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# Dixon named new coach of Cougars



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Mark Dixon comes to Pulaski County from Galax where he led the Maroon Tide to a state title in 2015 and state runners-up honors in 2011 and 2019.

*'I understand how important football is to the community'*

*"On this side of the state, this is THE job!"*  
 - Newly hired Pulaski County Head Coach Mark Dixon

By MIKE WILLIAMS  
 The Patriot

Mark Dixon has been hired as the next head football coach to lead the Cougars at Pulaski County High School.

Dixon comes to Pulaski County from Galax High School where he compiled an impressive record of 101-35 in ten years at the school.

He led the Maroon Tide to a state championship in 2015 and earned state runner-up honors in 2011 and 2019. He also led his team to six region championships in ten seasons.

Prior to his high school coaching career, Dixon played offensive guard at the University of Virginia from 1989-1993, playing for Hall of Fame coach George Welsh.

Dixon was named a first-team All-American by

Football News in his senior year at Virginia.

He subsequently played nine seasons of professional football including stints with NFL Europe and the Canadian Football League. During his time in the CFL, Dixon was a member of the Baltimore Stallions – winners of the 1995 Grey Cup.

His professional career ended with a five-year run in the NFL with the Miami Dolphins where he started 60 games.

"We feel very fortunate to have a coach the caliber of Mark Dixon. He is a proven winner and comes highly recommended," says Scott Vest, PCHS Athletic Director. "There were many qualified applicants for this position, but Dixon emerged as the best fit to lead our football program."

Dixon succeeds Stephen James who resigned recently to accept a teaching position with George Wythe High School.

Dixon talked with **The Patriot** Wednesday afternoon about his move to Pulaski County.

See DIXON, page B1

## WEEKEND WEATHER

### Saturday

Mostly sunny, with a high near 76. Northwest wind around 6 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

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# Pulaski County Schools offer summer meal service

The Pulaski County Public Schools School Nutrition Program will be providing summer meals to students ages 2 through 18 (or up to age 21 for students with disabilities). Meals will be available on Monday (2 breakfasts and 2 lunches) and on Wednesday (3 breakfasts and 3 lunches). Meals are prepared and packaged by the Pulaski County Schools Nutrition Program staff.

Meals will be distributed from 1:00 to 3:00 on Monday and Wednesday at the following locations: Critzer Elementary, Pulaski County High School, Riverlawn Elementary, and Snowville Elementary.

We request that students are accompanied by their parent/guardian during meal pickup. Parents/guardians should be prepared to provide student ID number(s) if children are not present during pickup.

All meals consist of a minimum of the following items: 2oz protein, 1oz grain, ½ cup fresh, frozen or canned fruit, ½ cup fresh, frozen or canned vegetable & 8 oz flavored or unflavored fat free or 1% bottled milk.

For more information on the summer meal service, please visit the PCPS website at [www.pcva.us](http://www.pcva.us) or call the school board office at 540-994-2550.



## PET OF THE WEEK



In order to protect both the citizens of Pulaski County and our personnel, we will be closed to the public until further notice.

We will alter our adoption process during this time. If you are interested in an animal here at the shelter, please submit your application with you may access on our Face Book page: Pulaski County, VA Animal Control

Once your application is approved, you will be contacted and a time will be made available for you to do a meet and greet.

Esther is the mom to Mary, Moses, Noah, Ruth, and Sarah. She was very protective and caring towards her babies. She is a petite cat. Esther enjoys attention, but would rather not be held. She will be much happier out of the shelter!

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# US layoffs climb to 41 million, despite business reopenings

WASHINGTON (AP) — An estimated 2.1 million Americans applied for unemployment benefits last week despite the gradual reopening of businesses around the country, bringing the running total since the coronavirus shutdowns took hold in mid-March to about 41 million, the government said Thursday.

The figures underscored the continuing damage to businesses and livelihoods from the outbreak that has now killed at least 100,000 people in the U.S., more than the number of Americans lost in the Vietnam and Korean wars combined, and more than 33 times the death toll on 9/11.

The U.S. unemployment rate was 14.7% in April, the highest since the Great Depression, and many economists expect it will near 20% in May.

First-time applications for unemployment, though still extraordinarily high, have fallen for eight straight weeks, and states are gradually letting stores, restaurants, salons, gyms and other businesses reopen. But other employers are still laying off workers in the face of a deep recession.

Elsewhere around the world, India saw another record daily jump in coronavirus cases, while Russia reported a steady increase in its caseload, even as the city of Moscow and provinces across the vast country moved to ease restrictions in sync with the Kremlin's political agenda.

India, home to more than 1.3 billion people, reported more than 6,500 new infections, bringing the nation's total to over 158,000. The spike comes as the nation's 2-month-old lockdown is set to end Sunday. The country has recorded over 4,500 deaths.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government is preparing guidelines to be issued this week-end, possibly extending the lockdown in hard-hit areas. Earlier this month, the country allowed the reopening of shops and factories and the resumption of some train service and domestic flights.

Meanwhile, India's top court ordered state authorities to provide free train rides and proper food and water to hundreds of thousands of poor migrant workers returning to their villages in the blazing heat after being thrown out of work in the cities and towns.

TV images have shown desperate and hungry migrants looting

food carts at train stations, and at least four people have died on the trains this week as daytime temperatures climbed to 113 degrees Fahrenheit (45 Celsius).

South Korea on Thursday reported its biggest jump in coronavirus cases in more than 50 days, a setback that could erase some of the hard-won gains that have made it a model for the rest of the world.

In Russia, President Vladimir Putin announced earlier this week that the country's postponed Victory Day military parade marking the 75th anniversary of the Nazi defeat in World War II will be held June 24, declaring the nation has passed the peak of the outbreak.

Russian media reported that the Kremlin now also plans to go ahead with another high-priority item on Putin's political agenda — a referendum on constitutional amendments that could allow him to remain in power through 2036. He postponed the vote in April because of the outbreak.

The government reported more than 8,300 new infections Thursday, down from more than 11,000 earlier this month. The total number of infections topped 379,000, the world's third-largest caseload behind that of the United States and Brazil.

Russian officials reported 174 new deaths, for a total of almost 4,150.

Some Kremlin critics allege that the relatively low mortality rate reflects manipulation by authorities trying to set a positive

environment for the parade and the constitutional vote. Russian officials have angrily rejected the allegations.

Moscow, which accounted for about half of all infections, ordered an easing of the tight lockdown in place since late March, saying that non-food stores, dry cleaners and repair shops can reopen on Monday. The mayor also announced that residents will be allowed to walk in the parks with some restrictions and engage in sports in the mornings.

Across the vast country, numerous provinces already have eased the lockdowns.

In the U.S., Las Vegas casinos and Walt Disney World have made plans to reopen, and crowds of unmasked Americans are expected to swarm beaches over the summer months. Public health officials predict a resurgence by fall.

Despite the risks, the pressure for easing restrictions has risen across the globe as the economic pain has worsened.

Worldwide, the virus has infected more than 5.7 million people and killed over 355,000, with the U.S. having the most confirmed cases and deaths, according to a tally by Johns Hopkins University. Europe has recorded about 170,000 deaths.

The true death toll from the virus is widely believed to be significantly higher, with experts saying many victims died without ever being tested.

## IMPORTANT TAX NOTICE COUNTY OF PULASKI

### 2020 FIRST HALF REAL ESTATE TAX TAXES DUE FRIDAY JUNE 5, 2020

Pulaski County's 2020 1st half real estate tax bills have been mailed insofar as possible, but failure to receive your bill does not relieve the taxpayer of any additional charges of penalty or interest that will accrue under the law for failure to pay the tax assessment.

Notice is hereby given that the Treasurer's office of Pulaski County will be open Monday through Friday, except holidays from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm to receive payment of the 1st half 2020 real estate tax. This tax is due on or before June 5, 2020. However, there will be not penalty and interest charged until September 5, 2020.

Tax payments may be mailed to Pulaski County Treasurer, 52 W Main Street, Suite 100, Pulaski, VA. 24301.

The Pulaski County Treasurer's office is located in the old courthouse at 52 W Main Street, Suite 100, Pulaski, VA. Also, for the convenience of the taxpayer, there is a night drop box located at the back entrance of the courthouse. There are also options to pay online and by telephone on the tax bill.

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# Gov. Northam orders mask use in stores, other public spaces

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Gov. Ralph Northam is ordering that Virginians wear masks while in public indoor spaces, saying the measure is needed to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

Northam said at a news conference Tuesday that he's ordering masks be worn starting Friday inside all retail stores, while using public transportation, and in any other indoor places where people congregate.

"This is about protecting those around us, especially our workers," Northam said.

Northam joins governors in several other states, including neighboring Maryland, who have issued similar requirements.

In practice, Northam's mask order will be largely voluntary, as the governor said he's not going to allow any criminal prosecutions of anyone found not wearing a mask. Instead, the governor's chief of staff, Clark Mercer, said businesses that are being "grossly negligent" could lose their operating licenses.

"This is not about punishing people," Northam said. "That's not what we're going to do here. We're trying to promote safety."

But Republican lawmakers decried the order, saying it places unfair mandates on business owners. Senate Republicans issued a statement saying Northam's mask order should instead be a voluntary recommendation.

"Virginians are responsible and sufficiently informed to make these determinations for themselves without coercive



Gov. Ralph Northam

threats from their leaders," the statement said.

Prior to the governor's announcement, the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police said law enforcement agencies do not have the resources to place officers at the entrance to every business to enforce the mandatory mask order.

Executive Director Dana Schrad said in a letter to the governor it will be largely up to the business and its untrained employees to confront someone who isn't wearing a mask, potentially leading to violence. She cited a case in Michigan, where three people were charged earlier this month in the fatal shooting of a security guard after a confrontation over a woman who was not wearing a face mask in a Family Dollar store.

The governor's mask-wearing

order exempts people who are eating and drinking, children under the age of 10, and people with health conditions that make wearing a mask dangerous.

Northam also addressed criticism he's taken for not wearing a mask while posing for photographs alongside residents during a weekend beach visit. The governor said he was visiting Virginia Beach to see how its reopening was going and left his mask in his vehicle because he wasn't planning on posing for pictures. He pledged to be better prepared in the future and said he appreciated being held accountable.

"We're all forming new habits and routines and we're all adjusting to this new normal," Northam said.

Also on Tuesday, Northam rejected a request from Richmond Mayor Levar Stoney to mandate that the city's churches, barber shops and hair salons stay closed when the city begins its gradual reopening Friday. Northam had previously allowed Richmond, northern Virginia and Accomack County on the Eastern Shore to delay reopening with the rest of the state.

Northam said in a letter sent Tuesday afternoon that the state's guidelines for Richmond's reopening should "operate under the same provisions that will apply to all 138 Virginia localities."

Follow AP coverage of the pandemic at <https://apnews.com/VirusOutbreak> and <https://apnews.com/Understandingthe-Outbreak>.

# McConnell stresses need to wear face masks in public

(AP) - Wading into a politically charged issue, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell on Thursday preached the importance of wearing masks in public as the nation's economy reopens from the "cataclysmic" damage inflicted by the coronavirus pandemic.

During a tour of hospitals this week in his home state of Kentucky, the Republican leader has stressed wearing masks in public and following social distancing guidelines.

"There should be no stigma attached to wearing a mask," McConnell said during an appearance in Owensboro. "And even among age groups that are least likely to either contract this disease or die from it, you could be a carrier. So I think what we all need to do is say, 'OK, I'm going to take responsibility not only for myself but for others.'"

McConnell, who is in his late 70s and is in the midst of his own reelection campaign, has worn masks at his appearances. On Thursday, he stuffed the face covering into his coat jacket to speak. He donned it again afterward.

His mask-wearing is in stark

contrast to the unwillingness of a key political ally to do so. President Donald Trump has refused to wear face coverings, and polls find that conservative Americans are more likely to forgo them. McConnell did not mention the president while touting the use of masks.

Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear has repeatedly stressed the use of masks as people increasingly venture out as the economy gradually gets rebooted.

"This is not a battle between political parties or ideologies," the Democratic governor said recently. "It's plain, basic public health guidance that's out there from the CDC and from everywhere else. It's the same guidance on the federal and on the state level. And it's just smart, right?"

Even as government restrictions to combat the virus are easing, the fallout reached a flashpoint in Kentucky last weekend when armed protesters gathered at the State Capitol. Protesters swarmed outside the Governor's Mansion and hanged Beshear in effigy near the statehouse.

# Fleas Spark Cat Spat

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I visited my friend's house with my cat back in March. Now, my friend says my cat, "Chuckles," gave her cat fleas. She wants me to pay for flea treatment. I say my cat doesn't have fleas and I don't owe her a thing. What do you say? -- Sierra in Modesto, California



I'm not a relationship therapist, but if you value the friendship, offer to compromise somehow. You might pay for half the cost of the flea treatment -- topical treatments can be pricey. You could purchase flea prevention products and offer to help apply them in and around her home -- with the promise that you'll apply them to your home, too, as a preventative measure.

In the meantime, doublecheck that Chuckles is flea-free. Comb through his hair and look for dark speckles or visible fleas near his skin. If there are certain spots that he scratches frequently, pay special attention. Even the most diligent cat mamas may deal with

fleas at the height of the season.

Learn more about flea prevention in my ebook, *Fighting Fleas*, available on Amazon.com. And send your flea prevention tips to [ask@pawscorner.com](mailto:ask@pawscorner.com).



**Grady Young**

The group will meet at 1:30 p.m. Saturday behind Wendy's in Dublin and travel to the Young residence at 1:45.

Former Pulaski County High School building trades teacher Grady Young turns 86 years old on Saturday, May 30. A group of his former students are organizing a parade in his honor, and are inviting other former students to participate. If you are interested in participating, call Samantha Dalton at 540-320-1216.

DEAR SIERRA: This is one of those spats that sometimes end up being resolved on a TV court show. While entertaining for the audience, it can be heartbreaking for both parties and can end the friendship.

There is, of course, no proof that will convince your friend that Chuckles didn't have fleas back in March. She may not even accept the fact that it's possible to pick up fleas or flea eggs while walking outdoors and bring them into the house, where they can hatch and then hop on board a pet's fur. And now that flea and tick season is in full swing, what may have started out as a few fleas is now a full-blown infestation.

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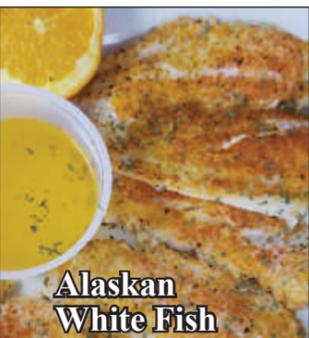
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At this time the Dublin Municipal Office lobby, located at 101 Dublin Park Road, Dublin, Virginia is closed to the public. For your convenience there is a payment drop-box outside the municipal building, payments can be mailed to P.O. Box 1066 Dublin, VA 24084 or paid online at [www.dublintown.org](http://www.dublintown.org).

By: Rebecca L. Wright, Treasurer  
Town of Dublin

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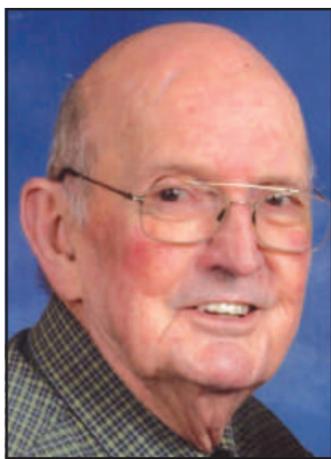


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**PEYTON ANDREW PALMER**

Peyton Andrew Palmer, age 85 of Draper passed away Sunday, May 24, 2020 at Roanoke Memorial Hospital. Born July 26, 1934 in Wythe County, he was the son of the late Ernest Palmer and Gertrude Ward Palmer. Three brothers and three sisters also preceded him in death.

