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I choked on a carrot this morning, and all I could think of was, "I'll bet a doughnut wouldn't have done this to me."

Nothing spoils a good story more than the arrival of an eye witness. (Mark Twain)

I finally realize why I look so bad in pictures. It's my face.

It only takes one slow-walking person in the grocery store to destroy the illusion that I'm a nice person.



BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Ezekiel (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. By Roman reckoning, about what time of day did Jesus meet the woman at the well at Samaria? Sunrise, Noon, Sunset, Midnight
3. Which other servant of Pharaoh besides the butler was imprisoned along with Joseph? Baker, Tentmaker, Workman, Seamstress
4. What archangel argued with the devil in a dispute over the body of Moses? Abaddon, Michael, Gabriel, Chephirah
5. In Galatians 5, what is the first fruit of the Spirit? Faith, Love, Peace, Goodness
6. As mentioned 12 times in the Bible (KJV), what is a hyssop? Bird, Beggar, Plant, Robe

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Noon, 3) Baker, 4) Michael, 5) Love, 6) Plant

Sharpen your understanding of scripture with Wilson's Casey's latest book, "Test Your Bible Knowledge," available in bookstores and online.

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"Please knock. My TV's broken down, and I missed last night's Sopranos. If you saw it, will you tell me what happened?"

"My daughter says she wants a milkshake. Do you do it before you deliver, or do I have to shake the bottle?"

"Please send me a form for cheap milk, for I have a baby two months old and did not know about it until a neighbor told me."

"Milk is needed for the baby. Father is unable to supply it."

"From now on please leave two pints every other day and one pint on the days in between, except Wednesdays and Saturdays when I don't want any milk."

"My back door is open. Please put milk in fridge, get money out of cup in drawer and leave change on kitchen table, because we want to play bingo tonight."

"Please leave no milk today. When I say today, I mean tomorrow, for I wrote this note yesterday... or is it today?"

"When you come with the milk please put the coal on the boiler, let dog out, and put newspaper inside the screen door. P.S. Don't leave any milk."

"No milk. Please do not leave milk at No.14 either as he is dead until further notice."



Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might be hurt by a colleague's harsh criticism, but don't let it shake your confidence in what you're trying to achieve. A more positive aspect starts to appear by week's end.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're torn between your sensible self and the part of you that enjoys acquiring lovely things. Best advice: Wait for an end-of-month sale, then buy something wonderful.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your artistic side has practical applications this week, perhaps with redecorating your home or redesigning your personal stationery. Whatever you choose to do, someone special will like it.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You could be drawn into a problem between friends or family members. Best bet: Ask the questions that go to the heart of the matter, then get them all together for a group hug.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) As much as you love being the center of attention, your big Lion's heart impels you to share the spotlight with a colleague who helped you with that well-praised project.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your eagerness to act on a challenge is wisely tempered early in the week by a lack of necessary information. Things begin to clear up during the weekend.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A relationship you'd hoped would keep going seems to be going nowhere. Close it out and move on to a brighter romantic aspect that is just beginning to manifest itself.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Things don't go completely as planned this week, but enjoy the surprises, even if you have to adjust your schedule. Some of them could be quite delightful.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Making choices is usually easy for straight-shooting Archers, but a new development could deflect your aim. Try to put off major decisions until you know more.

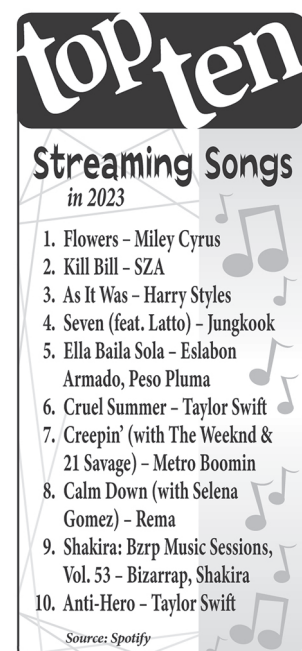
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) While part of you might prefer taking a more familiar path, let your more daring and — admit it — supercurious self see what the unexplored has to offer.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Those nasty types have slithered back under the rocks and will not present any more problems. Now's the time to move ahead on that promising new relationship.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A new offer could clear up that lingering money problem. Also, a more confident attitude on your part might help get that personal situation back on track.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of turning chaos into order. You're also generous with your help for those who seek it.

