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This Week in the House of Delegates

For the week ending Jan. 19, 2024



Members of the House of Delegates gather on Jan. 16, 2024. WV Legislative Photography. Photo by Perry Bennett.

Members of the West Virginia House of Delegates passed four bills in the first full week of the regular legislative session.

House Bill 4190 would direct the Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety to create a statewide "Purple Alert Plan" for cognitively impaired, at-risk individuals who go missing. The framework would be similar to existing Amber Alert and Silver Alert programs. House Bill 4252 would close a gap in the current law related to Domestic Violence Protective Orders. It would create a mechanism for West Virginia law enforcement officers to be able to recognize and enforce a Canadian Domestic Violence Protective Order.

House Bill 4274 continues the work that began last year in the separation of the former West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources. It would restructure state code to reflect the newly reorganized and renamed Department of Health, Department of Human Services and Department of Health Facilities. House Bill 4433

would allow private practices to acquire and use certain tomography scanners as well as allowing mobile facilities to perform mammography and low-dose tomography both without going through the state's certificate of need process.

Delegate Heather Tully, R-Nicholas, is vice chair of the House Health and Human Resources Committee and a sponsor of the bill. She spoke in favor of it just before the vote, saying increased access to scans for lung and breast cancers saves lives.

"This does bring health care into the rural communities, and even though we do have a hospital, we still have individuals who are not willing or do not have transportation to get to the hospital," she said.

All four measures passed unanimously and now are with the Senate for debate.

The week started with newly appointed Delegate Thomas C. Clark, R-Webster, taking the oath of office to represent the 48th House District just before the day's floor session.

House Majority Leader Eric Householder,

R-Berkeley, announced new leadership roles for two members this week. Delegate Jon Paul Hott, R-Grant, has been named an Assistant Majority Leader, serving in that role with Dean Jeffries, R-Kanawha, and Laura Kimble, R-Harrison. Delegate Jonathan Pinson, R-Mason, has been tapped to serve as a Deputy Majority Whip, alongside Delegate Chris Pritt, R-Kanawha.

"The hard work of thoroughly deliberating important bills while efficiently managing our time began last session as members of the House rolled up their sleeves to perform the work the people of West Virginia sent us here to do," Householder said. "That level of organization is only possible with a well-organized leadership structure that helps coordinate each of the many pieces that make up a Legislature and a legislative session."

A total of 936 bills have been introduced in the House, and the deadline for bills to be introduced is Feb. 13. The 60-day, regular legislative session ends at midnight Saturday, March 9.

Sen. Manchin announces \$18.5M for clean school bus programs across West Virginia

Earlier this month, U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) member of the Senate Appropriations Committee and Chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, announced \$18,560,000

from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for GreenPower of West Virginia. The funding is made possible through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and will support the Clean

School Bus Program in Cabell, Clay, Calhoun, Kanawha, Mineral, Monongalia, Harrison, Grant, and Lewis Counties.

"I am pleased that the EPA is invest- BUS cont. on page 6



Braves basketball team gets new uniforms

Big Otter Braves Youth Basketball Team says thank you to the Civil Military Innovation Institute (CMI2) and Cunningham Motors for helping sponsor team uniforms!

WVDOH accepts I-77 paving project bids

A project to pave a five-mile section of Interstate 77 between Fairplain and Ripley Road is among 25 construction projects included in a bid letting conducted by the West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) on Tuesday, Jan. 9.

Area projects in the January 9 bid letting include:

Chapel Road Slide #2 slide repair and piling wall. (Braxton County)

WV 62 paving, Cross Lanes to Rock Branch. (Kanawha and Putnam counties)

District 3 road striping and pavement markings. (Calhoun, Jackson, Ritchie, and Roane counties)

Roadway striping and pavement markings. (Boone, Clay, Kanawha, and Mason counties)

Roadway striping and pavement markings. (Calhoun, Jackson, Wirt, and Wood counties)

Several factors are considered before awarding a bid, including whether a bid falls above or below the WVDOH Engineer's Estimate and by what percentage. In cases where a bid is above the Engineer's Estimate, WVDOH must consider the project need, repercussions of not awarding the project, additional funding sources, and whether sufficient reasons exist for the differences

in estimates. Most projects are reviewed, analyzed, and awarded within a week of the bid letting, but the process can take longer.

When the Division of Highways has a project that is determined to be best constructed by a contractor, it is processed through the bid letting system. A letting is a scheduled opportunity for contractors to review and bid on several construction projects at one time. Lettings are held either once or twice per month and conducted through the Bid Ex-

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Lady Panthers fall to the Lady Eagles



Olivia Witt looking for a lane. Allen Hamrick photo. See Lady Panthers, Page 8

BOOKED



REGIONAL JAIL MUGSHOTS

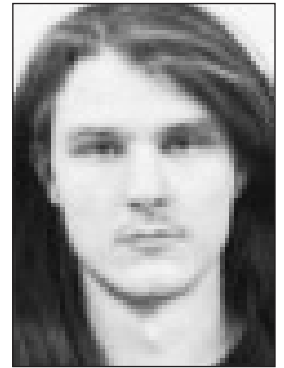
BRAXTON COUNTY



Amy Beth Dorsey
Booked 1/16/24
Violation of protective order

Everette Kurtis Meadows
Booked 1/18/24
Grand larceny

CLAY COUNTY



Deanna Louise Foster
Booked 1/19/24
Capias, possession of controlled substance, obstructing an officer

Christopher Scott Lively
Booked 1/21/24
Capias (family court)

Morgan McCormick
Booked 1/22/24
Possession with intent, receive/transfer stolen property, possession of controlled substance with intent to deliver

Ryan Alan Stone
Booked 1/22/24
Receive/transfer stolen property, possession of marijuana, possession of controlled substance

PUBLIC NOTICES

The Clay County Middle School afterschool program is still seeking donated sewing machines. If you have a working portable sewing machine that you no longer need and would like to donate to a beginning sewist, please drop it off at the Clay County Library earmarked for the CCMS sewing class.