Peyton was a driver for the Metro Area Transit Authority, serving D.C., Maryland and Virginia for over 30 years. He was a veteran of the United States Army.

He is survived by his  
Wife  
Hope Smith Palmer – Draper  
Daughter  
Connie Porretta – LA  
Grandchildren  
Robert and Dominic Porretta  
Many nieces and nephews

Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, May 30, 2020 at the Draper Valley Presbyterian Church (Draper) with Pastor Bob Davis officiating. Interment will follow at the church cemetery.

Visitation will be Saturday one hour before service time.

In lieu of flowers, donations sent to the Draper Valley Presbyterian Church Building Fund would be appreciated.

Please visit [www.bowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.bowerfuneralhome.com) to sign the online guest book.

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

## Sen. Kaine tests positive for coronavirus antibody test

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Sen. Tim Kaine of Virginia says he and his wife have tested positive after taking coronavirus antibody tests.

Kaine said in a statement Thursday that he and his wife, Anne Holton, were tested for antibodies this month after their health providers thought it possible they'd had mild cases of virus earlier this year. Kaine said he initially thought he was suffering



**GARY PHILLIP LOCKARD**

Gary Phillip Lockard, 71 of Dublin, died Thursday, May 21, 2020 at Lewis Gale Hospital – Montgomery. He was born on August 25, 1948 in Abingdon, and was the son of the late Virginia Roseberry Lockard and Alvie McKinley Lockard. Gary will be remembered by many as a great teacher and mentor having taught for many years, in the Pulaski County Public Schools. He was a long-time member of the Dublin United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his loving wife Marian Richardson Lockard of Dublin.

Graveside funeral services were held Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin. There will be no formal visitation. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.seagle-funeralhome.com](http://www.seagle-funeralhome.com) Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski.

## Death Notices

**FRED LEE TICKLE, SR.**

Fred Lee Tickle, Sr., 84, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at his home in Fairlawn surrounded by his family.

The Tickle family is in the care of the Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford, Virginia. [www.mullinsfuneralhome.com](http://www.mullinsfuneralhome.com)

from remnants of an earlier bout with the flu and a high pollen count.

Kaine said he and Holton worked remotely and isolated themselves from others and were symptom free by mid-April. Holton is the interim president of George Mason University.

Antibody tests are different from the nasal swab tests currently used to diagnose active infections. Instead, the tests look for blood proteins called antibodies, which the body produces days or weeks after fighting an infection. An antibody test might show if you had COVID-19 in the recent past, which most experts think gives people some protection.

At least eight federal lawmakers have tested positive for active infections.



**DANNY ALGER CALLAHAN**

Danny Alger Callahan, age 72 of Pulaski passed away Wednesday morning May 20, 2020 at the Lewis-Gale Medical Center, Salem.

Born August 17, 1947 in Welch, West Virginia he was the son of the late Louis Miller Callahan & Virginia Dare Webb Callahan.

Known affectionately by many as Dan "The Man" Callahan, he was in his 50th year of newspaper work – the last several with The Patriot.

For years he wrote a popular weekly column called "The Locker Room," which touched on high school, college and pro sports – as well as a variety of other topics. He also covered Cougar football and basketball for The Patriot. Dan was also known as "The Voice of the Cougars," for his years of work on WPSK radio as the play-by-play man for their Cougar football broadcasts.

Dan, probably the authority on Pulaski County Cougar football, covered the Cougars since the high school opened in 1974 for

## House approves changes to business virus aid subsidy program

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House gave sweeping bipartisan approval Thursday to legislation to modify a new "paycheck protection" program for businesses that have suffered COVID-related losses, giving them more flexibility to use federal subsidies for other costs and extending the lifespan of the program as the economy continues to struggle.

The compromise measure passed by a 417-1 vote and now heads to the Senate, where passage is likely next week. President Donald Trump is expected to sign it into law, though talks remain stalled on a much bigger measure to inject more than \$3 trillion into the tumbling economy.

The changes to the program come as many smaller businesses such as restaurants struggle to survive coronavirus-related ruptures to the economy as states permit shuttered businesses to reopen.

As enacted in late March, the Paycheck Protection Program required businesses to spend their loan money within an eight-week window to get the loans forgiven. It also required that three-fourths of the money be spent on payroll

The Southwest Times, WPSK and The Patriot. Prior to that he covered the Dublin Dukes beginning in 1970 for the Radford News Journal.

Dan worked for the Pulaski Recreation Department for many years coaching football, basketball and baseball. He was president and a founding member of the Pulaski County Touchdown Club.

He is survived by his  
Wife  
Brenda Joyce Callahan – Pulaski  
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Daniel Shane & wife, Vanessa Callahan – Stafford, VA  
Jason Christopher Callahan – Englewood, CO

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Layla Grace Callahan  
(Coming in July) Emily Louise Callahan

Brothers  
Tony (Brenda) Callahan – Rural Retreat

Steven (Zelda) Callahan – Wilmington, NC

Timothy Callahan – Fredericksburg, VA

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Judy Epperly – Montgomery County

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Graveside funeral services were held Monday, May 25, 2020 at the Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin.

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Bower Funeral Homes, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the Callahan Family.

as a means of keeping workers linked to their jobs. But small businesses say there are several fixes needed to the program.

For instance, the eight-week window created a dilemma for businesses, in particular restaurants that under the law were required to rehire all their laid-off workers even though they were either closed or limited to take-out and delivery. Many business owners feared that they would use up their loan money before being allowed to reopen, and then have to lay off employees again because their business wouldn't bring in enough revenue to keep paying everyone.

"I think we can all agree the economic crisis brought on by COVID-19 has proven more severe and drawn out than many anticipated," said Small Business Committee Chairwoman Nydia Velazquez, D-N.Y. "We need to give borrowers more than eight weeks to use the funds in order to qualify for loan forgiveness."

The new measure gives business owners 24 weeks to spend the federal aid — instead of eight as originally designed — and extends the program through the end of the year while also lengthening the the maturity date and deferral period of the loans.

## State lags in extended jobless benefits

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — When registered nurse Amanda Marsh lost her job working from her Virginia home as a health plan medical reviewer late last year, unemployment benefits helped support her family while she looked for work.

Those ran out in March, so when she found out the coronavirus relief bill that Congress passed around the same time contained a provision providing up to 13 extra weeks of benefits to people like her, she was relieved.

But Marsh is still waiting, along with tens of thousands of Virginians who the state says are eligible for the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation program. The Virginia Employment Commission hasn't gotten the program off the ground yet — and doesn't expect to until July.

"It blows my mind that they think people can live that long with no income," said Marsh, who described making ends meet thanks to money from selling her previous home. The Pittsylvania County resident with two young children said she's had a hard time finding a new job at a time when health care companies have been furloughing workers.

As of early this week, Virginia was one of 19 states that have yet to start making payments under the PEUC program, according to the U.S. Labor Department.

And Virginia appears to be among a handful of states moving particularly slowly to implement the benefits, according to an Associated Press review of public statements by state employment agencies. Of the states not yet making payments, many have said they expect to start taking applications by the end of May.

"The program exists on paper, but the bills are real and the money's not there. And, you know, that's a huge problem for folks," said Pat Levy-Lavelle, an attorney with the the Legal Aid Justice Center in Richmond.

Across the U.S., roughly 41 million people have sought jobless aid since the coronavirus first prompted businesses to close down and shrink their workforces, the government said Thursday. All told, the figures point to a job market gripped by its worst crisis in decades.

In Virginia, the unemployment rate has reached 10.6%. Nearly 59,000 Virginians filed initial unemployment claims last week, according to federal data, marking a reversal in a six-week run of falling totals.

Virginia's employment commissioner, Ellen Marie Hess, told lawmakers during a Senate committee meeting last week that the agency expects to begin making payments under the federally funded PEUC program in July but did not elaborate.

The program is separate from the \$600 weekly federal payments

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# Ruritans, community feeding kids in Snowville

By DANIELLE REID  
The Patriot

While many people are wondering when – or whether – public school students will be returning to the classroom this fall, the Ruritan Club of Snowville is meeting the immediate needs of their students through a community effort and the Backpack Buddy Program.

Amanda Dishon, Snowville Ruritan Club vice president, remarked, “When the schools shut down in Virginia because of COVID-19, we were concerned. So many families rely on the school lunch program to feed their kids. When we discovered the Snowville School was going to be providing lunches on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, we decided to supplement their program and provide free lunches on Tuesdays and Thursdays.”

Amy Shrewsbury, Principal at Snowville Elementary School expressed her appreciation. “I want everyone to know just how much we appreciate the long-standing relationship with our Ruritan community. They diligently work together to help families in our community and are an amazing group of people and an excellent asset. They work closely to make sure the children in our community get what they need, such as this feeding program. They give awards to the students, like the Kindness Award in which teachers nominate students for outstanding acts of kindness.”

After the decision to help was made, the next step was figuring out how to pay for and initiate the feeding program. According to Dishon, she and Sharon Flesher, Snowville Ruritan Club president, reached out to the Ruritan Club.

“The Ruritans made an initial donation and agreed to contribute \$600 toward the feeding program; and plan to revisit the donation at a later date. So many people in the Snowville community have offered to help and are pitching in. It’s a community effort. We’ve received donations of food and money, too.” She named Cecil’s Chapel United Methodist Church volunteers Judy Barr and Salina Smiley and the Snowville Masonic Lodge #159 among the many outstand-



Snowville Elementary School secretary/administrative assistant Nancy Jarrells (left) with PCHS teacher Amanda Dishon.

ing contributors. Dishon says they reached out to the Backpack Buddy Program at Snowville Elementary School.

“The Backpack Buddy Program already had a distribution system set up for food boxes. In addition to the boxes, we started doing the bag lunches. The Ruritan Club is providing between 80 to 100 bag lunches per week. We were glad we could help,” comments Dishon.

The Ruritan Bag Lunch menus change daily, but consist of an entree such as spaghetti, hamburger, hot dog or chicken, juice or a drink, fruit and a side item.

As if Dishon, who is also the U.S. History and Service Learning teacher at Pulaski County High School and Flesher, who is

the manager at Arby’s in Dublin, didn’t have enough to occupy their time, they along with several volunteers, do the shopping, coordinating, food preparation and stuffing bags for the feeding program.

Food distribution takes place at the Snowville Elementary School from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

“We don’t know how long we can keep going with the feeding program. Judging on the demand and ability to meet the demand, it will be at least through June,” states Dishon.

The sign outside the elementary school reads “free student lunch,” but anyone asking for a free lunch will receive one.

“If anyone comes in and says they’re hungry, we give a lunch to them. Usually the parent comes in, but some older kids who can drive occasionally pick up the lunches. We have made some deliveries if no one is available to pick up a lunch,” continues Dishon.

Regarding her passion for helping others, Dishon says: “I grew up with two parents very involved in serving others. They



Gabby Duncan (left) and Ruritan Club President Sharon Flesher place meals in bags for Snowville students.



were on the rescue squad, involved in church activities, and other volunteer organizations.” Dishon, who began volunteering with the Ruritan Club at age 17, is a strong advocate for volunteerism and believes the Ruritan Club presents opportunities for students to discover ways to give back.

“Volunteerism is not as prevalent as it used to be and while our club is a great resource for the community, we are worried about volunteer clubs being able to continue due to dwindling membership. Many of our members are senior citizens. The times are different now. People are always on the go, our kids have so many scheduled activities; and time becomes extremely precious,” she says reflectively. Although Dishon appreciates

everyone who is willing to help, younger volunteers are especially noteworthy. She recognizes exemplary students Gabby Duncan, sophomore at PCHS who has been volunteering through the Ruritan Club; and elementary student Hollace Oakes, who donated funds from her JamStand which she started as a nine-year-old.

Donations can be mailed to Snowville Ruritan, c/o Kenneth Harrell, 3255 Simpkinstown Rd., Hiwassee, VA 24347 or dropped off at the Ruritan building any Tuesday or Thursday between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. If anyone has any questions about joining the club or about how to help with the outreach they do they can email Amanda Dishon at amandadishon@gmail.com or at adishon@pcva.us.



Hollace Oakes and her JamStand

## Hollace Oakes

Below is a letter that Hollace Oakes wrote when she donated some of her JamStand money to the Snowville Ruritan Feeding Project.

“HI, my name is Hollace Oakes. I’m 9 years old and I’m in 4th grade at Snowville Elementary School in Mrs. Arnold’s class.

“My mom noticed on the Snowville Ruritan Facebook page that they were feeding children on Tuesdays and Thursdays. They were requesting donations. Mom sent some grocery items to be used and she asked me if there was anything I could do to help. I immediately said that I could give some of my JamStand money to help.

“My 1st grade teacher, Mrs. Payne, taught me about Economics and I decided that I would start a JamStand to make some money. That August, I had my first JamStand. I sold applebuter and strawberry jam that I helped to make. I split my earnings up into envelopes. Some for saving, for giving, for crafts, for books and more. I’ve continued this each summer and now I sell blueberry and kiwi jams, too.

“So, I used some of my giving money to donate to the Snowville Ruritans Feeding project. I think it is important for kids to have yummy foods to eat all the time, everyday. I know the Ruritans will help any kids in our community who are hungry. And, that’s a good thing!”

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## Memorial Day we remembered

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Memorial Day was officially declared a national holiday in 1971 by Congress, which designated the last Monday in May for this purpose. But honoring our war dead by setting aside a day in spring, when the flowers that could decorate their graves were in bloom, had been going on for more than a century.

Of course, countries and citizens remembered their fallen warriors long before that. As Abraham Lincoln said when dedicating Gettysburg National Cemetery, "It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this."

This year's observance of Memorial Day comes during a milestone anniversary year of the end of World War II. By this time 75 years ago, the war in Europe had ended. Nazi Germany had finally surrendered on May 8.

It was a time for celebration, but also a time for remembrance. As President Harry S. Truman noted in his broadcast announcing Germany's surrender: Our rejoicing is sobered and subdued by a supreme consciousness of the terrible price we have paid to rid the world of Hitler and his evil band.

Let us not forget, my fellow Americans, the sorrow and the heartache which today abide in the homes of so many of our neighbors—neighbors whose most priceless possession has been rendered as a sacrifice to redeem our liberty.

In less than a year, from the D-Day invasion of June 6, 1944 to Victory in Europe (VE) Day on May 8, 1945, 104,812 Americans had been killed in the European theater. As you likely know, that total included many from western Virginia who had been among the first on the beaches of Normandy on D-Day.

Thousands more had died in other operations, including the invasion of Italy, air raids over occupied Europe, and the long-running Battle of the Atlantic to defeat the U-boat menace.

Their legacy, however, would be a continent and its millions free from the murderous grip of Nazi tyranny.

They left other legacies, too. Behind the soldiers, sailors, and airmen were spouses, children, and parents. They would not see their loved ones again, but the memory of the fallen would be honored and treasured by those who remained.

The Statler Brothers' song "Silver Medals and Sweet Memories," sung from the perspective of a child whose father died in the war, poignantly captured this heartache mingled with pride and love:

And the war still ain't over for Mama  
Every night in her dreams she still sees  
The young face of someone who brought her  
Silver medals and sweet memories.

The celebration of VE Day was tempered by the great task still before the Allies. Hitler had fallen, but Imperial Japan had not. Even as General Dwight D. Eisenhower accepted the surrender of Germany on May 8, soldiers, sailors, and Marines continued the bloody battle on Okinawa in the Pacific. It had begun on April 1 and would not end until June 22.

The war would finally end with the Japanese surrender aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay on September 2, 1945.

Not only our country, but the world was fortunate that Americans were ready to serve and sacrifice. In World War II, the United States suffered 291,557 battle deaths and another 113,842 serviced deaths. It was a frightful toll, but also one with a great purpose. The tyrannical Axis powers were defeated and their ideologies discredited.