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top ten Streaming Songs in 2023

1. Flowers - Miley Cyrus
2. Kill Bill - SZA
3. As It Was - Harry Styles
4. Seven (feat. Latto) - Jungkook
5. Ella Baila Sola - Eslabon Armado, Peso Pluma
6. Cruel Summer - Taylor Swift
7. Creepin' (with The Weeknd & 21 Savage) - Metro Boomin
8. Calm Down (with Selena Gomez) - Rema
9. Shakira: Bzrp Music Sessions, Vol. 53 - Bizarrap, Shakira
10. Anti-Hero - Taylor Swift

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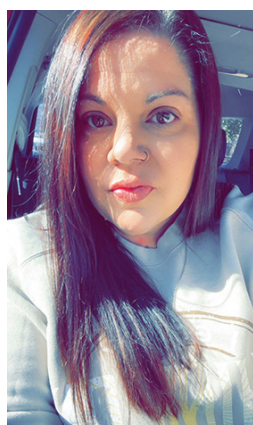
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Holidays

- 1st - New Year's Day
- 15th - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

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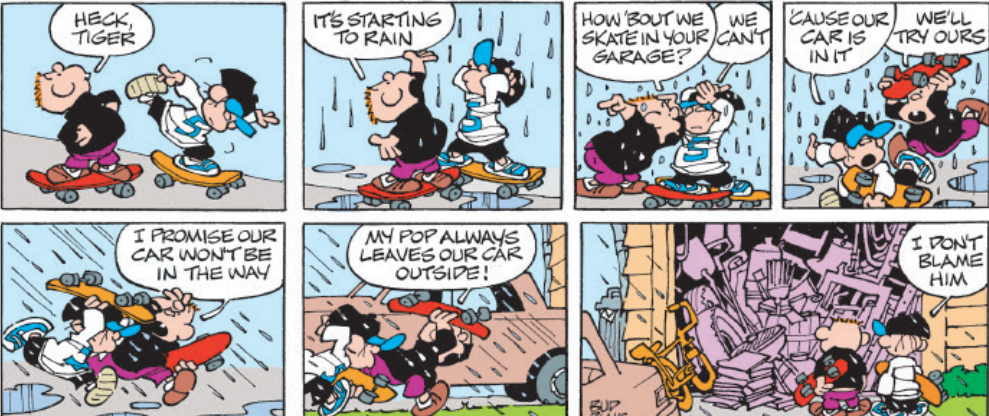
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Lampshade is wider. 2. Curtain is shorter. 3. Left arm of chair is different. 4. Foot is smaller. 5. Foot is longer. 6. Arm of chair is missing from panel. 7. Sleeve is longer. 8. Foot is smaller. 9. Foot is longer. 10. Foot is smaller.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- Essence
- Sprint
- Weed whacker
- Part of a French play
- Draft status
- Jackson 5 hit song
- Bribe of a sort
- Kanga's kid
- Hindu hero
- Mature, as fruit
- Laugh track sounds
- Painter Joan
- "East of Eden" son
- College life
- Kitten's cry
- Nearby
- USN bigwig
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- Shade provider
- Candied veggies
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- Biblical grain measure
- Sluggo
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- Soccer star Mia
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- More (Sp.)
- Soccer star Mia
- Region
- Cowboy's greeting
- Sail support
- Priests' garments
- Runner Sebastian
- Notion
- Iowa city
- Moth repellent
- Vichy water
- Nobel-winning Mother
- Highland hat
- Drench
- Russian river
- Ran in the wash
- Nashville venue
- Outback bird
- Refusals
- Show to a seat, slangily
- Utter

DOWN

- "How frustrating!"
- Hosp. section
- Map lines (Abbr.)
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Solution time: 23 mins.

Answers

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- ESSENCE
- SPRINT
- WEED WHACKER
- ACT
- DRAFT
- JACKSON 5
- BRIBE
- KANGA
- HERO
- MATURE
- LAUGH TRACK
- JOAN MASEDA
- EDEN
- COLLEGE
- MIAOW
- NEARBY
- USN
- WAGER
- SHADE
- VEGGIES
- PLANO
- RECAP
- WILD HOG
- PRO NOBIS
- WEBSITE
- MOTORIST
- BIBLICAL
- SLUGGO
- CARRIER
- SEAN ASTIN
- WAN
- MORE
- FURY
- SOCCER
- REGION
- COWBOY
- SAIL
- PRIESTS
- WINTOUR
- OBSERVE
- OCTOBER
- BROTHER
- BASSOON
- NOBEL
- MOTHER
- HIGHLAND
- DRENCH
- RUSSIAN
- RAN
- NASHVILLE
- OUTBACK
- REFUSALS
- SHOW
- UTTER

DOWN

- FRUSTRATING
- HOSPITAL
- MAP
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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- MOVIES:** What state is the setting for the 1990s movie "Twister"?
- GEOGRAPHY:** Lake Okechobee is in which U.S. state?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Which president adopted the expression, "Speak softly and carry a big stick"?
- MUSIC:** Actor/singer Jared Leto also is the front man for which rock music band?
- HISTORY:** The U.S. Civil War ended in 1865 when Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered to Union forces in which Virginia town?
- SCIENCE:** Which element has the symbol Pb?
- GAMES:** What is the destination in the board game Candy Land?
- TELEVISION:** Who was the long-running host of "American Bandstand"?
- U.S. STATES:** What is the capital of Alaska?
- LITERATURE:** Who is the author of the autobiographical work "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings"?

