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County gives taxpayers break for paying late

By **MIKE WILLIAMS**
The Patriot

Because of the impact COVID-19 has had on the local economy, Pulaski County is giving citizens and businesses who need it a three-month grace period of sorts for paying their first half real estate taxes due on June 5.

Monday night the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors approved an ordinance that establishes a penalty and interest rate of zero percent for real estate taxes not paid by June 5.

Taxpayers will have until September 5 to pay their taxes without penalty.

However, come September 6, late-payers face the usual 10 percent penalty plus interest for missing the deadline.

“We live in extraordinary times,” stated County Administrator Jonathan Sweet in explaining why the Board of Supervisors had put forth the idea of helping taxpayers who had been hit hard by COVID-19.

“We don’t yet know the full impact – particularly

the financial impact – COVID-19 has had on our local economy,” Sweet said.

He recalled that last year, Pulaski County ranked first in the state in economic development and job creation efforts and enjoyed its lowest unemployment rate in some 40 years.

However, due to COVID-19, things have turned sour on the economic front.

Sweet said on March 14, only seven citizens filed unemployment claims in the county. That number increased March 21 to 80. On March 28, the number filing unemployment claims climbed to 496, and on April 4 the figure was 478.

“Those numbers put things in perspective,” Sweet noted.

In light of this, Sweet said the supervisors began



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WEEKEND WEATHER

Saturday	Sunday
Mostly sunny, with a high near 69. Northwest wind around 8 mph.	Partly sunny, with a high near 77.
Saturday Night - Partly cloudy, with a low around 51.	Sunday Night - A chance of showers and thunderstorms, then showers likely after 10pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 57. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

Pulaski County YMCA names Woods as new CEO

PULASKI - Jessie Woods has been selected to become the new YMCA of Pulaski County CEO following an extensive national search for a new leader.

Woods, who will begin her new role on May 15th, will be succeeding Allison Hunter, who will be retiring on June 1st after 7 years of exemplary service.

Speaking of her new role, Woods says, “It has been so exciting to watch the Y come alive again under Allison’s leadership over the last several years. I can’t wait to be a part of the Ys future and am honored to serve our community in this role.”

Woods, her husband L.A., and their two children, live on their family farm in Pulaski County. She has always had a deep love for the Pulaski YMCA where she learned to swim and spent nearly every day in high school practicing for the swim team, worked in the child development center and later taught spin classes, enrolled her children in child care and served on the Y Board.

She has spent the last 15 years living out her passion to work with children and families through school based mental health services and growing in leadership. She is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) and has a B.S. degree from Virginia Tech and a Master of Social Work from Radford University.

Hunter returned home to Pulaski after a successful business career and began a second career as her YMCA’s CEO 7 years ago. Her father, Dr. Thomas Haller, was one of the founders of the YMCA of Pulaski County and Hunter also grew up going to



Jessie Woods takes over as CEO of the YMCA of Pulaski County on May 15.

Photo courtesy of YMCA of Pulaski County

the Pulaski Y and swimming for the Y swim team. Hunter has built relationships, increased contributions and expanded YMCA programs and services during her tenure. She is an avid runner, well respected community leader and is excited to be passing the YMCA CEO Keys to Woods.

Reflecting on this transition in leadership, YMCA Board President Kathy Waller remarked, “Allison’s seven-year legacy strengthened the foundation of our YMCA. Her leadership style and relationship skills were exemplary. We will miss her and know she will do her best to prepare Jessie to step into this leadership role.”

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Randolph Park to reopen with limited access

From Pulaski County

In an effort to help the citizens of Pulaski County better cope with the restrictions associated with COVID-19, County Administration will be reopening Randolph Park for daily limited access beginning Friday, May 1, 2020, beginning at 8:00am.

The following amenities that will reopen are as follows: walking/hiking trails, asphalt walking track, disc golf course, tennis courts and restroom facilities. The areas that will remain closed and off limits for public activities are the Baseball/Softball Fields, Basketball and Volleyball Courts, Playground and Picnic Shelters. These limited activities will be allowed during the normal park hours of 6:30 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. seven (7) days per week. (Park gates will be closed at 8pm daily) The pool facility is currently under a delayed opening of July 1, 2020 but the pool season still depends on future guidelines for allowable summer-type congregate activities.

Pulaski County remains mindful of the precautionary measures that are in place in an effort to

prevent the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus). Social distancing measures are required when utilizing any area of the park. We trust citizens will remain adherent to the restrictions set in place for the Commonwealth, prohibiting groups of ten or more people. We strongly encourage park patrons to appropriately wear masks or face coverings when utilizing these spaces within Randolph Park for the benefit of others. The smaller community parks located throughout the county remain open for walking/running and other social distanced type activities. Activities that attract larger groups in a small setting such as gatherings, basketball/baseball/softball games, and usage of playground equipment remain prohibited within all county parks until further advised.

Please continue to do your part to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 by:

- Washing your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer
- Keeping household surfaces clean (including cell phones)

- Coughing or sneezing into a tissue (and discard it) or your interior elbow
- Avoiding touching your mouth, nose, eyes or face
- Practicing 'social distancing' and avoid shaking hands
- Remaining at home if you're sick and avoiding others who are sick
- Staying home except in ex-

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considering ways they could support local businesses – large and small – as well as individual citizens and do so in a “very balanced, very measured way so as to not further jeopardize Pulaski County’s projected revenue collections and cash flow.”

Sweet said some localities had considered simply moving due dates to give taxpayers more time to pay. However, he said that actually would compound the challenge counties will have in generating tax revenue.

He said the approach taken by Pulaski County’s Supervisors in not changing the date allows all escrow accounts to pay on June 5 as scheduled. It also allows citizens who want to pay on the due date to do so.

Noting that some citizens and businesses now may not be in the financial position they were three months ago and may not be able to pay their real estate taxes that are due June 5.

“It is not the board’s intent to take advantage of those taxpayers during this period of unprecedented times by enjoying penalties and interest as a result of the impact of COVID-19’s effects,” Sweet said.

Sweet stressed the board’s action does not remove penalties and interest from any other previous taxes owed.

Supervisors Chairman Joe Guthrie thanked Sweet, County Treasurer Melinda Worrell and

tremely limited circumstances.

Should you feel ill, please follow the guidelines outlined here: (Symptoms of coronavirus - <http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/symptoms.html>)

- Call your health care provider or your local health dept. - (do not go to the emergency room).
- The New River Health Dis-

trict has activated a local public health hotline at: (540) 267-8240 - Mon. through Fri., from 8 a.m. -to- 8 p.m.; Sat., from 8 a.m. -to- noon; Sun., from noon -to- 4 p.m.

• Virginia Department of Health (VDH) also has a public health hotline at: 877-ASK-VDH3, available weekdays from 9 a.m. -to- 5 p.m.

• Call: 2-1-1 Virginia

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County Attorney Tim Kirtner for their efforts on the ordinance and the relief it will give citizens of the county.

“Particularly at this time when a lot of folks are having trouble coming up with cash,” Guthrie said. “Hopefully by September we’re going to be through this period and people will be more able to pay and won’t be subject to any penalty for not paying right now because of the fact it is the government that has been telling us there are certain actions we can take and certain we can’t, and certain businesses are shut down during this time and that is beyond their control.”

“We want to make sure they are not penalized for that,” Guthrie said.

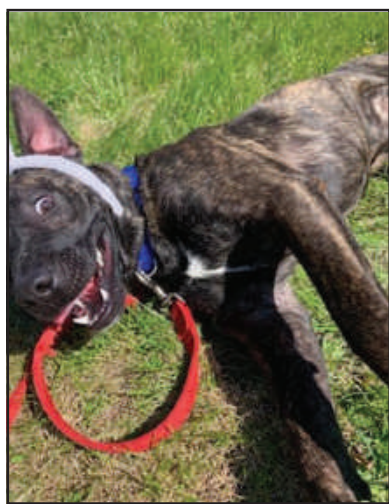
On a related note, Sweet announced that most of Randolph Park will be re-opened as of today (May 1). See related story inside today’s issue.

Sweet noted 1.2 million people reside in Virginia west of Bath County, and in that area only 351 cases of COVID-19 have been reported with only 67 hospitalizations.

Sweet said local governments in the New River Valley are working together to develop models for re-opening, and when those are ready, they will be introduced in a series of virtual town hall meetings.

Before closing the meeting, Guthrie noted that May’s regular meeting of the board will occur on May 18 due to the Memorial Day holiday.

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Volvo manufactures critical PPE for community

Volvo Trucks North America is helping the communities where its employees live and work by producing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for local medical facilities, and through donations to nonprofit organizations.

“Our employees and our communities are extremely important to Volvo Trucks,” said Peter Voorhoeve, president of Volvo Trucks North America. “We want to do what we can to help during the current situation, whether it’s designing and manufacturing critical PPE or through financial or in-kind donations, and we’re very proud of our employees who played such a vital role in these efforts.”

Three facilities supporting Volvo Trucks North America have stepped up to manufacture PPE for local medical facilities, including: the Technical Center in Greensboro, North Carolina; the New River Valley (NRV) manufacturing plant, where all Volvo trucks for North America are assembled, based in Dublin, Virginia; and the Volvo Group Powertrain facility, where the powertrain for North America is assembled, based in Hagerstown, Maryland. Utilizing existing technology, each site converted areas that are now assembling various types of PPE, based on material availability and local demand.

At the NRV truck plant in Dublin, a team of employees in various functions created multiple iterations of a face shield design, until one impressed local medical professionals and met their requirements. An ear guard, with the message “Heroes at Work” incorporated into the design as a gesture of gratitude to those working with patients, is also



Photos courtesy of Volvo Trucks North America

New River Valley Employees Delivering Face Shields and Ear Guards to LewisGale Hospital.

in production at NRV. To date, NRV has delivered about 650 face shields, ear guards and N95 face masks to: LewisGale Hospital in Pulaski, Virginia; Twin Counties Hospital, in Galax, Virginia; VCU Medical Center in Richmond, Virginia; and various fire department and EMS units in Pulaski County, Virginia.

“The face shield is one of the most difficult pieces of equipment to find in our area,” said Franky Marchand, vice president and general manager at NRV. “I’m extremely proud of the resourcefulness and willingness to help that our employees - and even their families - exhibited working to create these headbands, which very much exemplifies the can-do attitude that

we’ve come to expect from our NRV employees.”

At the Volvo powertrain facility in Hagerstown, Maryland, engineers utilized existing designs and began 3D-printing face shield headbands and ear guards, piloted and revised by employees at the site until satisfying local medical professionals. Employees who are working from home and who have their own 3D printers also are printing PPE. A total of 700 face shields and ear guards have been delivered to Meritus Health Center, in Hagerstown, WellSpan Waynesboro Hospital in Pennsylvania, the local Homewood Retirement Center, and the site’s Family First Medical Center & Pharmacy.

The Volvo powertrain facility

also recently committed to donating healthy snacks on a weekly basis to the Hagerstown YMCA, which was mandated to provide childcare for medical professionals and first responders, until the COVID-19 situation is over.

“The ingenuity of employees at the Hagerstown facility has never been more evident than during COVID-19,” said Marcus Minkinen, vice president of powertrain production at the Hagerstown Powertrain facility. “We are pleased to be able to support our community through the teamwork of our employees and the manufacturing of PPE that is so vital during this time.”

In Greensboro, North Carolina, employees at the Technical Center are using 3D printers

and stereolithography (SLA) 3D systems to produce face shields and ear guards. They have delivered approximately 1,000 items to Cone Health in Greensboro. Previously, the company donated to Cone Health several thousand pieces of PPE, such as safety glasses, gloves and various types of masks from its internal stock. The Volvo Group also recently gave \$40,000 to the Greensboro Virus Relief Fund, established by the United Way, City of Greensboro and the Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro to support local children and families impacted by the virus, as well as \$20,000 to the Out of the Garden Project, a nonprofit organization dedicated to those facing food insecurity in the Piedmont Triad area of North Carolina.

“It’s great to see the drive and commitment from our employees at several Volvo facilities across the U.S., teaming up to share best practices and collectively making a contribution to local communities,” added Voorhoeve.

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Town of Pulaski walking, biking trails being reopened

In an effort to help the citizens of Pulaski County and the Town of Pulaski better cope with the restrictions associated with COVID-19, Town walking and biking trails will be reopened for daily limited access beginning on May 1st at 8:00 a.m.