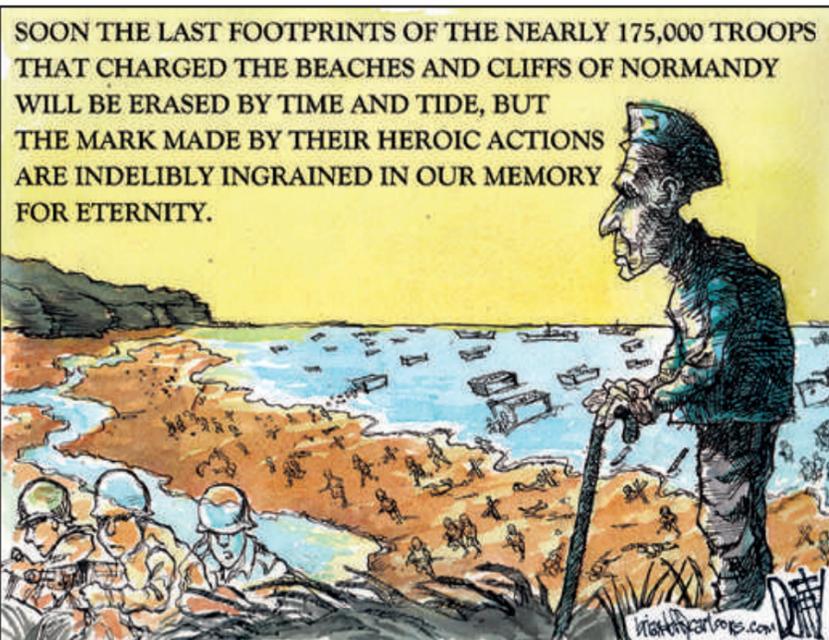
Much has changed in the 75 years since the end of World War II, but some things remain true. Brave American men and women are still willing to serve, even to the point of making the ultimate sacrifice.

We honored them all, from the Revolution to Iraq and Afghanistan, on Memorial Day.

If you have questions, concerns, or comments, feel free to contact my office. You can call my Abingdon office at 276-525-1405 or my Christiansburg office at 540-381-5671. To reach my office via email, please visit my website at [www.morgan-griffith.house.gov](http://www.morgan-griffith.house.gov). Also on my website is the latest material from my office, including information on votes recently taken on the floor of the House of Representatives.

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## Biden's Disturbing Pattern

Presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden told an African American talk show host last week: "If you have a problem figuring out whether you're for me or Trump, then you ain't black." It was not a one-off remark.

After strong condemnation, including from some fellow Democrats, Biden attempted to walk back his statement, suggesting he was trying to be funny. Biden has made other demeaning comments about minorities for many years. They are part of a pattern.

One of the definitions of "pattern" is: "a combination of qualities, acts, tendencies ... forming a consistent or characteristic arrangement."

Biden frequently says, "Look at my record." OK, let's look. Biden claims the NAACP has supported him every time he has run for office.

Not so, says current NAACP president, Derrick Johnson: "We want to clarify that the NAACP is a nonpartisan organization and does not endorse candidates for political office at any level."

Biden's "record" of putting down minorities is also part of his pattern. In 2007, speaking of Barack Obama, Biden told Jason Horowitz of The New York Observer: "I mean, you got the first mainstream African American who is articulate and bright and clean and a nice-looking guy," he said. "I mean, that's a storybook, man."

Last August, while speaking to the Asian and Latino Coalition in Des Moines, Iowa, Biden associated black people with poverty: "Poor kids are just as bright and just as talented as white kids."

In 2006 while contemplating a run for president, Biden said, "You cannot go to a 7-Eleven or a Dunkin' Donuts unless you have a slight Indian accent."

There's more in Biden's record. The Trump-Pence campaign has compiled a list of similar statements. In 1977, Biden worried about the results of certain desegregation policies: "Unless we do something about this, my children are going to grow up in a jungle, the jungle being a racial jangle with tensions having built so high that it is going to explode at some point."

In 1993, Biden described "predators" unworthy of forgiveness who must be locked away from society: "[U]nless we do something about that cadre of young people -- tens of thousands of them, born out of wedlock, without parents, without supervision, without any structure, without any conscience developing ... because they literally have not been socialized



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... [A] portion of them will become the predators 15 years from now, and ... we have predators on our streets that society has in fact, in part because of its neglect, created... [W]e don't very well know how to rehabilitate them at that point. That's the sad truth. You're looking at the fella who is one of the primary architects of the sentencing commission."

It was President Donald Trump who pushed sentencing revisions through Congress and won praise from African American leaders.

Biden has repeatedly praised racist Alabama Gov. George Wallace and bragged about receiving an award from him: "I think the Democratic Party could stand a liberal George Wallace -- someone who's not afraid to stand up and offend people, someone who wouldn't pander but would say what the American people know in their gut is right," Biden said in 1975. "[S]ometimes even George Wallace is right about some things," Biden said in 1981.

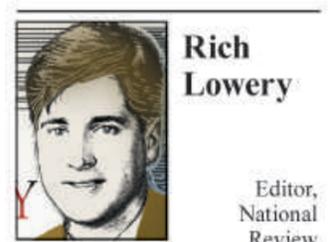
In 2003, Biden delivered a eulogy for onetime segregationist Sen. Strom Thurmond: "I was honored to work with him, privileged to serve with him, proud to call him my friend."

In 2010, Biden delivered a eulogy for a former KKK Exalted Cyclops, the late Sen. Robert Byrd: "He was a friend, he was a mentor and he was a guide."

In 2019, Biden bragged about working with Sen. James Eastland: "Even in the days when I got there, the Democratic Party still had seven or eight old-fashioned Democratic segregationists. You'd get up and you'd argue like the devil with them. Then you'd get down and have lunch or dinner together."

That's the Biden record. Now let's see him defend it.

(Readers may email Cal Thomas at [tcaeditors@tribpub.com](mailto: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/Zondervan).



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## We need to make more of our own drugs

A country learns about itself in a crisis, and one revelation in the coronavirus emergency is that we can't make our own penicillin.

The first patient successfully treated with the antibiotic was a woman suffering from sepsis in a Connecticut hospital in 1942. Her treatment took up half the country's supply. Yet in short order we figured out how to mass produce the medicine, saving the lives of countless soldiers in World War II. Once, factories throughout the country made the stuff.

But that was a long time ago. The last U.S. plant to make penicillin, a Bristol-Myers Squibb operation in Syracuse, New York, shuttered in 2004.

What happened? According to Rosemary Gibson of The Hastings Center and author of the book "China Rx," "Industry data reveal that Chinese companies formed a cartel, colluded to sell product on the global market at below market price, and drove all U.S., European and Indian producers out of business."

Just like that -- it's not so easy to simply start up a penicillin fermenter -- we were out of the penicillin-production business.

The story of penicillin is the tale of U.S. dependence on China-sourced pharmaceuticals and active drug ingredients writ large.

From 2010 to 2018, U.S. imports of pharmaceuticals from China increased 75%. China is the second largest exporter of drugs and biologics to the United States behind Canada, and our dependence is even greater, given that China is the source of the active ingredients of many drugs produced elsewhere.

China is a dominant force when it comes to generic drugs in particular, which account for the vast majority of medicines that Americans take. We rely on China for 90% of our antibiotics, and for drugs for everything from HIV/AIDS to cancer to antidepressants.

China is fully aware of its leverage. It notoriously threatened via its state-run media to cut off our supply of drugs (except fentanyl, of course) and plunge the U.S. into "the mighty sea of coronavirus."

Even if China weren't a malign global competitor (it is), a remorseless dictatorship (it is) or a dishonest kleptocracy (it is), there would be risk inherent in having so many of our medications and their components coming from one country. We become vulnerable to any disruption of Chinese production, whether from disease, political unrest or war.

Beijing is a particularly nasty actor, but the coronavirus has demonstrated that even friendly nations will keep medical supplies from one other if it is in their self-interest to do so.

It is only prudent, then, that the U.S. begin a national effort to produce more of its own

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# Murphy's Law

The age-old adage of Murphy's Law has been studied, wrote about, colloquially rephrased, and even used as a title for a UK television drama. It is pretty much a part of our modern vernacular and is an epigram that helps capture those instances when, "Anything that can go wrong, will go wrong."

Moreover, it is a law that we in local government often use to our strategic advantage when conducting a wide range of planning exercises. We in public service have lots of adages we routinely use as frameworks and guides while serving our citizens.

One I regularly use and find rather effective in managing my own expectations is that of, "No good deed goes unpunished."

It is unfortunate, but this one is far too often true. As you can imagine, we operate in a realm where a proverbial can of worms is opened up almost daily and where Pandora's box remains wide open as well.

These colloquialisms, idioms, and adages are more than just phrases we use, but rather rules-of-thumb that help us better prepare for the rigors, surprises, and monumental challenges that face our local government team.

Murphy's Law is an overlay in which we use in our preparedness, mitigation, and response planning. The technical terminology is, "contingency planning." We try to consider to what level of redundancy, support and contingencies do we need in those instances where everything that can go wrong will and sometimes does.

We found this level of planning and preparedness has helped Pulaski County in our response to an unprecedented and comprehensive crisis we refer to as COVID-19 or the novel Coronavirus.

While in the middle of a global pandemic with unforeseen impacts to the physical, men-



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tal, and financial health of our citizens, we simultaneously get hit with two waves of localized flooding, a series of operational setbacks, various service delivery challenges and even the largest Freedom of Information Act request in the history of the County.

If it could go wrong lately it has, and sans any irony, it has all at the same time. Nevertheless, this is what the dedicated and talented professionals who serve Pulaski County do — they respond.

I have never been more proud of our essential workers who have shown up in the midst of these literal and figurative storms and continue to serve our citizens. From all of our first responders to the sanitation workers who ride the back of the garbage trucks, these men and women continue to bravely serve the community at the highest level no matter what Murphy continues to throw at them.

I am truly honored to serve alongside so many devoted individuals and I want them to know what they do in service for Pulaski County does not go unnoticed or unappreciated.

Thank you again to our maintenance team, our custodial workers, our PSA department, our mowing crew, and my list of gratitude goes out to ALL departments.

Murphy's Law may be in full effect, but it will never be more than we can overcome together.

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# SpaceX launch scrubbed, rescheduled for Saturday

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The launch of a SpaceX rocket ship with two NASA astronauts on a history-making flight into orbit was called off with less than 17 minutes to go in the countdown Wednesday because of thunderclouds and the risk of lightning.

Liftoff was rescheduled for Saturday afternoon.

The spacecraft — designed, built and owned by SpaceX — was set to blast off in the afternoon for the International Space Station, opening a new era in commercial spaceflight. It would have also marked the first time in nearly a decade that the U.S. launched astronauts into orbit from American soil.

But thunderstorms for much of the day threatened to force a postponement, and the word finally came down that the atmosphere was so electrically charged that the spacecraft was in danger of getting hit by lightning.

NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine said the agency and SpaceX worked together to "make the right decision" and put safety first at a time when some were wondering whether the public attention surrounding the flight would create undue pressure to launch.

Veteran space shuttle astronauts Doug Hurley and Bob Behnken were supposed to ride into orbit aboard SpaceX's sleek, white-and-black, bullet-shaped Dragon capsule on top of a Falcon 9 rocket, taking off from the same launch pad used during the Apollo moon missions a half-century ago.

Both President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence had arrived to watch. Trump, who before the postponement marveled at the "magnificent" rocket on the pad, later tweeted that he will return to Florida for the next try, and the vice president did the same.

"Thank you to @NASA and @SpaceX for their hard work and leadership. Look forward to being back with you on Saturday!" Trump said.

The flight — the long-held dream of SpaceX founder Elon Musk — would have marked the first time a private company sent

humans into orbit.

It would have also ended a launch drought for NASA. Ever since the space shuttle was retired in 2011, NASA has relied on Russian spaceships launched from Kazakhstan to take U.S. astronauts to and from the space station.

During the day, the rumble of thunder could be heard as the astronauts made their way to the pad at NASA's Kennedy Space Center, and a tornado warning was issued moments after they climbed into their capsule.

"We could see some raindrops on the windows and just figured that whatever it was, was too close to the launch pad at the time we needed it not to be," Hurley, the spacecraft commander, said after the flight was scrubbed. "Understand that everybody's probably a little bit bummed out. That's just part of the deal. ... We'll do it again, I think, on Saturday."

"Appreciate your resilience sitting there in the vehicle," a controller replied.

Behnken responded: "Nothing better than being prime crew on a new spaceship."

The astronauts had to remain strapped in their seats until all the fuel in their rocket was unloaded and the emergency escape system was disarmed.

The launch preparations took place in the shadow of the coronavirus outbreak that has killed an estimated 100,000 Americans.

With this mission, "everybody can look up and say, 'Look, the future is so much brighter than the present!' And I really hope that this is an inspiration to the world," Bridenstine said.

The flight would put Musk and SpaceX in the same league as only three spacefaring countries — Russia, the U.S. and China, all of which have sent astronauts into orbit.

"What today is about is reigniting the dream of space and getting people fired up about the future," Musk said in a NASA interview before the postponement.

A solemn-sounding Musk said he felt his responsibilities most heavily when he saw the astro-

nauts' wives and young sons just before the launch attempt. He said he told them: "We've done everything we can to make sure your dads come back OK."

NASA pushed ahead with the preparations despite the viral outbreak but kept the guest list at Kennedy extremely limited and asked spectators to stay at home. Still, thousands jammed area bridges and beaches to watch, many of them not wearing masks or observing the 6-foot social distancing rules.

The space agency also estimated 1.7 million people were watching the launch preparations online.

Among the spectators was Erin Gatz, who came prepared for both rain and pandemic. Accompanied by her 14-year-old daughter and 12-year-old son, she brought face masks and a small tent.

She said the children had faint memories of watching in person one of the last shuttle launches almost a decade ago when they were preschoolers.

"I wanted them to see the flip side and get to see the next era of space travel," said Gatz, who lives in Deltona, Florida. "It's exciting and hopeful."

NASA hired SpaceX and Boeing in 2014 to design and build spaceships to carry astronauts to the space station in a new kind of public-private partnership aimed at bringing down costs and spurring innovation. Boeing's capsule, Starliner, is not expected to fly astronauts into space until early 2021.

Ultimately, NASA hopes to rely, in part, on its commercial partners as it works to send astronauts back to the moon in the next few years, and on to Mars in the 2030s.

"We're doing it differently than we've ever done it before," Bridenstine said. "We're transforming how we do spaceflight in the future."

## Streets ministry to conduct distributions on Mondays

Taking It To The Streets Ministries is pleased to announce that they will be doing all Food / Cleaning Supplies Distribution for the Needy, Elderly, and Shut-ins of Pulaski County on every Monday from 3 pm until 7 pm starting June 1st.

We hope this one day pick up will be more convenient and we will continue to monitor the Coronavirus and the need for this program.

Please remember you will receive one allotment per household, and you must have ID.

For more information please call 276-620-4293.

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medicines.

Unspooling entrenched supply chains won't be simple. The U.S. should create every incentive for drug companies to at least move out of China into other foreign countries, and ideally come back here (economic incentives clearly matter -- when drug companies lost tax preferences to manufacture in Puerto Rico, many of them left for China). Eventually, federally funded health systems, including Medicare, Medicaid and Veterans Affairs, should buy only American-sourced pharmaceuticals.

Prescient commentators have been warning of our growing dependence on China for medicines for years. After this, there's no excuse for not fixing it.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

## Marion woman dies in crash

At 3:54 a.m. this morning (May 27), Virginia State Police Trooper R. B. Mullins responded to a single-vehicle crash in Wythe County.

A vehicle traveling south on I-81 ran off the road near mile marker 63. The vehicle came to a stop on Radio Drive which runs parallel to the interstate in this area.

The driver of the vehicle, Borge Carlyle Fisher, Jr., 33, of Marion, Va., was transported to Wytheville Community Hospital for treatment.