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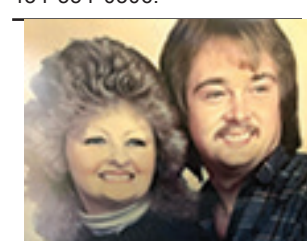
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An eye miniature is a close-up of a single eye painted on ivory and set behind glass or crystal in a decorated frame. They were worn as pendants or pins. An eye miniature set in a gold-tone frame as a pin sold at Brunk Auctions for \$704.

These miniatures are sometimes known as "lover's eyes," a romantic name coined by a 20th-century antiques dealer. They are said to have originated in the 1870s, when Prince George of Wales (who would later serve as Prince Regent for his father, King George III, giving the Regency period its name) fell in love with Maria Anne Fitzherbert. They could not marry because he was Protestant and she was Catholic. To keep their relationship secret, they exchanged miniature paintings of their eyes set in jeweled frames. This meant they could still look into each other's eyes when they were apart, and it was unlikely that anyone else could tell whose eyes they were. The prince wore his under his lapel. Eye miniatures became fashionable gifts between lovers. They were also worn as mourning jewelry in remembrance of loved ones.

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Wearing a miniature painting of a loved one's eye was fashionable in the 18th and 19th centuries.

ny in Evanston, Illinois, in 1914. Sets with an electric motor were first sold in 1919. The name of the company was changed to Toy Tinkers, Inc. in 1924. Later it became Tinkertoy, Inc. The company was sold several times beginning in 1952. It became part of Hasbro, Inc. in 1986. Sets with plastic pieces were made beginning in 1992. Wooden sets were reintroduced in 2000. Tinkertoys have also been made by Basic Fun! since 2018.

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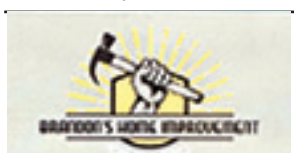
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CHS Varsity Wrestling Wins the 15 Team 2024 Bison Invitational

The Team's First Individual Tournament Win in 20 years



Swoope, Virginia - The Chatham High School varsity wrestling team traveled to Buffalo Gap High School on Saturday, January 13 for the 2024 Bison Invitational. The invitational featured 15 teams and 186 wrestlers competing in brackets. Wrestlers can be eliminated if they lose twice in this individual format.

As a 2A school, Chatham won the invitational with 208.0 total team points. In a tight race with Chatham, Fort Defiance High School was close with 205.0 total points. Staunton High School took 3rd with 165.0 points.

The other participating teams and their points were: Harrisonburg (152.0), Waynesboro (143.5), Goochland (128.5), Alleghany (116.5), Buffalo Gap (102.0), Bishop O'Connell (99.0), East Rockingham (82.5), Page County (79.0), Blue Ridge School (63.0), Bath County (63.0), Mountain View (52.0, Quicksburg, VA), and the Virginia Episcopal School (0.0).

Two Chatham wrestlers were named champion in their weight classes. They are Matthew Marlow, a Junior with an 18-0 record in the 157 weight class, and Cameron Martin, a Junior with a 16-2 record in the 165 weight class. They dominated their competition and led the Chatham team with 29.0 and 26.0 points respectively.

"The team is peaking at the right time. As a team, their behavior on and off the mat is outstanding. I always encourage them to value the small things," Chatham Head Coach Marcus Clements said. "After having our best practice of the year last week, winning the Bison Invitational just made sense for us."

Coach Clements is now in his 3rd year coaching Chatham's wrestling program. Clements demands strong character and hard work from his athletes. He has been pushing them to reach higher all season.

"Chatham High School has not won an individual tournament in well over 20 years," Clements said. "I don't think they know. This is a big accomplishment. They work so hard and sacrifice so much. They deserve it."

