
This very familiar, one-sentence hymn defines our need, and in describing our need, explains the mission of that baby in the manger.

There are two words I want you to meditate on this Christmas: glory and peace.

Advent Announces Glory
Imagine what the world would be like if every person existed with the sole intent to glorify God. That's the way it was meant to be, but in a sad moment of disobedience and rebellion, Adam and Eve chose to live for the glory of the creation rather than the glory of the Creator.

Ever since, all human beings have lived in the middle of a personal glory war. Whether it's anger during traffic, a flash of lust, pursuit of material things, or fierce pride, other glories compete in your heart.

This week, could you say that your relationships were free from conflict because the glory of God was the sole in-



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tion of your heart? If not, then you and I still need what that baby in the manger came to do.

Advent Announces Peace
Imagine again: what would the world be like if every person lived at peace with God?

Peace with God would allow us to have peace within, not because we're healthy, independent, wise, or know what tomorrow holds, but because our hearts would be at peace knowing that we are guarded by the One who rules it all. When sin shattered that shalom with God, the result was that our hearts would never be able to find permanent peace until heaven.

There's a heartbreaking moment in the Garden of Eden when God comes down in the cool of the day to com-

mune with Adam and Eve. Instead of running to meet him as friends would, they hide in guilt and shame because their disobedience has shattered a relationship of peace.

When we don't have peace with our Creator, we don't find inner peace, and when our souls are conflicted, that turmoil naturally spills into our relationships of every kind.

This week, did you struggle to live at peace with God, yourself, and others? If so, then you and I still need what that baby in the manger came to do.

Advent Announces Rescuer
"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!" You could say that the angels announced that we are glory amnesiacs living in conflict with God, with ourselves, and with one another.

What a discouraging diagnosis! (Yes, initially, but Good News can't be good unless you know that there is first bad news.)

But in that same announcement, the angel of the Lord proclaimed life-changing Good News: "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:11)

From day one, this Savior would live perfectly for the glory of the Creator. On the cross, he would face the Father's rejection and restore peace between God and man.

The angels announce our problem, but more importantly, they promote our salvation: Jesus came to reclaim, rescue, and restore wandering hearts and conflicted relationships.

God bless,
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CHRISTMAS MORNING

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



However, as it is written: "What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived" — the things God has prepared for those who love him — these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit.

— 1 CORINTHIANS 2:9-10 NIV

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soul? (Luke 2:35)

Placing the Christ child in a manger, far from home with only Joseph beside her, may have felt like a low point. And yet this strange and uncommon detail was part of God's plan because it was the way the shepherds would recognize Jesus. All babies would have been wrapped in swaddling clothes but only one would have been lying in a manger - which was the confirmation that this indeed was the one that Israel had been waiting for. The cries of a baby broke the 400-year silence of God. All the messy, embarrassing, and humbling details of Mary's story had a purpose, a purpose she could not have understood in the moment.

We often read the stories in Scripture assuming that the characters are privy to the same understanding that we now have. But Mary was like us, living her daily life, unaware of how God was intertwining the details of all that was happening. The shepherds' visit and the startling confirmation that the manger was not an impulsive, embarrassing detail but rather a sign, a confirmation to the world that her child indeed was the son of God must have encouraged her, but there was still so much more she couldn't have known.

That Bethlehem night, as Mary delivered the Son of God in a stable in the piercing cold and placed him in a manger, she couldn't have fully grasped what God was doing. It was only in looking back that she could see how God was moving in her life and how every detail was significant.

And so it is for us. We are all in the middle of the stories God is writing. Perhaps we've received a significant word from God but it is interwoven with unspeakably hard circumstances that leave us screaming, "It's not supposed to be this way!" We may be left confused and bewildered, wondering what God is doing and how this could possibly end well.

Though we cannot see it now, we need to trust that God is using this. To trust that God is doing his deepest work right here, in our loneliness, in our disappointment, in our fear. To trust that even now, there is purpose and movement happening that we cannot see, as we long for things to go back to the way they were. The story is not over yet and God is ordering every detail for his good and perfect plan. Like Mary, we must wait for it to unfold.

God is not delaying his deliverance for you. It will come at exactly the right moment. All that

God has for you will be fulfilled at the appointed time. If it seems slow, if it feels messy, you just need to wait. It will surely come: it will not delay (Habakkuk 2:3).

So this Christmas, as we wait, we cling to the greatest gift that God has given us in trouble - his presence, God with us. We trust that he is perfectly weaving together every pain, every sorrow, and every loss, into a beautiful tapestry for his glory. And we remind ourselves and each other, amidst our broken dreams and changed plans, that God is using this.

Vaneetha is the author of "The Scars That Have Shaped Me, How God Meets Us in Suffering". To learn more, log onto www.vaneetha.com.

Crotts

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alone, a place to bring friends.

That was 1979. A long time ago. Yet we will still tell you it was the best Christmas ever. And that abode in the trees, built from scraps, shimmers in our memories as Camelot.

Henry David Thoreau was right: "Gifts of things are mere substitutes. The only true gift is a portion of yourself." Merry Christmas, everybody! Give well.

Stephen is a campus minister with the Carolina Study Center. He can be reached at carolinasudycenter@msn.com.

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(12-31-20)

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PAUL D. JACKSON

(12-24-20)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

In execution of a deed of trust originally dated November 5, 2011 and recorded in the Circuit Court Clerk's Office of Charlotte County, Virginia in Deed Book 411, at page 961, to Trustee, Karen Seay Moore, f/k/a Karen Seay Blazer and default having been made in the payment of the debt secured, and at the request of the beneficiary under the said deed of trust the undersigned Sole Acting Trustee, has declared all the debts and obligations secured by the deed of trust due and payable and will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder on the front steps of the Charlotte County Circuit Courthouse located in Charlotte County, Virginia on Wednesday, January 6, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

All that certain real estate with improvements thereon, being containing, Lot 2, containing 12 acres, more or less, Bacon District Charlotte County, Virginia. For the full legal description thereof see the above referenced documents recorded the aforesaid Clerk's Office. Tax Map # 90-A-118

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For more information contact:

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7 Christmas Wishes

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So, this year, my special presents to you will be,
7 wishes for priceless gifts wrapped under the Christmas tree.

I wish for you HOPE for a brighter tomorrow,
In times of uncertainty, trouble, pain and sorrow.

I wish for you PATIENCE as you pray on bended knee,
To wait on God's infinite wisdom to grant your earnest plea.

I wish for you HUMILITY delivered from selfish pride,
Void of prejudice against others and letting God's pathway be your guide.

I wish for you KINDNESS willing to lend a helping hand,
To those in need of someone just to listen and understand.

I wish for LOVE received and shared beyond measure,
A heart filled with peace and compassion is a rare gift to treasure.

I wish for you FORGIVENESS in a world filled with hurtful words and deeds,
May offering apologies and granting pardons become your life's solemn creed.

I wish for you FAITH to believe in what you cannot see,
That God created this world and sacrificed his only son for you and me.

So, during this Christmas season of remembrance and giving,
May you be blessed with a life in Christ - a life truly worth living.

My Christmas Prayer

Thankful for the Son of God born on that holy night
Whose miraculous sacrifice made Him the pathway of light.

Please grant these simply prayers of mine
By your majestic power and grace divine.

I pray for those who are sick and need your healing hand
That they may become well again by your Godly command.

I pray for those who are burdened with grief and sorrow
That they may receive peace and comfort with each tomorrow.

I pray for those who doubt your word to believe
That they may see the truth and life everlasting to receive.

I pray for the world filled with evil, strife, and sin
That your faithful workers will one day this earthly battle win.

I pray for those who demonstrate to others your loving care
That they may be blessed each time your message they share.

I pray for family and friends giving the gift of love beyond measure
That they may also receive in return such a priceless gift to treasure.

I pray that the entire world during this Christmas season
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Poems written by Judy Lacks



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Fearless, Reckless, Dauntless and ...

Oh, by gosh, by golly! It's time for mistletoe and holly. It's time to write this folly, that must be fun and jolly. Years ago, in a fit of enthusiasm, I wrote the Christmas column for Rural Legends. As the editor says, "If you do something twice, it becomes a permanent tradition."



Rural Legends

By Management

So here we are 16 years later, and I'm quite sure I have been convinced of something that just ain't so. Now it's too late to change, so away we go!

Faux Pa is humming Christmas carols and the grandbabes are wondering when we will decorate our tree. I confess to have used an inflatable tree in the past, much to my daughter's horror. I feared I had scarred her for life until she, too, had children that chant the song that never ends, "When are we going to put the tree up? When are we going to put the tree up?" Then suddenly, the inflatable tree wasn't such a bad idea after all!

Remarkably, I did put the tree up this year the first week in November with plans to lovingly decorate the boughs. After all, the grandboys are older. I could lower the ornament line that I had arbitrarily chosen to keep tiny toddler fingers from wreaking havoc on my ornaments. But here I am just days from Christmas, and it has not happened, yet.

Like quite a few grandparents this year, we have had the opportunity to spend more time with the grandbabes. Faux Pa has rearranged his schedule to accommodate grandbabe #4's preschool schedule, and those two have bonded to the point that the youngest wants to change his name to be just like Faux Pa. It's really quite cute, but "Faux Pa" just doesn't have the same effect on a cheery little three-year-old as it

does on our senior citizen editor.

I had dubbed each of the boys with a moniker that suited their personality—Fearless, Reckless and Dauntless. When Number 4 arrived, he needed to get some size on him before his name evolved, so I called him "Nameless" as a placeholder. What I didn't know at the time was their personalities would warp and meld and blend and just plain switch. Sometimes Fearless is Reckless and Reckless is Dauntless. Dauntless is OFTEN Reckless and Fearless at the same time. I have often thought they were all Tameless and certainly not Sinless. Heedless of parental and grandparental attempts to rein in the endless Reign of Terror, the little one was Soundless as he took it all in.

Nameless was becoming Soundless, or so we thought. It seems that young Soundless has had quite a lot to say now that he has the undivided attention of two adoring grandparents. However, these two grandparents don't happen to speak Soundless-ese. And there has been so much verbosity, it has become clear that it is senseless to bestow Soundless on Nameless.

Soundless (aka Nameless) is so Reckless in his pronunciation and his vocabulary is s-less, f-less, and many other letters-less to the point

he only has a 20-letter alphabet. When he asks Faux Pa in high speed if they can "pway mutita tares," I get a phone call to see if I can interpret what the kid is saying. Nameless was determined in his attempt to get us to understand. He said the same thing to me on the phone that he told Faux Pa, in the same cadence, multiple times. His tone of voice indicated he was clearly frustrated with both of us. Hours later he lined up a few chairs and 'splained that you walk around the "tares while the mutit is pwaying. Get it, Faux Pa?"