The passenger, Jessica G. Roberts, 39, of Marion, Va., died at the scene. Neither was wearing a seat-belt. Charges are pending.



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# Celebrity Extra: 'Umbrella Academy' returns July 31

**Q: One of my all-time favorite crime dramas was "Homicide." I loved Andre Braugher's interrogations and monologues. Whatever happened to the actor who played Det. Bayliss, his partner on the show. Is he still acting? -D P.B.**

**A:** It's hard to believe it's been almost 30 years since the critically acclaimed "Homicide: Life on the Street" first aired on NBC. It was based on the nonfiction book of the same name by Baltimore journalist David Simon, but seems to have been eclipsed in popularity by Simon's later series "The Wire," which ran on HBO for 60 episodes. "Homicide" deserves to be seen just as much, in my opinion.

As for actor Kyle Secor, who was excellent as Det. Tim Bayliss alongside the commanding Braugher, he's now 63 years old and has been acting steadily since "Homicide" ended in 1999. He currently plays Deputy Fire

Chief Alden Radford on Fox's "9-1-1: Lone Star," alongside Rob Lowe. Before that he was a regular on "Veronica Mars" and "The Flash," and guest-starred on many, many primetime series. \*\*\*

**Q: When is "The Umbrella Academy" returning for another season? I really enjoyed watching this with my daughter, compared to most superhero-type shows. -- R.I.**

**A:** Good news! Season 2 will premiere on July 31 on Netflix with 10 new one-hour episodes. Returning stars include Ellen Page and Tom Hopper, along with three new additions: Ritu Arya ("Humans"), Yusuf Gatewood ("Good Omens") and Marin Ireland ("Sneaky Pete"). Mary J Blige may yet return as time-traveling assassin Cha-Cha.

"The Umbrella Academy" is based on the comic book by the same title about a group of adopt-



Mary J Blige in "The Umbrella Academy"

Christos Kalohoridis/Netflix

ed sibling superheroes. The first season was reportedly watched in 45 million Netflix-subscribing households, so it's no surprise that it was quickly given the greenlight for a second season. \*\*\*

**Q: With HBO and the other premium channels offering free months due to the shelter-in-place order, why do I have to pay to view the earlier season-four episodes of "The Good Place"? I binged the first**

**three seasons on Netflix, and now I can only view the final four episodes for free and the rest are \$1.99 each. I really want to finish out the story. I wonder if this is an NBC or an FIOS thing? -- H.M.**

**A:** Unfortunately, you're going to have to wait until late August or September to view season four of the clever comedy "The Good Place" on Netflix. Reportedly, you can watch all of the fi-

nal season for free on the NBC.com website if you have a cable or satellite subscription. Log on to Help.NBC.com to learn more.

Another option that is less expensive than buying each episode for \$1.99 is to purchase "The Good Place: Season 4" DVD set through Amazon, which is priced at \$16.99. Lastly, some public libraries carry DVD sets of not just movies, but of entire TV series that library cardholders can check out for free.

Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com, or write me at KFWS, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

## State

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that can go to anyone in the country who has lost a job. The extra 13 weeks under the PEUC program would kick in only after recipients exhaust their unemployment compensation, so many of those who qualify at this point lost their jobs long before the coronavirus took hold in the U.S. and presumably could be in greater need of help.

The commission estimates about 25,000-30,000 people are eligible, spokeswoman Joyce Fogg said. Fogg said the agency's IT department is working on re-programming a system first implemented in 1985 to accept applications, and the agency hopes to have it ready no later than July 2. She later wrote in an email that the commission doesn't have an exact date, and she did not explain the change.

Fogg said the commission — which, like other employment agencies around the county, has been dealing with a staggering number of unemployment claims — has had to work through implementing the coronavirus relief bill in phases.

"Text messages will be sent when the application is available," she wrote in an email.

Marsh and others say they have encountered trouble reaching anyone over the phone — a long-running complaint — getting accurate information or even a start date for the program. On Thursday, the website said additional information "concerning the process to claim the PEUC benefits will be forthcoming soon."

George Inge, who was laid off in May 2019 from a small medical device sales company, said he has been given conflicting information from various employment commission workers about which type of benefit he might qualify for. Inge said the most recent information he has received was that he is eligible for PEUC, although the employee he spoke with said she didn't know much about the program or when it would be running.

"I really don't know what they are doing other than they are pitifully slow and I pray everyone will hear this week and get money this week," one employment commission employee wrote to Inge in an email he provided to AP. "And you are right it is a waiting game."

Inge, a father of three, including one in college, said his family is barely getting by and might consider listing their Crozet home soon if nothing changes.

Hina Latif, a 32-year-old who was laid off last year from aerospace and defense company General Dynamics, exhausted her unemployment benefits and has also been waiting for information about PEUC. Latif said her family is doing OK because they've cut back their spending and her husband, an attorney, is still employed. But she said others in a less fortunate situation could quickly be pushed into poverty.

"I think it's the duty of our institutions, specifically the VEC, to work effectively in a situation like this," she said. "And the fact that we were not ready ... it unveils the impairments of our society."

Follow AP coverage of the pandemic at <https://apnews.com/VirusOutbreak> and <https://apnews.com/Understandingthe-Outbreak>.

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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# Mail-in voting could turn Election Day into Week

(AP) - A shift to mail voting is increasing the chances that Americans will not know the winner of November's presidential race on election night.

State election officials in some key battleground states have recently warned that it may take days to count what they expect will be a surge of ballots sent by mail out of concern for safety amid the pandemic. In an election as close as 2016's, a delayed tally in key states could keep news organizations from calling a winner.

"It may be several days before we know the outcome of the election," Jocelyn Benson, Michigan's Democratic secretary of state, said in an interview. "We have to prepare for that now and accept that reality."

Ohio's Republican secretary of state, Frank LaRose, pleaded for "patience" from the public. "We've gotten accustomed to this idea that by the middle of the evening of election night, we're going to know all the results," LaRose said Wednesday at a forum on voting hosted by the Bipartisan Policy Center. "Election night reporting may take a little longer" this year, he warned.

Delayed results are common in a few states where elections are already conducted largely by mail. But a presidential election hasn't been left in limbo

since 2000, when ballot irregularities in Florida led to weeks of chaos and court fights.

For some election experts and Democrats, the prospect of similar uncertainty is especially worrisome this year, as Trump disparages mail-in voting as fraudulent and has claimed without evidence that widespread mail balloting will lead to a "rigged" election.

"It's very problematic," said Rick Hasen, a University of California-Irvine law professor. "There is already so much anxiety about this election because of the high levels of polarization and misinformation."

Hasen is among the experts who have been studying the strains on the U.S. electoral system during the pandemic. He recently convened a bipartisan group of academics to recommend safeguards for a disputed election. Some members have gamed out dramatic scenarios like state legislatures or governors refusing to seat electors, or a candidate refusing to cede power.

The coronavirus has dramatically changed how Americans vote.

As voters look for a safer alternative to in-person voting, election officials from both parties have promoted mail-in and absentee voting options, and

requests for mail ballots have surged in the primaries. Many states expect to be scrambling to process millions more in November.

While each state runs its own process, those mail ballots can take longer to count. In some states, the ballots can be accepted several days after Election Day, as long as they are post-marked before polls closed. And while some states count the ballots as they come in, others — notably the critical battlegrounds of Michigan and Pennsylvania — have laws that forbid processing mail ballots until Election Day, guaranteeing the count will extend well past that night.

That doesn't mean The Associated Press and other news organizations won't call a winner. The AP regularly calls races before the official vote count is complete, using models based on partial results, past races and extensive polling.

But in particularly tight contests, the AP and other news organizations may hold off on declaring a winner. That could lead to a national roller coaster ride of shifting results.

In Arizona in 2018, for example, Republican Martha McSally was narrowly winning the initial tally of in-person votes and mail ballots that had arrived days before Election Day. More than a

week later, after election officials were able to tally all the mail votes that arrived on Election Day, Democrat Kyrsten Sinema won the senatorial race by more than 2 percentage points. Arizona changed its procedures to try to speed up the vote count this year.

In Michigan and Pennsylvania, two states that helped hand President Trump his 2016 victory, Democrats have pushed to relax the laws forbidding them from processing ballots before

Election Day but faced GOP resistance.

In Michigan, GOP leaders had argued it would be improper to handle ballots before Election Day. But on Wednesday, the state's GOP-controlled Senate signaled a shift, advancing a bill that would allow the processing of absentee ballots the day before Election Day. Benson said even if the bill passes, she expects a slow count in November.

"It's certainly going to be a challenge," Benson said.

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There are two Department of Veterans Affairs smartphone apps that might be of help to you.

Tactical Breathing Trainer, or Tactical Breather: Created by the National Center for Telehealth & Technology, the phone app can teach you to get control over your responses to stress, both psychological or physiological. While initially created for soldiers in combat, the breathing exercises will allow you to stay in the moment, to relax and find peace. It includes exercises, practice and charts of your progress.

Telehealth Mood Tracker, or T2 Mood Tracker: This app is for anyone with anxiety, PTSD, brain injury or stress. Use it to



by Freddy Groves

monitor your moods and track them over time. Record medications and treatments, daily events -- anything that can alter your mood. The information can be saved to help your medical professional help you, or just for your own knowledge to see how you're doing.

The VA has a few other helpful apps as well. Look for CBT-I Coach if you're battling insomnia. Try Stay Quit Coach if you've quit smoking and need help staying quit. MOVE! Coach is an app for weight management, with lots of information and places to store

your results. See Life Armor for help on 17 different topics, such as relationships, PTSD, depression and more. Use it to track your symptoms.

Cruise over to the Apple store for Apple products or the Google Play store for Android and check the apps. You can find more information about them on VA.gov.

Meanwhile, if you're hunkered down and feeling the stress of it all, take things slowly, one day (or even one hour) at a time. We'll get through this and come out the other side, proud of how we handled things.

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## VSP seeking tips in Bland County homicide

The Virginia State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigation's Wytheville Field Office continues to investigate Saturday's discovery of human remains in Bland County.

At approximately 12:25 p.m. Saturday (May 23), the Virginia State Police was notified of a body discovered in a ditch along Wilderness Road. Bruce M. Ritchie, 57, of Herminie, Penn. was found stabbed to death outside his vehicle, a white 2019 Nissan Sentra. Both were located in a wide, pull-off area on the right shoulder of Wilderness Road approximately 100 yards from the exit for I-77. Wilderness Road is Route 606 and is Exit 62 off Interstate 77 in the South Gap community of Bland County.

State police have determined that Ritchie had been traveling north on I-77 when he apparently pulled off the exit and parked his vehicle. A knife was recovered at the scene.

As the Virginia State Police continues to pursue several

leads, investigators are encouraging anyone with information to call the Virginia State Police Wytheville Division at 276-228-3131 or contact us by email at questions@vsp.virginia.gov. State police is especially interested in hearing from anyone who may recall seeing the white Nissan, other vehicles and/or individuals at the pull-off on Wilderness Road Friday evening (May 22) through noon Saturday (May 23).

**Weekly SUDOKU**

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Some areas are establishing meal delivery from restaurants for seniors who shouldn't go out. If you have a town council, they will know about any kind of changes in your area. Some towns have an online list of restaurants with details about whether they're closed or are providing service (curbside, limited inside seating or delivery). Other areas have free senior pickup

## SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

meals for those who can drive to the location. Call your local senior center or check their website for more information.

Watch your daily newspaper online, if you don't take the paper. While most typically charge a fee, during this pandemic many are giving access to their paper for free (hoping you'll eventually subscribe). Keep an eye on the news for updates to the type of services that are opening up near you and the requirements. Some might ask that employees wear a mask while working, and others might ask that anybody ventur-

### Vallone graduates from Avila University

KANSAS CITY, MO -- Erika Vallone of Bergamo, graduated Summa Cum Laude with a BA in Communication from Avila University's Class of 2020, the University's 103rd graduating class.

Vallone was amongst nearly 400 graduates who received their undergraduate and masters degrees this spring.

A total of 396 graduates received masters and baccalaureate degrees from the Schools of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, Business, Education, Professional Studies, Nursing, Science and Health, and Visual and Communication Arts. The University bestowed 279 baccalaureate degrees and 117 Master's degrees.

### Brianne Pearson Inducted into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

BATON ROUGE, LA -- Brianne Pearson of Hiwassee, Virginia, was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Pearson was initiated at Radford University.

Pearson is among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of

candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 300 campuses in the United States and the Philippines. Its mission is "To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others."

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and your heart goes out to your sisters and brothers.  
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are so Holy and Divine.  
"That's Love"

Written by Naomi Davidson, Pulaski, Va.

# VDOT: Route 460 temporarily opened in Giles County; slide repairs not complete

SALEM -- The Virginia Department of Transportation has temporarily opened one lane in each direction on Route 460 in Giles County, Virginia, about five miles east of the West Virginia border, after closing the road to all traffic on May 23 following a mudslide that collapsed lanes and damaged a retaining wall.

One lane in each direction on the eastbound side of Route 460 is open with pilot trucks and flaggers controlling traffic around the clock. Drivers should expect some delays and use caution as pilot trucks will be guiding traffic into a two-way pattern in the eastbound lanes.

VDOT will continue to post messages boards along Interstate 81 and Interstate 77 for motorists traveling to West Virginia through western Virginia to consider using I-77 as an alternate route.

Following the closure of all lanes of Route 460 on May 23, local traffic in Giles County has been able to use Route 649 (Lurich Road) as an alternative route. With the New River cresting later today, Lurich Road is expected to flood and be closed.

Closing Lurich Road will mean that the residents in the western portion of Giles County in communities such as Rich Creek and Glen Lyn will not have a local route available to Pearisburg and points east.

Route 460 will be opened temporarily, so these residents will have access but will be closed again after floodwaters recede on local routes in Giles County.

VDOT has been repairing the

slide damage on Route 460, and crews have stabilized the slope in median to allow two-way traffic to use the eastbound lanes. However, future work on Route 460 will require that VDOT close all lanes again, so workers can complete the remaining repairs safely.

Route 460 traffic updates and the latest Virginia traffic information are available at www.511virginia.org, through the free mobile app or by phone.

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# Getting to know Head Coach Mark Dixon

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**What are your feelings about coming to Pulaski County?**

**Dixon:** "I'm super excited. I certainly know the tradition of Pulaski County football and Coach (Joel) Hicks. I've met him before and so I understand how important and that really just got me super excited at the chance to just try to continue the tradition that he built. I'm good friends with Coach James so I had some insight there. This side of the state, this is the job! To have an opportunity to come here and be a part of the tradition is an honor for me and my wife."

**What are your feelings about leaving Galax?**

**Dixon:** "I spent a wonderful 10 years there in a wonderful community with so much support and so many great players. They're the ones who turned it around and did such a tremendous job. My heart goes out to the players I'm leaving. Of course, I worry about them. I know Galax will find a great coach and they are great kids."

**What about this year's Cougars? What do you know about them?**

**Dixon:** "I've talked to Coach James and he feels like there is a great nucleus coming back. So that certainly has me excited. First thing is to get together with all the coaches and get a staff put together. That's when I'll get the most insight. I'll start breaking down film here tonight and the next couple of days and get a better look at everything as we move forward. The main thing really is to just get with the staff and then get with the players and start building those relationships."

"We're in such a different time right now. Really uncharted territory. Trying to navigate this (coronavirus)."

**Do you think we'll even have football this year?**

**Dixon:** "I'm praying we do. I certainly think we will. When, where and how it starts is yet to be determined, but I think we will."