Overall, the team won by contesting every placement. Every point mattered for the 208.0 point team win. Points were earned by: Brayden Bisson, 106 weight class, 8-10 record, 6th place, 3 points; Shauntae Piles, 113 weight class, 4-2 record, 2nd place, 22 points; Dallas Harrison, 120 weight class, 10-8 record, 2nd place, 22 points; Jamie Simental, 126 weight class, 12-9 record, 4th place, 20 points; Colin Bisson, 132 weight class, 12-6 record, 5th place, 15.0 points; Alfredo Gomez, 138 weight class, 8-5 record, 7 points; Jaxon Phillippi, 175 weight class, 17-2 record, 2nd place, 24.0 points; Samuel Wiebking, 190 weight class, 16-4 record, 4th place, 18.0 points; and Jackson Reece, 285 weight class, 17-2 record, 2nd place, 22.0 points.

Representing Chatham in the 150 weight class was Nathan Azous. 12 Chatham wrestlers competed overall.

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Danville Lion's Club Guest Speaker



John Wilt was the guest speaker at the January 11, 2024 Danville Lion's Club meeting held at O'Kelly's Deli & Pastries on Piney Forest Road. With a prepared video, John shared his experiences of running marathons in all 50 states and the certification process by the 50 States Marathon Club for his accomplishment. Audience questions ranged from the most challenging marathons--e.g. Pikes Peak and New York City marathons--to the most rewarding marathons--e.g. Crazy Horse Marathon in South Dakota and Jacksonville Marathon in Florida. John pointed out the unpredictable nature of running marathons in high altitudes (e.g. Utah, Idaho, South Dakota, Nevada, Wyoming and New Mexico) and the importance of training to successfully run a distance of 26.2 miles. Pictured with John Wilt is Tammy Warren, President of the Danville Lion's Club.

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Danny Ray Brummett

January 25, 1948 ~ January 14, 2024 (age 75)

Danny Ray Brummett, age 75, of Danville, Virginia, passed away on Sunday, January 14, 2024 at Lewis Gale Medical Center.

Mr. Brummett was born on January 25, 1948 in Danville, Virginia to the late Reverend Troy Daniel Brummett and Janie Roope Brummett

Mr. Brummett lived most of his life in Danville where he worked in maintenance at Ballou Shopping Center.

Mr. Brummett is survived by his sister, Carolyn Massey (Bobby Ray); niece, Bonnie Crowder (Carl); great-nieces, Laura Bush and Lisa Crowder.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, January 20, 2024 at 1:00 PM at Swicegood Funeral Home with Pastor Eugene Powell and Pastor Roy Horne officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the funeral. Interment will follow in Danville Memorial Gardens.

Swicegood Funeral Service is respectfully serving the Brummett family.

Shirley (Stroud) Williams

August 12, 1935 ~ January 14, 2024 (age 88)



Ms. Shirley Stroud Williams, age 88, of Danville, VA, passed away on Sunday, January 14, 2024 at Roman Eagle Rehabilitation Center.

She was born on August 12, 1935, in Danville, VA, to the late Winifred Woodrow Stroud and Earlean Ledford Stroud.

Before her retirement, Ms. Williams was the owner/operator of Security Insurance Agency. Also, she was a member of Fraternal Order of the Eagles.

She is survived by her children, Theresa Conrad (Frank Laroue); Walter Williams (Francine); and Budd Williams (Hollie); thirteen grandchildren; twenty great-grandchildren; and brother, Louis Stroud (Dian).

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Williams was predeceased by her husband, David Keith Williams, Sr. and son, David Keith Williams, Jr.

A celebration of Ms. Williams' life will be held at a later date in the spring.

Barker Funeral Home is respectfully serving the Williams family.

Dora Smith

August 8, 1960 ~ January 13, 2024 (age 63)

Dora Smith, age 63, of Danville, VA, passed away on Saturday, January 13, 2024, at her residence.

Mrs. Smith was born on August 8, 1960, in Danville, VA, a daughter of the late Joe Curd and Grace Thomas Curd.

Mrs. Smith lived her life in Danville and was married to Gary Smith who preceded her in death.

Mrs. Smith is survived by her brother, Joe Thomas (Elaine Thompson) and friend, Tim Bowling.

A memorial graveside service will be conducted at a later date.

Swicegood Funeral Service is respectfully serving the Smith family.

Angela Payne

September 15, 1942 ~ January 13, 2024 (age 81)



Angela Barnes Payne, age 81, of Callands, VA, passed away on Saturday, January 13, 2024 at her residence.

Mrs. Payne was born on September 15, 1942, in Danville, VA, a daughter of the late Lancaster Barnes and Bonnie Mae

Pollard Barnes.

Mrs. Payne lived most of her life in Pittsylvania County where she was a homemaker. She was married to Marvin Payne who survives of the residence.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her son, Paul Payne (Dorthy), grandson, Thomas Payne (Makayla); great grandchildren, Paisley Payne, Makaylynn Payne and Timmy Wayne Payne and sister, Nancy Criswell (Mabry).

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her son, Marvin Allen Payne and brother, Roy Barnes.