Town playgrounds, basketball courts and tennis courts will remain closed. The section of the Dora Trail from the Pulaski Train Depot to Cool Springs will be open to the public.

The remainder of the Dora Trail is closed at this time due to flooding.

We want to emphasize that while Town walking and biking trails are reopening, other locations will remain closed to public access at this time. These locations include: playgrounds, the baseball/softball field at Cool Springs, and the picnic shelter at Heritage Park.

Pulaski County and the Town of Pulaski remain mindful of the precautionary measures that are in place in an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus).

Social distancing measures are required when utilizing any area

of our parks and trails. We trust citizens will remain adherent to the restrictions set in place for the Commonwealth, prohibiting groups of ten or more people.

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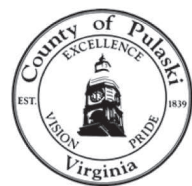
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Mail Absentee Voting

Tuesday, June 16, 2020: Last day to request an absentee ballot by mail. Applications must be received in the Pulaski County Voter Registration Office by 5 p.m.

Tuesday, June 23, 2020: Election Day ALL Absentee voted ballots must be returned to the Pulaski County Voter Registration Office by 7 p.m. to be counted.

****Due to COVID-19, voters may request an absentee ballot by mail for the June Primary using "2A My disability or illness" under the section "Choose an Absentee Ballot Reason" if they do not have another qualifying reason.**

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KAY HICKMAN BENNETT (GATLIN)

Kay Hickman Bennett (Gatlin), age 80, wife of the late James Nelson Bennett, a resident of Mary Esther, FL went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, April 28, 2020 in Mary Esther, FL. Kay was born on June 24, 1939 in Ft. Myers, FL to William Lloyd and Minnie Lee Hickman, she grew up in Ft. Myers, FL.

After graduating from Ft. Myers High School in 1957, she played the organ at Riverside Baptist Church, Ft. Myers, FL. While at Riverside Baptist Church, she met James Nelson Bennett and they later married in 1958. While married to James Nelson Bennett, Kay followed behind her husband during his naval career to Roosevelt Roads Naval Station, Puerto Rico; Pensacola Naval Air Station, FL; Naval Base San Diego, CA and the Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, CA. During that time, they were blessed with two daughters, Beverly Ann and Sandra Lynn. After "her" Navy career the family settled at the University of Florida in Gainesville, FL. In 1970, Kay and the family moved to Pulaski, VA. While in Pulaski, Kay and her family were members of the 1st Baptist Church of Pulaski and later, Memorial Baptist Church of Pulaski where she continued her love of playing the organ in both churches. In 1982, Kay, James and their daughter Sandra moved to Tampa, FL. While in Tampa, the family were members of the Temple Terrace Baptist Church, Temple Terrace, FL where Kay also served the choir by playing the organ. In 2007, Kay and her husband James moved to Mary Esther, FL where James Nelson Bennett passed away on August 29, 2013. Kay married Charles E. Gatlin on March 29, 2016.

She is survived by her daughters and their spouses: Beverly Ann (Leon) Gravley of Draper, VA and Sandra Lynn (Jeff) Pitman of Mary Esther, FL; two grandchildren and their spouses: LeAnna Kay (Peter) Schmalz of Cortez, CO and Aaron Jeffrey (Jessica) Pitman of Baker, FL; one great granddaughter Tatum JoAnn Pitman of Baker, FL; one sister and her spouse: Grace (Ed) Van Frachin; Kays 2nd husband Charles E. Gatlin; step daughters Charlene Godwin, Cherry Gatlin and Jennifer Donaghey; and a host of nieces, nephew, cousins, other relatives and friends. Kay is preceded in death by her 1st husband James Nelson Bennett; William Lloyd and Minnie Lee

Hickman.

Services celebrating Kay's life will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 11:00 AM at Davis-Watkins Funeral Home, 113 Racetrack Road, NE, Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32547 with visitation beginning at 9:00 AM. Due to the conditions in place for the coronavirus response; there will not be Traditional Funeral Service. All friends and family are welcome during the visitation period. Visitors will be limited to a maximum of 10 visitors at a time and are asked to remember social distancing while in the funeral home.

Internment will be held at Barrancas National Cemetery (Annex Side), Pensacola Naval Air Station, 1 Cemetery Road, Pensacola, FL 32508. In Lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) Star Charity Funds. The mission of the Sheriff's Star Charity is to help Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office law enforcement personnel, sworn and non-sworn during times of crisis and financial need. The Star Charity also engages and provides manpower and financial support to other charities within our community. The address to mail donations is: OCSO, 50 2nd street, Shalimar, FL 32579.

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THOMAS WAYNE JONES

Thomas Wayne Jones, age 60 of Pulaski passed away Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at the Lewis-Gale Hospital, Pulaski.

Born February 23, 1960 in Pulaski he was the son of the late Pauline Jones.

His sister, Theresa Jones, brothers, William David Jones, Timothy L. Jones also preceded him in death.

Thomas is survived by his Companion of 16 years Linda Farris – Pulaski Daughter Chrystal Baker –Radford Brother

Walter A. (Barbara R.) Jones – Pulaski

Richard N. Jones – Pulaski

Memorial services will be scheduled later and will be published online and in the newspaper.

To sign the online guestbook, please visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com

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

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TRACY HORTON QUESENBERRY

Tracy Horton Quesenberry, age 79 of Dublin, died Monday, April 27, 2020 at Carilion New River Valley Medical Center. He was born on October 7, 1940 in Allisonia, and was the son of the late Posey Waitman and Mary Louise Bell Quesenberry. He was also preceded in death by two sisters; Louise Q. Miller and Margaret Q. Burress: on brother; Trubie E. (Sonny) Quesenberry: one niece; Jacqueline (Jackie) Burress and one nephew; Tracy E. Miller. He was a life-long resident of Pulaski County, and attended Allisonia and Hiwassee Elementary Schools, and was a graduate of Dublin High School. Tracy retired from United Parcel Service in January 1982 due to an accident. He had to use a wheelchair for mobility, but he never gave up. He bought a 35 foot motor home and a car to tow behind it and drove another 55 thousand miles including two trips to Yellowstone National Park, and made several trips to Kansas City and many trips to Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina, and Tennessee. He was one of the first five drivers hired in Dublin area to open the Virginia District for United Parcel Service on June 29, 1964. He was a former member of the Virginia Army National Guard in Pulaski and U.S.A.R. 424th Transportation Company in Galax, and a former member of the American Legion. He is survived by five nieces: Ruth M. Mccarter, Seiverville, TN, Pat M. Ogle of Maynardville, TN, Connie M. Elliott of Powell, TN, Darlene Miller of Knoxville, TN, Ruth Q. Bennett of Belton, MO: five nephews; Thomas D. Miller, Sam R. Miller, Willie E. Miller, and Charles A. Miller, all of Knoxville, TN, and Roger D. Burress of Concord, NC. Extended family includes truest and dearest friends, Jack and the Late Violet Akers, Michael (Whimpy) and Charlene Akers of Dublin, special life-long family friend, Virgie Harrell of Pulaski, close friends; Jackie L. and Janice Dickerson of Pulaski. A private graveside service will be held at Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.seaglefuneralhome.com Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski.

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EDDIE LEE ALLISON, JR.

On April 26, 2020, Eddie Lee Allison, Jr. made his personal appearance in heaven.

He is survived by his four boys, Jake Perry, Devon Allison, Caleb Allison and Ryder Allison,

his parents, Eddie and Penny Allison (Hiwassee), brother, Greg & Sherry Quesenberry (Dublin), sister, Shannon & Michael Farr (Hiwassee), three nephews, Hunter, Collin, Kade and niece, Hailey.

A special Mamaw, Becky Coleman

former wife, Jaime Allison and special friend,

Chelsie Caldwell.

Private Family Graveside funeral services will be held Friday, May 1, 2020 at the Trail Family Cemetery,

Hiwassee with Mike Hall officiating.

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

THOMAS MASON COMPTON

Thomas Mason Compton of Dublin, VA passed Tuesday, April 21 at Pulaski Community Hospital. Tom was born in Welch, WV on April 5, 1950, He went on to graduate high school in Welch and then from Montreat Anderson College in Ashville, NC. Tom was an avid baseball lover, being one of the owners of the Pulaski Minor League Baseball Team. These teams brought many players to our area and provided the citizens of the area with months of entertainment each summer. As the Building Official of the Town of Pulaski he even oversaw and helped with the first major renovation at Calfee Park. Tom retired from the Town of Pulaski in 2013 and continued farming at his home in Dublin. He enjoyed being busy with his cattle and working in the garden each summer. He was preceded in death by his parents, Mason Compton and Sadie Walker Compton, and his Great Aunt and Uncle Council and Mildred Walker whom he had a very special bond. He is survived by his son, Council Jim Compton of Pulaski, Lea Compton Monday and husband Douglas Monday of Max Meadows, step-daughter Kim Slusher and husband Mike Slusher of High Point, NC, and his honorary son Ethan Cornett of Christiansburg. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Justin Hite, Keily Monday, and Mason Monday. The family will have a private service at a later time, when gathering of larger groups of people is permitted. A Celebration of Life will also be planned at a future date. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.seaglefuneralhome.com Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski.

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BESSIE MAE FOUTZ O'DELL

Bessie Mae Foutz O'Dell, age 87 formerly of Dublin passed away Saturday, April 25, 2020 in the Richfield Nursing Center.

Born December 28, 1932 in Bedford, Virginia, she was the daughter of the late Warren Lafayette Foutz and Carula Bell Lemons Foutz. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Daniel Rudolph O'Dell; one daughter, Kathie Lynn Quesenberry; brothers, James Anthony Foutz, Warren Junior Foutz and Linwood Foutz and sister, Dorothy (Dot) O'Dell.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Dell formed the Max Mountain Gospel Singers in 1955 in Pulaski. They made records and tapes and had a program on WBLB for many years.

She is survived by

Daughter & Son-in-law

Ann & Larry Davidson – Draper

Son

Daniel Kenneth O'Dell – Bland

Grandchildren

Larry Kevin Davison

Brent Erik Davidson

Randal Floyd O'Dell

Russell Brady Quesenberry

Amy Lynn Smith

12 Great Grandchildren

Great Great Granddaughter

Sister

Jean Wilson – Arizona

Son-in-law

Danny Quesenberry – Dublin

Daughter-in-law

Brenda Dickerson O'Dell –

Pearisburg

Private family graveside services were held Wednesday, April 29, 2020 at Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin with Pastor Michael Blouse officiating.

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

Flowers are appreciated and you can also make donations in her memory to the Pulaski County Animal Shelter @ 80 Dublin Park Rd, Dublin, VA 24084.

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

FRANCES ANN BOWERS VIPPERMAN

Frances Ann Bowers Vipperman, 86, passed away on April 14, 2020 at the Forsythe Medical Center in Winston-Salem, N.C.

She was born on June 1, 1933 in Woodlawn, Va. She was the daughter of Joseph Bowers and Annie Edwards Bowers. She was preceded in death by five brothers and four sisters with Frances being the youngest. Also preceding her in death was her husband, Claude Vipperman.

Over the years Frances and Claude resided in Hillsville, Pulaski and Radford. She was a resident of Galax Health and Rehab Center for the past three years.

She is survived by nieces and nephews, special friend Rev. Will Shewey of Kingsport, Tenn. and faithful companion and caregiver for 19 years, Barbara Eversole of Pulaski.

Frances loved the Lord deeply and was laid to rest at Highland Memory Gardens and Mausoleum next to her beloved husband.

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LISA CAROL SPENCE JONES

Lisa Carol Spence Jones, age 49 of Dublin passed away, Saturday, April 25, 2020 at the Roanoke Memorial Hospital. Born March 30, 1971 in Roanoke she was the daughter of Jacqueline Anne Myers Spence and the late Robert Lee Spence, Sr. Her brother, Robert Lee Spence, Jr., grandparents, Lawrence and Bertie Myers, Irene and James Spence also preceded her in death.

She is survived by her Husband Nathaniel Wayne Jones, Sr. Son Nathaniel Wayne Jones, Jr. Mother Jacqueline Anne Myers Spence-Pulaski Sister Ann Spence (William) Bentley Pulaski Aunt Joan Lambert Uncles & Aunts Fred (Diane) Myers Carol (Robert) Roark Many cousins, family and friends

Memorial services will be held at a later date. Date and time will be posted in newspapers and our website.