**Talk about your offense:**

**Dixon:** "At Galax we morphed from year to year depending on the skill kids, what they



Pulaski County Schools photo  
New Cougar head coach Mark Dixon (center) and his wife, Wendy are shown with School Board Chairman Timmy Hurst. Behind them are (from left) PCHS Principal Jennifer Bolling, School Superintendent Dr. Kevin Siers and PCHS Athletic Director Scott Vest.

were good at. Ultimately if the offensive line is good, a lot of stuff works. If it's not very good, not much works. The Galax program was built around the offensive line and that would allow the skill kids - whatever they were good at - they could showcase themselves. But it definitely starts with the offensive line. When that's good, you've got options. Long story short, we've always run the ball a ton and then last year we threw it more, but historically we like to be physical and run the football."

**And your defense?**

**Dixon:** "Very similar right now to what Pulaski County runs currently. Very similar. And it's the same thing. It's hard without seeing all the things and talking to them and the coaches and us all sitting down. I like to sit down and formulate a game plan that will utilize all the kids and put them in the best positions to be successful. I'm not a cookie-cutter guy, in that this is my offense, this is what we're going to run no matter what and they've got to be good at it. I don't do that. I do be-

lieve in those five guys up front. If they're good, then I think we've got a chance to be good."

**What about moving up from 1A to 4A?**

**Dixon:** "I'll spend the next month, month-and-a-half riding all the teams in the River Ridge and studying us and try to get a bead on everybody. Definitely stepping up in terms of levels, but when I went to Galax the big concern there was 'this is such a small school can you bring that complicated NFL stuff to such a small school?' That's all I heard. Now the question has flipped, 'can you bring 1A concepts up to 4A?' Either way you go you're going to get it. Part of it is the challenge that really has me re-challenged. That really has been a part of it and the pressure to give the community what they deserve."

**How do kids react when they find out you're played in the NFL? Are they in awe?**

**Dixon:** "They're in awe for about 15 seconds usually. It's really about teaching. Whether

you're teaching math or teaching football, if you tell them to do something and it works, they gain a little more trust in you. It still comes down to that. It's just teaching. That's how I've got to gain their trust. I've got to come in and get all the guys on the same page. That's part of this whole thing and it has to happen early."

**Where did you coach before Galax?**

**Dixon:** "Never had coached a day in my life before I got to Galax. First job I ever had. I came out of the NFL and then I went back to school. I was going to be a clinical psychologist. That was the plan. I was getting my masters and I was in the community and Galax asked me to coach the JV basketball team and I did that, and I caught the coaching bug. The very next year they gave me the head football job and that's how it all started."

**On his family:**

**Dixon:** "My wife, Wendy is from Fries. I'm from Jamestown, N.C. right outside of Greensboro. "We'll be moving close to the

school. I guess the first year of our plan is to rent and kind of get the lay of the land on where we actually want to move. We've got to take care of our house in Galax, but we're definitely moving to the Pulaski area."

"I will be teaching physical education at the high school." (Wendy will be a math teacher at PCHS).

The Dixons have four children with three attending Virginia Tech and one attending Radford University.

## AP EXCLUSIVE

### Athletes worry about virus, testing upon return

By HOWARD FENDRICH  
AP Sports Writer

Chris Thompson is an NFL running back. He also is the father of a 4-month-old daughter, Kali. Guess which of those factors matters more to him when he ponders eventually returning to work amid a pandemic.

"If I go practice or play and I come back home with the virus, she's not strong enough yet to fight something like that. For me, that's my biggest worry," said Thompson, who signed with the Jacksonville Jaguars this month after seven seasons with the Washington Redskins. "We're not robots out there," he said. "People out there are saying, 'Hey, with all that's going on, we need sports back in our lives to get our minds off everything.' That's all good. But you've got to think about this, too: When we start back in training camp, you're putting 90 guys from 90 different places all together ... and it happens a lot that a lot of us get sick."

These are the sorts of thoughts that people love to watch, discuss and gamble on are grappling with as lockdowns brought about by the coronavirus outbreak begin to ease and various sports resume competition — NASCAR and UFC, for example — or attempt to figure out how to, such as Major League Baseball, the NBA and NHL.

Reporters from The Associated Press spoke to more than two dozen athletes from around the globe — representing seven countries and 11 sports — to get a sense of how concerned or confident they are about resuming competition. What emerged, above all, was a sense that they are going through the very same sort of calculus that much of the rest of society is: What is safe nowadays? How do I, and my family, stay healthy, especially

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# Virus

Continued from Page B1 with no cure or vaccine yet? "There's certainly an element of the unknown," New Jersey Devils defenseman Connor Carrick said. "This has not been studied all that long still, even though it feels like an eternity some days."

Or as Bethanie Mattek-Sands, who has won nine Grand Slam tennis doubles titles, explained: "It's sort of even tough to gauge what I should be worried about." Mattek-Sands did say she thinks those in charge of her sport will do their best to protect participants, which matched the general consensus among those the AP interviewed.

They also consider the optics. "You'd have these billionaire (team) owners that are probably social distancing in their boxes, while you have guys on the field playing a game with no fans," said Kelvin Beachum, an NFL free agent. "I think that would be very, very awkward."

Nearly unanimous was a wariness about enough COVID-19 testing — what types, how many, how often — and other precautions (contact tracing, for example) that leagues, unions and governing bodies might institute as they develop protocols.

Most echoed Thompson's sentiment that "we should have constant testing," but there was hesitation about too many nasal swabs or blood samples.

"If the tests don't come back for a couple of days and what-not, how does that really work?" said two-time Olympic cham-

pion ski racer Mikaela Shiffrin. "It's good to know if you test positive or negative. But if we're talking about being tested today so we can race tomorrow, but the results don't come back for two days, it doesn't really help."

Ryan Zimmerman, a member of the World Series champion Washington Nationals, was adamant: "Someone is going to need to be able to assure us that the testing put forward will be able to catch this before it can cause some sort of outbreak among people in close quarters."

Some wondered whether they would agree to get a seasonal flu shot if required, the way it was in Australian rugby. Two athletes said they never get seasonal flu vaccines — one also didn't want recommended shots before a recent trip to Africa — and aren't inclined to change that.

Others weren't sure they would agree to get a COVID-19 vaccine if mandated by a league.

"I think it would stop at some sort of vaccine to play," St. Louis Cardinals All-Star shortstop Paul DeJong said. "There is a fine line between what (MLB) can do to protect us and some things they can do to kind of exert power over us."

For those in sports such as golf or tennis that require international travel, there are questions about how easy it will be to hop from country to country — and how easy it'll be to avoid catching or spreading the virus.

"You are so concerned that you don't want to be the cause of somebody else's ... death," said Pdraig Harrington, a three-time major golf champion from Ireland. "Traveling, you have the fear that you are going to get it — and you still maintain that fear of passing it on to someone who is vulnerable."

He mentioned his 80-year-old mother, but the list goes beyond athletes' relatives: coaches, training staff, officials, arena workers and, if there are any, spectators. Plus those folks' families.

"The pressure to 'get back out there' makes it clear," Olympic long jump champion Tianna Bartoletta said, "that athletes aren't necessarily being seen as the humans they are, with the families they have."



Chris Graythen | Getty Images  
Brad Keselowski, driver of the #2 Miller Lite Ford, celebrates after winning the NASCAR Cup Series Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte Motor Speedway on May 24, 2020 in Concord, North Carolina.

## Keselowski eyes shot at heating up market with Charlotte showings

CONCORD, N.C. (AP) — The caution that sent the Coca-Cola 600 to overtime both continued Chase Elliott's bad week and gave Brad Keselowski a much-needed break.

Keselowski is in a contract year during a season disrupted by the coronavirus pandemic. Business was closed for 10 weeks, meaning zero movement between Keselowski and Team Penske.

The first driver to give Roger Penske a NASCAR championship — first in the Xfinity Series and then, finally, in 2012, a Cup title — has been idling all year year. Then a caution with two laps remaining at Charlotte Motor Speedway cluttered Elliott's clear path to the win and gave Keselowski an opening.

Elliott pitted and Keselowski's new crew chief Jeremy Bullins called for his driver to stay on track, cycle into the lead and try to out-muscle seven-time champion Jimmie Johnson in a two-lap overtime sprint to the finish. "We just committed to taking the front row and take a shot at the restart," Bullins said. "Not many people I'd rather have in that situation than Brad."

Keselowski got a terrific launch, cleared Johnson and pulled away for the Memorial Day victory. Indianapolis 500 victories by Will Power and Simon Pagenaud in 2018 and 2019, paired with Keselowski's steal in the 600, gave Penske three consecutive Memorial Day weekend wins.

Keselowski returned to Charlotte Motor Speedway for a Thursday night race and a shot



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Chase Elliott, driver of the #9 NAPA Auto Parts Chevrolet, exits his car after the NASCAR Cup Series Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte Motor Speedway on May 24, 2020 in Concord, North Carolina.

at consecutive victories. Kevin Harvick, Denny Hamlin and then Keselowski have won the three Cup races since the season resumed.

Bullins is bringing a new Ford built by Team Penske. This is a big stretch for the No. 2 team to prove it should remain intact beyond this season. The financial losses during the pandemic will likely cause yet another driver salary reset and Keselowski, the only Cup champion available, is probably at the highest end of free agent salaries.

Roger Penske said the pandemic has prevented any meetings with Keselowski.

Keselowski believes he and Bullins are settling in well after four races to start the season, the shutdown, and now four races in 11 days. Bullins previously worked with Keselowski in the Xfinity Series and said the foundation is strong.

"There's always been a good trust and good relationship with him," Bullins said. "I know where he's coming from. I feel like we understand each other well. We've always worked together well. It was kind of like we hit the ground running again."

"It took a couple races to figure out the feel that he needed in the cars, what we needed to do better for him. I feel like we've been getting a lot closer with that every week."

### ANOTHER CHANCE FOR ELLIOTT

Sooner or later, Elliott is going to get a break based solely on the way his Hendrick Motorsports team is performing.

Elliott was crashed by Kyle Busch on the final lap of last Wednesday night's rain-shortened race at Darlington Raceway as he tried to seize the lead. Then he had the Coca-Cola 600 wrapped up until teammate William Byron brought out a caution with two laps remaining.

Even though the leader all night clearly benefited from clean air, Elliott not only pitted from the lead but took four tires for a lengthier pit stop. It dropped him to 11th on the restart with just two laps remaining and he worked his way to third. He was later scored second when teammate Johnson was disqualified because his car failed post-race inspection.

Elliott was terse after his second defeat in four days.

"You just make the best decision you can based on the information you have," Elliott said. "When you are leading the race like that, people behind you are going to do the exact opposite of what you do. That was the situation we were put in."

Both Keselowski and Busch could empathize with Elliott's

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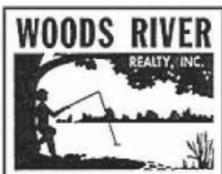
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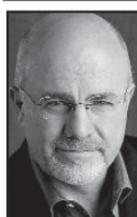
him the most good?

Frank

Dear Frank,

It's tough enough losing a close friend without having to worry about a grown son with money issues. I'm sorry you're going through all this.

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ey when you already know he's impulsive. I learned a long time ago that handing money to someone who's financially irresponsible is not a good idea. Lots of people think other folks would be fine, and all their problems would be solved, if they just had more money. That's not generally the case. You need to ask yourself if giving this young man a bunch of cash would really, truly help him. More than likely, the answer is no.

You obviously love this kid, and you've got a generous heart. But under the circumstances, it might be a good idea to attach a few strings to any cash. Don't make him jump through a bunch of hoops for no reason, though. I'm talking about teachable moment-type things that will help train and educate him to handle his finances in a more responsible and productive way.

There are lots of paths you could take. You might require that he start living on a written, monthly budget, that the two of you go over together for the first few months. Sitting down with a good financial coach—one with the heart of a teacher—is something you might consider throwing out there, as well.

In my mind, this approach is fair to everyone involved. It allows you to help him help himself, instead of just handing him something that may or may not be a blessing.

—Dave

\* Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including *The Total Money Makeover*. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 16 million listeners each week on 600 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at [daveramsey.com](http://daveramsey.com) and on Twitter at [@DaveRamsey](https://twitter.com/DaveRamsey).



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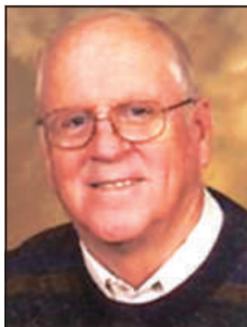
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# The Wonders of Water

With all the heavy rains that we are seeing of late, I felt like sharing a few aspects of something that we all experience in our daily lives. Water makes up 71% of the earth's surface and 96.5 of it is the oceans of the world. There have been many floods the past few years throughout the world and in our United States and at the same time many areas of drought. It would great to be able to create water, after all, it is composed of two hydrogen atoms and one oxygen atom. However, hydrogen by itself is highly combustible and oxygen loves to feed on an explosion or fire and we are at best to leave the process to nature itself. There could be volumes written on the many aspects of water, but I am going to touch on the flow of it in our streams and rivers into the oceans and from there to return to the sky above to begin the process all over again.

The flow of water begins as springs form branches that as tributaries form brooks and creeks which flow into rivers which eventually reach the oceans. Little Walker's Creek is a good example where I was raised up and still have a home there. The head of the CREEK as we often refer to it, heads up in Bland County at a spring just west of where Interstate 77 crosses VA. 601 (Little Creek Road). It flows easterly about a baker's dozen (13) miles where Spur Branch flows into it picking up mountain



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branches from both Little Walker and Big Walker along the way. From there it crosses into Pulaski County and on to VA. 100. From there it turns North as it goes through the "Gap" (Big Walker Mountain), and into Big Walker Creek about a mile farther ahead. Big Walker flows west into New River which is noted for flowing North. It travels into West Virginia and at Gauley Bridge and is then known now the Kanawha which flows on north to the Ohio that empties in the mighty Mississippi flowing south to the Gulf of Mexico.

These contributing smaller streams are known as watersheds that flow from higher points to smaller. I stand amazed how water travels north as the Nile and New but follows the ole adage, "Water flows downhill." Except for places where water can no longer continue on, lakes are formed such as the state of Minnesota. It is known as the "Land of 10,000 Lakes" caused from the Ice Age that followed a uni-

versal flood. Another phenomenon is a "divide" and a good example is near Pandapas Pond that I wanted to fish last week, but was closed by the Forest Service. Water from it flows into Poverty Creek that runs into Norris Run that goes into New River and follows the path as noted above in its journey. On the northern side of 460, Craig Creek runs into the James which ends up in the Atlantic Ocean. From the oceans, water by the hydraulic cycle is carried back into the heavens to continue the process all over again. Job 36:27(KJV) states: "For He maketh small drops of water: they pour down rain according to the vapor thereof."

All this points that there had to be a divine creator whereby all of the above didn't just happen by chance (evolution). Even after the time of Noah's Flood, things were made better in some respects as coal and oil was formed from buried trees and plants; natural gas was from decayed organisms. Jesus in John 7:38(KJV) states, "He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." This as used by Jesus is referencing an internal spring, or stream, indicative of the Holy Spirit which comes to live inside all who come to faith in Christ. This experience can be yours if you do not know the Lord as your savior.

Until next time



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A detail of Honor and Remember tires prior to the NASCAR Cup Series Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte Motor Speedway on May 24, 2020 in Concord, North Carolina.

## NASCAR

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heartbreak at Charlotte. Keselowski spoke with Elliott as the two switched spots in front of a laptop during the post-race Zoom media availability. Busch went to Elliott's car on pit road immediately after the race.

"I felt bad for him," Busch said. "He's taken it a heck of a lot better than I ever have. I certainly was never very good at disappointing races. He's doing good and (I) just told him to keep going forward and go get the next one."

Elliott and his Hendrick Motorsports team have been very strong through the first three races back. Elliott finished fourth at the first Darlington race, then was in position to win the next two races. Teammates Byron, Johnson and Alex Bowman have also fared well, showing the organization was well-prepared after the shutdown.

But Elliott's team has been the most consistent late in races and Wednesday brings another chance for the driver to finally get his first win of the season.