Funeral services will be conducted on Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 1:00 PM at Swicegood Funeral home with Reverend Wade Rowland officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. Interment will follow in Danville Memorial Gardens

Roger Davis

July 10, 1956 ~ January 11, 2024 (age 67)



Roger Clyde Davis, age 67 of Danville, VA, passed away on January 11, 2024 comfortably surrounded by his loved ones.

Roger was born on July 10, 1956, in Danville, VA, a son of the late

Pauline and Clyde Davis.

Roger is survived by his oldest daughter, Racheal Davis Masi (Jonathan) of Wilmington, NC; daughter, Sharon Davis of Danville; and son Roger C. Davis of Danville; grandchildren, Autumn Guill who he called his Angel, Kaitlin Davis, and Isaiah Davis; brother, Ronald Davis of Danville; and sisters, Esther Davis Poole of Myrtle Beach, SC and Cindy Manley of Danville.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Earl Davis and sister, Shelia Davis.

Graveside services will be conducted on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 2 PM with Pastor Pete Boswell officiating.

Swicegood Funeral home is respectfully serving the Davis family.

Kaitlyn "Kati" Michelle Allen

July 2, 1991 ~ January 7, 2024 (age 32)



Kaitlyn Michelle Allen, known to most as "Kati", went to be with the Lord on Sunday, January 7th, 2024, following a brief illness.

Kati was born on July 2, 1991, and is the beautiful daughter of Dawn Michelle Warren (Jeremy) and Bradley Reid Allen,

Sr. (Hannah). Kati traveled a lot but spent most of her life in Burlington, NC, where she calls home.

Kati was the older sister to her three younger siblings. She loved her brother, Zachary and sister-in-law, Savana. They particularly enjoyed their annual Halloween parties, any place where Kati could dance her heart out! Kati and her only sister, Kennedy, were both very strong women and both fought and beat serious illnesses. Kati was a champion at staying healthy and led the way for Kennedy. Kati was Kennedy's Maid-of-Honor in her wedding to Briston. Kati loved Briston and he was her "go to" on fixing her car and things! Kati shared a special bond with her younger brother, Reid. When he was little, she would be there waiting for him every day after school as his "Big Sister". She loved being his 2nd Mama. He was there anytime she needed her "little Buddy".

Unfortunately, Kati was stricken with many illnesses. She fought a valiant fight and always amazed the doctors and nurses around the world. They often commented that they had never seen someone as strong as Kati because she fought each illness with such grace and determination. Kati was a serious force but right beside her was her Momma, her BFF and Gift from God - as she would often say and post on social media. Together, those two fought the good fight and Kati flourished! Dawn donated part of her liver to give Kati a new chance on life. It was a perfect fit and Kati was able to conquer many more things in her life. Kati went on to graduate from UNC - Chapel Hill, she supported several fire departments, worked in sales and spent life always with a smile! The doctors and nurses cherished Kati for her fight and determination, along with her precious smile and kind heart!

Kati was an amazing person, daughter, sister, aunt, and friend. To all who were Blessed to know her, they know they met a genuine, wonderful, kind, smart and funny lady and are better off for it!

Kati is survived by her mom, Dawn Warren; dad, Brad Allen; brothers, Zachary (Savana) and Reid Allen; sister, Kennedy Allen Carver (Briston); nieces, Hayden Allen, Ramsey Dawn Carver and Ella Allen; nephew, Griffin Carver; her beloved fur baby, Mazikeen; and her grandparents, Pat and Brenda Donleyoctt.

She was predeceased by her grandparents; JB and Judy Allen, and Ray De Frates; her uncle, Greg DeFrates; and Fur babies Romeo and Lilly.

Funeral Services will be conducted Saturday January 13, 2024 at 2:00pm at Swicegood Funeral Home with Pastor Blevins officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service.

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Lois Sparks Hayes



Lois Sparks Hayes, 90 years old of Danville, VA passed away peacefully on November 21, 2023. She was born May 21, 1933 in Henry County to Vertie Tucker Sparks and Thomas Richard Sparks. She was predeceased by

her parents, two brothers (Bill and Charlie) and her sister (Margie).

She is survived by the love of her life, her husband of 68 years Ray Herbert Hayes. She is also survived by her three children, Lori Lape (husband Nick) of Richmond Va., Herby Hayes (wife Cindy) of Danville Va. and Marcie Slayton (husband Keith) of Appomattox Va.

Lois (Nana) leaves behind eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Lois graduated from Schoolfield High School in 1951 and was the proud graduate of the Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in 1954. She was an extremely accomplished nurse, who had a spirit of love and compassion that greatly informed her delivery of nursing care. In her last nursing job, she served as a head nurse at Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute. While there, she was injured in the line of duty and suffered many health setbacks as a result.