Nameless is also Dauntless in his belief he should be able to do everything his older siblings can do. And he often does, which has resulted in road rash from being dragged down the sidewalk behind a bicycle, mashed fingers (all 5 on one hand) from thinking he was big enough to handle a shopping cart, and a couple visits to the ER for a sprained wrist from wrestling with his brothers and a concussion from falling off a kitchen stool—an impressive injury list considering he is only three. He's also quite adept at using these injuries to his advantage—just ask the girls at the bank window (who gave him TWO suckers for his mashed fingers.) He then rode this injury every day for two weeks whenever he visited the bank. I'm considering calling him Shameless. He gets by with a lot because he is always almost happy or almost always happy, but most importantly because he can look at Faux Pa with his big eyes and clearly state, "Faux Pa, I wuv you."

Many thanks to Faux Pa, Fearless, Reckless, Dauntless and Shameless for the fodder for this column!

Merry Christmas to you all!

Parry's Ponderings

Celebrate that special birthday. The one that's known as peace on Earth day. Last week I quoted Scrooge. This week I'll quote Tiny Tim, "God bless us every one".

Life's Strategic Plan

What is my life's goal? Am I going in the right direction? Do I need to change? Have you asked yourself these questions? If so, you're struggling with your life's strategic plan.

In our first careers as business consultants, we helped corporations answer these strategic plan questions. Yes, successful corporate management spend considerable time and effort in drafting strategic plans. The Bible tells us there is a plan for our life. So why not spend some time ensuring your life's strategy reflects this plan?

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11

Developing a sense of direction in life is an ongoing process. We are learning every day. Whether we acknowledge it or not, we also make mistakes every day. Our teachers, and maybe even our parents, pound into us the concept of always striving to be the best and avoiding making mistakes. However, the Bible holds we learn through our mistakes. As Winston Churchill put it, "Success is not final; failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts."

For we all stumble in many ways James 3:2

This means don't expect to have the perfect final answers to these questions. Life's journey challenges us to think, search, grow, and take risks. This is a scary thought, unless you keep in mind that God gave us this ability. He knows our imperfections, and He will help us get back on course.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5

This discussion raises the question: how does one write Life's Strategic Plan? Let us look at the six parts of your plan; prayer, vision outline, personal purpose statement, measurable actions, help needed, and plan review/measurement.

The first step and an action that must weave throughout your plan is prayer.

Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established. Proverbs 16:3

Next, outline your vision of what you want in life. Do a self-assessment and identify what you want to be when you grow up and what you'd like to change. Create a detailed picture of your desires; a new job, a better marriage, kids, college. This is your chance to paint your dream.

I can do all things through him who strengthens me. Phi-



CHERYL & DENNIS GOWIN

lipians 4:13

What=vision. Why=purpose. The whys are the reasons you want to reach your goals. The whys are what you need to return to help keep you motivated. Vision is to lose weight – the why is to get my blood pressure under control and improve my health.

Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. Habakkuk 2:2

What=vision. Why=purpose. How=actions. Now draft the blueprint for reaching your goals. The blueprint lays out the steps needed to accomplish your vision with measurable actions. For example: lose 30 pounds, to reach a healthy blood pressure, by joining Weight Watchers, and doing 20 minutes of walking each day. Taking this one step further, add dates: lose 30 pounds by December 31, join Weight Watchers by January 15, attend every weekly meeting, lose one pound a week measured every Wednesday, walk 20 minutes a day starting January 1 and add one block to walk each week.

The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to poverty. Proverbs 21:5

What=vision. Why=purpose. How=actions. Who=help. You don't have to do this alone. Find a coach or mentor who can make a commitment to support you in staying on track.

Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors, there is safety. Proverbs 11:14

Lastly, track your progress in a daily journal. Looking at your map or blueprint tells you if you are making progress or if you need to make changes. Journaling reminds you to pray and to KISS, keep things simple. Small steps are less risky but still move you in the right direction. Remember, God has a great plan for your life!

All things are possible to him who believes. Mark 9:24

Cheryl Gowin and Dennis Gowin. Call us with your feedback, comments, issues, or questions; our phone number is 434-808-2637.

Virginia Outreach News

Happy belated birthday wishes to Vivian McCargo, Drakes Branch, Dec. 20 Happy Birthday wishes to everyone celebrating a birthday this week. Dec. 24 - Herman Brown, Saxe; Vondra Robertson, Richmond Dec. 25 - K'ishawn Spencer, Drakes Branch (son of Tameka and Dwayne Freeman, grandson of Virginia and Paul Hamlett, Jr. of Saxe); Latreaa Davis, Nathalie; Joseph Willborn; Saxe; Roland Gaines, Charlotte Court House; Elnora Davis, N.C. Dec. 26 - Louis Peace, Jr.; Charlotte Court House



VIRGINIA FREEMAN

Dec. 27 - A'aliyah Spencer, Drakes Branch (daughter of Tameka and Dwayne Freeman and granddaughter of Virginia and Paul Hamlette, Jr.), Saxe

Dec. 30 - Sharon Stovall, Drakes Branch

Wishing all of you a very happy birthday and many more to come. HAPPY Birthday!

Anniversary wishes to Jamal and Jennifer Williams of N.C., Dec. 30. They have two daughters and a son. Anniversary wishes to Herman and Lorraine Brown of Saxe, Dec. 24. May the sunshine of love and happiness always bless you both, stay blessed in each other's company forever in time. Wishing you both a very happy anniversary. Have good time. HAPPY ANNIVERSARY.

Hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas. Merry Christmas wishes to Charlotte Drug, Vivian McCargo, Satoria Medical, AAA

ALL OF YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF MY READERS. I LOOK FORWARD TO WRITTING THE NEWS FOR YOU IN 2021.

Thought for the week- The biggest waste of time and energy is to keep trying to explain something to someone who doesn't want to hear it.

NEW YEAR

Year's end is neither an end nor a beginning but a going on. With all the wisdom that can instill in us, we will open the book - its pages are blank; we are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day. Drop the last year into the silent limbo of the past. Let it go for it was imperfect, and thank God that it can go. One resolution I have made. and try always to keep, is this: to rise above the little things, let go of the old year. Let's bring in the new year with peace and love. HAPPY NEW YEAR to all of you! I wish for all of you a better and brand new year of joy.

12 MONTHS IN A YEAR

I always say I have six months to mind my own business and six months to leave everyone else's business alone. Thats a whole year I have time for nothing else.

News in to me by Sun. 6 p.m. Call or text me 434-568-0243 leave me a message. vstars@kinex.net

Get well wishes to all of the sick and shut in. Hope you are all well soon and up and about enjoying the holidays. You are in our prayers for a quick recovery.

Sympathy to all of the families who lost a loved one recently. Our heartfelt prayers and good wishes go out to each of you in your time of need. May God comfort each and every heart and every home. You have our deepest sympathy.

TO EVERYONE: I WISH



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CHS Student Tori Simmons Receives Superintendent's Scholarship

LUNENBURG - Lunenburg County Public Schools Superintendent Charles Berkley was named Region 8 Superintendent of the Year, and along with that honor came the opportunity to present a student from Central High School with the Superintendent's Scholarship.

This scholarship is given to a 2020 graduate of Central

High School and Mr. Berkley and LCPS recently announced the winner was Tori Simmons.

This scholarship award, in the amount of \$500, was presented by Kenny Word of RRMM Architects and Mr. Berkley to Tori Simmons, 2020 Honor Graduate of CHS, and a 2020 graduate of the Governor's School of

Southside Virginia. Simmons is now attending Virginia Tech.

LCPS officials stated, "Congratulations to Miss Simmons upon receiving this prestigious scholarship."

Pictured left to right: Tori Simmons, Scholarship Recipient; Kenny Word of RRMM Architects; and Charles Berkley, LCPS Superintendent.



Pictured above are Delegate Roslyn Tyler, Dana Debaets, President of The Bread Box and Brianne Latimore.

Nine-Year-Old Raises \$1,700 for People in Need

SOUTHSIDE - The year 2020 will be remembered for the health crisis faced by everyone and many of the normal activities that everyone enjoys have been cancelled because of this, but a nine-year-old in the area has not let this stop her from helping people during the holiday season.

Brianne Latimore is making her mark on helping feed the hungry. She along with some very special friends provided funds for additional food boxes for the homeless in the Southside-Mecklenburg County area. She partnered with "The Bread Box" in order to make this happen.

Brianne was able to raise over her goal of \$700 and offered a special treat for each family or individual as they will receive an original handcrafted picture from "Bri's Picture Stand." Attending the event was Delegate Roslyn Tyler, Mr. Dana Debaets, President of The Bread Box, Brianne Latimore and Mayor Dean Marion (on a special conference call).

The total amount that Brianne ended up raising was a whopping \$1,700 that went toward helping people in need.

Pictured is Brianne along with Delegate Roslyn Tyler, and Dana Debaets, President of The Bread Box.



Christmas Angels

Sarah Aubel along with members of the Klassy Divas Club recently helped make a great Christmas for children as they worked to organize and put together Christmas Angels gifts.

Aubel along with Lucy Willis helps put this program together and organizes presents each year for the Kenbridge Salvation Army. The gifts are put together and kept at the Kenbridge Police Department/Kenbridge Town Hall. Kenbridge Town Manager Tony Matthews was also recognized for his help with the project.

Aubel said that she was thankful for the people that helped with presents and bought for the children as well as all the volunteers.



LCPS Rolls Out Refreshed Version of Website

LUNENBURG - Lunenburg County Public Schools continues to look for and offer new ways to keep students, parents and the community informed about the many things going on with the school system.

In recent years, there was an update on the LCPS website that gave everyone more information and an easier means of locating information. LCPS officials continue to look for continued improvements and communication so people using the website may have noticed a new look at the end of last week.

LCPS rolled out a "new, refreshed version of the website." While the overall look is similar to the old one, changes have been made to offer even easier navigation.

Some of the changes that may be noticed: There are tabs across the top of each page that will house the school calendar, PowerSchool Portals (Parent/Student, Teacher, and Admin), Parent Resources Page, Employment Page and on each individual school page, their Student Links will be the final tab.