The manual would be great to have with the machine. Please, include your contact information. In the case that the class is too small for the number of machines that may be donated, leave a note saying what you want done with it.

Thank you in advance for your support!

The Clay County WIC office located at 452 Main Street in Clay is open to serve the public every Monday and Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Matthew Stephen Nichols
Booked 1/21/24
Capias (family court)



Amy Jo Rogers
Booked 1/21/24
Capias (family court)



Jamie Cecil Rose
Booked 1/21/24
Capias (family court)



Russell Lee Wartenburg
Booked 1/22/24
Receive/transfer stolen property (no photo)

Puzzle Answers

Super Crossword

Answers

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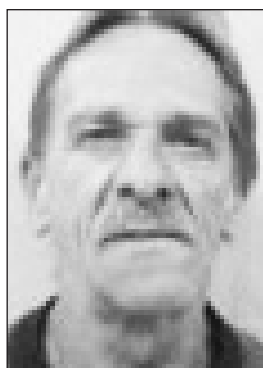
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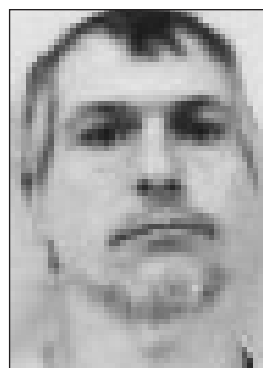
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Home Country*By: Slim Randles*

Almost all of us know how to pronounce pandemic now, and we have a pretty good idea of what it means since everyone we know spent more than a year under virtual house arrest.

But that didn't help Billy much. Billy's our town dog, of course. He's been our town dog since Sally passed away on Doc's porch, and Billy's owner died two weeks later. Sometimes an honored position doesn't require an election.

Billy took right to it. He made his daily rounds to the back door of the Chinese restaurant and the Mule Barn coffee shop. He drifted over to the Rest of Your Life retirement home often to give the old folks another reason to enjoy life.

And there was his job, too. Every weekday morning Billy was on duty at the street crossing where the kids

went to school. Martin, the crossing guard, was always there with his vest and his sign, and Billy was the official cross-the-street escort.

But when the pandemic hit, the kids were suddenly home schooled and Martin stayed home as well. This threw a big monkey wrench into Billy's gear box.

So about once a week, a bunch of us masked coffee drinkers would go to the school intersection and stand there until Billy showed up. He'd look both ways and take us across the street, and then continue on his daily rounds.

Just because we're in a pandemic doesn't mean we can't do our job.

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My Son*By: Joseph J. Mazzella*

I was 21 years old sitting in a hospital waiting room trying to keep my fear down. My wife was pregnant, but our son was three weeks past due and now complications had forced them to do an emergency c-section. I didn't know if my wife or son was going to survive. After a long time, though, they brought my boy out healthy and breathing. I felt my fear flee and my heart expand with a joy I had never known before. I sighed and thanked God for my baby boy.

Three years later I was sitting in a parked car holding my crying wife. Our son's language was delayed and his behavior didn't seem normal. We had taken him to a specialist who told us he was most likely mentally handicapped. The whole world seemed to have collapsed around us. I didn't know what to do or what would become of my son. I could only cry as I drove us home.

As the years passed, however, I accepted my son for who he was. And I began to see just what a blessing from God he was not just to his mother and me but to the whole world. He had a gentleness about

him. He laughed easily. He handed out hugs and love unconditionally. He did begin to speak and although he never talked about anything complicated, he became quite the master at small talk. He touched the hearts of just about everyone he met. His mom, me, his sister, his little brother, his school aide, his teachers, his fellow students both in his special education classroom and in the regular school all loved him and the simple joy he shared. He became manager for the football and girls basketball teams. He lifted the spirits of the coaches and players alike. And when he finally graduated high school I got him a job at a sheltered workshop so he could continue to touch more hearts with his beautiful soul.

Yes, my first born son may be limited in the eyes of the world but he is limitless in the eyes of God. He has shared more love, joy, laughter, and light in this world than I ever could. And if I had one wish it would be that everyone could love as freely and happily as he does. May we always embrace the "special" teachers of love in this world. They are God's

**THE BAPTIST CLASSROOM***Pastor Doug Newell, IV***The Ancient Landmark**

Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set» Proverbs 22:28.

I lived in the Tar Heel state for about five years, in a quiet part of the county, just off the main road. Not long after we moved in, I saw our neighbor digging holes about six feet into our yard. He was planting some big shrubs for a privacy fence, but where none of the plants took up any space in his yard. I asked him if he realized he would be taking a lot of my already small piece of property, and he said, Whats a few feet among neighbors We eventually worked it out (when he dug up his shrubs). I had the property surveyed, and it turned out that the previous owner of the home had done the same thing and had even built a shed that split the property line.