Lois was a gifted homemaker, cook, entertainer of friends, painter, crafter, thrift store aficionado, square dancer, belly dancer and could make a penny squeal.

She was a devoted member of First Presbyterian Church and served in many capacities there, including being a choir member.

She loved living at Myrtle Beach for several years and especially loved walking on the beach and collecting shells. "I was never in a hurry there", she would say.

She will be missed more than words can express.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 20, 2023, at 11:00 AM at First Presbyterian Church, 937 Main St., Danville, VA 24541, with a visitation an hour prior.



by Freddy Groves

Psychedelics for Our Military

The \$883.7 billion National Defense Authorization Act for 2024 makes for some interesting reading, not only for what it left out, but what it included. What you won't find is the medical cannabis pilot program for veterans promoted by many, but you will find a treatment program using psychedelics for veterans and active duty with traumatic brain injuries and post-traumatic stress disorder.

Specifically, it calls for clinical trials with the Department of Defense to create a system wherein they can spend up to \$10 million on psychedelics research. It only gives them 180 days to get started. Covered conditions, besides TBI and PTSD, include depression and insomnia.

Some of the drugs to be used are psychedelic drugs psilocybin (magic mushrooms), MDMA (ecstasy) and 5-MeO-DMT (from toad glands).

There are some reported successes from using psychedelics. The Food and Drug Administration said in 2017 that they'd had positive results using LSD and the magic mushrooms. The amounts given are small and are called "microdoses." A short report with a lengthy list of citations in the Marine Corps Gazette in 2019 describes the use of LSD, mushrooms and more to attempt to gain an edge in efficiency and productivity when it comes to attention to detail, mental processing and reasoning. The report points to the way LSD changes the brain's method of problem solving. Maybe this explains why it might be useful in helping veterans who suffer from PTSD. By creating new ways to think about things?

Yet another study, documented in the Lancet Psychiatry journal, found that the magic mushrooms reduced PTSD symptoms. The trial combined three doses of the mushrooms with psychotherapy. After Phase 2 of the trial, 56% of participants no longer had PTSD when checked 12 months later, after having suffered for many years.

If you want to learn more, listen to a podcast on the topic that includes a veteran who participated in a psychedelics study nine years ago: news.va.gov/124415/exploring-psychedelics-treatment-of-veterans.

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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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| 4. Muffler | __ _ _ _ _ F | Frighten | __ _ _ _ _ E |
| 5. Most peculiar | __ D _ _ _ _ | First born | __ L _ _ _ _ |
| 6. Breezy | __ I _ _ _ _ | Peter Pan's friend | __ E _ _ _ _ |
| 7. Confessional user | __ _ _ _ N _ _ _ | Choir member | __ _ _ _ G _ _ _ |
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| 9. Witch's whammy | __ _ _ _ S _ _ | Highway sign | __ _ _ _ V _ _ |
| 10. Team member | __ L _ _ _ _ _ | Religious plea | __ R _ _ _ _ _ |

Kickoff Cravings

Win your tailgate with MVP-level appetizers

FAMILY FEATURES

Before the end zone dances and sideline celebrations, settling in for a winning game day experience starts with delicious foods. Whether your football parties take place at home, in the backyard or right outside the stadium, kicking it off with savory appetizers can get the crowd on its feet.

Keep your game plan simple this season and light up the scoreboard with fan favorites like dips and wings. These versions are both easy to prepare and can be enjoyed fresh or made in advance and kept warm or reheated to energize your fellow diehards.

Visit Culinary.net to find more touchdown-worthy tailgate recipes.

Add Savory Spice to Game Day Celebrations

Powering up for a successful game day starts with a pregame spread, and no tailgate or homegate is complete without a spicy dip that brings the heat.

This Game Day Buffalo Chicken Dip is a perfect solution for firing up your crowd as it requires little preparation so you save precious time before kickoff. Whether you bake shortly before the game begins or make it ahead of time for a parking lot party, simply keep it warm and serve with chips or veggie sticks for a quick, shareable appetizer.

Game Day Buffalo Chicken Dip

Servings: 3-4

- 2 cups shredded chicken
- 8 ounces cream cheese
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1 1/2 cups sharp cheddar cheese, plus additional for topping, divided
- 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 heavy pinch dried dill
- 1/2 cup hot sauce
- 2 green onions, chopped
- blue cheese crumbles
- chips
- vegetable sticks

Heat oven to 400 F.

In bowl, mix shredded chicken, cream cheese, sour cream, 1 1/2 cups shredded cheese, onion powder, garlic powder and dried dill until combined. Add hot sauce; mix until combined.