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CHARLIE I. WARD

Charlie I. Ward went to be with his heavenly father at 9:35 am on the morning of April 15, 2020. He died at home with his family. He loved to read his Bible and listen to gospel music and going to Walmart. He was born May 2, 1937, to David D. and Sally S. Ward in Pulaski Va. Retired from Pulaski Furniture Corp. and the Pulaski County School System.

He was preceded in death by: Father, David Daniel Ward Mother, Sally Simmon Ward Brother, Melvin Curtis Ward Granddaughter, Julie Rise First wife, Velma Nunn Ward Survivors:

Wife of 56 years, Shirley Clark Ward, Cleveland, GA

Sons: Jerry Ray Ward Pulaski, VA

Charles Jeffrey Ward, Mocksville, NC

Brian Kelly Ward, Cleveland, GA

Sisters: Violet Jonas and husband Jimmy, Dublin, VA

Bonnie French and husband Dan, Dublin, VA

Marie Ward, Dublin, VA

Brother: William D. Ward and wife Betsy, Draper, VA

Sister in Law: Bernice Ward, Pulaski, VA

Four Special grandkids: Robert Lee Ward, Cleveland, GA

Kayla C. Ward, Cleveland, GA his little pumkin

Shannon M Ward, Charlotte, NC

Joanne Ramey Lance, his little red head grandkid, Addison NY

Stepson: Larry Blanton, Radford, VA Stepdaughter: Debbie Kiser, Radford, VA

Four step-grandkids, seven step-great-grandkids, nine step-great-great-grandkids, and lots of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorial arrangements are pending.

MARILYN JEAN SWEITZER

Marilyn Jean Sweitzer, 67 of 230 Washington Avenue, Apartment 102 passed away on March 21, 2020 at her home.

She was born on January 3, 1953. She is survived by two daughters and two grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents and an infant son.

M.J. (as she preferred to be called) had many friends at Bluegrass Apartments and faithful, devoted caregivers, Evelyn Boyle of Radford and Barbara Eversole of Pulaski.

Per M.J.'s wishes there were no services.

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Governor pushes town elections off to May 19

Virginians encouraged to vote absentee by mail

RICHMOND—Governor Ralph Northam last Friday invoked his statutory authority to postpone the May General and Special Elections by two weeks, from May 5, 2020 to May 19, 2020. Elections are scheduled in 56 localities across the Commonwealth. The Governor also moved the June primary elections from June 9, 2020 to June 23, 2020.

Earlier this month, Governor Northam recommended moving the May elections to November, which required action by the General Assembly. While the House of Delegates approved the measure, the Senate failed to do

Ft. Chiswell Exxon pledges portion of sales to local rescue squads

WYTHE COUNTY, Va. – The Wythe County Administrator's Office is pleased to announce a partnership with the Fort Chiswell Exxon station that is located off I-81/77 Exit 80.

Under the terms of the partnership, the gas station will donate five cents for every gallon of gasoline sold between now and May 31, 2020, to the Lead Mines Rescue Squad and the Rural Retreat Volunteer Emergency Services.

The offer comes at a time when volunteer emergency services across the nation are facing unprecedented struggles due to the economic downturn, as the organizations rely heavily upon donations.

Curtis Crawford, Wythe County's Emergency Coordinator, said, "The offer of the Fort Chiswell Exxon station was extremely generous and will go a long way in helping to supplement what would normally

so.

"Virginians should never have to choose between casting a ballot and risking their health," said Governor Northam. "I am grateful to the House of Delegates for taking action to move our upcoming elections, but unfortunately the Senate failed to make the same commonsense decision. While we strongly encourage every Virginian who can vote by mail to do so, we will also take every necessary step to conduct these elections in a way that ensures in-person voting is done safely and responsibly."

The Governor has directed the Department of Elections to provide the latest Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance to General Registrars on best practices to

be contributions from private citizens during better economic times."

Crawford went on to say that the two squads average making roughly 2,500 calls each year, adding, "The costs to running and maintaining a fleet of ambulances and a squad is astronomical -- the ambulances themselves are close to a quarter-million dollars each and maintaining them in top working order is a major expense for our community."

Dharmendra Patel, owner of the Fort Chiswell Exxon said that he is honored to host the fundraiser for the volunteer rescue squads, saying, "The people at the rescue squads do a wonderful job for our community and during these times of financial distress, we feel like this is a great way for us to say thank you."

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OPEN FORUM

Appreciates Deputy Radcliffe

To the editor,

Recently I spent some time in LewisGale Hospital in Pulaski. When I was leaving the hospital to go home, my wife and daughter accidentally locked the keys in our car.

A hospital security guard was unable to open the car.

Someone called Deputy Jamie Radcliffe to come and, in the pouring rain, he got the car open.

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The Governor encourages voters to vote absentee by mail if their municipality is holding a General or Special Election on May 19, 2020. The Department of Elections recommends voters who request an absentee ballot use the reason code for having a disability or an illness.

Voters can request online that an absentee ballot be mailed to them by visiting elections.virginia.gov/voterinfo or by downloading and printing a request form at elections.virginia.gov/forms and returning the completed and signed form to their local General Registrar's office by mail, fax, or scanned attachment to an email. Contact information for General Registrar offices is on the form. Forms are also available in Spanish, Vietnamese, and Korean.

Voters completing a paper application may use reason 2A, "my disability or illness" to complete their form. Voters completing an online application to request an absentee ballot will need to follow the prompts and select "I have a reason or condition that prevents me from going to the polls on Election Day." They will then have the option to choose "my disability or illness" as the reason for their request.

"Elections are a critical function of our government," said Attorney General Mark Herring. "We will do everything in our power to maintain the integrity of our democratic process while ensuring the safety of all Virginians."

Only individuals who were eligible to vote on May 5, 2020 may participate in the elections on May 19, 2020, and no new candidates are eligible to participate in the postponed elections. The deadline to register to vote or update an existing registration for the May 5, 2020 elections has passed. The deadline does not change for the elections scheduled for May 19, 2020.

Local General Registrar offices must receive mailed-in requests for absentee ballots for the May 19, 2020 election by 5:00 PM on Tuesday, May 12, 2020. Voters are advised to apply immediately to account for any potential delays in mail delivery.

Absentee ballots returned by mail must be received by the local General Registrar by 7:00 PM on Election Day, May 19, 2020. Voters can find contact information for their local General Registrar at elections.virginia.gov/localGR. Voters are encouraged to mail their completed ballots as soon as possible to ensure they arrive before the deadline.

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Congress Amid the Coronavirus

The coronavirus outbreak has upended many of the ways we go about our lives. As a Member of Congress, I believe it must not alter the essential duty I was elected to perform: voting in person on legislation.

To be sure, many of the regular practices of my job have already changed.

When I am not in Washington for votes, hearings, and meetings, I would usually be traveling across the Ninth Congressional District to attend constituent meetings, events, and other responsibilities. I am still meeting with constituents, but by video or telephone conferencing now. I use these tools to confer with other Members of Congress and Trump Administration officials as well.



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

But changing the way voting on legislation is done raises serious concerns.

The House Democrat majority recently put forward a plan for a remote quorum and remote voting by proxy, and then shelved it. I am glad they did so.

This plan called for proxy voting on the House floor during a pandemic emergency period, in which a representative could submit a signed letter to the House clerk authorizing another representative to vote in his or her place as directed.

Other suggestions have incorporated technology to allow for remote voting. While I believe that technological innovation can solve many of our problems, this is not one of them.

Remote voting which possibly conflict with the Constitution, which requires a quorum to do business. There is no pandemic emergency exception to our oath of office to support and defend the Constitution.

Remote voting proposals are also out of line with our history.

The United States has faced many challenges and periods of difficulty in the past, yet Congress still met.

If anyone might have benefited from proxy voting in our history, it would have been Caesar Rodney, a representative of Delaware in the Second Continental Congress. Rodney was plagued by ill health, including gout, asthma, and a terminal cancerous growth on his face, and on July 1, 1776 was in Dover. But when he learned he was needed in Philadelphia to break the tie in the Delaware delegation on the question of independence from Britain, he rode by horseback through a stormy night to cast his vote on July 2 in favor of independence.

Congress met during the Civil War, even with Confederate territory directly across the Potomac. At nights, planks on some of the bridges that spanned the river were removed to foil raiders such as John Singleton Mosby, the "Gray Ghost." At several points in the war, Confederate armies threatened to fall on the capital. But the work went on.

Even in the 1918 influenza epidemic, Congress met, although at times it lacked a quorum and so was not able to conduct business. Telephones existed, but nobody proposed that Congress just phone in votes.

Circumstances of grave danger and hardship did not put a long-term halt to congressional activity before, and I believe we can meet this challenge, too.

Beyond fulfilling our constitutional obligations, the legislative process depends on face-to-face personal interaction. We can be separated by six feet and wear masks, but this interaction is still essential.

In Washington, voting is one of the few occasions that brings everyone together. We ask for support on one another's bills, exchange information, talk about families, friends, and hobbies, and build the relationships that ultimately help move the process forward.

Additionally, being present when big questions are raised can clarify, persuade, and inspire. Patrick Henry's "Give me liberty or give me death!" speech would not have the impact it did if he spoke in an empty room or sent it to be read.

I have heard numerous speeches or arguments during my service that shaped my thinking on an issue. Of those, I particularly remember an impassioned speech by then-Delegate Kenny Melvin, a Democrat. His speech took what was expected to be a close vote and turned it into a 97-3 proposition. I was not the only one whose mind was changed. Remote voting would have hindered or entirely obstructed these occasions.

The Virginia House of Delegates recently considered an even broader remote voting proposal and fortunately rejected it. Apparently, enough of them recalled the power of live, in-person speeches like Henry's at St. John's Church just a few blocks away.

The coronavirus outbreak has called for changes in our behavior, and some of these can be implemented in Congress without significantly interfering with our work. But the most essential task, voting, must be done in person.

If you have questions, concerns, or comments, feel free to contact my office. You can call my Abingdon office at 276-525-1405, my Christiansburg office at 540-381-5671, or my Washington office at 202-225-3861. To reach my office via email, please visit my website at www.morgangriffith.house.gov.

All Together

It has been a while since my last column and I apologize, but I have been rather busy these past four weeks grappling with what I would describe as our comprehensive response to COVID-19. I suspect that is what we all of have been doing these days, adjusting and adapting to one of the most disruptive occurrences we have witnessed in modern times.

What makes this different from most other challenges we have faced, is the far-reaching impacts to every department and aspect of local government and our delivery of services, and the dynamic impact it is having on every single facet of the community, our economy and our lives.

As we are inundated with COVID-coverage in the media and the entertainment industry, we hear so many clichés, new terms and coined phrases that are becoming part of our everyday household vernacular. Things like social distancing, free zones, hand hygiene, flattening the curve, doom-scrolling, covidiot, quarantine shaming, quarantini, coronababies (that in a dozen years will turn into quaranteens), zumping, the COVID-15 and one of my favorites - the extended staycation.

Then there are all of the new has#tags that have popped up that are too numerous to attempt to list. One we hear a lot is, "#WeAreAllinThis-Together." This is actually what I wanted to spend a little time on.

It is both true and important to understand and appreciate that we are all in this pandemic crisis together. But we need to be careful we don't get stuck in this mindset that we are just all in this together, but rather "we are all going to get out of this together."

It is my humble opinion that we should start thinking in these terms. The terms of, what can we all do together to safely get out of these doldrums and get our community, our economy and our lives back?

The first and most important element is safety. We need to be responsible and be safety-focused on our health and



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the health of others by personally and commercially continuing to practice the recommended spread-control measures.

Secondly, we need to responsibly and safely get back to work with the proper reopening models.

Thirdly, we need to patronize our local businesses and in a bigger way than ever before.

Fourthly, we need to be more mindful than perhaps we have ever been about our community neighbors and their hardships and challenges.

Lastly, we need to be grateful. Grateful for where we live in this world, for our first responders, for our healthcare workers, for our faith-based community, and for all our essential workers.

We are indeed all in this together, but there is no doubt that we are going to need each other to get out of it and get through it, and I am confident we will do this because Pulaski County is ... All Together.

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Liberate America

"...the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." (from the First Amendment)

Conservatives are mostly a passive lot, expressing their frustrations and anger over ideas they oppose by listening to or watching Fox News, talk radio, or attending Trump rallies when that was possible.

The duration of the COVID-19 lockdown and its associated unemployment "pandemic" are changing that. Recent arbitrary executive orders by some governors have driven many who have never before demonstrated for or against anything into the streets of state capitals, with more likely to come. They want their jobs and country back.