*There are buttons under that photo gallery for each of the following--the Can-

vas Login, LCPS Technology FAQ, Internet Access Locations & Information, Meal Pick Up & Delivery Information, LCPS Parent & Student Resources for Virtual Learning, and the LCPS Back to School Plan 20-21.

In addition to this, there will be a new look for the news article section and the live feed section. Visit www.lunenburg-countyschool.org to see the changes and information.



Anthony Completes SVCC Power Line Worker Program

SOUTHSIDE - Benjamin Anthony of Kenbridge completed the Southside Virginia Community College Power Line Worker Training Program on November 18, 2020. He is a graduate of Central High School.

The 11-week program provides both classroom and hands-on training in safety, climbing techniques, electrical theory, aerial framing, rigging, operating utility service equipment and commercial driver's license training.

SVCC offers the Power Line Worker class in Blackstone, Virginia, at the Occupational/Technical Center in Pickett Park. For information, visit southside.edu/workforce.



Hall Completes SVCC Power Line Worker Program

SOUTHSIDE - Austin Hall of Kenbridge completed the Southside Virginia Community College Power Line Worker Training Program on November 18, 2020. He is a graduate of Central High School.

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LUSK AWARDED VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR: The Southside SPCA recently announced the recipient of their Volunteer of the Year award. The Southside SPCA COOLE Group Volunteer of the Year for 2020 is Katherine Lusk. Lusk was described as "a wonderful asset to the group" and was applauded for the great work that she has done.

County Officials Approve Hazard Pay Bonuses

LUNENBURG - The Lunenburg County Board of Supervisors recently voted to award hazard pay to some of the county employees. This decision took place during the December meeting of the Lunenburg officials with \$30,000 being designated for the bonuses.

Employees such as first responders, social services workers and cleaning staff would be among the county employees who could get bonus money that would reportedly be paid from a transfer of CARES Act funds.

The bonus money was determined following information from the Department of Labor's Emergency Temporary Standard on Infectious Disease Prevention with a range of bonuses from \$600 to \$100.

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Commonwealth Breaks Ground on Amelia Virginia Veterans Cemetery Expansion

AMELIA - Virginia officials recently helped celebrate the start of construction to expand the Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Amelia County, supported by a \$5.23 million grant from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) National Cemeteries Administration (NCA). The funds will be used to add 3,600 new pre-placed burial crypts at the cemetery, which is operated by the Virginia Department of Veterans Services (VDVS).

The expansion will cover approximately seven acres, enabling the cemetery to provide continued service for approximately 178,884 veterans and their eligible family members. The Governor was joined by NCA Deputy Undersecretary for Field Programs and Cemetery Operations Glenn Powers, Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs Carlos Hopkins, VDVS Commissioner John Maxwell and Director of Cemetery Services Michael Henshaw.

"More than 721,000 veterans call Virginia home, and we are committed to caring for them through every stage of their lives, which includes providing dignified final resting places," said Governor Northam. "We are grateful to the National Cemetery Administration for the

trust they place in the Commonwealth, and the guidance and support they provide our Department of Veterans Services."

The Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Amelia was the first of three state veterans cemeteries established in the Commonwealth, opening on December 1997. The cemetery encompasses 127 acres, with 28 acres currently developed. Since its dedication, more than 6,000 veterans and their dependents have been interred at the cemetery. In addition to the Virginia Vet-

erans Cemetery in Amelia, VDVS also operates the Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery in Suffolk and the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin.

"Expanding the capacity of the Virginia Veterans Cemetery aligns with our mission to honor the legacy of those who served," said Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs Carlos Hopkins. "At the end of the day, we want to do everything we can to take care of our Virginia veterans and their families."

Holly Jolly Holidays!

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Centra Offers Free Mammogram Days in 2021

FARMVILLE - Centra Southside Community Hospital is offering FREE Mammogram DAYS FOR 2021.

Free screening mammograms will be offered to women 40 years of age or older who do not have health insurance or are underinsured and have not had a mammogram in the last year.

Registration is required. No drop-ins please. To make an appointment, call 434-315-2770.

The Centra Foundation and M.A.A.M. (Mammograms Annually A Must) are partnering to provide a free day of mammography screenings. Mammograms are the best option for identifying cancer at its earliest, most treatable stages.

- Tuesday, March 16
- Tuesday, May 4
- Tuesday, June 22
- Tuesday, Aug 16
- Tuesday, Sept 28
- Tuesday, Nov 9

Town Officials in Kenbridge Release Holiday Schedule

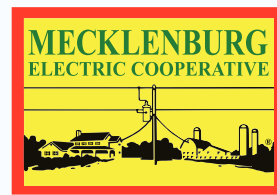
KENBRIDGE - Kenbridge officials offered a reminder for this week of the holiday schedule and trash schedule that is changing during Christmas and New Year's.

The Kenbridge Town Hall will be closed on Thursday, December 24th and Friday December 25th. There will be no Friday trash pickup during this week.

The offices will also be closed on Thursday, December 31st and Friday, January 1st. During that week there will also be no Friday trash pickup.

Town officials stated, "We hope that everyone has a great holiday and that the New Year will greet everyone healthy and safe."

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 Crowley, Tajayla Kaleah
 Diaz, Rosemary
 Elliott, Madison Alexa
 Ellis, Ava Jacqueline
 Fields, Nadeem Jenoah
 Harris, My'anna Ajee
 Jeter, Lyla Dale
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 Joyner, William Ray
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 Lee Jr, Jamel Omelique
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 Major, Kaitlyn Ann
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 Quinn, Matthew Cole
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 Richards, Emily Blake
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 Torres-Morales, Bayron
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 Wallace, Gabriel Elijah
 Wright, Hailey Marie
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 Palacios Hernandez, Alexis
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 Snead, Gunner Michael
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 Camp, Wyatt Warren
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 Cruz, Melanie Lynn
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 Joplin, Ary Jean
 Key, Christian Jhamere
 Lewis Jr, Artavius Lamont
 McKeaney, Aiden Alexander
 Meadows Jr, Travis
 Christopher
 Mendoza Leon, Marcos
 Parrish, Maxwell McCoy
 Rhodes Jr, Nicholas Jamal
 Smith, Ja'Bari Tarnell
 Walker, Tristan Tyler
 Woods, DaMirah Jahnai
 Alonzo, Mariana Ortiz
 Ashworth, Addison Claire
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 Branch, Joshua Tyler
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 Johnson, Kyla Ciara
 Jones, Shakur Trebor
 Price, Emily Bryanne
 Reese, Sen'Cear Marquial
 Snead, Karli Leighann
 Thompson, Nathaniel
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 Wilson, Charlotte Paige
 Wingold, Aiden Wayne

Womack, Dawson Reed
 Ard, Addison Rose
 Burdge, Nickolas James
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 Fabiola
 Domingo Ramirez, Mairani
 Iris
 Durham, Deacon Michael
 Emory, Kaylee Lynn
 Gabriel Reynoso, Joseph
 Daniel
 Griffin, Emma Elizabeth
 Hite Jr, Jonathan Dale
 Jeter, Abigail Allan
 Kirk, Riley Allan
 Levine III, James Earl
 Olmeda Vazquez, Franco
 Parsons, Colyn Waylon
 Previtire, Micheal Anthony
 Ramirez, Jacob David
 Upton, Taylee Rae
 White, Khalil J-Mari
 Woods, Dhamoni Jeremiah
 Bautista-Escobar, Kevyn
 Burdge, Remiah Necolle
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 Dunnavant, Brendan Leer
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 Hooton, Jane Elizabeth
 Long, Kylie Elizabeth
 Phillips, Jacey Lynn
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 Townsend, Allannah Elaine
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 Walker, Emilee Sophia
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 Clarke, Beckett Lewis
 Fletcher
 Parks, Gage Thomas
 Ashley, Trenton Cole
 Bishop, Aspen McKinlee
 Callis, Khloe Victoria
 Guill, Brooklyn Kayleigh
 Hancock, Kenlie Madison
 Hite, Audrey Dean
 Hite, Edward Reed
 Moses, Roslyn Marie
 Snead, Madison Rose
 Wallace, Mariah Amani Inez

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 James Hamlett,
 Ryder Hawthorne,
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 Madison Martin,
 Evan Powell,
 Kolby Powers,
 Jonathan Sharpe,
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 Dakota Atkins,
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 Anabel Bruce,
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R-H Looking for 2021 Hall Nominations

CHARLOTTE COURT HOUSE - While the current health pandemic and changes by Virginia Governor Ralph Northam to state restrictions has forced the 2020 Randolph-Henry Hall of Fame class to be delayed in having their official ceremony, the 2021 class is being looked at currently.

The Randolph-Henry High School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee is currently accepting nominations for the 2021 Athletic Hall of Fame Class. Nominations will be accepted until January 31, 2021. Nomination forms can be picked up in the main office at R-HHS, by visiting randolphhenryhs.rschoo-teams.com or by contacting R-H Athletic Director, Christopher Holt at holtc@ccps.k12.va.us



College Football Final Four Set

The final college football rankings were released this weekend and the Alabama Crimson Tide ranked number 1 will take on the Notre Dame Fighting Irish in one semi-final, while the Clemson Tigers ranked number 2 will take on the Ohio State Buckeyes in the other semi-final.

Notre Dame was beaten easily in the ACC Championship last weekend, while Ohio State struggled with Northwestern and only has six games played. Despite that, each of them will have a chance to play for a chance at the championship.

The College Football Playoff matches the No. 1 ranked team vs. No. 4, and No. 2 vs. No. 3 in semifinal games that rotate annually among six bowl games - the Goodyear Cotton Bowl, PlayStation Fiesta Bowl, Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl, Capital One Orange Bowl, Allstate Sugar Bowl and Rose Bowl Game presented by Capital One.

This season's Playoff Semifinals will take place Friday, January 1, 2021, at the Rose Bowl Game presented by Capital One and the Allstate Sugar Bowl.

The College Football Playoff National Championship will be Monday, January 11, 2021, at Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Gardens, Florida.

Randolph-Henry Postpones Hall of Fame Ceremony Amid New Restrictions

CHARLOTTE COURT HOUSE - Randolph-Henry Athletic Director Christopher Holt recently announced a change to the Hall of Fame festivities for the 2020 class. The Randolph-Henry HS Hall of Fame Athletic Committee has voted to postpone the scheduled induction ceremony on January 30th. Holt stated, "This is in lieu of the Governor's most recent update on restricted gatherings through the month of January."

"We will plan to recognize both the 2020 HOF Class and the 2021 HOF Class collectively at a date in the future when things are a bit more 'normal.' A detailed schedule of events will be shared at the appropriate time."