Transfer mixture from bowl to oven-safe dish. Top with additional shredded cheese, to taste.

Bake until cheese is melted, approximately 15 minutes. Top with blue cheese crumbles and chopped green onion. Serve warm with chips and vegetable sticks.



Just Wing It

Skip the silverware at your next homegate and dive right in with a fan favorite that requires just your hands and a heap of napkins: wings.

Whether you pick through your pieces or clean each wing to the bone, these Game Day Chicken Wings are perfect for eaters of all types. A simple flour-based coating keeps the recipe easy to make and baking in the oven means you can skip the messy fryer or fringing up the grill.

Cook until crispy then corral your party's favorite dipping sauces from ranch and blue cheese to barbecue and more. Once your spread is served, it's time to sit back and enjoy the game.

Game Day Chicken Wings

Total time: 50 minutes

Servings: 4

- 1/2 cup butter, cubed
- 1/3 cup flour
- 2 teaspoons paprika
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 10 chicken wingettes, thawed
- dipping sauces (optional)
- fresh parsley (optional)

Preheat oven to 425 F.

Line baking sheet with foil. Arrange butter cubes on foil. In medium bowl, combine flour, paprika, garlic powder, salt and pepper.

Coat both sides of wings in flour mixture then evenly space among butter cubes on baking sheet.

Bake wings 30 minutes.

Turn wings over and bake 15 minutes, or until crispy and fully cooked.

Serve with dipping sauces and sprinkle with fresh parsley, if desired.



Score a Touchdown with a Game Day Dip

One of the best ways to take tailgating to the next level this season is by making healthier versions of classic game day fare. For example, you can be the MVP of your game day gathering with a delicious, hall-of-fame-worthy appetizer. Call an audible by using fresh, easy and healthy ingredients to make it better for you and score extra points with family and friends.

This Game Day Taco Dip takes fan-favorite flavors – beef, refried beans, salsa, guacamole, sour cream, cheese, tomatoes and black olives – and adds a twist with the Fresh Express Butter Supreme Salad kit.

This tasty, colorful blend of green butter lettuce, red butter lettuce, radicchio and baby chard is available in the refrigerated produce department and is perfect for creating healthier versions of beloved tailgating dips, snacks, finger foods and more.

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Game Day Taco Dip

Prep time: 25 minutes

Cook time: 5 minutes

Servings: 12

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 package (1 ounce) taco seasoning
- 1/4 cup water

- 2 tablespoons minced cilantro
- 1 can (16 ounces) refried beans, zesty salsa flavor
- 1 jar (16 ounces) thick and chunky salsa, medium or hot
- 2 cups guacamole
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 3 packages (5 ounces each) Fresh Express Butter Supreme
- 1 1/2 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 1 cup tomatoes, chopped
- 1 can (2 1/4 ounces) sliced black olives, drained
- 1 package (14 ounces) tortilla chips

In skillet over medium-high heat, cook beef 5 minutes, or until no longer pink. Sprinkle with taco seasoning; mix well. Add water; cook 2 minutes, or until water is absorbed. Transfer to bowl; cool to room temperature. Add cilantro; mix well.

In 9-inch pie plate, evenly spread refried beans; top with seasoned ground beef and salsa. Add spoonfuls of guacamole across top of salsa then carefully spread to smooth.

Place sour cream in small resealable bag; cut off corner. Pipe sour cream to create football shape on guacamole.

Put pie plate in center of 15-by-18-inch tray. Arrange salad blend around pie plate. Top with cheddar cheese, tomatoes and olives. Serve with tortilla chips.

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Slow cooker Chicken Marsala

Slow Cooker Chicken Marsala is just what you need when the afternoon is busy, and you still want the delicious delight of coming home to a freshly cooked meal! It's everything you could want from the classic dish: the tender chicken, the creamy white wine sauce, and the hearty mushrooms all cooked to golden perfection. The only difference is that it requires very little from you: a little pan searing to create a roast-y flavor and the addition of heavy cream and some thickener when the time is right.