The Proverb says not to remove the ancient landmark. Don't move the property line that's been there for ages for your advantage, as if your desires now take precedence

over what has been established and settled. Those landmarks were set up as a settled and fixed reference point.

Generations come and go, but that landmark is supposed to stand. King Ahab offered a tidy sum for Naboth's vineyard and Naboth's no was an emphatic one.

The LORD forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee» 1 Kings 21:3.

Ahab wanted the land because it was valuable and near his capital. When the inheritance was taken in the conquest, there was no king in Israel, no capital city, but a lot had happened in the 500 years. Times changed and the value of the land changed, but the landmark had not.

For the Jewish people, their land was passed down as the inheritance God gave them. It was not something to be trifled with or thought little of. God's law granted property rights. The command not to steal has a flip

side—you have the right to keep what's yours. Your neighbor doesn't even have the right to look at what you have and wish it was his (Exodus 20:15; 17). People who advocate for open borders, strangely enough, often live far away from the border they want to erase. Some landmarks are more valuable than others in an unjust society.

Last year, I went to Washington, D.C., and saw the White House from afar. I couldn't get too close. A big fence surrounded it with armed guards to mark and protect the property. The "what's the big deal about property lines" crowd always seems to be the one encroaching on others, not losing out.

Moving landmarks is a sin against the property owner and the future generations, who are the losers from one person's greed and envy. It's a sin against a society that destroys one of the basic fundamentals of individual happiness, to be able to live peaceably and steward what you've received from the Lord.

I'm Not Diabetic But I Am A Sweet Guy*By: Dr. James Snyder*

Lately, I've been very tired. Which has nothing at all to do with my age. Rather, it has everything to do with all these spam calls I get every day.

It seems most spam calls come during lunchtime when I'm eating. How dare they?

I don't know who created this idea of spam calls, but I would like five minutes alone with them. If you know what I mean.

For me, it began with my expired car warranty. I would get calls daily telling me that my car warranty had expired and that I could remedy that situation by signing up with their warranty program. They have everything I need, so they say. What I really need is an Apple Fritter. Nobody's ever offered me that.

One thing they did not have was my fist in their nose. But that's another story.

Finally, I responded to their calls by telling them that I had a 1915 Ford Model T, with only 896,000 miles on it. I had so many clicks following this that I couldn't count them. Thanks Henry Ford.

The in-person calls are annoying, but it is the recorded calls that I just don't like.

I've been getting recorded calls saying that two years ago I had an accident and they would be glad to help me get the money I deserve. If I had an accident two years ago, I must've been asleep at the wheel.

Companies that call me with a recorded message will never get my business.

Then there are those Medicare calls wanting to upgrade my coverage at no cost to me.

One of the first things they want to know is my age.

I get so sick and tired of this that after a while I came up with my story.

"So, how old are you sir?"

My response, "Well, I tell you, that is a difficult answer because every year my age

changes, and I get confused, and I can't keep up with my actual age."

There's a chuckle on the other end of the line and the person says, "So, when is your birthday?"

Again, my response is, "Well, my birthday is the day I celebrate being born."

I sense a little frustration on the other line, and then they say, "Tell me what day your birthday is on."

"Well, one year it's on a Tuesday, and the next year it's on a Thursday, and then it's on a Saturday, and boy, I can't keep up with it."

Finally, I hear what I've been waiting for: a click from the other end of the line.

I don't think my age or birthday is anybody's business but mine. If I want somebody to know that information, I'll call them myself. When somebody I don't know calls me and asks for personal information, I will not cooperate. If these spam callers act foolish, I will reciprocate and act foolish to them. I'm a good actor, so says The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage.

I'm often confused when someone calls me and wants me to tell them when they can deliver some medical equipment that will not cost me anything. It will be absolutely free.

Of course, if I want some medical equipment, I'm going to go through my doctor. After all, that's why I pay him all that money.

I would like to know how much money these spammers make doing the kind of job they do. They must be making money, or they wouldn't always be calling. Where do they get the money, and who in the world would be foolish enough to give them personal information?

One person asked for my Social Security number, so I gave him 123-45-6789. That has to be somebody's security num-

ber, but it certainly isn't mine.

Then the latest thing is that some spammer calls me and tells me that they are sending me some medical equipment to help me with my diabetes. And (drumroll) it won't cost me anything. I know when somebody says it's not costing me anything, it will definitely cost me something.

"So, sir," the spammer said, "do you have diabetes?"

Why in the world do they call me thinking I have diabetes? Where are they getting that information? I know they haven't talked to my doctor about it.

Then I had an idea. The next time a spammer called me and asked if I had diabetes, I said, "I'm not diabetic, but I am a sweet guy."

After doing that several times, one person angrily said, "Are you hitting on me?"

"No," I said, "but I sure would like to hit you."

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage often tells me not to answer any of those calls. I explain to her I need to have fun and make it hard on some of these scammers. After all, don't you get what you give?

There was a pause in those annoying calls and I had an opportunity to think about a Bible verse.

David said in Psalm 18:3, "I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies."

My thought was, no call from me could ever annoy God. He is waiting for me to call upon him. Whenever I call upon God, He is anxious to respond to my need. God doesn't look on me as a spammer, but a claimer of His amazing grace.

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THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History

The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to *WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia* at www.wvencyclopedia.org.