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| Kendall Carwile--Athlete | Class of 1999 Softball, Volleyball, Basketball |
| Joe Freeland--Athlete/Coach | Class of 1976 Football, Tennis |
| Charles Harding--Athlete | Class of 1959 Baseball, Football |
| Jerome Jackson--Athlete | Class of 1996 Track and Field, Basketball |
| Laverne Long--Contributor | Class of 1964 Softball, Basketball |
| Daniel McCraw--Athlete | Class of 2002 Baseball |
| Michael Parham--Athlete | Class of 1964 Football, Basketball, Baseball, Track |
| Wayne Tanner--Athlete | Class of 1958 Baseball, Football |
| Safwan Williams--Athlete | Class of 1997 Track, Football |

Eagles Announce Two Athletes to Continue Sports in College



Prince Edward County High School recently held a special celebration for two seniors who will be continuing their athletic careers after high school. The school and athletic department recognized these athletes on December 17. Amber Gillen announced that she would be attending Ferrum College in the fall of 2021 and plans to play soccer for the ODAC school. Gillen has been All-District, All-Region and a captain for the Eagles. Matt Kinne announced that he would be attending and playing baseball at Hamilton College next year. Kinne plays shortstop for the Eagles baseball team.

Final-Minute Heroics Lift The Citadel Over Longwood

FARMVILLE - If experience is the best teacher, it's not always a kind one. Saturday night in Willett Hall, a youthful Longwood men's basketball team learned another hard lesson.

Buoyed by a double-double from redshirt junior forward Hayden Brown and a combined 35 points from starting guards Fletcher Abee and Kaiden Rice, The Citadel (6-0, 0-0 SoCon) took charge in the game's final minute and dealt Longwood a heart-rending 91-89 defeat Saturday afternoon in Willett Hall.

In a matchup that was back-and-forth throughout, the Lancers (1-6, 0-2 Big South) led in the final minute after DeShaun Wade's six consecutive points gave them an 89-86 advantage, but the Bulldogs responded with a 5-0 run of their own and reclaimed the lead for good on Abee's go-ahead

three-pointer with 52 seconds to play.

Abee's trey was the last of nine lead changes that occurred in the game's final 5:31, but it was the final one the Bulldogs needed to keep intact their unbeaten start to the 2020-21 season.

"Basketball is a game of runs," said Longwood head coach Griff Aldrich. "They went on runs, we went on runs. Unfortunately we didn't have enough in the tank there at the end to hold them."

With a veteran lineup spearheaded by the redshirt junior Brown, senior Rice and graduate point guard Tyler Mofte, The Citadel's experience came through in the final minute with back-to-back defensive stops after Abee's go-ahead triple. Longwood got a player in the paint in each of their final two possessions, but two true freshmen came up empty both times as Jesper Gran-

lund's layup fell short at the 35-second mark, and Justin Hill's buzzer-beating coast-to-coast drive ended with his contested jumper hitting just off the side of the rim.

The loss was the Lancers' third straight in which they were within one possession in the game's final minute, following similarly narrow

back-to-back defeats of 67-66 and 62-53 against perennial Big South power Radford this past Monday and Tuesday.

"This team's going to be a good team, but we have to learn the lesson," said Aldrich. "And the lesson will

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continue to be taught to us until we sit down and embrace it.”

Juxtaposing The Citadel's experience was Longwood's youth, as the Lancers once again rolled out a starting lineup that featured the true freshman duo of Granlund and Hill and a bench including five first or second-year players.

Despite their inexperience,

Longwood's 12-man rotation overcame a sluggish opening half to battle back from an eight-point deficit with a season-high 51 points after halftime. However, The Citadel's first-half cushion – built largely by the literal and figurative strength of Brown, who finished with a game-high 26 points and 10 rebounds – proved too much to overcome.

Brown's production helped the Bulldogs overcome a career-high 18 points

from Hill and a career-high 20 from sophomore Leslie Nkereuwem, who finished 9-of-11 from the floor. Longwood junior guard DeShaun Wade – in his 2020-21 debut after missing the first six games with an injury – also scored 14 points, and redshirt junior point guard Juan Munoz added 13.

But Brown, who leads the Southern Conference in both scoring and rebounding, did his damage inside and out, hitting 3-of-8 three-pointers and 11-of-12 free throws, until he fouled out with 6:22 to play. That opened a welcome window for a comeback for the Lancers, who immediately opened up a 10-2 run after his departure that gave them an 80-79 lead with 5:00 to play.

However, the back-and-forth finale ultimately saw Abee, Mofe and Rice take on the leadership mantle left in Brown's absence. Longwood made just one turnover down the stretch, but it was ill-timed, as Nkereuwem was called for an illegal screen with 1:02 to play and Longwood leading 89-88. Abee's go-ahead three-pointer came on the next possession.

“The guys are learning, and it's not an all-or-nothing

situation,” Aldrich said. “We had nine turnovers in the first half and one in the second half. That's one of our biggest things we have to get better at offensively, and to the guys' credit, they really did that.”

“There's a lot of basketball left to be played, and it's a young team that's learning some valuable but extremely painful lessons. The quicker we learn them, the less painful it will be.”

McMakin, Smith Power Longwood to Third-Straight Win

FARMVILLE – Behind 31 points from Kyla McMakin and a near triple-double from Akila Smith, Longwood pulled away from Howard, 89-78, to win their third straight on Saturday night.

With the victory, Longwood (3-4, 2-0 Big South) has now bounced back from an 0-4 start in out-of-conference to win by double-digits in their last three games against quality opponents—the Bison (3-0) entered today's game unbeaten, while Radford was picked to finish second in the Big South Conference preseason poll.

Smith had a career day, scoring a career-high 20 points, while matching her career-highs in rebounds (16) and blocks (8). The Orlando, Fla. native, who set Longwood's single season block record and led the Big South with 74 rejections last season, has swatted 25 shots in her last five games, upping the ante each outing. Today's performance also marked the third career 30-point showing for McMakin, and is the second straight game where two Lancers had at least 20 points.

Anne-Hamilton LeRoy narrowly avoided making it three, scoring 19 points with a pair of assists. The sophomore poured in 13 of those points in the opening quarter, the third time the All-Big South freshman team member has scored at least 10 points in a quarter this season. Longwood floor general Tra'Dayja Smith added eight points, six assists, and eight rebounds. Seven Lancers grabbed double-digit rebounds, as Longwood held a 49-to-39 advantage on the glass. Destiny Howell led the Bison with 14 points, as Jayla Thornton added 13.

“I am really, really excited for our women,” said Longwood head coach Rebecca Tillett. “To come off of a really good performance in conference and then have to turn around and play a non-conference game is not typical, like most things have been in 2020. It was a big effort by us to continue to improve our defense. We saw that a little bit in the field goal percentage number, not quite as much in the actual number of points scored on the board, but the areas that we are looking for it to come in, it's coming. And then again, our offense was powerful, unselfish, and a lot of people found ways to be effective.”

The Lancers got out to another red hot start, grabbing a 34-23 advantage in the first quarter while shooting a blistering 12-of-21 from the field with eight assists. Longwood continues to storm out of the gates, averaging 28.3 points over their last four opening quarters. LeRoy's 13 points in the first ten minutes includ-

ed a 5-of-6 showing from the free throw line, continuing her dominance from the charity stripe—the Seneca, S.C. native entered today's game leading the Big South with a .923 free throw percentage.

In total, the Lancers dropped 51 points in the first half, the second time they have eclipsed 50 points in the first half in their past three games. Smith recorded her fifth double-double of the season in the opening two quarters alone, with 12 points, 11 rebounds, and a stifling five blocks. The junior is one of two players averaging a double-double in the Big South. Smith's huge first half performance was accompanied by two other Lancers who notched double digits in the time-frame, as McMakin added 14 points, six rebounds, and three assists, and fellow sophomore LeRoy added 15 on an efficient 4-of-5 shooting with two assists of her own, powering the Lancers to a 51-48 advantage at the break.

“I think [Kyla] was doing some things that we've been talking about in terms of finding other ways to score,” said Tillett of the reigning Big South Freshman of the Year. “You could see her really attacking the rim a little bit and bracing for contact. I think she was patient, and I thought she played really, really well tonight.”

Redshirt-freshman Adriana Shipp scored the first bucket of the third quarter, extending the Lancer lead to a game-high 15 points with 18:31 remaining. Howard rallied to pull within six points in the fourth, 78-72, but Longwood stayed cool and iced the game from the free throw line, draining 11-of-12 free throws down the stretch. The Lancers, who entered the game shooting a Big South best .800 from the charity stripe, topped that mark today, knocking down 25-of-30 attempts on Saturday.

“It feels great,” said McMakin about the team's hot offense. “It's a lot of fun and joy to be out there when everything is working for you and your teammates are hitting shots and making good plays. It's such fun basketball, and I think we really thrive when it's fun basketball and we're going out there and playing for each other and feeling that love. It's a great atmosphere.”

Longwood will have 11 days off before continuing their Big South slate, as the travel to UNC Asheville for back-to-back games on Wednesday, Dec. 30 and Thursday, Dec. 31. Play will tip off at 2 p.m. and be streamed live on ESPN+.



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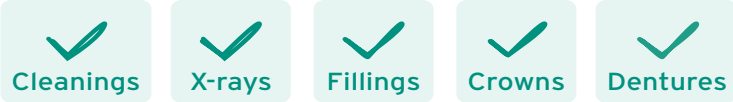
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Lake Country SPCA PET OF THE WEEK



Beckett is beautiful, loving and a hugger. To top all of that, he seems to be house-broken! He does not soil his pen. Beckett is about 2 years old and 55 lbs., perhaps an Australian Cattle Dog/Red Heeler or Shepherd mixed with a bully breed. He was at the county pound, saved from death row and transferred to LCSPCA 11/13/20 for a second chance. Won't you help Beckett complete the journey to find a forever home for the holidays? Staff say he does not get along with a lot of dogs in a shelter setting, so might be best as an only dog, but loves people and is very smart, loyal and affectionate. He is neutered, heartworm tested (negative) and vaccinated. Call (434) 374-8076, or email lakecountypca@yahoo.com. Visit the shelter Mon-Sat. from 12-4 pm at 11764 Hwy. 15, Clarksville, VA. Website is lakecountypca.org. Check out the Petfinder link to see all the pets.

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Comics **AND** Puzzles

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME

BY AL SCADUTO



GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

	-		x		25
+		x		-	
	+		x		20
x		+		x	
	x		-		17
21		17		21	

DIFFICULTY: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult

★★★ GO FIGURE!