President Trump is helping them out with his rallying cry to "liberate" Michigan, Virginia and Minnesota. These states are led by Democratic governors, whose party members in Congress appear to me to view the virus as a political opportunity to damage President Trump's re-election prospects.

At least some Republican governors are heeding the president's call to "open up."

Recently Governor Ron DeSantis of Florida announced the reopening of some beaches and parks with restrictions.

In Texas, as the Ft. Worth Star-Telegram reported, Gov. Greg Abbott "Outlined a careful, phased-in effort to allow businesses to open." The governor also named advisory panels to suggest next steps. Such panels are becoming the preferred strategy. If a policy fails, politicians can spread the failure and responsibility around, while taking credit for any success.

Gov. Abbott also promised he will be guided by medical data. One hopes that doesn't include computer models, which, according to National Review, are proving unreliable in forecasting the number of deaths and new virus cases.

Restaurants should be allowed to reopen while practicing social distancing and requiring staff to wear masks and gloves. In warmer climates, outdoor tables and chairs could help bring traffic back to pre-pandemic numbers. Restaurant employees are often the most economically vulnerable because many rely heavily



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on tips. Whatever money they might receive if restaurant owners applied for government loans and grants is not likely to make up the difference.

That there has been an overreaction to this virus, in my opinion, is hard to dispute.

Democratic Gov. Jay Inslee, who has exchanged compliments with President Trump for the federal assistance given to his state, accused the president of "fomenting domestic rebellion" with his liberation calls. He added that the president is encouraging "illegal and dangerous acts."

I don't think so.

Recently, Michigan Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer issued an executive order, which, according to Bridge, a nonprofit, nonpartisan news organization, permits "kayaking, boating, sailing or canoeing, but not in a motorized pontoon boat or anything that would require a trip to the gas station." People can "mow their own lawn, but not hire someone to do it." Michiganders can "travel to care for an elderly relative, but not visit friends or go to second homes." They can also "go for a walk, but not go golfing."

Liquor and lottery ticket sales were not banned by the governor, who is under consideration by Joe Biden as a possible running mate.

With such silly and arbitrary dictates, is it any wonder more people are taking to the streets?

(Readers may email Cal Thomas at tcaeditors@tribpub.com. Look for Cal Thomas' new book "America's Expiration Date: The Fall of Empires and Superpowers and the Future of the United States" (HarperCollins/Zonder-van). Readers may email Cal Thomas at tcaeditors@tribpub.com.



Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

What Ventilator Crisis?

At a coronavirus task force briefing at the beginning of April, White House adviser Jared Kushner explained the approach that would -- as events proved -- get the country through its ventilator crisis.

He was relentlessly pilloried, mocked and distorted in the press for it.

Kushner said at one point that states shouldn't be drawing on the federal stockpile just to hold ventilators in their own reserves. This led to a flurry of media criticism alleging that Kushner wanted to horde the federal ventilator stockpile.

Actually, the emphasis on data and shrewd allocation that Kushner discussed at the April 2 briefing has clearly worked.

At the outset, the country was looking at a daunting, perhaps impossible challenge. A chilling briefing at the Federal Emergency Management Agency early on posited that the U.S. could be short 130,000 ventilators by April 1. The federal government had about 16,000 ventilators in its stockpile.

A couple of insights drove the administration's effort to get its arms around the problem.

Officials realized, as one White House adviser puts it, that there was "too much guesstimating" going on. Many governors didn't know how many ventilators their states had and were acting on the normal impulse to have more than enough, just in case.

The administration created a data team. It used hospital billings to estimate how many ventilators were in each state and how many were being utilized, so it didn't have to depend on perhaps panicky, poorly informed requests from states.

Another important realization was that FEMA could do just-in-time delivery. This created a lot of flexibility. The administration could wait to see how things really played out, rather than make decisions based on projections weeks in the future.

The media portrayed it as a failure every time the administration gave a state a fraction of its request, but this was a key element of the strategy. If the administration had tried to meet New York's initial estimated need for 40,000 additional ventilators, for instance, everything would have gone out the door, and for no good reason.

Another insight was that most ventilators out in the country weren't being used, since virus hot spots are geographically limited. That meant there was a tremendous capacity to be tapped. This led to the Dynamic Ventilator Reserve. States and hospitals with a safe margin of ventilators not in use could lend them to places that needed them, with a federal guarantee that a hospital lending a ventilator would get a replacement in 24 or 48 hours if it turned out that it needed it back. This removed the fear and the risk of giving up ventilators.

To add to the nation's overall supply, FEMA acted quickly to get so-called notifications to purchase to ventilator manufacturers so they could start

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Northam open to idea of opening state businesses on regional basis

FALLS CHURCH, Va. (AP) — Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam said Monday he is open to the idea of opening businesses in southwest Virginia before the rest of the state as he weighs when coronavirus restrictions can be lifted.

Northam said at a press conference that the situation in the border city of Bristol illustrates why a regional approach might be necessary.

Bristol, a city that sits on both sides of the Virginia-Tennessee border, now faces a situation where restaurants on the Tennessee side of the border can provide dine-in services to patrons, while those on the Virginia side cannot.

Last week, Northam had downplayed the idea of opening businesses on a regional basis. On Monday, he said wanted to discuss the idea further with the business community.

"To try to be consistent, is it really fair for Tennessee's businesses to be open and Virginia's not to be?" Northam asked. "I'm open-minded to all of that. I

Economists agree: No quick rebound from recession likely

WASHINGTON (AP) — Devastated by the coronavirus, the U.S. economy is sinking. And the plunge is accelerating.

Now, as some businesses in a few states start to trickle back to work, hopes are beginning to arise that the economy, damaged as it is, might be poised to rebound by the second half of the year. If more employees and consumers were to gradually return to working and spending, the idea goes, the economy might be able to mount a sharp comeback.

Yet most economists have the same response: Keep such expectations in check.

Among their concerns is that the coronavirus could flare up again after the economy is re-opened, forcing reopened businesses to shut down again. Another is that people — employees and consumers alike — will remain too wary of contracting the coronavirus to return to anything resembling normal economic behavior. If that were the case, no meaningful economic recovery would likely take hold.

"The virus has done a lot of damage to the economy, and there is just so much uncertainty now," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics.

The U.S. economy shrank at a 4.8% annual rate in the January-March quarter, the government estimated Wednesday, as the

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Patel said that he will be opening a station in Rural Retreat within the next few weeks and will include this station in the fundraising drive.

Brian Vaught, chairman of the Wythe County Board of Supervisors expressed his gratitude in a statement saying, "Members of

would say, 'Stay tuned.'"

Northam faced increasingly skeptical questions at Monday's press conference about his justification for continuing his executive orders closing nonessential businesses and requiring Virginians to stay at home, particularly as other Southern states are beginning to ease restrictions.

Northam said he's trying to be guided by the science, but he acknowledged Monday that the science is in a state of flux. One computer model, for instance, suggests that Virginia may have reached its peak of COVID-19 cases. Another model, prepared by the University of Virginia, suggests that keeping stay-at-home restrictions in place through the duration of Northam's current order of June 10 will only delay an inevitable surge of cases, and result in a sharp peak of cases in August.

"It's not a perfect science and I would be the first as a scientist to agree with that," said Northam, a physician. "They call this a novel COVID-19, novel meaning new to the world. So there a lot of

coronavirus pandemic shut down much of the country and began triggering a recession that will end the longest expansion on record.

Yet the drop in the first quarter will be only a precursor of a far grimmer report to come on the current April-June period, with business shutdowns and layoffs striking with devastating force. With much of the economy paralyzed, the Congressional Budget Office has estimated that economic activity will plunge this quarter at a 40% annual rate.

That would be, by a breathtaking margin, the bleakest quarter since such records were first compiled in 1947. It would be four times the size of the worst quarterly contraction on record set in 1958.

"The longer consumers are stuck at home and workers can't get to their jobs, the greater the structural damage to the U.S. economy — permanent loss of household income, permanent business closures, permanent job losses, reduced business investment — which would prevent a strong rebound," said Gus Faucher, chief economist at PNC Financial Services Group.

The Commerce Department said that the gross domestic product, the total output of goods and services, posted a quarterly drop for the first time in six years. And it was the sharpest fall since the

the Board of Supervisors join me in expressing our appreciation to the Fort Chiswell Exxon for their generosity in donating to our local volunteer rescue agencies. We're proud of our volunteers and the businesses that make Wythe County an exceptional place to live and work."

things that we don't know about the virus that we'd like to know."

Also Monday, Northam said he worked with the governors in Maryland and Delaware to request federal help to deal with an outbreak of COVID-19 cases connected to poultry plants on the Delmarva peninsula. He said workers from the federal Centers for Disease Control arrived in Virginia on Monday. Teams include epidemiologists, contact trace workers and translators who speak Haitian Creole, a language commonly used among the region's poultry workers.

"The poultry economy on the Delmarva peninsula is so interconnected that a coordinated approach is critical," Northam said.

For most people, the coronavirus causes mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough that clear up within weeks. For some, especially older adults and those with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness and death. The vast majority of people recover.

economy shrank at an 8.4% annual rate in the fourth quarter of 2008 in the depths of the Great Recession.

"The longest U.S. economic expansion has ended," said Gregory Daco, chief economist at Oxford Economics.

Daco predicted that the recession will cause a drop in output that will be three times the size of the economic decline during the Great Recession, which got that name because it was the worst economic slump since the Great Depression of the 1930s.

Zandi said he thought any prospects for a recovery will hinge on the eventual availability of a coronavirus vaccine. He doesn't expect the economy to regain its footing on a sustained basis until perhaps mid-2021 — and that assumes that a vaccine would be ready by then.

Lowery

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work and hold their inventory, which ensured it wasn't lost to foreign countries.

Last year, according to administration figures, the country produced 30,000 ventilators. This year, it's going to produce some 200,000, and they are already coming in. "We are going to be swimming in ventilators," a White House adviser said.

By any measure, that's a success, certainly compared with where we thought we'd be less than a month ago. If the media weren't so devoted to gotcha idiocy, more people might know about it.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



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by Linda Thistle

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Virginia allowing elective medical procedures to resume

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Virginians are once again able to have elective surgeries and dental checkups again, as Gov. Ralph Northam announced that nonessential medical procedures could resume today. The governor said pet owners could also resume taking their animals to the vet for nonemergencies.

The governor imposed a ban on nonemergency procedures last month in an effort to reserve capacity in the state's health care system for coronavirus patients and personal protective equipment such as face masks for providers treating those patients.

Northam said at a news conference Wednesday that the state has avoided a surge in hospitalized patients like in Italy and New York and is in a much better spot in terms of having enough supplies and capacity than it was a few weeks ago.

"Together we took the right actions and they have been successful," Northam said. "We slowed the spread of this virus."

Medical and dental officials cheered the decision. The state's

hospitals have pushed Northam to allow them to reopen for elective procedures as they grappled with lost revenues. Hospitals across the state have announced layoffs, furloughs and other measures to cut costs because of the ban. The Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association estimates that about 15,000 nonurgent inpatient and outpatient medical procedures have been canceled each week during the ban.

Dr. Michael McDermott, chairman of the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association's board of directors, said the impact of the virus-related shutdowns to hospitals and health systems is "well over" \$200 million. But he said Northam's decision to stop nonemergency medical decisions last month was "absolutely the right decision at the time that it was made."

Northam's next big decision will be whether to extend his order to close nonessential businesses past May 8, when his current order expires. Some Republicans have been pushing Northam, a Democrat, to open

sooner, like some other Southern states have done.

Northam said Wednesday that he's continuing to look at data on testing, hospitalization and other information before deciding whether to extend that order. He reiterated that he's open to the idea of opening businesses on a regional basis.

"We're going to do it as soon as we can, as soon as it can be safely," Northam said.

Also Wednesday, Northam said officials from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have begun assessing the virus' impact on chicken processing plants on the state's Eastern Shore. Northam, along with the governors of Maryland and Delaware, have request federal help to deal with an outbreak of COVID-19 cases connected to poultry plants on the Delmarva Peninsula.

For most people, the coronavirus causes mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and

cough that clear up within weeks. For some, especially older adults and those with existing health

problems, it can cause more severe illness and death. The vast majority of people recover.

Town of Pulaski announces plans for Marketplace opening

From Town of Pulaski

After much deliberation, we have decided that for the time being, we will be hosting a pre-ordered drive-thru Farmer's Market.

How will this work?