Jan. 24, 1968: Mary Lou Retton was born in Fairmont. She made history at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles when, at 16, she became the first American woman ever to win a gold medal in gymnastics and the first native West Virginia woman to win a gold medal in Olympic competition.

Jan. 25, 1814: Francis Harrison Pierpont was born near Morgantown. On June 20, 1861, Pierpont was unanimously elected as governor of the unionist Reorganized State of Virginia, which sat at Wheeling until West Virginia entered the Union two years later.

Jan. 25, 1878: Activist Lenna Lowe Yost was born in Basnettville in Marion County. She held key leadership roles in the woman's suffrage and temperance movements.

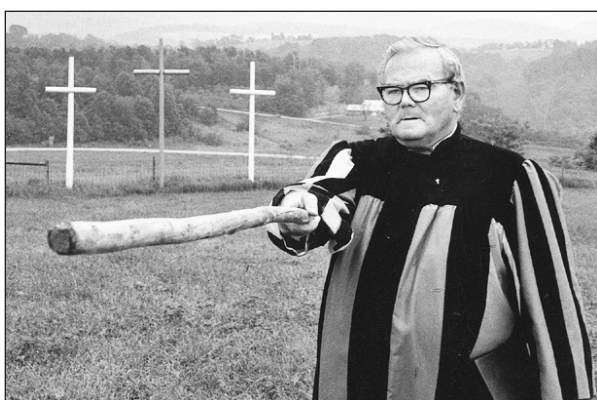
Jan. 25, 1889: Anna Johnson Gates was born in Kanawha County. The state's first female state legislator, Gates was elected to the House of Delegates in 1922 and served a single term.

Jan. 26, 1850: Wyoming County was formed by the Virginia General Assembly from part of Logan County.

Jan. 26, 1960: Burnsville High School basketball player Danny Heater scored 135 points in a varsity game against Widen, setting a



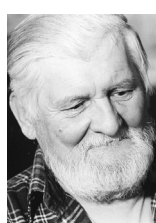
*U.S.E.O. Hunt, W. Va.
Jan. 28, 1937
Huntington, W. Va.
15th St. & 4th Ave.*



national record. Heater went on to receive an academic scholarship to attend the University of Richmond.

Jan. 27, 1925: Bernard L. Coffindaffer was born in Nicholas County. In the 1980s and 1990s, Coffindaffer erected clusters of crosses along the highways of West Virginia and much of the Southeast.

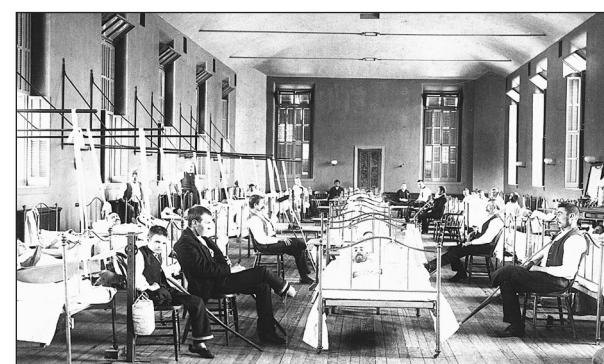
Jan. 27., 1933: Folk artist George Connard Wolfe was born in Standard, Kanawha County. A self-trained sculptor, he made his own tools from automobile leaf springs and engine valves and worked in stone and



wood.

Jan. 27-28, 1998: Flat Top on the Mercer-Raleigh county line received a record snowfall of 35 inches in a 24-hour period.

Jan. 28, 1902: Miners Hospital No. One opened at Welch, with a young Dr. Henry



Hatfield as president.

The legislature had passed a law requiring state hospitals for those engaged in dangerous occupations, and eventually three hospitals for miners were built in different sections of the state.

Jan. 28, 1937: In a flood that drove a million Ohio Valley residents from their homes, the Ohio River crested at Huntington at 69.45 feet, more than 19 feet above flood stage.

By the time the water receded, five people were dead, and the city was in ruins. Parkersburg, Ravenswood and Point Pleasant also were badly damaged.

Jan. 29, 1903: The great rhododendron was designated the official state flower of West Virginia, after being recommended by the governor and voted on by public school schools.

Jan. 30, 1818: Nicholas County was created by the Virginia legislature from parts of Greenbrier, Kanawha and Randolph counties. The county was named for Wilson Cary Nicholas, a Virginia governor and U.S. senator who lived from 1761 to 1820.

Jan. 30, 1895: Mingo County was created from the southern part of Logan County.

Super Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Grappler, backwoods-style
- 8 Skylit courts
- 13 Astronaut Wally
- 20 "The Stranger Beside Me" true-crime writer
- 21 Flowers in the iris family
- 22 Some sweatshirts
- 23 Swift warship for law enforcement?
- 25 Finales
- 26 Makes mother's milk
- 27 Comic Radner
- 29 "How about that!"
- 30 Lugosi of "The Raven"
- 33 Hefty books
- 34 Defectively built flat-bottomed boat?
- 36 Pumpkin's color
- 38 Resident of Tehran
- 40 Makes a choice
- 41 Light, speedy boat transporting Oreos?
- 45 Just barely