1 1 2 3 5 6 7 8 9

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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: N equals H

WDKFWP, KNF LDTCFZ ZV

RJTTPZMX D WJK CJTF JLKFM.

NF NDV CDMP XTJRZMX AJMAFTMV.

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CODED RIDDLE

Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

Here's a copy of the alphabet to guide you:

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

XIBU EP ZPV HFU XIFO ZPV DSPTT

DISJTUNBT FWF XJUI UJFE-VQ SPQF?

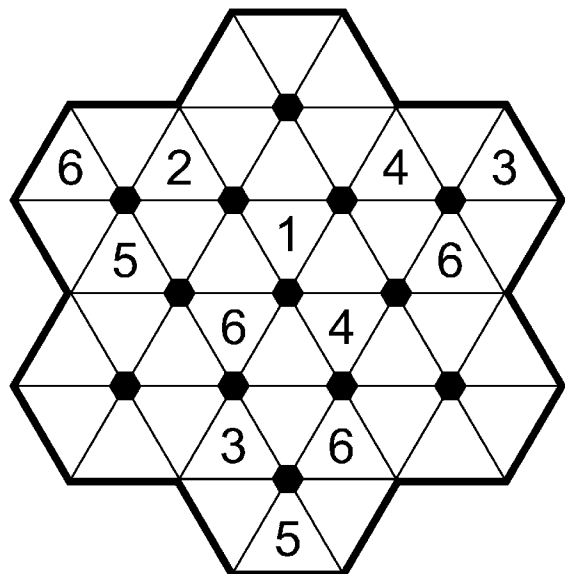
UIF LOPU CFGPSF DISJTUNBT.

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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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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.

SYWHXIBG IBDHFF MIWKYOBG

LJ D YQLNBYQH. OYBF

GBABI OLIG OYB HWKYON QEE.

- IDHJY "MLN" ZFSYBIHBF

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Americanisms



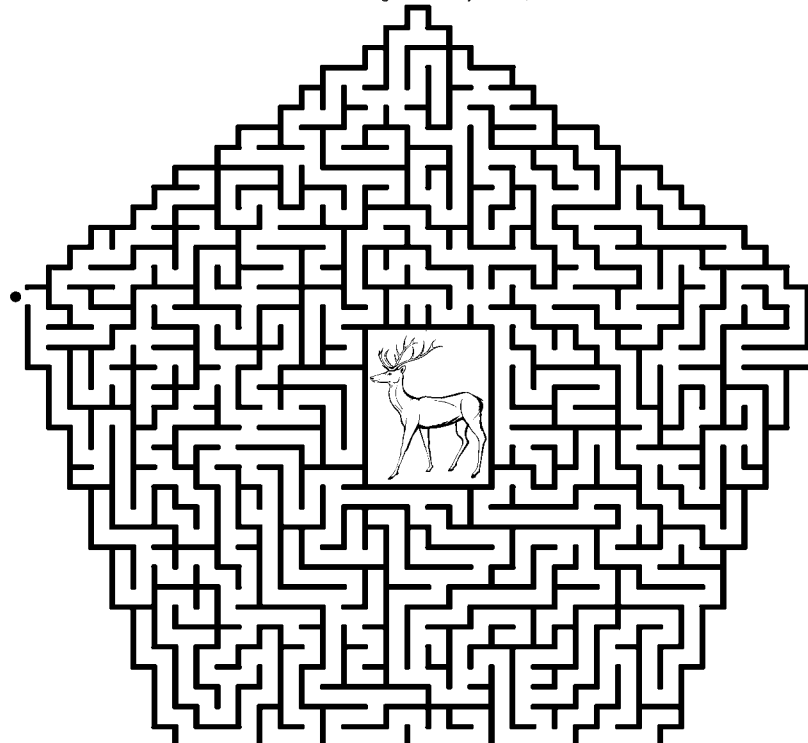
"Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful."

— Norman Vincent Peale

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Mega Maze

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

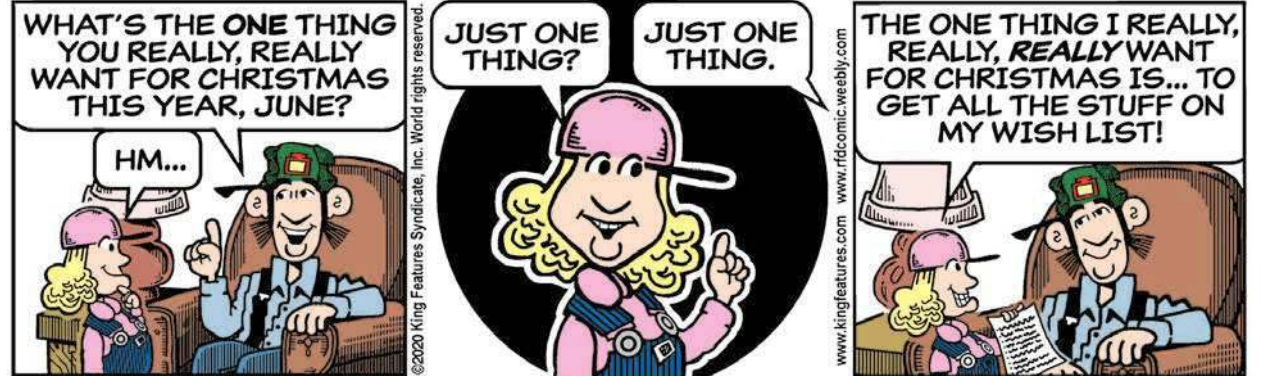
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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R.E.D. By Mike Marland

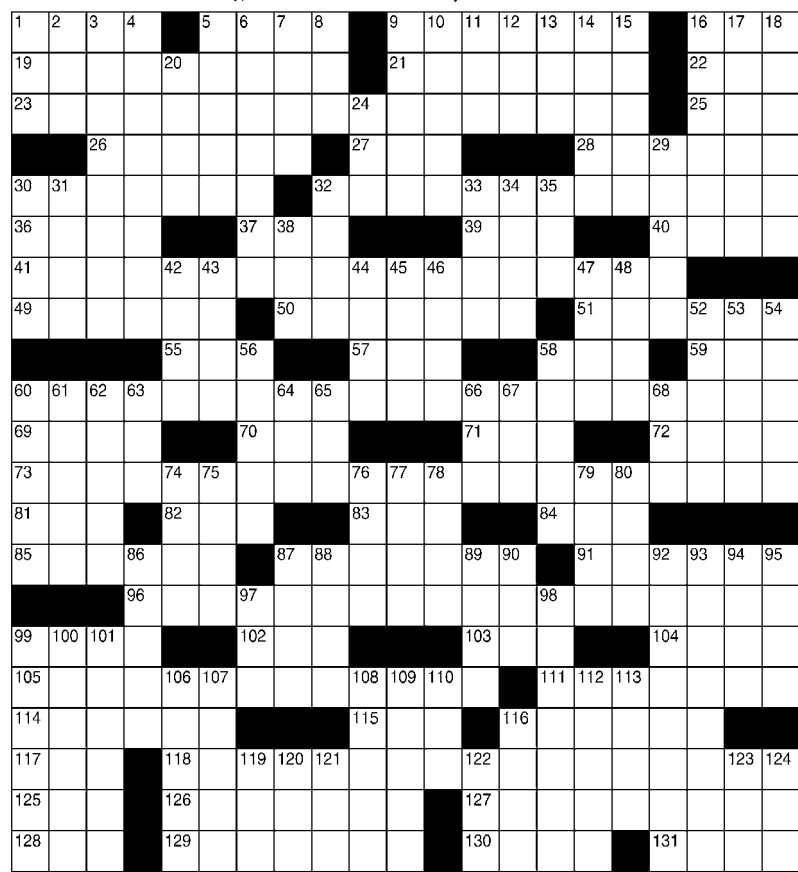


AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps

Super Crossword

EMCEE RIVALRY

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| ACROSS | 1 Moves like a dog's tail | 5 Sicilian erupter | 9 Not too swift | 16 Slack-jawed feeling | 19 Question to an unknown caller | 21 Portable grill | 22 See 38-Down | 23 Start of a riddle | 25 In favor of | 26 Downhillers, e.g. | 27 "—hawl!" (rodeo yell) | 28 Magazine agent's success | 30 Total failure | 32 Riddle, part 2 | 36 Run — (buy drinks on credit) | 37 Title for Lancelot | 39 Sleep study acronym | 40 Big vases | 41 Riddle, part 3 | 49 Cab | 50 Lovingly, to a musician | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 51 Common folks | 57 Actor Kilmer | 59 Boxer Clay, later | 60 Riddle, part 4 | 69 PC combo key | 70 Water, in Vichy | 71 A, in Italy | 72 "Zip" — "Doo-Dah" | 73 Riddle, part 5 | 81 Author | 82 Fall Classic mo. | 83 12, on a sundial | 84 Small kid | 85 Clorox, e.g. | 87 Having no | 91 Sarajevo locale | 96 Riddle, part 6 | 99 Some vipers | 102 —pah-pah | 103 Gen. Lee's side; Abbr. | 104 Half-pint | 105 End of the riddle | 111 — Stone (hieroglyphic discovery) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 114 Gretel's brother | 115 Metal source | 116 Painter's undercoat | 117 A Garshwin brother | 118 Riddle's answer | 125 Sci-fi author Stanislaw | 126 Email, e.g. | 127 Some overcrowded houses | 128 Historic span | 129 Smiled villainously | 130 See 74-Down | 131 Top of a car | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | DOWN | 1 It follows "I" in a URL | 2 "Feels so nice!" | 3 Loses one's hair | 4 Not guaranteed only to float | 5 Merman of song | 6 British prime minister | 7 Small peevish | 8 Enzyme-name suffix | 9 Transparent | 10 Dwells | 11 Shikoku sash | 12 Is no longer | 13 Here, in Le Havre | 14 Sandbar | 15 Indian language | 16 Public scandal | 17 Like Afghans | 18 Act of exiting | 20 Clic — (Bic brand) | 24 Drain-cleaning stuff | 29 Shocks | 30 Quick race | 31 Sewing case | 32 Baby buggy, to Brits | 33 Tolkien meanies | 34 Fish in a Pixar title | 35 Doctors' gp. nice!" | 38 With | 22-Across, spaced out | 42 "If — a Hammer" | 43 Mouselike animal | 44 1970s Chevy | 45 "Curses!" | 46 Shed skin or feathers | 47 Doctors' gps. | 48 Curse | 52 Resident of Riyadh | 53 Page of "Juno" | 54 Album's first half | 56 Make — in (begin working on) | 58 "Grand hotel" | 60 1983 comedy with Mr. T | 61 Gasoline additive | 62 Wading bird | 63 Sickly | 64 Label | 65 Color shade | 66 "Say again?" | 67 Rock's Brian | 68 Boat mover | 74 With | 130-Across, home of a Scottish "monster" | 75 Say again | 76 Old lovers | 77 "Say it — so!" | 78 — Field (Mets' home) | 79 Drifting sort | 80 English prep school | 86 Aides; Abbr. | 87 "Hmm, I guess so" | 88 Grandiosity | 89 In the past | 90 Magazine or book divs. | 92 Wall — (financial district employee) | 93 Nearly massless particle | 94 Lacks entity | 95 — boy!" | 97 Vie for the love of | 98 Lurches from side to side | 99 For a spell | 100 Generous type | 101 It's west of Colombia | 106 Bursts (with) | 107 Of the past | 116 Admiral Graf | 109 Like | pop flies | 110 Co.'s top dog | 112 Hall's pop partner | 113 Slightly built | 116 Admiral Graf — (German warship) | 119 Mao — -tung | 120 Sugar-name suffix | 121 Big rabbit feature | 122 Peak; Abbr. | 123 Siouan tribe member | 124 Abbr. on a bounced check |