1. Each week, we will post a listing of our vendors with their contact information and products that are available for purchase on our website and Facebook page.

2. From there, you will check those products lists and contact our vendors to let them know what you wish to order.

3. It will be up to the vendor's discretion on how to proceed with payment, and how to collect it.

4. Every Tuesday, from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm, you will be able to come to the Marketplace where staff will help fulfill your order. Without you having to exit your car, staff will take down your name, retrieve your order, and place it in either your trunk or backseat in a contactless manner. Masks will be worn, and we will be sanitizing our hands between every interaction.

We will be starting on May 26th! Stay tuned over the coming weeks as we post our vendor's products!

Bearing fruit in a time of need: Extension expert offers fruit tree advice

Arbor Day serves as a reminder for aspiring and seasoned gardeners that springtime is an ideal window of opportunity to begin planting fruit-bearing trees across the commonwealth.

"The spring planting window, usually mid-March through the end of May, provides young fruit trees with the best opportunity to receive regular rain showers and much-needed water after transplanting," said Jon Vest, Virginia Cooperative Extension agent in Floyd County, Virginia. "Now is the time for our fruit trees to expand young root systems before the heat and dry weather move into the Mid-Atlantic summer months."

Virginia Cooperative Extension offers a variety of helpful resources on the topics of lawn and garden, such as the Extension publication on "Tree Fruit in the Home Garden."

To grow a strong and healthy fruit tree, Vest said it is important to:

- Prepare the soil
- Dig a hole at an appropriate depth
- Fertilize the soil
- Properly mulch or place stone around the base of the tree
- Don't prune until late winter

Soil: Thorough soil preparation is critical as deep, well-drained soil works best. In choosing a location for the tree, find a spot that is ideally located away from any utilities and is in full sun. Compost or added amendments should be mixed thoroughly with parent soil before being added back to the hole.

Depth: Dig only as deep as necessary to cover the root ball or the original soil depth of the planting container. During planting, never plant the tree below the

"bump" or graft union present on the trunk, with the union remaining at least four to six inches above soil level to prevent damaging the base of the fruit tree. Wide planting holes are best and enable young roots to more easily penetrate new soil.

Fertilize: Fertilize young fruit trees about two weeks after planting and again six weeks later using 0.03 pounds of nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium (NPK) fertilizer. On a small tree, this may equate to one-third of a pound of 10-10-10 garden fertilizer. The application should be made by scattering fertilizer below the outstretched tree branches, but away from the trunk to encourage outward root growth.

Mulch: Mulching young fruit trees may conserve needed moisture; however, excessive mulch provides unwanted rodent habitat that may contribute to bark feeding during winter months. A few shovels of clean stone or gravel work well to discourage rodent habitat around the base of young fruit trees while allowing water to still penetrate the root ball below. Avoid placing mulch in a "volcano" shape.

Prune: While damaged or dead branches may be pruned at planting, avoid additional pruning until late winter. Spring pruning cuts leave young trees susceptible to many diseases that are present once temperatures warm above 70 degrees. Instead of grabbing the pruning shears, take some scrap wood trim, close pins, or other material and spread young limbs outward at 45- to 60-degree angles. This enables small branches to develop strength while encouraging new appropriately spaced growth.

Shout Out

There's been a Shout Out about the Coronavirus, and so much fear. Let us give our Lord a Shout Out because He knows and sees our tears.

A Shout Out to our health care workers, First responders, and everyone who has taken a part, doing their jobs with excellency and Love from their hearts.

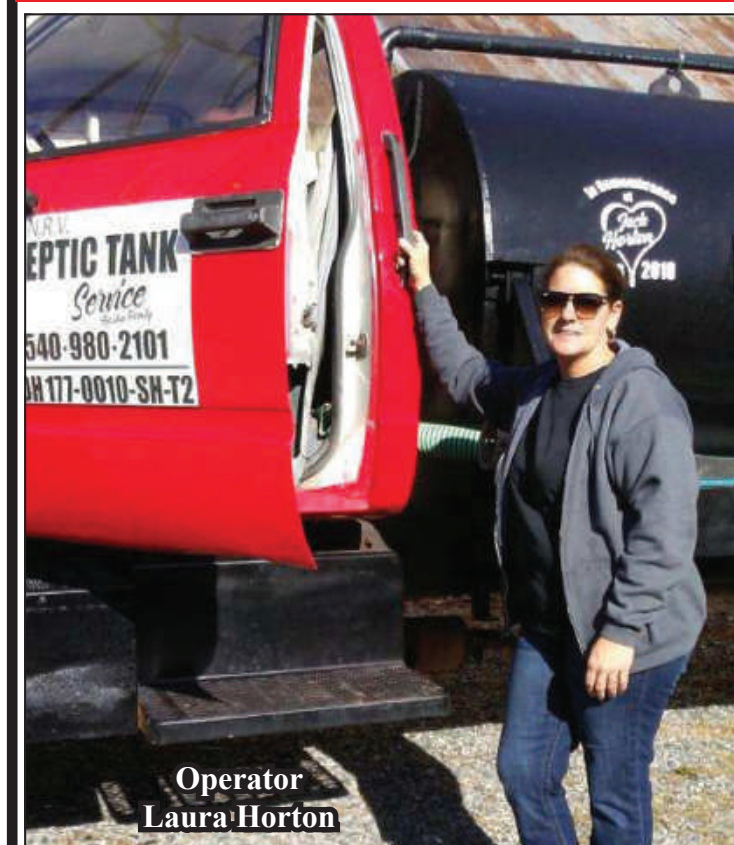
Shout Out to the people all over this land for prayers, kindness, lending a helping hand, to their fellowman.

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Pulaski Yankees expect June 22 debut

The Pulaski Yankees have provided the following updates regarding the 2020 season.

2020 Season: The 2020 Pulaski Yankees season is still expected to begin on June 22. We are in constant communication with the Appalachian League and Minor League Baseball about the season and will provide further updates as needed. At this time, we plan to play our full 68-game slate as originally scheduled. We continue to prioritize the health and safety of our fans and look forward to welcoming everyone back to Motor Mile Field at Calfee Park as soon as it is safe to do so.

Calfee Park Construction: Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, planned upgrades to Motor Mile Field at Calfee Park previously announced on February 13 will NOT take place for the 2020 season. The seating under the canopy along the third baseline will remain general admission seating for the 2020 season. The PSK Party Deck



will require its own Party Deck GA ticket for the coming season. While additional concessions carts will not be added for 2020, a "Season Ticket Holder Only" window will be added to the main concession stand to accommodate for the removal of waitress service in club seating behind home plate and improvements are continually being made to enhance

the fan experience at all concession points of sale.

Ticket prices for the 2020 season will be as follows: \$6 general admission, \$10 reserved, and \$12 club. Discounts are available at the box office for seniors (65+) and military members. Children under six years old will receive free admission. Groups of 10 or more fans can purchase discounted tickets in advance only by calling (540) 980-1070 or emailing info@pulaskiyankees.net.

Single Game Tickets and Promotional Schedule: In order to allow more time for local businesses to evaluate the current economic climate and finalize plans for theme night and giveaway partnerships, we have delayed the release of the 2020 promotional schedule to June 1. The on-sale date for single game tickets has also been pushed back to June 1 at 10am. Season tickets and flex tickets remain on sale online at milb.com/pulaski/tickets.



Locker Room

Dan Callahan

Touching all the bases

Even if nobody is swinging the bat

As I see it today. Baseball says it is continually looking at every means possible to begin the baseball season at some point this summer, but there doesn't seem to be anybody eager to commit to a plan. It's hard to do in this uncertain time. It is my opinion that you could likely play baseball in a lot of locations around our country today without being scared of the ramifications. However, there are those other places. There is also a bit of a squabble about how much the players will be paid.

I do believe somebody will eventually toe the rubber, but will that day ever come in New York? As of this moment, that does not seem likely. So where would the Yankees and Mets play? Will there be concerns about Detroit, Chicago, and Boston? Will the Reds want to play its home games somewhere else other than Cincinnati?

There seems to be some in this country that do not want to push the button until everyone in the nation is considered to be 100% safe. I think most of us realize that's never going to happen, and that's never been the case before or after COVID-19 anyway. So, what do we do? Wait, and keep watching replays of the national cornhole playoffs.

And what about everything else? Any thoughts of anything concerning basketball or spring sports should no longer be a topic of conversation. But what about football? If you spend much time at all into researching all that must take place, you become frustrated and doubtful. That's not a good place to be.

I believe the NFL will play football and I think it's likely the season will start on schedule. College football is a thousand times more complicated. Everything about college football is fan driven. You want to buy a ticket, buy a t-shirt, sweatshirt, have a tailgate, buy gas to drive three hours or even longer to the game, spend the night in a hotel, and visit a few restaurants before you get home maybe even the next day? It's totally fan driven, and I'm totally confident from every opinion and rational discussion I've listened to that if there are no fans in the stadium there will be no college football.

Certainly you lose all the enthusiasm if you play in an empty stadium, but if you think about all sports, you lose money if you do not play, but you will lose more if you do play in front of an empty stadium. But first and foremost, it just wouldn't be the same. And the players and coaches would know. Maybe in pro sports it might be a tad different, but it would lessen the competition in college. But there will likely be college football. When it begins is the big question, but I doubt it starts on time at this juncture. It might start very late.

We will look at all these things over the coming weeks, and many of you no doubt are wondering about high school football. Will the Cougars get to play? I sure do hope so. However, high schools are pretty much at the mercy of decisions made by other people. The Pulaski County School System cannot say it's

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Kenseth tapped to replace fired Larson

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Former NASCAR champion Matt Kenseth will again come out of retirement to compete for Chip Ganassi Racing as the replacement for fired driver Kyle Larson.

Larson lost his job two weeks ago for using a racial slur while competing in a virtual race. Although Ganassi development driver Ross Chastain was assumed to be the leading contender to replace Larson in the No. 42 Chevrolet, the team instead announced Monday it will go with the two-time Daytona 500 winner.

"I think Matt gives us the best chance to win, run up front and compete for wins," Ganassi told The Associated Press. "I've always gone with the mantra of trying to take the best driver available, and he's the best driv-

er available right now. And he brings something to our sponsors that they need right now. Stability. No baggage. Family man. Daytona 500 winner. Championship winner."

Kenseth is in a class of drivers that includes Hall of Famers Dale Earnhardt, Jeff Gordon, Richard Petty and David Pearson as the only competitors to win a Cup Series championship, rookie of the year award and the Daytona 500.

"This was an unexpected opportunity for sure. I can't say racing was even on my radar two weeks ago," Kenseth said. "After spending some time thinking about it and all the unique circumstances surrounding all of us right now, it just seemed the timing and the opportunity was perfect to come back."

Ganassi said the team will

petition NASCAR for a waiver to make Kenseth, the 2003 Cup champion, eligible to race for the title this season. NASCAR completed just four of its 36 races before the season was suspended due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Ganassi needed a clean start in the No. 42 after nearly every sponsor, including primary backers McDonald's and Credit One Bank, backed away from Larson. The Japanese-American driver was popular, considered a rising star in the series and about to test free agency before he was fired.

Carl Edwards, a former team-

mate of Kenseth's at Roush, was also contacted about driving the No. 42 but declined to come out of retirement. As for Chastain, who filled in for Ryan Newman for three races before the season was suspended and has been patiently awaiting a full-time Cup ride, Ganassi said: "We've got plans for him."

Kenseth retired from Joe Gibbs Racing after the 2017 season when Gibbs chose to give his seat to a younger driver. But he came back for 15 races to aid the rebuild at Roush Fenway Racing, his original team, in 2018. He turned 48 on March 10.

Hunting & Fishing

This Spring weather of late has played havoc with hunting and fishing to a large extent. If it were legal to road hunt, I could have bagged a couple of turkeys by now. By getting out of my truck, and making sure I was off the VDOT right-of-way, I could have shot the two turkeys along two country roads I happened to be on. That is if I had obtained permission from the landowner previously, as around the bend may have been a posted sign and upon his hearing the shots, he may have a game warden waiting for me as I was returned to my vehicle.

I was talking to my hunting and fishing friend, Dick Gregory yesterday and he said he had been a couple of times and not called in any gobblers. He related that some calls he heard may have been other hunters doing the calling. He, as I, have not heard the gobbling in the woods as normal this time of the year.

The rains and heavy winds have not been all that favorable for fishing. Dick and I have only gotten to go trout fishing once this year as the streams are running over their banks at times. Hopefully, New River will be back to normal when the white bass start running.