- 48 Indian state known for silk
- 49 United
- 50 In a smoothly elegant way
- 53 Neon, e.g.
- 56 French mime master
- 59 High-sterned ship orbiting Earth?
- 61 "Brooklyn Nine-Nine" star Andy
- 65 Central Canadian tribe members
- 67 Upscale hotel
- 68 Small combo
- 69 Discovering a sharp-bowed rowboat?
- 74 Safe, at sea
- 75 Do a tally of
- 77 "Get what I'm sayin', man?"
- 78 Zealous
- 80 Paint a passenger ship?
- 83 Soapmaking solution
- 86 Auditing org.
- 87 Message on a tombstone
- 89 Kabuki sash
- 90 Enthusiasm
- 95 Prison, in London

- 96 Very fast ship decorated with shrubbery?
- 99 Coll. reunion attendee
- 102 Father Sarducci of old 3-Down
- 104 Quick-witted
- 105 Racing boat with lots of mollusks attached?
- 109 Fill with joy
- 113 Lyric verses
- 114 Billiards stick
- 115 They make up molecules
- 116 Abstruse
- 118 Reproductive organs
- 120 Sub-sinking ship full of aquariums?
- 125 Lay aside
- 126 Bert's pal
- 127 Introductions
- 128 In clothes
- 129 Actors O'Neal and Reynolds
- 130 Says "OK"

DOWN

- 1 Jay-Z's music
- 2 Year, in Portugal
- 3 NBC skit show, in brief
- 4 Indian Ocean island nation
- 5 — Brasi (role in "The Godfather")

- 6 One voted in
- 7 Book page opposite a verso
- 8 Severe
- 9 Samples something
- 10 Singer Diana
- 11 With 13-Down, thick glacial mass along a polar shore
- 12 BB shooter
- 13 See 11-Down
- 14 Magazine publisher Nast
- 15 Wannabe surfer
- 16 Exiled Amin
- 17 Key into a cash register
- 18 Acting king
- 19 Good traits
- 24 He-sheep
- 28 "— may be so bold ..."
- 30 — Raton
- 31 Lovers' deity
- 32 Neighbor of Thailand
- 34 Clayey fertilizer
- 35 Herd of seals
- 37 "— a break!"
- 39 Gave a new interior design to
- 42 Welsh canine
- 43 Mom's bro
- 44 Ball supporter

- 45 Org. for cavity fillers
- 46 Doc's warm treatment
- 47 "For" votes
- 51 Like thrift store goods
- 52 — facto
- 53 Sly deception
- 54 Prices to play
- 55 Variety of trapshooting
- 57 Spot's noise
- 58 Etching liquid
- 60 Husband of Eva Perón
- 61 Actress Keanan
- 62 Enthusiasm
- 63 Gold-fancying king
- 64 Boxers' event
- 66 Waffle brand
- 70 No, to Nikita
- 71 Torres with 12 Olympic swimming medals
- 72 Antique item
- 73 "Hooray!"
- 76 "Guilty" or "not guilty"
- 79 Onetime TV host Philbin
- 81 Debut on Wall St.
- 82 Zippo
- 84 Woofing pet
- 85 Actor Vigoda
- 88 Olympic skier Mahre

- 91 Meeting building regulations
- 92 Tater
- 93 Head, in Metz
- 94 Mining strikes
- 95 Big inits. in SUVs
- 97 Certain deer leather
- 98 Hamlet's duel opponent
- 99 Peace treaty
- 100 Shutter piece
- 101 Fidgetiness
- 102 Valuable rock
- 103 Long, loose outerwear
- 106 Nitpickers split them
- 107 Olympic skier Mahre
- 108 Sprayed, with "down"
- 110 Mining strikes
- 111 Downed
- 112 Electric car producer
- 116 Sicilian resort city
- 117 Investments for later yrs.
- 119 Home: Abbr.
- 121 Suffix with budget
- 122 — and yang
- 123 Doc for head colds
- 124 Blog feed format inits.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
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THE WIDEN NEWS



The people who think alike should vote alike.

"DUNDON" RED ASH COAL

Where all think alike, no one thinks very much.

November 1957

Widen Girl's Husband Is Professor at T. U.

Friends of the A. S. ("Shorty") Richardson's of Widen, will be interested in the following story written by a member of the University of Tulsa Newspaper, and sent to Widen News at the request of Ye Ole Ed. Miss Whitechurch also wrote a personal opinion that, "unofficially, as a member of the student body and of Dr. Combs' class, he has really been 'well received,' a pretty formal term that merely means the students are wild about him. He is one of the nicest men I have yet to meet . . . and I think my opinion is shared by a great number of people on the campus. From test results for the first six weeks, he is evidently getting psychology across to his classes, too." Here follows her formal write-up in the Tulsa paper.

By Jo Whitechurch
Of University Of Tulsa

The first blind student to receive a Ph.D. from the University of Oklahoma has become the first member of the University of Tulsa faculty with such a handicap.

He is Dr. William F. Combs, a visiting assistant professor this year in the psychology department, Dr. and Mrs. Combs came to Oklahoma from the University of West Virginia where both received bachelor's degrees in psychology and Combs earned his master's.

An accident when Combs was 9 years old interrupted his education and cost him his eyesight when he was 13. He soon found himself back in the first grade at the West Virginia school for the blind where he finished the 6th grade before that academic year was over.

The doctor, an amiable young man with a quick, warm smile, is assisted outside the classroom by his equally charming wife. Mrs. Combs doubles as secretary and reader for her husband, but while in class, Combs relies on braille notes.

The students enrolled with Dr. Combs sign in before class begins. Tests are visually supervised by his assistant. The Combs work together in compiling test questions and when writing his notes in braille.