THE SPATS By Jeff Pickering



OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



STICKELLERS INC.

by Terry Stickels

In a certain box of candy, the number of caramels is 25 percent of the number of other candies in the box.

What percentage of the entire box is the caramels?

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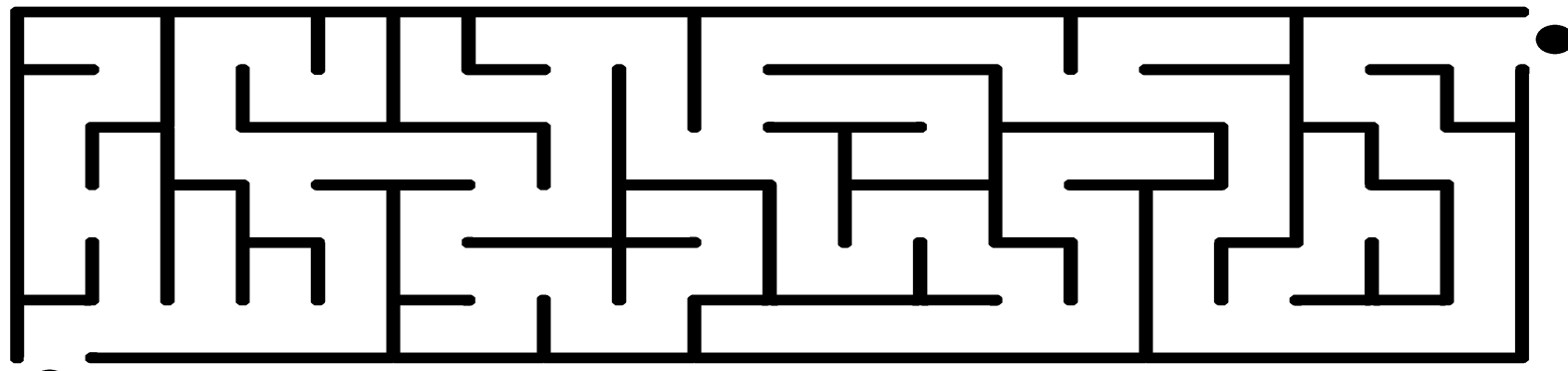


Moments in time
THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On Jan. 7, 1789, Congress sets today as the date by which states are required to choose electors for the country's first-ever presidential election. A month later, on Feb. 4, George Washington was elected president by state electors and sworn into office April 30.
- On Jan. 10, 1901, a drilling derrick at Spindletop Hill near Beaumont, Texas, produces an enormous gusher of crude oil, signaling the advent of the American oil industry. The geyser flowed at an initial rate of 100,000 barrels a day. Today, only a few oil wells still operate in the area.
- On Jan. 5, 1920, the New York Yankees announce the purchase of heavy-hitting outfielder George Herman "Babe" Ruth from the Boston Red Sox for \$125,000. Ruth had played six seasons with the Red Sox, leading them to three World Series titles.
- On Jan. 6, 1936, Porky Pig makes his world debut in a Warner Brothers cartoon, "Gold Diggers of '49." When Mel Blanc joined Warner Brothers the following year, he became the famous voice behind Porky as well as Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck, Sylvester and Tweety.
- On Jan. 8, 1966, ABC's rock and roll TV variety show "Shindig!" airs its last episode. The show had debuted in September 1964, featuring acts including the Everly Brothers, The Rolling Stones and The Beach Boys.
- On Jan. 9, 1972, a fire breaks out aboard the lavish Queen Elizabeth, and by the next morning the world's largest passenger ship lies in a wreck on the bottom of Hong Kong harbor. Launched in 1938, the Queen Elizabeth steamed across the ocean as a troop transport during World War II.
- On Jan. 4, 1999, 11 nations adopt a single currency, the euro, and "locked in" their exchange rates relative to each other and to the euro. At midnight, their currencies officially ceased to exist.

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 K I L E T I S B E W N D V L O
 H O F E N I Z A G A M O N R J
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 W M V U S R Q O N M K J I A K

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
 Unlisted clue hint: HUMOROUS ANECDOTE

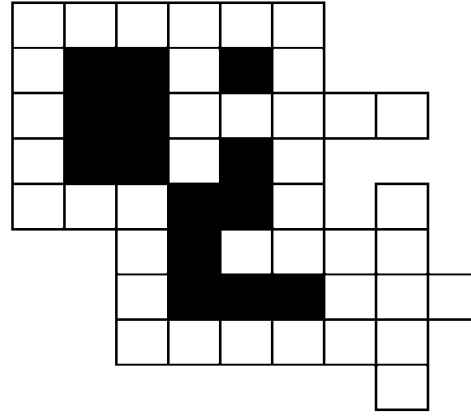
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FEAR KNOT

By: rj Johnson
 DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

- DAZ
- GRITUN
- ♥ DAMLE
- ♥ ETNA
- BAZEAL
- ♥ NBA
- UEBZ
- ♥ LADET
- ♥ NDE
- MADBAL
- ♥ GUBED
- ♥ DEAB



Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥ RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.



1. What duo released "Playboy"?
2. Who released "Easier Said Than Done" in 1963?
3. In which Stevie Nicks music video is she seen holding a baby dressed in white?
4. "Great Gig in the Sky" appeared on what album?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "Don't want your love anymore, Don't want your kisses, that's for sure, I die each time I hear this sound, Here he comes ..."

Answers

1. Pop and country duo Gene and Debbie, in 1968. Songwriter Gene Thomas also created music for numerous singers.
2. The Essex, a group of five Marines stationed at Camp LeJeune. The song went to the top of the Billboard chart, even though it was released as the b-side to their first single.
3. "Rooms on Fire," 1989. Nicks is the only woman to have been inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame twice, once as an individual singer and once as a member of the band Fleetwood Mac.
4. Pink Floyd's "The Dark Side of the Moon," in 1973. The song began as an organ instrumental.
5. "Cathy's Clown," by The Everly Brothers, in 1960. The song is odd in that it has no verses and starts with a chorus.

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1. MOVIES: In how many movies did Sean Connery play the character James Bond?
2. ADVERTISING SLOGANS: What product is touted as "the fabric of our lives"?
3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How many laps do drivers have to complete in the Indianapolis 500 race?
4. HISTORY: How many Pyramids of Giza (Egypt) were constructed?
5. MUSIC: Which pop song repeats the chorus, "Why can't you see? You belong with me"?
6. LITERATURE: What kind of novel is written in a series of letters?
7. MEASUREMENTS: How many cups are in 1 pint?
8. MYTHOLOGY: What is the home of the Greek gods?
9. ANATOMY: How much of the adult human body is made up of water?
10. GEOGRAPHY: What is the most densely populated continent on Earth?

Answers

1. Seven
2. Cotton
3. 200
4. Three
5. "You Belong With Me" by Taylor Swift
6. Epistolary
7. 2 cups
8. Olympus
9. About 60%
10. Asia

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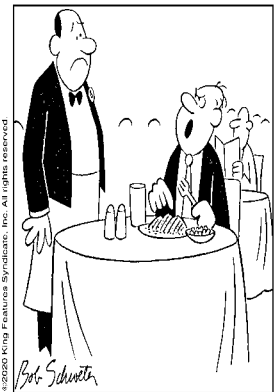
Reasons for ER Visit

1. Headaches
2. Foreign objects in body
3. Skin infections
4. Back pain
5. Cuts, contusions
6. Upper respiratory infections
7. Broken bones, sprains
8. Toothaches
9. Abdominal pain
10. Chest pain

Source: howstuffworks.com

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!



"About this dish called 'Chef's Delight' ... is there anything on the menu called '_____ Delight'?"

- Respect
GRADER
- Seek
RIVETS
- Bestow
OWNED
- Waive
FREED

TODAY'S WORD

Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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|-----------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|
| 1. Pulsation | _____ B | Toss | _____ W |
| 2. Garment pouch | ___ O _____ | Fence style | ___ I _____ |
| 3. Brood of puppies | ___ I _____ | Last mentioned | ___ A _____ |
| 4. Two scores | _____ Y | Talent | _____ E |
| 5. 90 degree angle | R _____ | Power | M _____ |
| 6. Infer | _____ E | Subtract | _____ T |
| 7. Skin | ___ L _____ | Just picked | ___ R _____ |
| 8. Like an empty page | ___ A _____ | Eye movement | ___ I _____ |
| 9. Center | M _____ | Enigma | R _____ |
| 10. Collision | ___ A _____ | Infatuation | ___ U _____ |

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Colossians 3:16

Let the **message** of **Christ dwell** among you **richly** as you **teach** and **admonish** one **another** with all **wisdom** through **psalms**, **hymns**, and **songs** in your **spirit**, **singing** to **God** with **gratitude** in your **hearts**.