**HAMLIN TAKES A HIT**  
Hamlin, winner last Wednesday night at Darlington, returns to Charlotte with three new crew members after a costly penalty to the Joe Gibbs Racing team. Tungsten fell off Hamlin's car on a pace lap before the Coca-Cola 600, an infraction that draws an automatic four-race suspension for the crew chief, car chief and engineer.

The replacement crew will be thrown into the fire. These return races are done in one-day shows without practice and qualifying was only held for the Coca-Cola 600. Thursday night's race was just 310 miles, a breeze compared

to Sunday night when overtime pushed the race to 607.5 miles, the longest in NASCAR history.

"Obviously, you've got a shorter distance to accomplish what you need," Hamlin said. "Tire and fuel mileage strategy will be different, and we'll have shorter stages to work within. This one will be more of a sprint than a marathon."

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### REVENUE PROJECTIONS

	Budget FY 19-20	Proposed Budget FY 20-21	Difference Inc (Decrease)
<b>PSA FUND:</b>			
Revenue Use of Money & Property	74,764	100,132	25,368
Charges for Services	9,986,900	9,991,800	4,900
Recovered Costs	237,488	213,935	(23,553)
<b>TOTAL PSA FUND REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 10,299,152</b>	<b>\$ 10,305,867</b>	<b>\$ 6,715</b>
<b>PSA CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND:</b>			
Revenue Use of Money & Property	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Transfer from PSA Fund	916,500	1,198,852	282,352
State Revenues	-	1,500,500	1,500,500
<b>TOTAL PSA CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 916,500</b>	<b>\$ 2,701,352</b>	<b>\$ 1,784,852</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 11,215,652</b>	<b>\$ 13,007,219</b>	<b>\$ 1,791,567</b>

### EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

	Budget FY 19-20	Proposed Budget FY 20-21	Difference Inc (Decrease)
<b>PSA FUND:</b>			
Refuse Services	\$ 4,788,712	\$ 4,428,275	\$ (360,437)
Water Services	1,901,405	1,819,657	(81,748)
Sewer Services	1,027,091	1,131,103	104,012
PSA Administration	771,759	793,754	21,995
Street Lights	16,500	6,700	(9,800)
PSA Capital Reserve	100,000	82,210	(17,790)
PSA Miscellaneous Expenses	17,500	12,000	(5,500)
Transfer to PSA Capital Fund	916,500	1,198,852	282,352
Debt Service	759,685	833,316	73,631
<b>TOTAL PSA FUND EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 10,299,152</b>	<b>\$ 10,305,867</b>	<b>\$ 6,715</b>
<b>PSA CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 916,500</b>	<b>\$ 2,701,352</b>	<b>\$ 1,784,852</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 11,215,652</b>	<b>\$ 13,007,219</b>	<b>\$ 1,791,567</b>

**PUBLIC HEARING:** A public hearing will be held on the proposed budget at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 9, 2020, at the County Administration Building Board Room, 143 Third Street NW, Pulaski, Virginia. Complete copies of the budget are available for public inspection at the Office of the County Administrator, 143 Third Street, NW, Pulaski, Virginia. Telephone inquiries may be directed to (540) 980-7705. Comments may be e-mailed to PSA Executive Director, Jared Linkous, at [jlinkous@pulaskicounty.org](mailto:jlinkous@pulaskicounty.org).

## LEGAL NOTICES

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is given pursuant to the Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance and Section 15.2-2310 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, that a public hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, Pulaski, VA 24301. The Pulaski County Board of Zoning Appeals is hosting a Public Hearing and will receive public comments in relationship to the application(s) for zoning variance as listed below:

- Petition by David Whitlock, for a variance to Article 4.3.C (Building Setback Agriculture Zone District) Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance. Property is located on Hazel Hollow Road, Radford, VA Tax Map# 049-001-0000-0025, Cloyd District.

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 Holeyton at [eholeyton@pulaskicounty.org](mailto:eholeyton@pulaskicounty.org) **Phone:** Contact Elaine Holeyton 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.

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# Title IX major factor for schools making cuts

By AARON BEARD  
AP Sports Writer

Financially challenged schools considering cutting sports in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic are making difficult decisions of who gets to keep playing and who doesn't.

The choices aren't just about money when they involve women's sports. And while Title IX doesn't prevent women's sports from being eliminated, the federal law is a huge part of the conversations.

"I wouldn't say that women's sports are more at risk," said attorney Timothy J. O'Brien, who is based in Maine with a practice focused on employment and college sports law. "I would say that all sports in an economic downturn will be scrutinized. But it should be done in a fair and equitable manner so at the end of the day the institution is compliant with Title IX."

The civil-rights law, which applies to each gender, is credited with expanding women's opportunities and participation in sports.

With the shutdown of college and professional sports in March amid the pandemic, it's unclear how many schools will be able to have sports on reopened cam-

pus this fall. Some — including Appalachian State, Cincinnati, East Carolina, Furman and Old Dominion — have already cut non-revenue sports programs, but any move must ensure equitable treatment of remaining men's and women's athletics programs to comply with Title IX.

Established in 1972, Title IX prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in any education program or activity receiving federal funds, such as student financial aid. It applies to sports by ensuring men and women have equitable participation opportunities, as well as access to scholarships.

While schools are facing financial hardships, Boston-based attorney Janet P. Judge said that fact doesn't nullify Title IX responsibilities.

"Title IX still applies," said Judge, who focuses on sports and civil rights law. "It's a federal law that still applies. It's not suspended because there are financial challenges for the institutions."

Schools are reviewing guidelines with college athletics facing an uncertain financial future — including big-budget programs that rely on football as the revenue driver through lucrative TV deals and the ability to fund lower-profile sports. There was also

the hit from the cancellation of the NCAA Tournament, which meant far less money distributed to Division I schools.

O'Brien, who joined Judge in co-authoring the NCAA gender equity manual, said schools are "keenly aware" that decisions can't be based solely on which programs cost the most money with the least return. That's because any decision to cut sports can affect the "delicate balancing act" in complying with Title IX when it comes to the school's gender breakdown of athletes and sports, he said.

Still, it doesn't mandate schools offer men's and women's programs that are mirror images. As an example, NCAA guidelines require Football Bowl Subdivision schools to sponsor at least 16 varsity sports with a minimum of six for men or mixed-gender teams, and eight for women.

O'Brien said compliance can be measured in multiple ways, including whether the overall sports program's gender breakdown is proportionate to that of the general student body.

"That's really the focal point of the analysis: what's left, not what was eliminated?" O'Brien said.

Like O'Brien, Judge does not believe women's programs are at more risk because it "would

be difficult" for schools to comply with Title IX while widely cutting women's sports. So far, they're right; more men's programs (16) have been cut than women's (four) in Division I as of Tuesday, according to a count by The Associated Press.

Old Dominion said in early April it would discontinue wrestling, saving about \$1 million. The school said that decision followed a six-month outside study of its athletics program that included Title IX compliance considerations, with athletics director Camden Wood Selig saying the decision to cut a sport "became even more clear" with the pandemic.

Later that month, Cincinnati eliminated a men's soccer program in existence since 1973.

In May, Florida International dissolved its men's indoor track and field program. Akron eliminated three sports — men's cross country, men's golf and women's tennis — to save \$4.4 million. Bowling Green followed with the shutdown of baseball to reduce the athletics department's operating budget by \$2 million.

Last week, Furman cut baseball and men's lacrosse, while East Carolina eliminated four sports — men's and women's swimming and diving, men's and women's tennis — in a plan to save \$4.9 million.

And Tuesday, Appalachian State cut men's soccer, men's tennis and men's indoor track

and field in a plan to reduce the budget by \$5 million for the 2021 fiscal year.

There are other financial considerations, too.

Wake Forest athletics director John Currie noted that non-revenue sports frequently have athletes on partial scholarships, meaning a team roster could have the equivalent of numerous athletes paying full tuition. So cutting a sport might reduce expenses for an athletics department yet cause a net revenue loss for a school more broadly.

It's just one example, he said, of detailed evaluations a school must make while also fulfilling its Title IX requirements.

Meeting that threshold is not optional, though Currie noted a harsh reality: "Not every school can be everything to everybody."

"Allocation of resources is among the most difficult decisions that leaders have to make, and the prioritization of how they're going to allocate those resources," Currie said. "Because there's lots of great things we could do. We can't do everything, if we want to do things in an excellent fashion."

"Despite what people want to believe, college athletics as a whole is an enterprise with some business principles. It's not a business, because there's no business that operates a predominant number of its programs at a net loss."

## Baseball: Players want more games, no salary cuts

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball players appeared likely to propose more regular-season games this year while holding to their demand for full prorated salaries, people familiar with their deliberations told The Associated Press.

Washington pitcher Max Scherzer, among eight players on the union's executive subcommittee, issued a statement late Wednesday night calling management's proposal for more salary cuts a non-starter.

A day after Major League Baseball proposed a sliding scale of salary slashing for a pandemic-delayed season with an 82-game schedule in ballparks without fans, the union held a conference call Wednesday that included its executive board, player representatives and alternate player representatives, the people said. They spoke on condition of anonymity because no details were announced.

Scherzer, among the sport's highest-paid players, confirmed the call without divulging who was on it.

"After discussing the latest developments with the rest of the players there's no need to engage with MLB in any further compensation reductions," he said in a statement posted to Twitter. "We have previously negotiated a pay cut in the version of prorated salaries, and there's no justification to accept a 2nd pay cut based upon the current information the union has received."

"I'm glad to hear other players voicing the same viewpoint," he added, "and believe MLB's economic strategy would completely

change if all documentation were to become public information."

It was unclear when the union will respond to MLB's plan, the people said.

Stars Mike Trout and Gerrit Cole would lose the most under MLB's plan, about 77% of the \$36 million each they were set to be paid this season. In all, there are 133 players whose contracts call for salaries of \$10 million or more, not including shares of signing bonuses.

A big leaguer earning \$1 million or less would keep at least 43% of his salary under the six-tier scale. That includes a share of \$200 million earmarked for players that is contingent on the post-season being completed. About 460 of approximately 900 players on rosters and injured lists when spring training was stopped in mid-March due to the new coronavirus make \$1 million or less.

Trout and Cole would be cut to about \$8 million each. Colorado's Nolan Arenado would drop from \$35 million to \$7.84 million.

"Interesting strategy of making the best most marketable players potentially look like the bad guys," Milwaukee pitcher Brett Anderson tweeted.

The players' association called the proposal "extremely disappointing." The union has argued players already accepted a cut to prorated shares of their salaries in a March 26 agreement and should not have to bargain again.

MLB would like to start the season around the Fourth of July in empty ballparks and proposed an 82-game regular season. It claims teams would lose billions

of dollars by playing with no ticket money and gate-related revenue.

"This season is not looking promising," New York Mets pitcher Marcus Stroman tweeted. "Keeping the mind and body ready regardless."

Union head Tony Clark has not commented publicly on MLB's proposal and has said very little publicly since late March. Agent Scott Boras has repeatedly criticized MLB for proposing more salary reductions and has questioned the accuracy of management's financial claims.

"Hearing a LOT of rumors about a certain player agent meddling in MLBPA affairs," Cincinnati pitcher Trevor Bauer tweeted Wednesday. "If true — and at this point, these are only rumors — I have one thing to say... Scott Boras, rep your clients however you want to, but keep your damn personal agenda out of union business."

Boras declined to comment on Bauer's remarks.

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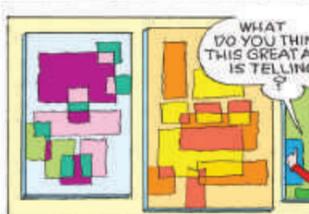
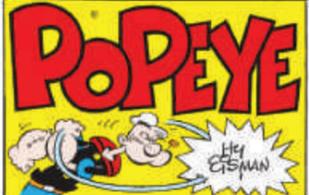
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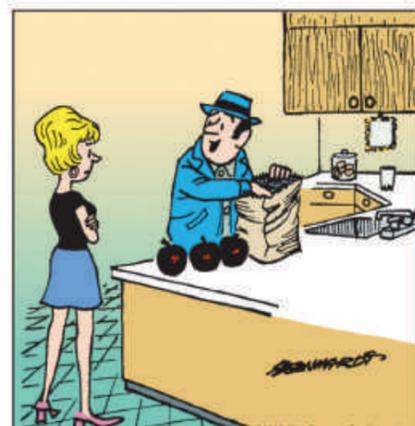


# Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



# LAFF - A - DAY



# SCRAMBLERS

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

Recovery:

Trash:

Daub:

Widen:

TODAY'S WORD:

"But you can't give me a ticket — I have a \_\_\_\_\_ and your not in it!"

# King Crossword

**ACROSS**

1 Dallas cager, briefly  
4 Frat party supply  
8 Prejudice  
12 Expert  
13 Sicilian spouter  
14 St. Louis landmark  
15 Flogged  
17 Tardy  
18 Vigorous  
19 Puncturing tool  
21 Fa neighbor  
22 Pulverized  
26 Pitch  
29 Irritate  
30 Foreman opponent  
31 Check  
32 Calendar pgs.  
33 Pageant winner's address  
34 Scepter top- per  
35 Fido's foot  
36 Insertion mark  
37 Ran  
39 Scull tool  
40 Mentalist  
41 Eaves drop- per?  
45 Deserve  
48 Played in water  
50 United nations  
51 Twistable treat

**DOWN**

1 Numbers course  
2 Liniment tar- get  
3 Couturier  
4 Give  
5 — alcohol  
6 Compass pt.  
7 He loved Aida

8 Poolroom supply  
9 A Gershwin brother  
10 Performance  
11 The girl  
16 Insurance fraud factor  
20 Tussaud's medium  
23 Barber's con- cern  
24 Otherwise  
25 Mi. or km  
26 Walked hard (on)  
27 Juno's coun- terpart  
28 Barbecue entree

29 Promise  
32 Midwestern capital  
33 Breaker of Ruth's record  
35 Apiece  
36 Chocolate sources  
38 Intuitive feel- ing  
39 Lubricated  
42 African nation  
43 Give tempo- rarily  
44 Fix manu- scripts  
45 Recede  
46 Heady quaff  
47 Deteriorate  
49 Paid athlete

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# top ten

## Plant Allergens\*

1. Ragweed
2. Mountain cedar
3. Ryegrass
4. Maple
5. Elm
6. Mulberry
7. Pecan
8. Oak
9. Pigweed/ tumbleweed
10. Arizona cypress

\*North America  
Source: Healthline.com

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# Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. ANATOMY: What is a more common name for the medical condition called desquamation?
2. TELEVISION: Who uttered the catchphrase "you rang?" in the sitcom "The Addams Family"?
3. GAMES: How many dominoes are in a standard set?
4. GEOGRAPHY: In which city is the Basilica de la Sagrada Familia located?
5. MOVIES: Actress Meryl Streep won her first Academy Award for which movie?
6. LITERATURE: What kind of creature was Bagheera in "The Jungle Book"?
7. FOOD & DRINK: What is the primary ingredient of bouillabaisse, a type of stew?
8. PSYCHOLOGY: What fear is represented in the condition called coulrophobia?
9. MUSIC: What is the name of blues guitarist B.B. King's Gibson guitar?
10. U.S. STATES: In which state is Elvis Presley's estate (Graceland) located?

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# HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Tree is added; 2. Hat is different; 3. Plant is missing; 4. Club is added; 5. Vest is different; 6. Nose is rounded.

# Trivia Test Answers

1. Peeling skin
2. Lunch, the butter
3. 28
4. Barcelona, Spain
5. "Kramer vs. Kramer"
6. Panther
7. Seaford
8. A fear of clowns
9. Lucille
10. Tennessee (Memphis)

Solution time: 27 mins.