I look forward to the month of May as the time the mayflies hatch and we can get some good fishing in.

I do see a number of gals and



Woods, Water & Wildlife

W.A. "Doc" Davis

guys fishing as I have crossed Lowman's Ferry Bridge recently.

Some are in boats and some along the cove that backs up the branch along VA Rte. 672. When streams are up and muddy, most all species of fish get out of fast-moving water and can feed more readily in the still waters.

Also, with all this virus epidemic still going strong, being out in a boat can help insure being away from the maddening crowds. One can enjoy the beautiful outdoors of springtime breaking forth and trying to outsmart Mr. Bass et al (and others).

I wonder how a friend of mine, Jeff Hinton has fared turkey hunting this Springtime. I saw him hunting last November near the place of the second turkey I saw this past Saturday. I have seen his picture in the other "rag" in town the last couple of years with big gobblers that he had bagged. As once heard said of Matt Dillon, "He's a 'tracker.'" Jeff Hinton is a "turkey

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NFL draft averages record 8.4 million

By JOE REEDY
AP Sports Writer

Seth Markman was just as nervous as NFL coaches and general managers about the unknown factors involved with a virtual draft. But the ESPN executive producer said he was overwhelmed with how everything came together over the three days.

It also ended up being must-see TV as the first significant live sporting event since the coronavirus pandemic ground everything to a halt. The draft averaged a record 8.4 million viewers over all three days, according to the NFL and Nielsen. The previous high was 6.2 million last year.

"I thought a coach or general manager might put a towel on the camera or point it another direction, but there were zero issues," Markman said. "There were a couple times that we lost a feed or two, but it quickly came back."

After early concerns about how the NFL could conduct a virtual draft, everyone appeared to end up having fun with it. Coaches and general managers embraced their children or spouses being on camera and draft picks got to watch from home comfortably instead of waiting in a green room.

Even normally stodgy New England coach Bill Belichick got into the spirit of things by giving his dog, an Alaskan Klee Kai named Nike, some television time.

"I thought coaches and general managers were going to lock themselves in a room and it was the opposite. Every time I looked up there was more family around," Markman said. "I think it speaks to the coaches that when this is

done, they can remember it is OK not to be in the office at all times."

Miami coach Brian Flores, who was shown celebrating picks with sons Miles and Maxwell in his office, said it was important for fans to see another side of him.

"When I think about being a coach, you want to help players become good players but good people, good husbands, good fathers, good sons; and I think we, as coaches, need to be good examples of that," said Flores, whose young daughter, Liliana, at times sat on his lap. "I think that was evident. It was nice to see everyone's families."

Each day attracted record audiences. Thursday's first round averaged 15.6 million, Friday's second and third rounds 8.2 million and Saturday's final four rounds 4.2 million. ESPN and NFL Network had a combined production all three days while ABC had separate telecasts Thursday and Friday before simulcasting the ESPN/NFL Network feed Saturday. ESPN Deportes also had a separate broadcast.

TOO UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL?

The biggest criticism of ESPN/NFL Network's coverage was that discussions too often were focused on the personal tragedies in each prospect's life, which ended up dominating the telecast at times. The storytelling and off-the-field stories are a huge part of ABC's coverage the first two nights while many expected ESPN to stick more to the X's and O's.

Markman said they have seen feedback on social media and that it is something they will evaluate

in the future in order to strike the right balance.

"Our intention is in some cases talk about and celebrate the obstacles these kids overcame in an amazing moment. If that's not coming across as well that is something we need to look at," he said. "Our company puts a huge emphasis on storytelling. We don't go as in-depth on the human sto-

Callahan

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time to play football, or for that matter time to go to school until the governor says it's time. I wouldn't even make a guess.

But at the very least, until there are college students on campus, and until there are students in the hallways, there will be no college or high school football. Let us all hope for great progress in the month of May.

The Wahoos Are Hot:

Even with all the uncertainty of the virus, college football recruiting continues. No doubt, it is hurting the effort of some programs, but it's just as obvious, it's not hurting some others.

The new hot team around here is Virginia. The Hoos just got its second quarterback of the recruiting season. I've seen his video. It's very impressive. It's 3-star rated 6-2, 205 Jacob Rodriguez of Texas. He can go! He was also offered by Baylor, Kansas State, Texas Tech, Houston, Iowa State, Southern Miss, Tulsa, and Air Force among others. As a junior he passed for 3,003 yards and 33 touchdowns. He also ran for 1,247 yards and 16 more TDs.

And the latest catch happened just 48 hours later when Micah Gaffney said yes to the Cavaliers. He's a three-star rated cornerback out of Spanish Fort, Alabama. UVa bested Texas A&M, Ole Miss, Georgia Tech, Indiana, Mississippi State, Arkansas, Cincinnati, and Missouri in that recruiting battle. Gaffney says his 3.8 GPA was a big factor for why he chose UVa.

The last two commitments push UVa to 20th in the recruiting rankings, much better than at this time a year ago. Virginia Tech is 29th, and West Virginia 21. UVa now has nine commitments, one four star and eight 3's. The Cavs have gotten four commitments in April.

Three Good Ones:

As Jerry Reed once sang,

Davis

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hunter." -

It has been a great growing season, (good if you have planted a garden - but I see plowed gardens not yet planted [too wet] or too bad trying to keep your yard mowed). We checked our mini garden on the farm yesterday and the onions, let-

ties on the ESPN coverage, but we do need to self-scout a little more. If three straight kids are picked who have overcome huge obstacles, we have to be disciplined in our approach so that it doesn't take too much of a turn."

When Tee Higgins was selected in the second round by the Cincinnati Bengals, the ABC broadcast discussed his mother's battle with

"When You're Hot, You're Hot."

The first three players taken in the NFL Draft last weekend were quarterback Joe Burrow by the Bengals, defensive end Chase Young by the Redskins, and Jeff Okudah, a defensive back by the Lions. All three were recruited by Urban Meyer at Ohio State. Obviously, Burrow didn't finish there, but that's ringing the bell pretty good.

Conferences: The SEC had the most players taken in the seven rounds of the draft, 63. Then came the Big 10 with 48, Pac 12 with 32, Big 12 with 21, and the ACC with 17. What's the most disturbing aspect of that? Of the 17 ACC players taken, seven of them were Clemson Tigers. The rest of the conference combined for only 10. That statistic speaks for itself.

What state had the most players taken? Texas, 34! That speaks for itself too. Maybe that's why the Hokies are spending so much time out there. And for those that like to question recruiting, and the rankings consider this, 26 of the 32 first round players taken came out of high school as 4 star or five-star recruits. And I guess that speaks for itself too.

LSU had the most players drafted with 14, Ohio State was the last team to have that many back in 2004. Michigan and Ohio St. both had 10 players drafted, Alabama nine, and Clemson its seven to lead the way. I was also intrigued a bit when Wisconsin linebacker Zack Baun was picked, and his hometown was announced. Baun is from Brown Deer, Wisconsin. I'd like to drive through Brown Deer one day. But there's good hunting.

Outstanding:

"The Lance Dance." It is an ESPN documentary on the basketball career of Michael Jordan. It is without question the most entertaining sports programming I have watch since old "COVID" stopped by. Thank you, China. But while the production, which

drug addiction and how she was an inspiration to the Clemson wide receiver. Her addiction was listed on an ESPN graphic without any additional context on that broadcast. Markman said that shouldn't have happened and that ESPN apologized to Higgins.

Higgins said on Twitter he had "no problem with them showing the world my mom is a fighter."

has 10 episodes, four of which have taken place so far, makes it obvious that Jordan is without a doubt the greatest basketball player ever, he just might be the greatest athlete ever in all sports. It also brings to light why. His talent is unmatched. But his focus, his desire to compete, his work ethic, and his desire to win and be the best, are all unmatched as well. I'll have to take my eyes, Larry Bird, and Magic Johnson as examples. All those say Jordan was the best. I'm not sure it's even close.

Why?:

In the world of sports change does not always indicate progress. If you think about it the most successful professional, college, and even high schools, seldom change, some basically never have. For instance, I think the Penn State football uniform is a thing of beauty. If what you have is good, and popular, not to mention traditional, why change?

That was my thought as soon as I saw that UVa decided it needed three logos, two of which are totally knew. They are proud of the typography provided by Nike who no doubt made a few bucks. I thought the "V-SABRE" looked great. I thought it had become the official logo of the university. It was simple, but sharp, and easy on the eyes, you didn't have to study it to figure out what it was.

Now there is a new more modern style to UVa's logos and the numbers on the athletic uniforms have changed. The university says things needed to be refreshed and establish a new visual identity system for UVa. Why? Like most of the logo changes, I fail to see any improvement at all. What you had was good. Why mess around with it? No doubt, somebody is being creative and demonstrating their value. And likely upsetting a large percentage of UVa sports fans as well. Totally unnecessary.

greens" (wild mustard) along with deviled eggs and corn bread. I had part of my corn bread in a glass of milk - like this old country boy's favorite.

The wild mustard is growing everywhere as you can see it growing along the roads and in adjoining fields. My bees are having a heyday and they will get to pull in sour wood honey when they bloom in late June, if we don't get a late killing frost that can nip fruit trees and sour woods in the bud.

The mustard greens are now past being good as they need to be gotten before they bloom and get tough stems. Linda's brother and his wife got over thirty of the great morel mushrooms on the family farm below Dublin toward Radford. I have not had the opportunity to look for any and they may be past the harvest.

You can find "harvest" of different contexts in the Bible, Jesus in Matthew 9:37 (KJV) speaks to his disciples saying, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few." We need more Christians leading others to His saving grace. If this doesn't happen, as in today's society, the result is as seen in Jeremiah 8:20 (JV), "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." If you do not know Him as your Savior, let today be the day to ask Him into your heart.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Pulaski County Planning Commission will convene to review three (3) applications in May. In accordance with the Code of Virginia, the Planning Commission will host three (3) public hearings beginning at **7:00 p.m. on TUESDAY, May 12th, 2020** in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, in the Town of Pulaski to receive comments about the applications as listed below;

1)Proposed text amendments to the **Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance (UDO)**. Text amendments relate to Article 3, 4 and 11.

2)Application by Shah Development, LLC to amend the Future Land Use Map of parcels #066-1-96, and 98 from Residential to Agriculture at 4627 Wish Lane, Dublin, Draper District.

3)Application by Shah Development, LLC to rezone parcels #066-1-96,98 and part of 95 from Medium Density Residential to Agriculture at 4627 Wish Lane, Dublin, Draper District.

The agenda items are available at the Board Document link on the Planning & Zoning Webpage.
<http://www.pulaskicounty.org/planning-zoning.html>

The public can request information and/or submit comments as part of the public hearing process, by using any one of the following methods; **E-mail:** Send information request or public comment to Elaine Holeton at eholeton@pulaskicounty.org **Phone:** Contact Elaine Holeton at 540-980-7710 or 540-440-0025 to learn more, or to have your comment transcribed for the public hearing. **Regular Mail:** Send your request for information or your comment to; Planning & Zoning Department, County of Pulaski, 143 Third Street, NW, Suite 1, Pulaski, VA 24301. **In Person:** By attending the meeting at the location listed. For disabled individuals who may require special auxiliary aids or services, the County upon request will make reasonable accommodations available. Contact the County's ADA Compliance Officer at (540) 980-7800 (TDD accessible) or (540) 980-7705, ten (10) days prior to the above meeting date to arrange for these special accommodations.

COVID-19 Message: Pulaski County is committed to safely serving the public during this Covid-19 pandemic. In consideration of the social distancing guidelines, we encourage you to contact our office prior to attending the May 12th meeting. This will enable us to share any meeting information updates and allow us the opportunity to accommodate you to the best of our ability. 540-980-7710. Thank-you.

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tuce and beets are coming up. I look forward to a meal of some scalded lettuce and onions in vinegar and bacon grease along with corn bread prepared by the "the world's greatest cook," wife Linda.

She fixed me a great Sunday supper last night of "Crecy



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Dear Dave,
I’ve always made good money at my job, but recently I was offered a promotion to a salaried manager’s position. The hours and pay would be much better, and I already know the approximate pay range. Do you have any tips for negotiating salary in a situation like this?