Combs is especially interested in the problems of the blind as affected by social and physical conditions, for they parallel those confronting physically normal people in certain times of stress

Japanese Masonic Symbols Presented



One of the important gestures of friendship made in mid-summer at Strange Creek Lodge No. 130, A. F. and A. M., was that of M-Sgt. William Woodroe Patton, recently returned from C.I.T. duty on Okinawa, to Past Master of the Lodge, Flavy Baughman, a foreman in the electric shop in Widen. Mr. Patton, who received his thirty second degree while on Okinawa at the request of the Charleston Consistory, brought home with him from the Lodges of the Orient of Japan, a beautiful, ebony wood, lacquered set of the working tools of a Mason as an expression of his appreciation for Mr. Baughman's coaching when he was made a Master Mason in this Lodge. Worshipful Master Lloyd Butcher, Jr. is watching the presentation.

Mr. Patton is Master Sergeant in the Provost Marshal's department of the U. S. Army, presently stationed at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia.

Uniformed Band Plays At Swandale and Dundon

The impressive dedication ceremonies held after the erection of new, thirty-five foot flag poles at both Swandale and Dundon Elementary Schools was made more interesting by the presence of the 36 piece brass band of Widen High School under the capable direction of Mr. Gerald Simmons, instructor.

Principals Delmar Dye and Mrs. Brooke Smith were in charge of the program which included prayer by Rev. Guy Frank (Swandale) and the Lord's Prayer in unison at Dundon; then The Star Spangled Banner by the band, pledge to the flag, brief history of the flag read by Mrs. Adson B. Roberts of Swandale and Mrs. Connie Acree at Dundon.

The band then gave a fifteen minute concert and the program concluded by the entire assembles singing America, led by Mr. Simmons and the band. Over 150 persons took part in the programs at the two schools which serve children of employees of the Elk River Coal and Lumber Company in their respective areas.

Dear Sally,

J and I were so sorry that you and Bill could not attend the Senior's Hallowe'en Carnival with us. We really had a ball. The weather was perfect—crisp but not too cold, except for those who worked in the various booths all night. We played Bingo most of the time but J took a crack at knocking over milk bottles with a ball. We won several pretty glass relish dishes (we'll save 'em for our hope chest).

Home room mothers were in charge of the food—and "man o' man" did we eat! I know J must have eaten 5 hot dogs with all the trimmings. I brought some mighty good homemade candy.

J and I danced a lot during the evening. He's one of the boys here who will try jitterbugging—and he's not bad even if he isn't as good as some of the girls. It's more fun to dance with a boy—don't you think?

Some of our boys told J in one of their "sessions" that they won't try new steps, because the boys (who don't try to dance) and girls, too, sit on the side lines and make fun of 'em. They ought to be like J—he doesn't care—says what he does is his own affair—and what others say, matters little. He wants to learn—and how can he if he doesn't try? Anyway it doesn't embarrass me—I'm glad I'm one of the lucky girls with a partner! and he is improving all the time!

Friday the 8th was "R" day here at school—"Report card" and "Reckoning Day"—my sins found me out! I didn't make the honor roll, and, of course, Dad and Mom had a fit! Nastrally, it's my fault! Who else can I blame? I guess I'll do better next time—I won't be out so much, that's for sure. Dad cut that down on me! Anyway J is supposed to be in training—He is making the basketball team, He hopes!

You should hear our Band—they paraded and played on Hallowe'en night and in assembly a couple of weeks ago. They've improved so very much—It's a real pleasure to hear them, and Mr. Gerald Simmons, our band director is certainly to be congratulated. He has done a beautiful job—and he doesn't mind working long hours. I guess I'll not get to be a member this year—Dad can't afford the horn. He's still making payments on the car. I hope I can join next year. Time is fleeting—Thanksgiving is here. What do you plan for the Holiddays? Come up if you can, Until next time, bye.

Love,
Coed

Happy Birthday!

Grade School	
Adkins, Carol Diane	Nov. 14
Arbogast, Dawn Adair	Nov. 21
Adkins, Albert Benson	Nov. 18
Brown, John Wilbert	Nov. 24
Buck, Larry Elliott	Nov. 23
Eagle, Sonja Jane	Nov. 11
Frame, Bethel Marie	Nov. 29
Griffith, T. G. Jr.	Nov. 12
Johnson, Charles Edward	Nov. 21
Miles, Roger Allen	Nov. 21
Miller, Carol	Nov. 11
Miller, Robert Lee	Nov. 15
Morris, Patrick Allen	Nov. 28
Salisbury, Sharon	Nov. 21
Young, Robert David	Nov. 17
High School	
DeMoss, Paul David	Nov. 4
Eagle, Gary Sherman	Nov. 27
Frame, Victor William	Nov. 11
King, Albert	Nov. 9
Richard, C. Edwards	Nov. 12
Signan, Donreta	Nov. 28
Signan, Linda	Nov. 17
Workman, Alice Kay	Nov. 28
Wilson, David Charles	Nov. 5

THE FOOTLIGHTERS

The Widen High Dramatic Club announces that no actor or actress of the month was selected for November since no one presented any characterizations that fulfilled the requirements set up for such a choice.

The club is considering short plays for presentation in future programs.

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OBITUARY

Macil Ann Bird



ield; and many loving siblings.

A funeral service for Macil was held on Thursday, January 18, 2024 at Wilson Smith Funeral Home in Clay with a viewing from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. for friends and family with Minister Jason Moore officiating. Burial followed at Clay Memorial Gardens in Clay.