Ingredients

- 6 (1.5-pound) chicken breasts, boneless and skinless
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon sweet paprika
- salt, to taste
- fresh ground pepper, to taste
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
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- 8 ounces mushrooms, sliced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 cup dry marsala wine
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/4 cup cornstarch
- 1/4 cup heavy cream
- fresh parsley, to taste, chopped, for garnish

Directions

- Step 1 - Lightly grease a 6-quart slow cooker with cooking spray.
- Step 2 - Season the chicken breasts all around with the garlic powder, the dried basil, the thyme, the paprika, the salt, and the pepper.
- Step 3 - Heat the olive oil in a skillet over medium-high heat.
- Step 4 - Add the prepared chicken breasts to the hot oil and cook until they are just browned, about 3 minutes per side.
- Step 5 - Transfer the chicken to the slow cooker and top it with the mushrooms and the minced garlic.
- Step 6 - Return the skillet over medium-high heat, add the marsala wine, and cook, while scraping up all the browned bits from the bottom of the skillet, for 1 minute.
- Step 7 - Pour the heated wine over the chicken and the mushrooms.
- Step 8 - Place the lid on the slow cooker and cook until the chicken reaches an internal temperature of 165 degrees F, about 4-5 hours on low heat and 2-3 hours on high heat.
- Step 9 - Transfer the cooked chicken breasts from the slow cooker.
- Step 10 - Combine the water and the cornstarch in a mug or a small mixing bowl and whisk until incorporated.
- Step 11 - Add the cornstarch mixture to the wine sauce and whisk to combine.
- Step 12 - Add the heavy cream to the wine sauce and whisk until combined.
- Step 13 - Return the chicken to the slow cooker and cover with the lid and cook on high heat until the sauce is thickened, about 20 minutes.
- Step 14 - Serve the chicken and the mushroom sauce garnished with the parsley.



NO YARD SALES THIS WEEK. IT'S TOO COLD!!

Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* From 1953 to 1959, the Cincinnati Reds baseball team went by a different moniker, the Cincinnati Redlegs, in response to America's fear of communism during the McCarthy era, when the term "Reds" could be problematic.

* The word "whisky" comes from the Gaelic phrase "uisge beatha," or "water of life."

* According to researchers at Japan's Nagoya University, electric eels can use their shock to transfer genetic material to nearby fish larvae, altering the larva's genes in the process.

* An AI program using merely 10 seconds of human speech has been able to identify whether someone has diabetes with 89% accuracy.

* Workers at an Akron, Ohio, auto wrecking company creatively stopped a potential car thief by using a forklift to raise him, while inside the vehicle, 20 feet into the air until (no doubt amused) police arrived on the scene.

* If you make a visit to Iceland, you might run across a tiny, intricately designed house known as an alfhof. But it wasn't built for a family of dolls. Rather, such structures are created for the "hidden folk" of Icelandic folklore, creatures often invisible to humans but who are believed to lead lives similar to ours.

* Smokers with better math skills are more inclined to quit smoking.

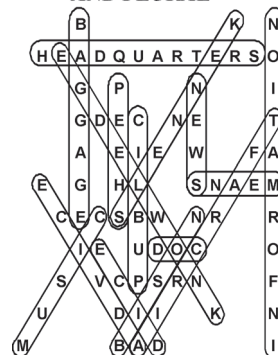
* When Reza Baluchi, a 44-year-old man from Florida, aspired to cross the Atlantic on a visit to London, he didn't take a plane or boat, but a floating contraption much like a giant hamster wheel! Unfortunately, his mode of transportation was deemed "manifestly unsafe" by the Coast Guard off the coast of Georgia's Tybee Island, and after a three-day standoff, Baluchi's mission was aborted.

Thought for the Day: "What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals." -- Zig Ziglar

I threw 5 shoes , 3 broom whacks
And Half a can of Raid extra power
Turns out it's a hair clip



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Even Exchange answers

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| 2. London, Lyndon | 7. Sinner, Singer |
| 3. Noise, Norse | 8. Honey, Money |
| 4. Scarf, Scare | 9. Curse, Curve |
| 5. Oddest, Oldest | 10. Player, Prayer |



* Here's a fun afternoon of play just waiting to happen: Check with your local grocery store or big box store to see if it has uncrushed cardboard boxes. Get several to create a cardboard city in your living room or child's bedroom. They can be decorated to look like anything, or cut, trimmed and taped into most any shape. Kids even like to stock them with pillows and blankets for a cozy sleepover. When you're done, break them down and recycle until the next adventure. -- J.J. in Florida

* Sources who know say that if you drop a marble (clean glass) in your tea kettle, it will prevent it from scaling.

* Like to use paper towels to dry your clean hands? Set them aside to dry, then you can use them for cleaning with glass cleaner or other solutions.

* Use a shower curtain cut or folded in half under baby's highchair to make cleaning up the floor easier.

* Air-popped popcorn is better for you and healthier. If you have an air popper, you'll also have a jar of popcorn kernels. Keep them in the refrigerator or even the freezer. You can use them straight from the fridge, and the bonus is that you'll have less unpopped kernels and bigger, fluffier popcorn. -- E.M. in Wisconsin

* Stuck at school with a sticky zipper? Just rub it with a pencil lead and zip back and forth a few times. It totally works. -- W.K., a middle-school student, in Georgia

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