# 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: O equals E

L TPKLREQ WNQMTKQO ILW  
WHDOGVEOG KP HPUNOKO MT L  
UOOK, RVK DO GMWLNNOLOOG,  
EPWK IMKDPVK L QLHO.

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# Americanisms

"I don't have false teeth. Do you think I'd buy teeth like these?"

— Carol Burnett

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# SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

1. Upturn; 2. Debris; 3. Sneak; 4. Dredge

A notable sprinter was scheduled to compete at a meet, but he disappeared last without a race.

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

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: USED TO MAKE TOFU.

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|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Bean bag  | Beantown   | Jacobean   | Mr. Bean  |
| Beanball  | Black bean | Jelly bean | Navy bean |
| Beanpole  | Buckbean   | L.L. Bean  | Pea bean  |
| Beanstalk | Caribbean  | Lima bean  |           |

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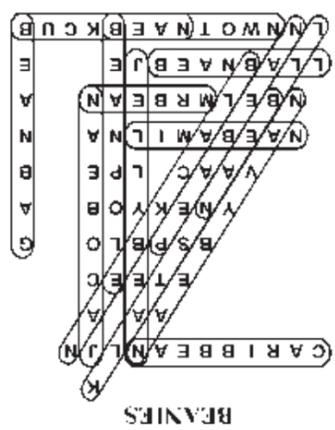
## CryptoQuote

**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.

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 MVY KUYP MVP M DY'GY WAKZW  
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 YQYZ PM HX JAIKMKAZ, YQYGX  
 IKZWBY UPX.  
 — RVPZUP FARVVP

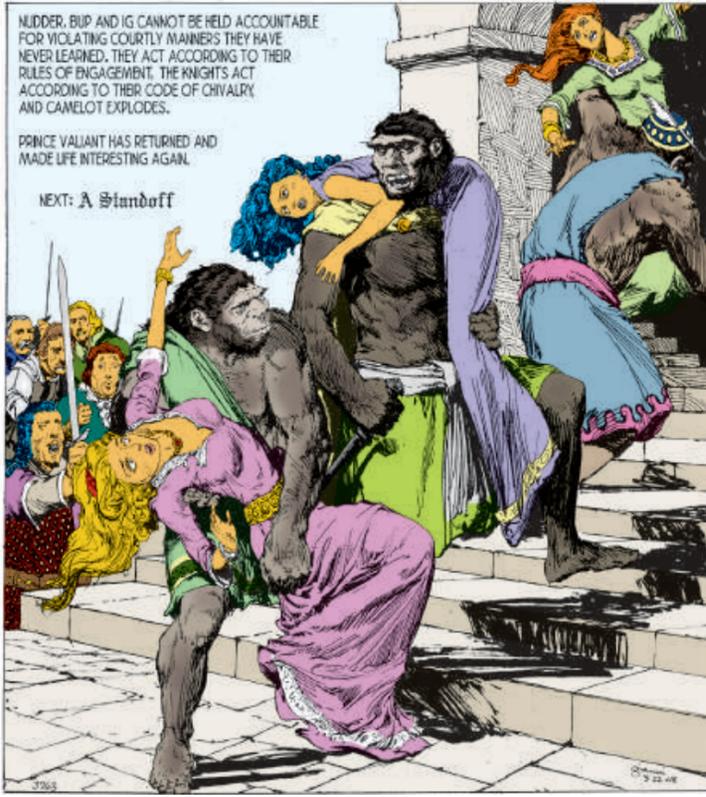
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We need to start work with the idea that we're going to learn every day. I learn, even at my position, every single day.  
 — Chanda Kochhar

ANSWER  
**CryptoQuote**

BEANIES



## Puzzle Pitcher

This elaborately decorated puzzle pitcher was made in Budapest, Hungary. In 1839, Moritz Fischer bought a factory that had been operating in Herend, Hungary, since 1826. He started making dinner sets for Hungarians because the old sets from Europe and the Far East were no longer available. The company started making figurines in the 1870s. At the turn of the century, Jenő, Moritz Fischer's grandson, took over the company, revived the old patterns and made new ones. Fischer Company was nationalized in 1948. Another company named Herend started importing Herend china into the United States in 1957. Herend was privatized in 1993 and is still working making Hungarian-style ceramics.

Just how old is this traditional puzzle jug marked "Fischer J Budapest"? In Hungarian, surnames are written first, and I and J are the same. The Fischer J in the mark stands for Ignac Fischer, a distant relative of Moritz, who trained with his father and later with Moritz. In 1867, Ignac started making his own ceramics that were similar to those made at the Zsolnay factory. Around 1895, Ignac Fischer's company became part of the Zsolnay factory in Pecs. The mark on the puzzle jug was used from about 1867 to about 1895, even though the pieces look much older.



Since the spouts would have let a drink trickle down the front of the user, how do you solve the puzzle? A mouthpiece at the top of the handle and the rim around the top of the pitcher lets you drink the liquid through a ceramic "straw."

dallion, c. 1810, \$760.

Beatles, bracelet, presentation, plate engraved "ognir rats," Roman lettering, chain link, 14K gold, 1978, 7 inches, \$1,280.

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\* Need a twist tie in an emergency? Check your coffee bag. Many bean bags sold these days -- from the grocery store and specialty roasters alike -- come in a bag with a twist tie built in, so you can fold the bag down and retain freshness. If you really need one, you can pull the twist tie off and seal your grounds in a tin or a zipper-top baggie.

\* Get to know your frozen veggies. There's been a lot of emphasis in the past about fresh vegetables. While they're great, it's not always possible to get to the grocery's or farmer's market regularly. Frozen veggies often have the most vitamins because most are flash frozen right after harvest. You can find many varieties, and they're easy to use in most recipes.

\* New use for a favorite mug: "My friend gave me a coffee mug that's adorable, but it's not very nice in the microwave -- it just gets too hot! I drink hot tea, and my mug is constantly in and out of the microwave. So, I use my gift mug to hold tea bags! It sits on my counter and holds enough packaged bags for a full week. And I can look at it and think of my friend." -- T.W. in South Carolina

\* To get the rubber tops of my son's sneakers clean, and keep them that way, I use the melamine

cleaning sponges, like the Magic Eraser. Just get it damp, rub off (most) grass stains and keep it handy." -- P.E. in Kentucky

\* Gotta paint a door? Put a lag bolt into the top and bottom of the door, on the narrow. This way, the lag bolt rests on your sawhorses, and you can flip the door over to paint each side. No longer do you have to paint one side, let it dry ALL THE WAY and then flip it over, risking paint getting pulled

off the edges.

\* For long-lasting condiments, here's a great practice: Write the date you open it on the jar or bottle. If there's not a good place, try using a piece of tape. This way you can better track how long that ranch dressing has been lurking in your fridge, rather than relying on the date it's good until.

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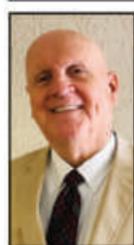
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Luke 23: 32, 33. And there were also two other, malefactors, led with him to be put to death. And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.

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"No one ever cared for me like Jesus, There's no other friend so kind as He; No one else could take the sin and darkness from me, O how much He cared for me." Charles Frederick Weigle.

Jesus was the visible image of His Father in Heaven. He presented God the Father, not just as the righteous judge waiting for man to sin so He could judge him, but as the one, true, living, compassionate God who loves us all. He showed us the grace, mercy and longsuffering of God.

Our God cares about us. Those of us who are saved, have become His Sons and Daughters. God the Son became a man so that we could become the sons and daughters of God. And aren't we glad that we have a God up in Heaven and a Savior like Jesus, who cares about us and Who wants to be in every part of our lives? Who wants to have an intimate relationship with us?

Some may wrongly believe that God is much too busy to care about what happens to man or woman who sinned against Him. But if they would only consider how great the love of God really is, they'd be compelled to change their tune. He loves us too much to let us be lost, and so He has done everything possible to keep us from being lost. He gave His only son. What more could He give? If we end up lost and in a devil's hell, we'll have to walk across the blood of Jesus to get there.

The other thief who was being crucified next to Christ rebuked the thief who railed against Jesus. He asked him, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?"

They had all been condemned to death. But there was a crucial difference. The two criminals deserved to die, while Jesus didn't. The repentant thief said, "This man has done nothing amiss." Even though Jesus was suffering the same judgment and the same physical pain as these two criminals, he was the only innocent and sinless one of the three.

### Draper Valley Baptist Church

3200 Lee Highway  
Draper, Va. 24324  
Pastor: Alan Pearce  
Service Times:  
Bible Study Sunday, 5 p.m.  
Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.  
Prayer Service, Wed. 6:30 p.m.  
Phone: 980-1028  
www.drapervalleybaptist.org

### Grace Baptist Church

552 E. Main Street  
Dublin, Va. 24084  
Pastor: Doug Testerman  
674-1762  
Primary Services:  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11 a.m. Sunday worship  
Sunday Night Power Hour, 6 to 7 p.m.  
Wednesday Night 7 to 8 p.m.  
Grace Kids and Teens Bible Study

### Open Door Baptist Church

4576 Miller Lane  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
Pastor: Rev. N.K. Howlett  
Primary Services:  
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.  
Worship, 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Night, 7 p.m.  
Phone: 980-2046

### Draper United Methodist Church

3080 Greenbriar Road  
Draper, VA 24324  
Pastor: Ruth Anne Henley  
Primary Service Times:  
Sunday School, 10 a.m.  
Worship, 11 a.m.  
Phone: 540-392-8016

### Newbern Christian Church

Disciples of Christ  
5183 Wilderness Road, Newbern  
Rev. Denise and Ken Walker  
540-440-8733

### Christ Episcopal Church

144 North Washington Ave., Pulaski  
Service: 10 a.m. every Sunday  
Phone: 980-2413  
Email: christ24301@gmail.com  
www.christpulaski.dioswva.org

### Jordan's Chapel UMC

Pastor: Rev. Becky Wheeler  
Worship: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

### Cecil's Chapel United Methodist Church

5801 Cecil's Chapel Road,  
Hiwassee, VA 24347  
Pastor RuthAnne Henley  
Worship service is 8:45am-9:45am  
Sunday School is 10 - 10:45am  
Ricky Dishon, 540 239 6360, www.facebook.com/cecilschapel.umc

### Newbern United Methodist Church

5155 Wilderness Road  
Exit 98 off I-81 Newbern  
Rev. Paige Wimberly  
674-6111  
Worship Services: 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday School: 11 a.m.

### Valley Harvest Ministries

1 Harvest Place  
P.O. Box 458  
Dublin, VA 24084  
Senior Pastor Steve Willis  
Associate Pastors:  
Perry Slaughter, Elaine Wood, Derick Burton  
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.  
Wednesday School 7 p.m.  
www.vhmdublin.org  
540-674-4729

### Mountain View United Methodist Church

6648 Wilderness Road  
Dublin, VA 24084  
Phone: 540-674-6111  
mountainviewumc.yolasite.com/  
Pastor: Paige Wimberly  
Adult Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship with Children's Church at 11 a.m.

### Dublin Baptist Church

100 Hawkins Street  
Dublin, VA 24084  
540-674-6061  
secretary@dublinbaptistva.org  
Website: dublinbaptistva.org  
Pastor: Dennis Jones  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship: 11 a.m.  
Children's Church and Nursery  
Evening Service: 6 p.m.  
Tuesday: Women's Bible Study, 10 a.m.  
Wednesday, Adult Bible Study 7 p.m.

### First United Methodist Church

301 N. Jefferson Ave. - Pulaski  
(physical address)  
135 Fourth St., NW - Pulaski  
(mailing address)  
Pastor's Name: Will Shelton  
Associate Pastor:  
Sebastian Ruiz, Hispanic Pastor  
Sunday Services  
9:00 AM - Hispanic Worship  
9:00AM - Contemporary Worship  
10:00AM - Sunday School  
11:00AM - Traditional Worship  
Contact Info.  
Phone: 540.980.3331  
e-mail: office@fumcpulask.org  
website: www.fumcpulask.org

### Belspring Baptist Church

6887 Depot Street  
Belspring, VA 24058  
Pastor Darrell Linkous  
Service Times:  
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

### Memorial Baptist Church

995 Peppers Ferry Road  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
Pastor: Michael S. Jones  
Sunday  
9:45 am - Sunday School  
11:00 am - Worship  
Wednesday  
6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting  
(540) 980-4731  
Email: dfarley3@verizon.net

### River of Life Church

5311 Black Hollow Road, Dublin, Va. 24084  
Shawn Burchett, Pastor  
Sunday School 9:15 AM  
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 AM  
Wednesday Evening Life  
Building Service 7:00 PM  
www.roledublin.com 540-674-4500

### Delton Church of God of Prophecy

4570 Boyd Road, Draper, VA 24324  
Pastor Vickie Lee Viars  
deltoncogop@gmail.com (276) 620-3191  
Service Times  
Sunday school - 10 am - 11 am  
Sunday Morning Worship - 11 am - 12 pm  
Sunday Evenings - Devoted to  
Evangelistic Outreach  
Wednesday- 6 pm  
2nd Wed Each Month - Free Community  
Dinner - 5:45 pm - 6:45 pm  
2nd Wed Each Month - Missions service  
6:45 pm - 7:30 pm

### Heritage Church

6195 Cleburne Boulevard, Dublin  
Pastor Mike Pierce  
Service Times:  
Wednesdays, 7 p.m.;  
Sundays, 10 a.m.  
(540) 674-9220  
Website: www.heritagechurch.net  
Facebook.com/  
HeritageChurchDublinVA

### Fairlawn Baptist

6758 Oxford Avenue  
Fairlawn, VA 24141

### First Missionary Baptist Church

7318 Manns Drive / P.O. Box 90  
New River, Virginia 24129  
(540) 639-5331  
email: fmbc1872@verizon.net  
Pastor: Rev. Richard A. Goodman, Sr.  
Associate Minister:  
Rev. Annette Cheek  
Clerk: Mrs. Carlotta Lewis  
Sundays:  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
The Lord's Supper - Each First Sunday  
Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting &  
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

### Dublin United Methodist Church

P.O. Box 577  
424 East Main Street  
Pastors Don Hanshew & Don Shelor  
(540) 674-5128  
office@dublinumc.com  
Early Worship - 8:45 am  
Sunday School - 9:45 am  
Praise & Worship Small Group - 10:00 am  
Worship - 10:55 am

### Freedom Fellowship Church

1730 West Street  
Radford, VA 24141  
Sr. Pastor: Jerry W. Collins  
540-577-5780  
jcollinsfreedomfellowship@yahoo.com  
Sunday Service: 10 a.m.  
11 a.m. Children's Church  
Wednesday - 7 p.m. Service  
7 p.m. Youth Service

### Draper's Valley Presbyterian (PCA)

2755 Old Baltimore Road, Draper, VA 24324  
Mailing address: Same as above  
Pastor's Name: Rev. Robert E. Davis  
Associate Pastor: Rev. Roland Mathews  
Primary Service Times:  
Sunday Morning Worship Service  
8:30 and 11:00  
Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:15 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening (5:45 Supper in the  
Fellowship Hall (Sept thru May) - Youth Groups  
and Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m.)  
Contact Info:  
Phone - 540-994-9015  
e-mail - drapers.valley@dvpca.org  
website - www.dvpca.org

### Trinity Lutheran Church ELCA

2 Fifth Street, N.W., Pulaski  
540-980-3624  
The Rev. Terrie Sternberg  
trinitypulaski@gmail.com  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
(Sept. - May)  
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.  
(June - Aug.)  
Bible Study: Wednesday, 12:30  
www.trinitypulaski.org

### Trinity United Methodist

Pastor: Judy Yonce  
Sunday Worship - 9:45 a.m.  
Bible Study - Wednesday, 7 p.m.  
528 5th Street, S.E.  
Pulaski, Va.  
Phone - 980-0820

### Snowville Baptist Church

3238 Gum Log Road, Hiwassee  
Pastor: Rev. Tony Hart  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Sunday Services: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Night Service: 7 p.m.