Wilson Smith is honored to be serving the Bird family.

Fund for Historic Schools Grant: Application Period Open

The Fund for Historic Schools Grant is a competitive grant program designed to encourage economic development through the renovation and preservation of certified historic school buildings in rural West Virginia communities experiencing high levels of poverty.

The Preservation Alliance of West Virginia announces the opening of its application period for its Fund for Historic

Schools Grant to fund pre-development, development, and architect/engineer costs for the preservation of certified historic school buildings.

PAWV has \$665,000 available for the Round 1 application period, which will close at 5:00 PM on Friday, March 1, 2024. PAWV intends to award 5 - 10 grants ranging from \$50,000 - \$300,000 by May 2024.

Grant application

materials are available for download on PAWV's website. Call 304-345-6005 for assistance downloading the application materials.

PAWV created the Saving Historic Places Grant Program in 2019 to provide funding that helps communities save the places that matter most to them. In 2023, PAWV developed a special subprogram called the "Fund for Historic Schools" and

won a \$750,000 Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant from the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, to support the program.

PAWV was one of 13 subgrant programs totaling \$9.7 million in 12 states to receive this prestigious grant, which supports economic development through the preservation of historic buildings in rural communities across the country.

Flu Season is in Full Swing and Vaccination is Still a Good Idea

Annual vaccines have hidden benefits

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the highest months for flu activity are December through March. That means those who have not received their vaccines still have a chance to protect themselves.

Flu vaccines may not prevent someone from getting the flu, but they will lessen symptoms and reduce hospitalizations. Annual flu vaccines protect against four different viruses, based on the strains that are expected to be dominant this season. Some flu seasons are worse than others, depending upon which viruses are circulating.

There is a hidden benefit to getting annual vaccines, including flu. According to research published in the "Journal of Alzheimer's Disease," a study of nearly 2 million participants showed that people who do not get vaccinated against influenza have a 60 percent higher chance of developing Alzheimer's or another dementia than people who get their flu shot.

"Annual flu vaccinations offer protection against the flu virus, but we are discovering that they also improve long-term health outcomes such as reducing our risk for Alzheimer's, cardiac arrest and hospitalizations due to diabetes,"



Alzheimers researchers show positive effects of flu vaccines for seniors.

said Teresa Morris, program director of the Alzheimer's Association West Virginia Chapter.

Dr. Avram Bukhbinder, the lead author, said the researchers found the protective association between the flu vaccine and the risk of Alzheimer's was strongest for those who received their first vaccine at a younger age - in fact, people who received their first flu shot at age 60 benefited more than those who received it at age 70.

At this time, it isn't clear why the flu vaccine resulted in such a substantial reduction in the risk of developing Alzheimer's. In the study, the authors hypothesize that the vaccine might also train the immune system to respond

to beta-amyloid protein plaques - a key part of Alzheimer's pathology.

Additional research reported during the 2020 Alzheimer's Association International Conference supported these findings:

- At least one flu vaccine was associated with a 17% reduction in Alzheimer's incidence. More frequent flu vaccination was associated with another 13% reduction.

- Vaccination against pneumonia between ages 65 and 75 reduced Alzheimer's risk by up to 40%.

- Individuals with dementia have a higher risk of dying (6-fold) after infections than those without dementia (3-fold).

There are approxi-

mately 39,000 West Virginia residents aged 65 and older who are living with Alzheimer's disease, according to the Alzheimer's Association "2023 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures." That number is expected to increase to 44,000 by 2025. One in three seniors dies with the disease.

Those concerned about themselves or a loved one can contact the Alzheimer's Association West Virginia Chapter at 304-343-2717 to schedule a care consultation and be connected to local resources. The Alzheimer's Association Helpline is available 24/7, 365 days a year to those needing information, guidance or support at 800-272-3900.

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partisan Infrastructure Law continues to deliver critical investments for the Mountain State, and I will keep working with the EPA to ensure that federal funding enhances the well-being of communities across West Virginia for generations to come."

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Settlement of the estate(s) of the following named decedent(s) will proceed without reference to a fiduciary commissioner unless within 60 days from the first publication of this notice a reference is requested by a party of interest or an unpaid creditor files a claim and good cause is shown to support reference to a fiduciary commissioner.

Publication Date: Thursday, January 25, 2024

Claim Deadline: Monday, March 25, 2024

ESTATE NUMBER 698
APPOINTMENT DATE 01/18/2024
ESTATE NAME: ANNA NELSON KING
AFFIANT DALE KING 1827 DOUBLE CHURCH RD, STEPHENS CITY, VA 22655-5700

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Publication Date: Thursday, January 25, 2024

Claim Deadline: Monday, March 25, 2024

ESTATE NUMBER 701
APPOINTMENT DATE 01/18/2024
ESTATE NAME: LARRY DAVID KING
EXECUTOR CLINTON WAYNE SKEEN
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Lady Panthers have a tough time at home

By Allen Hamrick

This past week, as we all know, winter hit with an attitude nearly shutting down all sports in the county. The Lady Panthers, however, got a game in against the Lady Eagles of Braxton on the only day this week that winter allowed... Thursday night. The Lady Panthers continue to have a tough time on the courts this season playing as hard as a team can, but getting a win is like dancing the tango with a dust cloud. Every game is all out, fast and furious, and the team hammers the game down their opponent's throat. However, as hard as they play, they have to score. The basket seems

like no man's land at critical points of the game, and mistakes in a game of speed and motion will kill their chance of winning. It was just one of those games where you have to scratch your head and dig a little deeper into the popcorn bag.

