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# Community Voices

## CONSERVATIVE CORNER — 'THE FORGOTTEN MAN'

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New Deal. His relative Theodore Roosevelt called it the "square deal," another progressive misleading term.

Teddy and Franklin did not appreciate the Framers' restrictions on federal spending spelled out in our Constitution, but those "restrictions" were intentionally written into the formula of limited government.

Their actions said, "If the Constitution does not specifically say I can't do something, I can do it."

Of course this was exactly opposite of the Founders' intentions.

Franklin and every president since, regardless of party affiliation, have expanded

what Thomas Hobbes would call "the Leviathan." We are now into unsustainable territory with our federal elected officials not having the will to reverse course. What is the Republic to do?

The solution for all the young energetic youth out there to do is listen to the "Forgotten Man" — Mr. James Madison.

Remember him all you high school students?

Yes, he was not only the Father of the Constitution, but also the Father of the Bill of Rights. Also the hero of the Virginia Ratifying Convention; one of the main authors of the Federalist Papers interpreting the true meaning of

the Constitution; the creator of the Virginia Plan, which was the framework for the Constitution; and the individual who almost singlehandedly coaxed the indispensable man, George Washington, to attend the Philadelphia Convention, without which none would be held.

He also wrote 50 years of letters to Thomas Jefferson, a priceless collection of history outlining the thinking behind America's formative years.

Because he was the leader of the first Congress, he also passed much legislation which benefitted the American structure by working closely with our first president. Not to mention, he was also secretary

of state and president, both for eight years.

He is the one, unlike Teddy, Woodrow and Franklin, who said the general welfare clause was only meant for those things the states could not do and that which is only enumerated in the founding document.

He was 5'4" and our smallest president physically, but his mind was like a steel trap and he was larger than life.

We have moved away from the "Forgotten Man" and now have debt including unfunded liabilities of \$100-300 trillion. The Federal budget in 1936 was approximately \$6 billion!

During that year, there was a famous Supreme Court case,

Butler vs. the US, which decided to disregard Mr. Madison and Mr. Jefferson's strict reading of the general welfare clause and accept Mr. Hamilton's expansive reading. We now have a federal budget akin to Armageddon.

Maybe we can remember the Forgotten Man and realize the immortal words of Alexis De Tocqueville in 1831, "America is great because America is good." May it always be so — and may we remember the other indispensable man, James Madison, who should be vigorously taught in our public schools instead of racial theories which cause discord. Mr. Madison caused unity.

## PASTOR'S CORNER — WE WERE ONCE FREE MEN

By PASTOR RON ALLEN  
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ter of fact, people today rarely acknowledge that is clearly articulated in the name of our Republic and affirmed in our Declaration of Independence and our Constitution, The United States of America.

Our government, while granting enormous freedom with respect to moral concerns, has constantly been eroding our political independence from an elite ruling class. For example, we have the right to engage in practices that were once considered immoral; to use drugs that were once considered dangerous, destructive

and addictive; to use images and language in public that was once considered pornographic in nature. These behaviors now are acceptable all in the name of freedom.

However, the rights of free speech about government are being restricted. How we use personal property is regulated in all areas, parental rights about education and health have been usurped, laws have been passed in the name of "crime prevention" and "public safety" to regulate almost every aspect of our lives. As a people, we have never seen such control

over the lives of Americans except in the case of slavery.

Just as these changes within our society have been gradual in nature and changing over many decades, for the Christian, the erosion of the passion to live like Jesus slowly fades over time as the cares and concerns of this world begin to dominate our waking moments.

As we make concessions for the sake of convenience and compromise for the sake of instant gratification, sin begins to dominate our lives again, robbing us of the joy and the sense of peace we once had.

The Apostle Paul was writing to the church in Galatia to encourage those who were struggling to try and maintain spiritual and emotional balance during a very stressful time. To continue to try every day, to live up to the values Jesus taught and lived out in His own life.

Their community was experiencing cultural convulsions and their values were under assault, much like our culture today.

The question is, how do we address this "drift" in our lives?

The Bible reminds us of this truth, "If we confess our

sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

God gives us a reset button to start over every day, to make this day better than the last one. To find joy and peace that transcends the stress of the day and the pain of our circumstance. To give us hope knowing, that in Jesus, our future transcends the issues of the moment.