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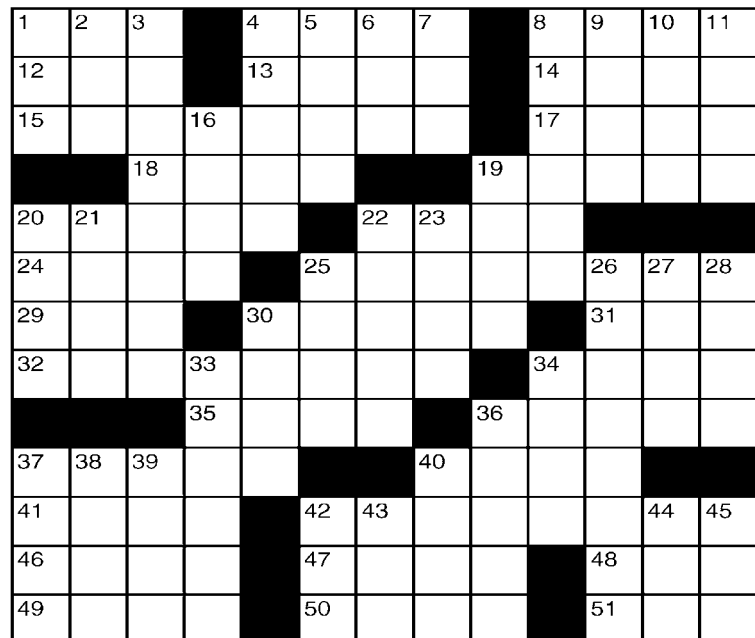
Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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King Crossword

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|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| ACROSS | 37 — Valley (California ski resort) | 10 Options list |
| 1 Doctrine | 4 Commotions | 11 Use scissors |
| 8 Mid-May honorees | 12 Cattle call | 16 Gush forth |
| 13 "Arrivederci" | 14 "So be it" | 19 Snapshots |
| 15 Wordplay specialists | 17 Hindu royal | 20 Sleeping, perhaps |
| 18 Locate | 19 Piece of cheesecake? | 21 Release |
| 20 Subsequently | 22 Reedy | 22 Cafeteria stack |
| 24 Concoct | 25 Good news for bargain hunters | 23 Greet the villain |
| 29 Bard's "always" | 30 Unrefined | 25 Motivate |
| 31 Id counterpart | 32 Ruins | 26 "— Dictionary" |
| 34 Touch | 35 Cincinnati team | 27 Chills and fever |
| 36 Gets up | 37 Bard's "always" | 28 Deteriorates |
| | 38 Unrefined | 30 Staff |
| | 39 Id counterpart | 33 In poor taste |
| | 40 Ruins | 34 "— She Sweet?" |
| | 41 Touch | 36 Strategic tricks |
| | 42 Cincinnati team | 37 Turfs |
| | 43 Gets up | 38 Resign |
| | | 39 — Major |
| | | 40 Competent |
| | | 42 Illuminated |
| | | 43 Rhyming tribute |
| | | 44 Tear |
| | | 45 Tofu base |



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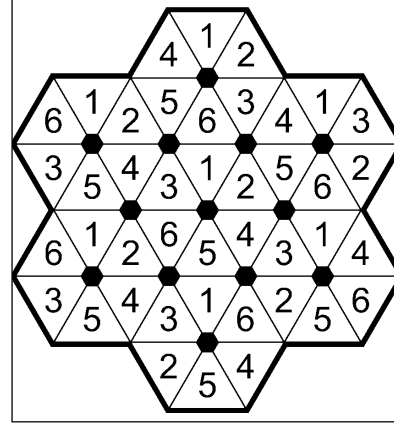
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5. **The New Mutants**(PG-13)
Maisie Williams
6. **Wander**(R)
Aaron Eckhart
7. **The Grinch**(PG)
animated
8. **Girl**(NR)
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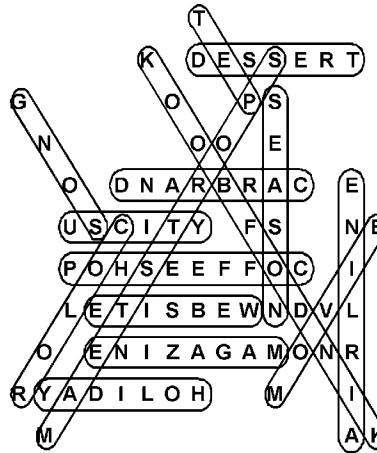
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8-Film Collection**(PG-13)
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 5. **The Lord of the Rings:
The Complete Motion
Picture Trilogy**(PG-13)
Warner Bros.
 6. **The Polar Express**(G)
Warner Bros.
 7. **Mulan**(2020)
(PG-13) Disney
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SNOWFLAKES

solution



**WHAT'S YOUR
FAVORITE — ?**



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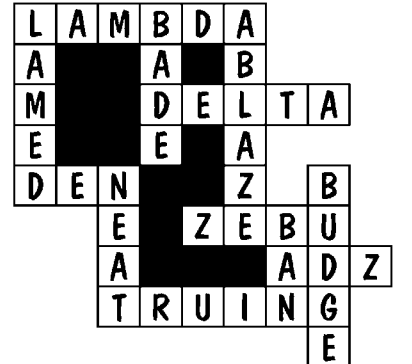
Answer

What do you get when you cross
Christmas Eve with tied-up rope?

The Knot Before Christmas.

FEAR KNOT

answer



Go Figure!

answers

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+		x		-	
1	+	9	x	2	20
x		+		x	
3	x	8	-	7	17
21		17		21	

CryptoQuote

answer

Children really brighten
up a household. They
never turn the lights off.
— Ralph "Bus" Wycherley

CryptoQuip

answer

Lately, the farmer is
worrying a lot more often.
He has many growing concerns.

Conceptis Hitori

Each puzzle consists of a square grid with
numbers appearing in all squares. The
object is to shade squares so:

1	5	3	1	2
5	4	1	3	4
3	4	3	1	5
4	4	2	3	3
2	1	5	4	4

- No number appears in a row or column more than once.
- Shaded (black) squares do not touch each other vertically or horizontally.
- When completed, all un-shaded (white) squares create a single continuous area.

1	1	1	3	4
2	4	3	5	1
1	5	4	2	5
4	3	4	5	2
4	2	1	2	3

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Santa's boots are black. 2. Building is shorter. 3. Brick pattern is different. 4. Car wheel is black. 5. Boy's coat has pocket. 6. Santa's beard is longer.

SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Regard
2. Strive;
3. Endow;
4. Defer

Today's Word
DINER'S

Super Crossword

Answers

W	A	G	S	E	T	N	A	S	L	O	W	I	S	H	A	W	E			
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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 27 mins.

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Sticklers Answer

The answer is 20 percent.

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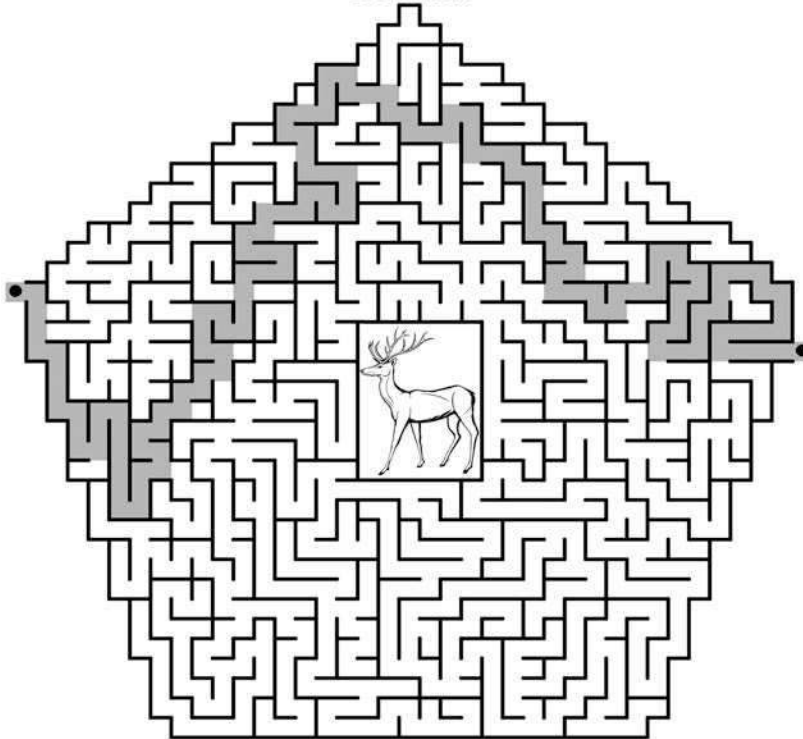
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answer

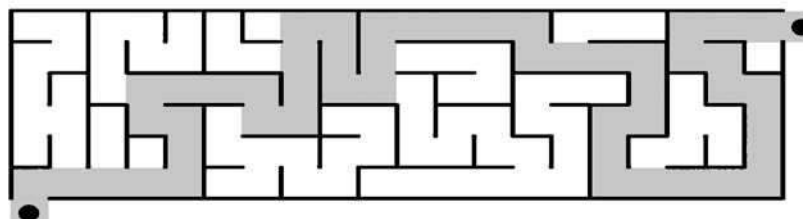
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4	2	1	2	3

Mega Maze

Solution



Kids' Maze Solution



Even Exchange

answers

1. Throb, Throw
2. Pocket, Picket
3. Litter, Latter
4. Forty, Forte
5. Right, Might
6. Deduce, Deduct
7. Flesh, Fresh
8. Blank, Blink
9. Middle, Riddle
10. Crash, Crush

Super Crossword

Answers

W	A	G	S	E	T	N	A	S	L	O	W	I	S	H	A	W	E			
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Community Calendar

ATTENTION READERS: All community calendar events are subject to change in response to the COVID-19 virus outbreak. Please use contact info to check with the below organizations before attempting to attend a meeting or event.

Community Calendar is a free service of the Southside Messenger. We welcome all groups, churches, schools and businesses to send us your events and we will publish them free of charge, as space allows. Send your event to calendars@southsidemessenger.com. Be sure to include the date, location, and time of the event, as well as any cost or fees. For-profit events will not be included in this calendar.