The teams hit the floor in the 1st period, and it looked like they were throwing darts at a quarter. Baskets were few as the score stood at 7-6 with the Lady Panthers holding a knife's edge lead. Shooting picked up for the Lady Eagles, as well as their defense; they held the Lady Panthers to just eight more points while adding 12 more of their own. By the half, the

Lady Panthers had fallen behind by the score of 15-18, still holding it close enough to grab the lead quickly. The Lady Panthers got their game on in the 3rd dusting the net a little more but were still unable to move into the lead. The Lady Eagles kept their lead by making just enough shots to keep the Lady Panthers down on the boards. There were plenty of fouls to go around as both teams were able to score over a third of their score from cheat line shooting. When it was over and winter reclaimed the school, the Lady Panthers fell to the Lady Eagles 32-43. Top shots for the Lady Panthers were Ilyauna Evans and

Olivia Witt with nine points each.

The Ladies will have a tough one coming up against the Lady Huskies of Hoover on Tuesday night. Come out and help get the Lady Panthers back on the winning track. Panther basketball will be back on the courts, after a seemingly long break, at Richwood to take on the Lumber Jacks. The game will be played on Wednesday night, and it should be a good one. This year's homecoming game will be played on Friday night against the Eagles of Braxton.

In other sports, the Mustang basketball teams were knocked out of action as the

snow piled up quickly. However, with the coming heat wave, the Mustangs will be away this week at South Harrison on Tuesday night and at Valley on Thursday. The Lady Mustangs will also be in action at home on Tuesday against South Harrison and also at Valley on Thursday night. Mustang wrestling will be at Elkview Middle on Tuesday night and in Huntington for the WSAZ tournament Friday and Saturday. The Panther wrestling team will also be in action on Friday and Saturday at the WSAZ tournament. Come out and support the teams before winter catches up with us again.

Old man winter stops in for a visit

By Allen Hamrick

Winter time, the coldest and darkest season of the year, with short days and long nights as its justification is upon us. This is a time when we have trouble keeping a core temperature as our backsides are warm but our face is freezing. Hypothermia, frostbite, trench foot, and chilblains are the danger of the day. Old man winter blows his icy breath and freezes not only the rivers and streams but also every step you take on the icy grass. The very thought of it will either draw out your adventurous nature or make your skin crawl at the thought of its icy grip. Winter is a time when life and death are hinged upon degrees instead of natural causes. Beauty is abundant yet inside that beauty lays a breakdown of misfortune ready at the gate to take its toll on the unprepared. Winter is at its best on mountain slopes and back yards filled with skis, sleds and inner tubes with screaming people aged kids to adults.

At winters call, humankind suddenly allows the white powder to take control of our apprehension and frees us to cheat death as our will is tossed to the wind. There are no reasoning skills when the brakes are let go, no assurance that the pine tree in front of you will move so you can get by. The thrill and adrenaline rush of strapping on a snowboard, ski, or inner tube and unchaining the chutzpah in a person's intelligence is just too inviting for those who do it, and they go forth.

Winter, for most, is a daily struggle against the bitter cold whether it's getting back and forth to the job or just waiting wrapped in a blanket for the next oak to drop on the lines and take away the only heat you have. A time when the unexpected is expected and anticipating spring is the only hope as we dig deep into our seed catalogs and start an order form. There is no season like winter; its heart of ice has shut down countries, wars and brought thriving cities to their knees.



Wintertime in the mountains. Painting Allen Hamrick

It is the cause of famine, wiping out whole villages and let's not forget the ice age. Yet with all its brutality and unrelenting attempt to keep us a step behind, it is a time when opportunity for reflection, planning, and time to take stock of who, what, why, where and when during the seasons of motivation.

Winter provokes us to change who we are and how we do things because it reminds us that we are human, after all, and not just a bunch of people fueled by money, politics, and social media... at least when the snow is flying. A cup of coffee warms our blood as the wind takes the temperature below zero, and spring looks like it will be running from winter instead of to it. Days seem to get slower during the winter and for good reason. When the warm days are here, as we get older we complain how fast the days are passing so there again is opportunity. We promise ourselves we will be better prepared as we are fixing the busted water lines or trying to kick the generator to start. Yep, should have started it more often, should have had a get home bag for the truck, should have wrapped those water lines, should have chopped at least five more loads of wood, should have learned how to can food and the list goes on.

That will all change in the spring; it's all put on a to-do list that slips under the couch until next winter. However, winter is a gift as long as we are prepared for it to the best of our abilities. We have to slow down to get our bearings for the up and



Survival camping is one adrenaline pump in the winter.

coming year, and winter is the time to do it. Troubles will come, and sometimes they last, but there are always men and women that have our six when the lines hit the ground, there are always people who become generous who have prepared and take care of those that didn't. Peoples' hearts change during tough times and differences are set aside for the better good. Winter brings out the best of people and the worst, but through it all, winter is here for a reason. Whether you enjoy it or hate it, use it for what it is designed for. Most of all get out and enjoy it in whatever activity you choose. Snow biking, survival hiking, skiing, and sledding are just some of the opportunities to enjoy. This winter, reflect, enjoy, and slow down - you need it.

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