Six local pastors will be participating in the Pastor's Corner. Look for other Florence-area church leadership in future editions of *Siuslaw News' Community Voices*.

# WEEK #4 WINNERS

# LOSE!

# to WIN!

TOP 5 Women



COO CLARKSON 2.44%



CASSANDRA BURNS 2.02%



ARLENE BIRON 1.38%

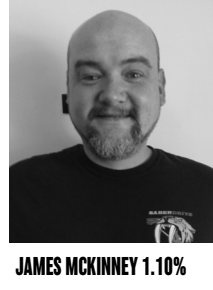


SUE JAMES 1.11%



KATHERINE HEMMENS 1.02%

TOP 5 Men



JAMES MCKINNEY 1.10%



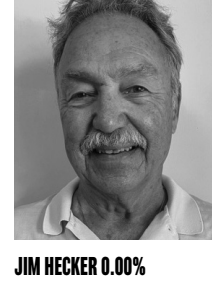
DUSTIN WILLIAMS 0.56%



BRAD HANSCOM 0.48%



AL ROJAS 0.28%



JIM HECKER 0.00%

Contestant Name	Weekly % Lost	Season %Lost
<b>WOMEN'S RESULTS</b>		
Coo Clarkson	2.44%	4.49%
Cassandra Burns	2.02%	3.34%
Arlene Biron	1.38%	7.12%
Sue James	1.11%	4.02%
Katherine Hemmens	1.02%	3.96%
Alyssa Cargill	0.54%	2.52%
Linda Goalder	0.53%	2.62%
Betty Scarbrough	0.49%	5.60%
Debbie Haring	0.37%	4.20%
Guadalupe Galvan	0.23%	2.97%

Margaret Free	0.15%	0.38%
Betty Blake	0.00%	2.30%
Jolene Alcorn	0.00%	1.08%
Linda Adcox	0.00%	2.55%
Linda Anderson	0.00%	3.03%
Linda Crowell	0.00%	3.99%
Linda Knudtson	0.00%	1.29%
Lori Coffindaffer	-0.25%	5.16%
Nancy Robison	-0.35%	2.71%
Linda Harklerode	-0.84%	3.13%
Jo Beaudreau	-0.86%	-1.96%

<b>MEN'S RESULTS</b>		
James McKinney	1.10%	3.52%
Dustin Williams	0.56%	6.31%
Brad Hanscom	0.48%	4.14%
Al Rojas	0.28%	5.77%
Jim Hecker	0.00%	2.74%
David Crowell	-0.17%	0.34%
Dirk Anderson	-0.50%	7.00%
Brad Koehn	-0.51%	4.55%
Jerry Whiting	-2.50%	0.98%

OVER \$1,000 IN PRIZES & GIFTS

## 14-WEEK CONTEST

July 17 - October 20, 2021

\*Weigh in each week at the Siuslaw News 148 Maple Street, Florence, each Wednesday, 7:30a.m.-5:30p.m.  
\*Weekly leaders in each category (male & female) will be pictured in the Saturday edition of the Siuslaw News.  
\*Look Good - Feel Good!

Contestants understand that participation in the contest may involve inherent risks, dangers and hazards, which many occur without warning, or be due to lack of conditioning, carelessness, and other unforeseen, unidentified, or unexpected perils inherent in physical activities or weight loss programs. Contestants understand that oversight of the contest by the Siuslaw News or any other sponsors does not and cannot, guarantee their safety. Contestants understand that they should not participate in the contest if they have any health conditions affecting their ability to participate. Contestants have signed release forms to certify they are fully aware of, and expressly assume these and all other risks involved in participating in the contest, and to grant to the Siuslaw News and all contest sponsors and their respective assignees, the absolute right and permission to use their name, address, photograph and/or likeness in any and all advertising, trade, or promotion. Contestants have weighed in at the first contest weigh-in on July 17, 2021 and will weigh-in every Wednesday through October 20, 2021 at the Siuslaw News, 148 Maple Street, 7:30a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

TOTAL POUNDS LOST TO DATE

# 217.6+

## Diet Tip #4

"Using smaller plates at mealtimes can help reduce intake effortlessly. The same amount of food will look like a full meal on small plate compared to a large plate. Eating a full plate is more satisfying and satiating and won't leave you feeling deprived."

~Stephanie Shiu, MPH, RD Inpatient  
Dietitian at Peace Harbor Medical Center

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