### Fairlawn United Methodist Church

7584 Brandon Road, Fairlawn, Va. 24141  
Pastor Mark A. Miller  
markmiller.psalml@gmail.com  
Cell) 540-320-2431  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship (with children's message):  
11 a.m.  
Bible Study, Wednesday: 7 p.m.  
Youth Ministry  
Facebook.com/Fairlawn-United-Methodist-Church

### Grace Ministries

### Church of God of Prophecy

1021 Macgill Street  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
Church: 540-980-2118  
Cell: 276-233-8083  
Bus Ministry: 540-385-9972  
www.pulaskigracemin.com  
Email: pulaskigracemin@hotmail.com  
Pastor Mike Williams  
Children's Ministry  
Aaron & Becky Sampson  
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Children's Church 10:30 a.m.  
Children's Free Breakfast 10:30 a.m.  
Ages 5-12  
Men's & Women's Ministry Wed. 6:30

### Faith Bible Church

110 LaGrange Street, Pulaski, VA 24301  
Pastor: Jim Linkous  
Associate Pastor: T.J. Cox  
540-980-5433  
www.facebook.com/faithbiblechurch  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.  
Sunday Children's Church: 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m.  
Children's Meal: 6:30 p.m.  
Children's and Youth's Group Classes: 7 p.m.

### Dublin Christian Church

5605 Dunlap Road  
P.O. Box 1330  
Dublin, VA 24084  
(540) 674-8434  
www.dublinchristianchurch.com  
Richard R. Goad, Jr.  
Senior Minister  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship and  
Youth Meeting, 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study and Children's Bible  
Classes, 7 p.m.

### First Presbyterian Church

408 N. Jefferson Avenue, Pulaski  
Pastor Melissa McNair-King  
(540) 980-2132  
firstprespulaskiva@gmail.com  
www.firstpresbyterianpulaski.org  
Sunday Services:  
Sept.-May: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.,  
Service 11 a.m.  
June-Labor Day: Service 10 a.m.  
Wednesday Family Night, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

**Thornspring United Methodist Church**  
5670 Thornspring Church Rd.  
Dublin, VA 24084  
Pastor: Rev. Teresa Tolbert  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Worship Service: 11 a.m.  
Phone: (540) 980-2927

**First Baptist Church**  
5473 Baskerville Street  
Dublin, VA 24084  
Pastor Wallis Brown  
540-674-2677  
Service: 11 a.m.

**New Dublin Presbyterian Church**  
5331 New Dublin Church Road  
Dublin, VA 24084  
Pastor: Sara Jane Nixon  
Website: newdublinpres.org  
540-674-6147  
Services 11:00 AM Sundays

**Community Christian Church**  
Jason Allmon, Pastor  
5382 Grace Street  
Dublin VA, 24084  
540-674-4308

**First Dublin Presbyterian Church (ECO)**  
409 Church Street, Dublin, Va. 24084  
P.O. Box 2027, Dublin, Va. 24084  
first-dublin-presbyterian-church-eco.com  
Minister:  
The Rev. Dr. Olin Marsh Whitener, Jr.

**Max Creek Baptist Church**  
3000 Old Route 100 Road, Draper, Va. 24324  
www.maxcreek.org  
www.facebook.com/maxcreekbaptist  
Senior Pastor: Mike Coleman  
Youth Minister: Charlie Prince  
Director of Visitation: Ersel Alderman  
Sunday Services  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship: 11 a.m.  
Teen Social and Class: 5 p.m.  
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study & Classes: 7 p.m.

**Pulaski Church of God**  
1621 Bob White Boulevard  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
Pastor Donald Jones  
540-980-8880  
www.pulaskicog.church  
Sunday Services  
Sunday Life Groups: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesdays Midweek Connect: 7 p.m.

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Sunday Worship: 11:30 a.m.  
Tuesday Night Bible Study: 7-8 p.m.

**Pulaski Christian Church, Inc.**  
4531 Brookmont Road, Pulaski, VA 24301  
www.pulaskichristianchurch.com/  
Rev. Kathy Warden, Pastor,  
(540) 250-2974  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.  
Worship 7 p.m.  
Monday Bible Study  
7 to 9 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study  
7 p.m.

**Aldersgate United Methodist**  
1946 Medallion Drive  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
(540) 980-1349  
Pastor Becky Wheeler  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

**First Baptist Church**  
220 Magazine Street  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
540-980-3336  
Email: firstbaptist220@gmail.com  
Pastor: Rev. Douglas Patterson  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Monday's Child Youth Group, Monday  
Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

**Pulaski Presbyterian Church (PCA)**  
975 Memorial Drive  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
Office Phone: 980-2631  
Email: pastor@pulaskipca.org  
Website: www.pulaskipca.org  
Stated Supply: Rev. John Gess  
Sunday School: 10:00am  
Worship Service: 11:00am

**Sure Foundation Christian Fellowship**  
6598 Annie Akers Road  
Radford, VA 24141  
(540) 639-3443  
Pastor Steve Phillips  
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:00 am  
Sunday Night Prayer: 5:30 pm  
Wednesday Night  
Prophetic Teaching: 6:30 pm

**New Hope Chapel**  
1555 Case Knife Road  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
Pastor Darrell Gray  
(276) 733-6080  
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Service Times:  
10 a.m. Sunday School  
11 a.m. Sunday Service

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540-980-7287  
Jeff Willhoite, Pastor  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.  
KidsZone 10:45 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6 p.m.  
www.fwcpulaski.church

**Pulaski First Church of the Brethren**  
1749 Newbern Road  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
Pastor Frank Peters  
Sunday School: 9:45  
Worship: 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.  
980-3798

**Abundant Life Ministries**  
3050 Lee Highway  
Pulaski, VA 24301 (540) 980-5506  
(Mon. - Fri., 9 a.m.-1 p.m.)  
Pastor Randall K. Lawrence Sr.  
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evenings 6 p.m. by announcement  
Wednesday Evenings (Family Night) 6:30-7  
pm children fed, 7:15 pm Bible Classes all ages  
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Children's Bible Class and  
Special Activity Classes

**New Life Church of the Nazarene**  
45 S. Jefferson Avenue  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
540-980-2001  
www.newlifepulaski.com  
email: pastorjuls@verizon.net  
Pastor: Julie Armbrister  
Sunday School (all ages) 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study: 6 p.m.

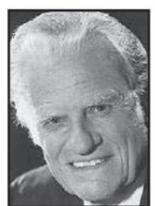
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4008 Robinson Tract Road  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
Telephone: 980-8186  
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Minister of Education Rev. Steve Taylor  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship - 11 a.m.  
Sunday Bible Study - 6 p.m.  
Wednesday - Adult Bible Study and Youth  
Group - 7 p.m.

**Grace Fellowship Baptist Church**  
2640 Max Creek Road  
P.O. Box 326  
Hiwassee, VA 24347  
Pastor: Jason N. Aker  
Phone: 276-699-3176  
pastorjasonaker@gmail.com  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship Service: 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 7 p.m.

**St. Edwards Catholic Church**  
Corner of N. Washington Ave. and  
7th Street N.W., Pulaski  
Phone: 980-6511  
Fax: 980-6511  
Priest: Fr. Bernie Ramirez  
Mass: 11 a.m. Sunday, 5:30 p.m. Thursday

**Warriors for Christ II**  
Bishop Sherman Buckner  
600 Skyline Circle  
Pulaski, VA  
540-315-2317  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Worship: 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.  
Thursday: 7 p.m. Service

**Bob White Boulevard Baptist Church**  
3826 Bob White Boulevard  
Pulaski, VA.  
Pastor: Allen Harman  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Preaching: 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening: 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Prayer Service: 7:30 p.m.  
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My Answer

Billy Graham

# God designed the cross to defeat Satan

**Q: I am puzzled why people wear crosses around their necks but their lives reflect nothing of the Lord Jesus Christ? -- C.C.**

A: While the cross is under attack today, it hasn't changed people's fascination with this iconic symbol. But many ask, "What does it mean?" If people were stopped on the street and asked to explain this, some would answer that it is the symbol of Christianity. Others might say it is a religious myth. History majors may describe it as an example of Roman justice.

In jewelry stores from Fifth Avenue to the airport in Rome, one piece of jewelry is universally displayed -- the cross. Clerical robes have this emblem sewn on the front or back. Churches display the cross in wood, bronze, concrete, or brass. Often at Easter, crosses dot the landscape and can be seen for miles.

Before the teaching in the Bible about the cross can mean anything to us, the Spirit of God must open our minds. To the "outsider" the cross must appear to be ridiculous, or simply an ornament. But to those who have experienced its transforming power, it has become the only remedy for the ills of each person, and of the world.

The message of the cross is this -- that upon it Jesus was crucified. He died for our sins that we might have life everlasting. God changes men and women -- not by the symbols of the cross -- but by the message of the cross of Christ.

God designed the cross to defeat Satan, the deceiver, and Satan's power was broken at the cross. "The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil" (1 John 3:8, ESV). Through the cross, God not only overpowered Satan but brought Himself and man together. This is glorious news!

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

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# McCraw

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Jesus was slated to die for the sins of mankind, before the foundations of the world were laid. It was all in God's great plan of salvation for fallen man. Conceived of in the councils of God before Adam and Eve ever existed.

God in His foreknowledge knew that man would fall into sin, and even before He did, God in His great wisdom, devised a great plan of salvation, to save man from himself. A way in which Man could be reconciled back to Him.

Even this convicted thief on the cross knew that Jesus had been wrongly convicted and condemned to die. He knew down deep in his heart that the notorious murderer and insurrectionist, Barabbas should have been on the middle cross.

The mob forced Pilate with their demands, to free Barabbas and to crucify Jesus. Pilate wanted to

let Jesus go, but also wanted to appease the Jews, so he catered to the mob who cried out for the death of Jesus. Jesus was led away, beaten unmercifully and became the suffering Savior.

The repenting thief spoke to Jesus saying "Lord, remember me when Thou comest into Thy Kingdom." He truly believe that Jesus was the Messiah. The Christ. That Jesus would have a Kingdom.

Jesus seeing the faith of the repentant man on the cross next to His, said unto the man, "This day shalt thou be with Me in Paradise." He forgave this man his sins, and saved his soul, right then and there on the cross.

Here is a question to ponder over. Will you be like the unrepentant thief on the cross, who doubted the validity of Christ Jesus? Who rejected the Christ of Calvary? Who let the opportunity to be saved pass right by him?

He could have been saved, if He would have only believed and accepted Jesus, as the other thief did. He had a choice to make. We all do. To either accept Jesus as the Savior, or reject Him. If we accept Jesus into our hearts as our personal Savior, we'll be saved. If we don't, we won't. Knowing that Jesus saves but choosing to remain lost, is like knowing how to swim, but choosing to drown.

Or will you be like the thief who repented on the cross? Will you accept Jesus as Your Lord and Savior? If you do, you'll be saved.

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# Safety on the go

**L. Dawn Barnes M.S., AFC®**  
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I am looking forward to warmer weather and taking a hike or just taking a ride to enjoy the scenery of our area. Most of the time I will pack some food to take with me and food safety is always in the back of my mind.

If the foods are going to be packed without a freezer pack then things that I might consider including need to be safe at room temperature. Choices might be a peanut butter sandwich, single serving container of fruit or pud-

ding that is unopened, commercially prepared meats (ex: packet of tuna) or beans (ex: beans and franks), bread or crackers, dried fruit or nuts and cereal bars.

Packing foods that are not safe at room temperature require a cold source such as a freezer pack, frozen bottle of water, or a frozen juice box. Examples of foods that would require a cold source added to the lunch bag would include a ham and cheese sandwich, boiled eggs, a container of yogurt, a pasta salad or meat salad.

Other practices to assure a safe day out? Making sure there is a

way to clean hands before eating, not eating the leftover half of sandwich that was left in the lunch bag for the afternoon without a cold source and wash fruit and vegetables before packing.

As you are planning for a short excursion be sure to follow good food safety practices. Remembering the experience for its sights is better than remembering it for the case of food poisoning. A good source to go for additional information is <https://www.foodsafety.gov/> or <https://www.usda.gov/media/blog/2019/08/13/use-insulated-lunch-bag-keep-meals-safe>

## Community Foundation awards \$108,000 in scholarship to NRV students

The Community Foundation of the New River Valley (CF-NRV) is pleased to announce a record \$108,708 in scholarships to 81 students from across the New River Valley for 2020. The CFNRV was unable to celebrate these students in person at its Annual Scholarship Banquet but congratulates these amazing students as they embark on their college careers.

Begun in 2002, the program aims to support the educational aspirations of students so that they can achieve their full potential, to nurture a skilled workforce in the region, and to cultivate future community leaders. The program has grown steadily over the past 18 years, awarding \$729,211 to 690 students from over 40 endowed scholarship funds. Funds are created by individuals, families, and NRV businesses, and are managed by the CFNRV.

The 2020 group of scholarship winners was one of the most diverse to date, with 26% of the winners being first generation college students. Recipients will attend a wide range of colleges, with 85.2% staying in the state of Virginia and 12.34% attending out of state colleges. Over 50% of students will be staying in the New River Valley with 38.3% attending Virginia Tech, 18.52%

attending Radford University and 8.6% going to New River Community College.

The CFNRV is excited to expand the number of scholarships given out each year, thanks to generous donors and organizations in our region. Tracey Linkous with the Living4bri Scholarship fund says "We are so pleased to be growing our Living4bri Scholarship Memorial with the Community Foundation. With the help of the foundation we are able to offer opportunities to Christiansburg High School graduates pursuing a future in nursing. We have created a legacy for our daughter and are able to participate in the future education of those in our community".

CFNRV Executive Director Jessica Wirgau hopes the scholarship recipients will be heartened by these awards in an otherwise challenging time for our community. Wirgau said, "Each year we award scholarships is special, but to be able to award more than \$100,000 in scholarships this year is particularly meaningful for us and for the donors who support these awards. So many high school graduates and college students are finishing out the school-year remotely, missing friends, and celebrating milestones in ways they never expected. These students are

nothing short of remarkable, and I hope they see these scholarships as one more vote of confidence in their ability to succeed, and a celebration of all that they have accomplished already. We are grateful to the individuals, families, and businesses who create these scholarship funds and have worked alongside the CFNRV to grow our scholarship program since 2002. We look forward to welcoming new donors and funding more students as it continues to grow."

## Rural Retreat Campground to open for summer June 12

The Wythe County Board of Supervisors and county staff are working to ensure the Rural Retreat Campground will open to the public on June 12, 2020.

Though a handful of weeks later than usual, county officials say they are pleased to see the county-leasable campground opening to the public.

Visitors to the park and campground are encouraged to continue following public health guidelines and social distancing practices by maintaining a distance of 6 feet and to avoid congregating in groups of more than 10.

The past several months have been unprecedented for the United States, as large swaths of the economy have been brought to a standstill, as well as daily life for

millions.

Unfortunately, one byproduct of the health-safety shutdown has been that the closure of virtually all public pools in the region has prohibited the proper training and certification of lifeguards – a requirement for opening the Rural Retreat Lake Pool.

This shortage of lifeguards, as well as other factors, including a potential shortened season with the unknown school start date, recommendations set by the CDC, as well as continued social distancing orders which remain in effect, has made opening the Rural Retreat Lake Pool this year both impractical and impossible.

Individuals wishing to make camping reservations may do so by calling (276) 686-4331.

## Newbern Fall Festival still on - for now

As of right now we still plan to hold the Newbern Fall Festival as scheduled, however with the current pandemic we all know things could change at any moment. To help with planning we want to allow you to reserve your spots. We ask that you do not send your payments in at this time. We will not be issuing refunds or credits if you chose to do so and the festival is cancelled.

We appreciate your cooperation during this.

Newbern Fall Festival

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