Natalie

Dear Natalie,
Congratulations on your move up! I’m sure you worked hard and deserve the promotion and recognition.
There are a couple of measuring sticks you can use when determining something like this. One is a quick and simple approach associated with the

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revenue you bring in. It’s a nice, quantifiable reference point that appeals to a lot of supervisors and business owners. The second thing you could do is research a few reputable career websites, and develop a short but detailed compensation study based on comparable positions in your area and those similar to your location. Honestly though, if I had a valued and respected member of my team moving up from hourly to salaried, we’d have more of a give-and-take discussion and examination of the situation rather than a negotiation.

Yeah, in your position I’d create a few well-researched compensation studies. Give them to your bosses, and talk with them. I know I would be impressed by that, and depending on the size of the company, they may not have done a lot of work figuring it out.

In a way, it’s kind of like deciding what to ask for when you sell a car. You try to appraise it for what it’s worth in the marketplace to other people. That leads to a discussion. You’re not telling them what to do or presenting an ultimatum, you’re providing information and conducting a dialogue in a professional and respectful way.

Good luck, Natalie!

—Dave

Dear Dave,
I will back on active duty soon in the armed forces. I’m debt-free except for my home, have been following your plan, and I’m about to start Baby Step 3. We are provided certain relief funds based on where you are stationed and other factors. Knowing this, how should I approach the next Baby Step?

Kevin

Dear Kevin,
First of all, thank you for your service to our country. You’re on the right track. Baby Step 3 means having three to six months of expenses set aside for emergencies. Considering the stability of your employment situation, I think you’d be okay leaning toward the three-month side of expenses. It’s not like you’re a straight commission sales rep whose income can

See DAVE, page B8

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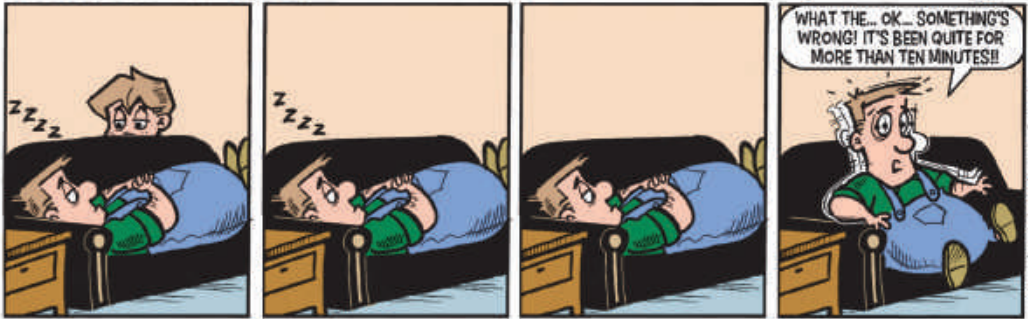
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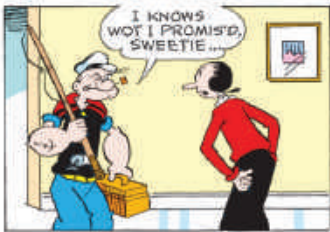
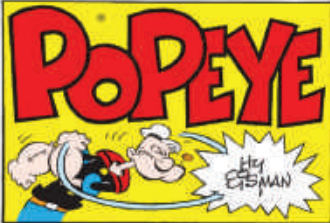
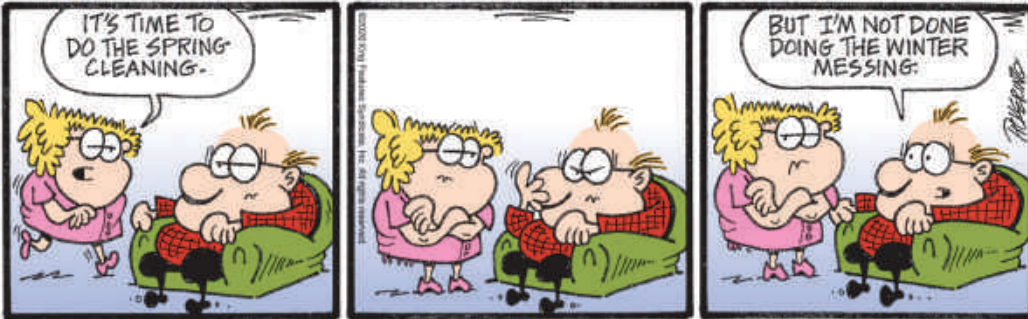
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Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Peak
TOSSICLE
Puncture
RECIPE
Belief
CORNDIET
Aspect
IBANGER

TODAY'S WORD

by Dave T. Phipps

by Gary Kopervas

by Mike Marland

by Jeff Pickering

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Easter treat
- 4 Wager
- 7 Retain
- 11 Metric mea-
sure
- 13 Rowboat need
- 14 Sleeping
- 15 Flow like
molasses
- 16 Chum, nowa-
days
- 17 Actor Brad
- 18 Grassland
- 20 Opening
course, often
- 22 Erstwhile gar-
ment
- 24 Hitchcock
classic
- 28 Spotted insect
- 32 Radiant
- 33 Champing at
the bit
- 34 Bathroom fix-
ture
- 36 Yorkshire river
- 37 Narc's mea-
sures
- 39 Croquet
equipment
- 41 Catch
- 43 Second per-
son
- 44 Related to
5-Down
- 46 Use a Brillo
pad
- 50 Ballerina's frill
- 53 Cauldron
- 55 Japanese

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- 6 Army unit
- 7 Carefree
- 8 Sapporo sash
- 9 Allow
- 10 Banned
insecticide
- 12 Carousel
- 19 Light touch
- 21 Portion of N.A.
- 23 Eviscerate
- 25 Hint
- 26 Emcee
- 27 Hasn't paid
yet
- 28 Michigan, for
one
- 29 Not "fer"
- 30 Nincompoop
- 31 Wrigley
- product
- 35 Reddish-
brown horse
- 38 Perched
- 40 — Angeles
- 42 They're calling
Danny Boy
- 45 Prolonged
sleep
- 47 Fawns'
mothers
- 48 Hexagonal
state
- 49 Induce ennui
- 50 Gratuity
- 51 Web address
- 52 Excessively
- 54 Monkey suit

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top ten

Calorie-Burning Exercises

- 1. Running
- 2. Water polo
- 3. Bicycling
- 4. Calisthenics
- 5. Circuit training
- 6. Jump rope
- 7. Stationary bike
- 8. Rowing machine
- 9. Aerobic dance
- 10. Swimming

Source: Healthline.com

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. GEOGRAPHY: What percentage of the world's population lives in the Northern Hemisphere?
- 2. MATH: In geometry, what shape is a torus?
- 3. TELEVISION: What was the name of the character played by Tina Fey on "30. Rock"?
- 4. SCIENCE: How many earthquakes are detected in the world each year?
- 5. U.S. PRESIDENTS: What was Barack Obama's Secret Service code name?
- 6. LANGUAGE: What is the opposite of a synonym, words with similar meanings?
- 7. MOVIES: Who played the role of Tess McGill in the 1988 film "Working Girl"?
- 8. BIBLE: How many plagues were unleashed on Egypt, according to the Book of Exodus?
- 9. LITERATURE: Who was the author of the novella "The Time Machine"?
- 10. HISTORY: Who served as the first postmaster general of the Continental Congress?

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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Door knob is different. 2. Door window is missing. 3. Picture is added. 4. Backpack is different. 5. Cord is missing. 6. Woman's hair is different.

Answers

King Crossword

Americanisms

"Some old-fashioned things like fresh air and sunshine are hard to beat."

— Laura Ingalls Wilder

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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: H equals W

HMAO EHR FANIAOEF IGNE HGTF,
W FSIIRFA EMAT RSQME ER FWOQ
"LGOQF LRN EMA PAPRNWAF."

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1. Solstice; 2. Pierce; 3. Doctrine; 4. Bearing

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VAL AND HIS COMPANY ARE RETURNED TO BRITAIN—AND WHAT OF THEIR NEWFOUND CHARGES? MUDDER, BUP AND IG—FOR SO THEY ARE NAMED—HAVE PROVEN APT PUPILS UNDER NATHAN'S TUTELAGE...

... BUT IT IS EVIDENT THAT THEY NEED POLISH BEFORE ARRIVING IN COURT, AND THIS BIG, NEW WORLD IS A MIGHTY DISTRACTION.

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ALETA, MEANWHILE, DEEDS THE VESSEL THAT HAS SERVED ALL SO WELL TO THE SURVIVING NORSEWOMEN. SHE IS GENEROUS, BUT ALSO EAGER TO HAVE THE RAIDERS ON THEIR WAY.



THE NORSEWOMEN, TOO, ARE READY TO TAKE THEIR LEAVE. IT'S BEEN FUN, VALIANT, BUT WITH OUR ABUNDANT GOLD WE'LL GET A PROPER LONGSHIP AND ALL LIVE LIKE SEA KINGS!



THEY PUSH OFF, MUCH TO NATHAN'S CHAGRIN. THEY ONCE TRIED TO KILL YOU, FATHER! WHY LET THEM FREE?

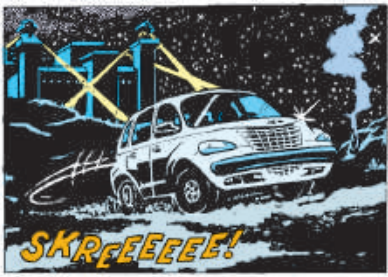


"YOU HEARD THE MAN?" VAL GRINS. "THEY WOULD ALL BE SEA KINGS! NO DOUBT THEY WILL THROTTLE EACH OTHER WITHIN THE YEAR."

NEXT: *Faux pas*

Our Story So Far...

TRANSPORTED BACK TO EARTH—HELD CAPTIVE IN A TOP-SECRET GOVERNMENT INSTALLATION—PALE ARDEN IS FREED BY MEMBERS OF AN ELITE ORGANIZATION...



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FLASH GORDON
4-19 BY JIM KEEFE

MISS ARDEN HAS FIRSTHAND EXPERIENCE WITH THE SPACE PORTAL. IT'S IMPERATIVE SHE ACCOMPANY YOU.

IT'S A MISTAKE, TOM...

BACK ON EARTH! TENSIONS RUN HIGH AT I.I.I. HEADQUARTERS

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...SHE'LL JEOPARDIZE THE ENTIRE MISSION.

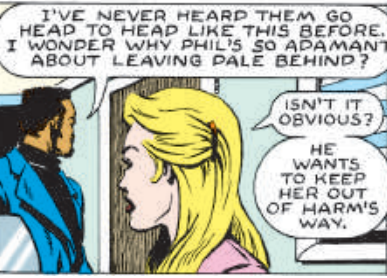
BLAST IT, PHIL, THIS ISN'T OPEN FOR DISCUSSION...



...SHE'S GOING WITH.

WHAT IS THIS, ROUND 3 OR 4?

MORE LIKE IS.



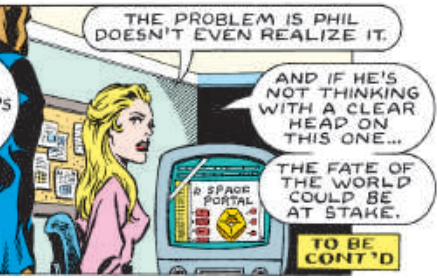
I'VE NEVER HEARD THEM GO HEAD TO HEAD LIKE THIS BEFORE. I WONDER WHY PHIL'S SO ADAMANT ABOUT LEAVING PALE BEHIND?

ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?

HE WANTS TO KEEP HER OUT OF HARM'S WAY.



YOU MEAN THE OLD CURMDGEON'S FALLEN FOR HER?



THE PROBLEM IS PHIL DOESN'T EVEN REALIZE IT.

AND IF HE'S NOT THINKING WITH A CLEAR HEAD ON THIS ONE...

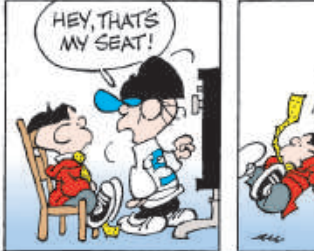
THE FATE OF THE WORLD COULD BE AT STAKE.

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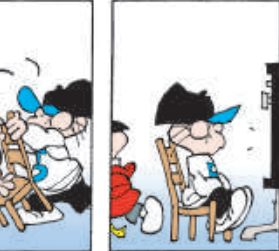
TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



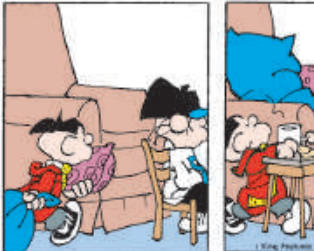


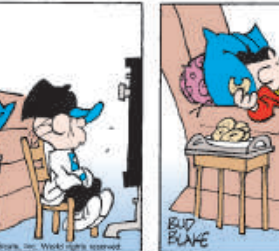
HEY, THAT'S MY SEAT!