Meetings

- **Arc of Southern Virginia** meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 in the Leggett Auditorium at Halifax Regional Hospital in South Boston. If desired, participants may bring a bag supper or purchase a carry out supper from the hospital's Bellwood Café. For more info, call 434-222-8931.
- **Chase City Chamber of Commerce** meets the second Thursday of each month at noon in the Chamber Office.
- **Farmville Rotary Club** meets every Thursday from noon to 1:00 p.m. at Charley's Waterfront Café in Farmville.
- **Keysville Lighthouse** meets on the second Saturday at Sheldon's Restaurant in Keysville beginning at 9:30 a.m.
- **Keysville Ruritan Club** meets every third Monday in Ash Camp Baptist Church Fellowship Hall in Keysville at 6:30 p.m.
- **The Charlotte County Grays**, Sons of Confederate Veterans, meets on the third Tuesday at Sheldon's Restaurant in Keysville beginning at 6:30 p.m. Call 735-8415 or 696-2202 for info.
- **Town of Phenix Council** meetings will be held the second Tuesday of each month.
- **GFWC Charlotte County Women's Club**, a Volunteer Community Service National woman's club, meets second Tuesday of each month at Central Middle School in Charlotte Court House, 6 p.m. For info, call 547-3305.
- **American Legion Post 99 & American Legion Auxiliary Unit 99** regular monthly meeting will be held the second Monday of each month. Auxiliary will meet at 6:30 p.m. with the Post meeting at 7 p.m. Location: Sinai Road and Mallard Lane,

Halifax. For more info, call 434-476-7179 or 476-1268.

- **Lunenburg Rotary Club** meets every Tuesday (except the 5th Tuesday) 12 noon-1 p.m. Meeting is held the 1st Tuesday of the month at Mildred's Meals in Kenbridge; all other Tuesdays at Uptown Café in Victoria.
- **Charlotte County Democratic Committee** meets on the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Drakes Branch Municipal Building.
- **Jack Garland American Legion Unit 32 & Auxiliary** meets the third Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m., at the Farmville VFW Post, Main St.
- **Piedmont Area Veterans Council (PAVC)** meets the third Monday of every month at the Farmville VFW, beginning at 10:30 a.m.
- **VFW Post 7059** holds meetings the first Thursday of each month at 6 p.m., Graham Road, Farmville.
- **Heart of Virginia Classic Auto Club** meets the second Monday of each month at Merk's Place, Farmville, at 6 p.m. for dining and 7 p.m. for the meeting. New members are welcome and open to all vehicle owners.
- **Central High Museum, Inc.** located at 515 Thomas Jefferson Highway, Charlotte Court House, meeting will be held every second Thursday, 5 p.m.
- **VFW Lunenburg Post 9954 & Auxiliary** meets monthly on the second Saturday at 8 a.m. for breakfast and the fourth Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. for supper and business meeting, at 1000 Marshal St., Victoria.
- **Calling all "HAMS"** The Charlotte County Amateur Radio Club meets at Keysville Fire Station, 500 Osbourne St., the first Sunday of every month, 3 p.m. Experienced hams welcome and beginners encouraged to attend. Classes available, contact Dan (K5KHZ) at 434-210-8383 for information.
- **Lunenburg County Republican Committee** meets the first Monday of every month, January-October and December; November will be the first Tuesday, at Marion's Restaurant, Victoria, 6 p.m.
- **Charlotte County Republican Committee** meets the second Thursday of each month at the Charlotte Court House Town Office, 325 George Washington Hwy., Charlotte C.H., 7 p.m. For more information, call 434-470-0537.
- **Habitat for Humanity Charlotte County Committee** meets the third

Monday, 7 p.m., in the basement of Drakes Branch Baptist Church. For more information, call/text 434-208-0558 or email philjacksondb@gmail.com.

Support Groups

- **Cancer Support Group** meets the third Monday of every month at 5:00 p.m. at Brian's Steak House, located at 625 E. Atlantic Street in South Hill. This monthly support group is for adult patients with cancer, their families, friends, and caregivers.
- **HIV/AIDS Support "Safe Space,"** a group for individuals living with HIV/AIDS, meets on the third Thursday of every month; location is private for the privacy of our participants. For more info and meeting location, contact Marquis D. Mapp at 434-392-9461.
- **Cancer Connections** Meetings are held the third Monday of every month from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Hendrick Cancer & Rehab Center in South Hill, Va. For more info, contact Mary Hardin at 434-774-2417.
- **Domestic Violence Support Groups** Tri-County Community Action Agency hosts Support Groups on the first and third Tuesday of each month. For more info, call 434-572-1136.
- **Single & Parenting Support Group** meets each Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., at Drakes Branch Baptist Church. For more information, call Barbara at 434-568-4021 Mondays-Thursdays, 4:30-7:00 p.m.
- **Celebrate Recovery** meets every Tuesday night from 6:45-8:30 p.m., at Memorial United Methodist Church, Appomattox, in Legacy Hall, for adults age 18 and older. Childcare is available upon request. For more information, contact the church office at 434-352-5705.
- **Recovery Support Group** sponsored by NAMI Connection, for adults living with mental illness, the second Sunday of each month, 2-3:30 p.m., at Central Virginia Regional Library, 1303 W. Third St., Farmville.
- **Compulsive Eaters Anonymous-HOW** meets on Thursday mornings from 10-11 a.m. at the Farmville Presbyterian Church, 200 W. 3rd St., Farmville. For more information, contact Joan at 434-607-1576 or Debbie at 518-248-7220.
- **Online Caregiver Support Group** will meet via Zoom Meeting, for persons caring for someone with Alzheimer's or Dementia, every Thursday at 2 p.m. For more information, call Marion Kyner at 434-547-7850 or email mkyner@kinex.net.

Third Street in Farmville. For info and registration call 434-547-9637

- **Dance** at the VFW Hall, located at 1055 L.P. Bailey Highway in Halifax, will hold a dance every Friday night from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Tickets are \$25 per couple, \$15 for singles. Snacks, ice and sodas will be available for purchase. Music by D.J. Barry & June. Proceeds will go to various programs benefiting veterans.
- **Food Bank** St. Luke Church of God in Christ, located on Arvin Street in Keysville, will sponsor a food bank every fourth Saturday from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Please bring your own bags or boxes to carry your food.
- **Drakes Branch Music Hall** on Main Street will be hosting a dance every Thursday night from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. sponsored by the Drakes Branch Ladies Club. The cover charge is only \$5.00 to attend this event.
- **12-Step Biblical Program** Midway Baptist Church, 2595 Midway Rd. in Phenix, Va. will present a 12-step Biblical program - Celebrate Recovery - every Thursday Night at 6:30 p.m. For more info, contact the church at 434-376-3574. Childcare provided.
- **Prince Edward Area Meals on Wheels Fundraiser** last Wednesday of each month, 4-8 p.m. at Bojangles, Farmville.
- **TPCC Food Pantry CVFB** delivers on the third Wednesday of the month - distribution is the next day (Thursday) from 9:30-12. Regular hours of TPCC Food Bank Mon.-Thurs. 8:30-11:30 Lunenburg County residents only.
- **Women's Bible Study** each Friday at 11 a.m.-12 noon in the J. Robert Jamerson Memorial Library conference room. For more info, please call 434-352-8574.
- **Worship Service** of the Safe Haven Christian Ministries, each Sunday, 10:30 a.m., at 5150 Three Sixty Highway, Meherrin. Pastor is Rev. Gloria Eanes.
- **Community Prayer Breakfast** is held the first Tuesday of each month at Moton Museum, 7:30 a.m., in the auditorium.
- **Empowerment Bible Study** will meet first and third Thursday of each month, 5 p.m., at Morrison Grove Baptist Church, Charlotte Court House. All women and girls are welcome.
- **Millennial Caregiver Support Group** a specialty support group for caregivers of those living with Alzheimer's/Dementia, second Tuesday of the month, 7-8 p.m., beginning in August. You MUST register by calling the Alzheimer's Association at 1-800-272-3900.
- **Despite COVID-19 the COMMUNITY still NEEDS YOU!** Are you aware of the needs in your community and want to contribute to making a difference? Tri-County Community Action Agency is working tirelessly to eliminate the violence of poverty through Advocacy, Empowerment, and Self-Sufficiency, but we need your help. We are seeking volunteers for the Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault & Mentor Role Model programs. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information about the mission and ways to support, call the

Tri-County Community Action Agency at 434.404. 3455 ext. 306 Christy Harper, the Volunteer Coordinator will be glad to speak with you.

- **American Legion Accredited Veterans Service Officers** available to see veterans and their family members at the Farmville VFW on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Veteran Service Officers may be reached at 434-414-6504.
- **The Gathering Place** located at Grace Community Church, next to the Dollar General, Charlotte Court House, a non-profit café offering free snacks and drinks, a safe place to get together with friends and family to kick back and relax, free Wifi, and a playground for kids (supervision required by parent or guardian). Hours are Tuesday 9 a.m.-Noon; Wednesday and Thursday, 9 a.m.-Noon and 2-5 p.m.
- **The Competition Is On!** Come to the Gathering Place at 6 p.m. on the first and third Friday of each month for game night! Food is provided at this fun-filled family affair. The Gathering Place is located at Grace Community Church, next to the Dollar General, Charlotte Court House.
- **Beginning January 2021** Pamplin Area Legacy Supporters (PALS) in partnership with the Town of Pamplin plan to launch an art contest. This partnership will seek local area artisans and craft persons for the LOVEWorks contest. For general information, visit www.virginia.org/love/. For more information about the Pamplin City project please email palsloveworks2021@gmail.com.

Blood Drives

- **King Street Church**, 150 King Street, Keysville, will be holding a blood drive on Monday, December 28, 2-6:30 p.m.
- **Liberty Baptist Church**, 1709 Church Street, Appomattox, will be holding a blood drive on Monday, December 28, 12-6 p.m.
- **St. John's Lutheran Church**, 1301 Milwood Road, Farmville, will be holding a blood drive on Tuesday, December 29, 1-6 p.m. (Only prescheduled appointments will be honored. No walk-ins at this time).
- **Drakes Branch Municipal Building**, 4818 North Main Street, Drakes Branch, will be holding a blood drive on Thursday, February 18, 1-6 p.m.

Events

- Thursday, December 24**
- **Drive-By Christmas Toy Drive** sponsored by Carl U. Eggleston Foundation, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Prince Edward Elk's Lodge #269 parking lot. This event is for children ages 4-12. Masks are required and no walk-ups.
- Tuesday, February 2**
- **Register Now for "2021 Virtual Beginner Beekeeping Class,"** presented by Heart of Virginia Beekeepers. For details, the time of the class, and to receive the link to the class, email: tommyanelson@gmail.com.

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Ongoing Events

- **AWAG Shuttle** Sign-up Every Tuesday AWAG (Animal Welfare Action Group) will be at the J. Robert Jamerson Memorial Library from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. For more info, call the library at 434-352-5340.
- **Breastfeeding Class** Centra Southside Community Hospital in Farmville will be holding a breastfeeding class on the first Tuesday of the month from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Quad Conference Room at Centra Southside Community Hospital,

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