YOU GOT A MEAN STREAK

Heart & Crown Chair

Several rare "Heart and Crown" side chairs were sold at a Skinner auction in Massachusetts. The high-back chair featuring molded bannisters, turned legs and a rush seat is part of an old tradition. Furniture makers in Connecticut created this style and used it from about 1740 to 1770. It was an interpretation of the expensive Philadelphia and Boston chairs made at the time. Instead of the curved crest of the formal city chairs, the top of the back was made with a cut-out heart and a crown-shaped crest. Almost all of the Heart and Crown chairs were painted black or dark brown, and all had the rush seat. An auctioned chair, 44 3/4 inches high and attributed to Andrew Durand of Milford, Connecticut, is painted black and has the characteristic banisters and turnings. It auctioned several years ago for \$9,000, which was three times the estimate.

CURRENT PRICES
Lunchbox and thermos, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, metal, top handle and latch, flying car and characters image, 1960s, \$125.
Bronze dog statue, whippet, ready to run, oval black & orange marble base, after P.J. Mene, 4 x 5 x 3 inches, \$365.
Dress, beaded sequin, black, flapper, art deco-style pattern, sleeveless, scoopneck, 1920s, size medium, 35-inch waist, \$535.
TIP: Civil War re-enactors have been warned that some old medical instruments could still carry germs or viruses that are infectious. Be very careful when handling any old medical items. They should be carefully disinfected.



KOVELS
Antiques & Collecting
By Terry and Kim Kovel



This \$9,000 Heart and Crown chair has a carved crest with the correct heart-shaped hole and a curved, crown-like top. The style, popular for only about 30 years, is prized by collectors of 18th-century American furniture.

For more collecting news, tips and resources, visit www.Kovels.com



Now here's a tip!
by Jo Ann Derson

* Free up space on your smart-phone by setting text messages to auto delete after a certain amount of time, like 30 or 60 days. If you have a friend who loves to send you gifs or endless bitmojis, you might want to have your chuckle, then delete. These image files take up much more space than a text message.

* Periodically take down curtains and run them through the clothes dryer to dust. If they are not delicate, you can add a couple wool dryer balls to help loosen the dust. Rehang as soon as they are finished to avoid unsightly wrinkles.

* "Drop a small item in a hard to reach place? Slip a sock over the end of a vacuum hose attachment and hold to secure. Turn on the vacuum and "suck up" the small item. The suction will hold it in place, but it will not go into the vacuum. Rather, it will be held captive in the sock, which you can simply slip off for retrieval." -- A.F. in New York

* Pet treats for fish? Sure! If you have lettuce in your vegetable crisper, most varieties of fish would enjoy a nibble on a floating piece. Just make sure that you remove any uneaten bits after a day.

Send your tips to Now Here's a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

MAGIC MAZE

DOG-EARED WORDS

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

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: A SHARP ANGLE OR BENT

Bulldog	Dog-tired	Dogma	Sled dog
Chili dog	Dogfight	Dogmatic	Top dog
Corn dog	Dogfish	Dogtrot	Underdog
Dog days	Doggone	Hotdog	

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

GWTX UDOEDL WCELOD, BTFX
SRD ZLJD KUBALS AUBG LS.
— KQMFLFLQJ JXUQJ

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No More Death

We have the assurance that the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, and it is positive proof that Christians too shall rise. Jesus said, "Because I live, ye shall live also."

1 Cor. 15:20. "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept."

Christ the "first fruits" has triumphed in his resurrection. The power of Christ's resurrection is now extended to all who believe. He was the first but He'll not be the last. The saved sons and daughters of God will follow Him in the Resurrection.

Death entered into the world by Adam. He sinned against God. And his penalty was that he would return to the dust from which he was taken. Even since then, every person born of Adam, and that includes all of us, Adam being out common ancestor, has to die physically for God has said "The soul that sinneth it shall die."

We are all born in sin. And we must be reborn, or born again, of the Spirit, in order to be saved from sin and in order to be able to enter into the Kingdom of God. John, Chapter 3.

"But every man in his own order: Christ the first fruits, afterward they that are Christ's at His coming. Then cometh the end, when He shall have delivered up the Kingdom to God, even the Father, when He shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For He must reign, till he hath put all enemies under His feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death."

The coming of the Lord will be in two phases. First to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the righteous who are still living at His coming; and secondly to defeat the Anti-Christ and his armies and to set up the everlasting Kingdom.

"So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption; it is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power: it is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body and there is a spiritual body.

Death, our last enemy, will be destroyed.

"But some will say, how are the dead raised up? And with what body do they come? Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened except it die. And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body which shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain: But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased Him, and to every seed his own body."

The bodies that go into the ground are sown in corruption, sown in dishonor; sown in weakness; but they'll be raised in power, and in honor, and will be incorruptible and immortal.

The redeemed of the Lord will receive glorified bodies like unto the resurrected body of Jesus. We shall be like Him. Not Deity as He is, but immortal, glorified and incorruptible, as Jesus' body was when He was resurrected on Easter Sunday Morning some 2,000 years ago.

1st John 3:2. "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."

"So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption:

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Service: 10 a.m. every Sunday
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5155 Wilderness Road
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674-6111
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Pastor: Dennis Jones
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
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Evening Service: 6 p.m.
Tuesday: Women's Bible Study, 10 a.m.
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Sunday Services
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11:00AM - Traditional Worship
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Pastor Darrell Linkous
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Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday worship: 11 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study and
Youth Group: 7 p.m.
Darrell Linkous: 353-0081
belspringbaptistchurch@gmail.com

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9:45 am - Sunday School
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Wednesday
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Pastor's Name: Rev. Robert E. Davis
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(June - Aug.)
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Wednesday Night Service: 7 p.m.

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Sunday Worship (with children's message):
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Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
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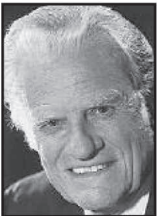


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My Answer

Billy Graham

God Always Answers Prayers

Q: Does God answer prayers only from those who believe in Him, or can every person receive answers from God even if they practice another religion? - P.C.

A: The Bible teaches that prayer is the privilege of those who have become the children of God (John 1:12). And, of course, He hears and answers the prayers of those who come to Him in repentance. "Call upon Me... [and] I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me" (Psalm 50:15).

God always answers prayer - not sometimes, but all the time. We may not always understand how God answers our prayers. At times He says "yes," while at other times He answers "no" or "wait."

But one of the greatest privileges of the child of God is the privilege of coming directly to God in prayer. "The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective" (James 5:16, NIV). This is possible because Jesus Christ has reconciled us to God through His death on the cross. We are separated from God, but Christ took away our sins and when we come to Christ by faith we are united with Him.

Our prayers must also be in accordance with the will of God (and it is God's will for people to come to salvation in Him) for the simple reason that God knows better what is good for us than we know ourselves.

Secularism rules the day. People often belittle prayer to God until they find themselves in trouble. The world is being carried on a rushing torrent that is sweeping out of control. Only one power can redeem the course of people's lives, and that is the power of prayer. All people are called to turn "to God from idols [false religion] to serve the living and true God" (1 Thessalonians 1:9). Prayer opens the gates of eternity to sinners saved by grace.

(This column is based on the words and writings of the late Rev. Billy Graham.)

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it is raised in incorruption. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body. It is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body and there is a spiritual body.” There is a big difference in our mortal body and our resurrected body. One is fleshly and the other is Spiritual. One is mortal, the other is immortal.

“And so it is written, the first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy. The second man is the Lord from Heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy; and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we

shall also bear the image of the heavenly.”

We could not enter into heaven in our natural bodies. We could not look upon God in His glory, in our fleshly bodies. Our eyes would melt out of their sockets. But in our glorified bodies, we shall be able to look upon the face of God the Father and of God the Son. We shall see the Lord face to face the bible says.

So we have something wonderful to look forward to. We will see Jesus face to face in all of His glory and in all of His majesty. That is if we have accepted Jesus as our personal Savior. If we have, then The Bible’s promise is for us: “We know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.” 1 John 3:2.

If I wasn’t already saved, I’ll get saved today. Because we have no promise of tomorrow. Jesus could come or call just any day now.

And we must be ready to meet Him, or be left behind on earth to suffer through the Tribulation Period. Only those who have accepted Jesus in the pardon of their sins, will be permitted to enter into Heaven to live there eternally.

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With everything that is upside down, everything that is changing we still have items that are close to us during this time. Food for instance, when we are at home.

We all know to stay at home, so I have put several receipts to make home, a little nicer. How about a Mississippi Mud Pie?

You will need a 9" chocolate or graham cracker baked pie shell.
1 ½ cups of Half and Half
1 package of instant vanilla pudding (3 ½ oz.)
1 Tbsp. more or less of instant coffee

1 carton (8 oz. Cool Whip)
Pour Half and Half into a large bowl, add pudding mix, beat at low speed about 1 minute then let stand for 5 mins. Fold in instant coffee and Cool Whip. Pour into pie shell and freeze about 6 hours. Remove 10 mins. before serving.

How about Waldorf Salad?
4 cups of chopped apples (small pieces)

¾ cup of raisins
½ cup pecans or walnuts
½ cup mayonnaise
You can add in chopped fruit if you want orange or pineapple.

This is a good salad, most people like it.

Now for a pizza recipe:
Almost everyone likes pizza and you can add or subtract what you like.

1 large pizza crust
3 garlic cloves or level tsp. of powdered garlic powder
½ cup Basil leaves (lightly)
¼ olive oil
2 Tbsp. lemon juice
2 med. Tomatoes sliced thinly
This gives you a base to place any meats on the pizza base and also the cheese that should be on the pizza. You can start with thinly sliced pepperoni or sausage in small pieces. Most supermarkets have sausage from mild to very hot. You can add onions, mush-



rooms, or what ever you like. Put cheese (mozzarella, parmesan) on the bottom to keep it from burning. You may want to put salt on the pizza but don't use too much. Preheat your oven to 425 degrees, cook for 15-20 mins. Then add more cheese to the top and put it back into the oven to melt cheese for 4-5 mins. Remove from oven and let cool for 5 mins.

Now for Chocolate Chip Cookies:

1 pkg. yellow cake mix
½ cup oil
2 eggs
1 pkg. 6 oz. chocolate chips
Mix all ingredients, drop by teaspoon onto greased cookie sheet. Bake at 375 degrees for 10 minutes. Remove and let cool.

May we all keep our nation during this time, as we all are in this together, so our great nation will still stand. My God bless you all!

Dave Hoover
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Dave

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fluctuate wildly from month to month, right?

You'll still have emergencies, though, and it'll be your responsibility to cover them. Some of those may need to be addressed immediately. See what I'm saying, Kevin? Everyone needs an emergency fund. Just make saving for it part of your budget for a while, until you have three or four months of expenses sitting in a good money market fund with check writing privileges. You'll be glad you did!

—Dave

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State launches 'COVID-19 & You' site

The Virginia Department of Health COVID-19 web page has added a new consumer education and information topics toolbar that offers website visitors a more interactive and personalized experience.

"This COVID-19 & You tool serves to answer questions for the public regarding health concerns and issues by providing interactive experiences," said Suresh Soundararajan, VDH chief information officer. "The intent is to make the user experience better and more targeted for people looking for information regarding COVID-19."

The platform uses software from declared data company Jebbit.

Users are able to click through a list of topics and subtopics that are based on information consumers most frequently search

for on the VDH COVID-19 website. Links go to pages that have more graphics and photos, shorter blocks of text, and larger text. Some links direct users to other websites, primarily the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website. VDH subject matter experts review the information for accuracy and readability.

"Covid-19 & You allows the public an innovative way of accessing information by customizing the experience through channels," Mr. Soundararajan said. "It addresses frequently asked questions regarding health concerns and issues. It offers an interactive way to disseminate

information and create transparency and awareness for the public."

VDH's website team began working on the project on April 8.

"We will add additional experiences and edit the current experiences based on the analytics on these pages. Ideally, we could create user experiences for any health information VDH wants our citizens to know about," Mr. Soundararajan said.

For the latest information on the COVID-19 situation in Virginia, go to the VDH coronavirus webpage at www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/.

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