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# Town of Pulaski's top two administrators resign

**By MIKE WILLIAMS** The Patriot

The Town of Pulaski is losing its two top administrators in the first week of July.

Mayor David Clark announced Tuesday evening that Town Manager Shawn Utt had announced his resignation.

The announcement came following a closed session of coun-

Later Tuesday evening, it was learned that Utt had been named as the next county administrator of Smyth County.

Earlier Tuesday, the town announced through a press release that Deputy Town Manager Nichole Hair is resigning.

Tuesday's council work session began with Hair announcing her

decision to resign and thanking council for the opportunity to work for the town. Hair will be

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Utt's resig-

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effect on July

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2, while Hair's will be effective July 5th.

"I believe we have made great strides during my tenure as Town Manager and there are amazing opportunities for the Town on the horizon," Utt said in a statement. "I have truly loved my time here, but it's time for me to explore other career opportunities and allow for the torch to be passed to

He goes on to state "It has been my honor to have worked and served



Nichole Hair

to help grow this great community into a better place for all of its citizens. I wish the Town of Pulaski, its elected leadership and the incredible Town staff nothing but success and continued growth in the days, months

and years ahead." During Utt's tenure as Town Manager, the Town was blessed with increases in private invest-

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#### **WEEKEND WEATHER** Saturday Sunday

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Saturday Night - Partly cloudy, with a low around 57. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

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Partly sunny, with a high near 76. Chance of precipitation is

Sunday Night - Mostly cloudy, with a low around 57. Chance of

# Task force to develop plans for reopening county schools

**By MIKE WILLIAMS** The Patriot

Local school officials are starting the complex work of trying to figure out how they can get students to school and teach them, all the while staying within the school reopening rules set by Gov. Ralph Northam.

Wednesday, School Superintendent Dr. Kevin Siers announced on the school system's website the formation of a task force to develop the plans necessary to open schools in Pulaski

"We are happy to announce that Pulaski County Public

Schools has formed a taskforce to reopen schools for the 2020-2021 school year," Siers said. "Members of this taskforce include school administrators, elementary school teachers, middle school teachers, high school teachers, special education teachers, students, and parents.

"The PCPS taskforce will be working over the next several weeks to develop plans that are in accordance with guidance from the Virginia Department of Education for reopening under Phase II and Phase III of Governor Northam's overall COVID 19 response plan.

"While both of these scenarios

will offer a variety of educational programs and continued support for our students, it is important to note that guidance for both of these phases does not include an avenue that allows for the immediate return of all students on a daily basis. We understand that this is not an ideal situation for most families, but hope to assure everyone that the members of our taskforce will do everything possible to get students as much face to face instruction as is allowed,"

Siers said. He continued that the faculty and staff of Pulaski County

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# PCHS Senior Week activities set to begin

**Staff Report** 

A week of special activities for seniors at Pulaski County High School - called Senior Week - gets underway this Sat-

Newly named PCHS Principal, Jennifer Bolling outlined plans for the special week to the School Board on Tuesday.

It all starts Saturday, June 13, 2020 with a Senior Parade & Fireworks at the Motor Mile Speedway. Gates will open at 6:00 p.m.

Bolling said seniors may decorate their vehicles and take a "victory lap" around the speedway. Following the lap, Shelor is presenting an 18-minute fireworks display.

Bolling said the seniors' families are welcome to attend the event, sit in the stands and enjoy concessions available at the speedway and watch the students take their laps.

Sunday, June 14, 2020 - Senior Baccalaureate will be held at Kenneth J. Dobson Stadium beginning at 7:00 p.m. Bolling noted that this is the first time seniors will get to wear their caps and gowns.

Responding to school board member Beckie Cox's question, Bolling said students will not be discouraged from decorating their caps this year.

Monday, June 15, 2020 -Seniors may visit Elementary and Middle Schools (1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.) and wear their caps and gowns or other clothing representing their future plans such as college, work, military,

Tuesday, June 16, 2020 -Cougar Community Scavenger Hunt. Bolling said school year memorabilia will be placed at locations on the PCHS campus and at other schools.

Wednesday, June 17, 2020 - Virtual Awards Ceremony at



7:00 p.m. at the Starlite Drivein; Christiansburg. The Most Valuable Cougar will be announced at this event, Awards Assembly information will be shown in a slide show on the big screen along with CTE honors and other senior recognitions. Bolling said there are 160 parking spots available at the Starlite and carpooling is being urged.

Thursday, June 18, 2020 Senior Picnic/Final Tour of PCHS Campus. Seniors will gather in the grassy area outside the gym. Cafeteria staff will provide picnic boxes for the seniors. They'll receive their yearbooks at this event as well as their honor tassels, departmental cords and medallions.

Friday, June 19, 2020 - Senior Day at Claytor Lake State Park- Free day use admission for all members of the PCHS Class of 2020

Saturday, June 20, 2020 -Graduation at 10 a.m. at Dobson Stadium. Bolling said there are plans set for a traditional commencement as well as a drive-thru version, depending on the weather.

"This will be a hugely exciting day," she said.

Class of 2020 to hold **Baccalaureate** Service June 14

Sunday, June 14, 7:00 pm at the Kenneth J. Dobson Stadium at Pulaski County High School.

The service will be led by members of the Class of 2020 and Class Officers. There will be a praise band to lead the gathering in special songs, chosen to reflect this unusual ending to the school year. This service is open to the public - note that social distancing requirements for safe gathering will be observed.

Members of the clergy and youth ministers are especially invited to attend and take part in the "blessing circle" at the end of the program.

For more information, contact the Rev. Terrie Sternberg, 540/980-3624.

### 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.

#### **Meet Chance!**

Chance is a 12 year old Bulldog mix who came to the shelter after his owner passed away. He's good with other dogs and cats. He's also good with kids. He's a happy senior boy with a few

physical issues, but that doesn't slow him down or stop him from enjoying life. He loves going for walks and spending time lounging in the sun. Chance is a very sweet dog and deserves a loving home to live out the rest of his days.

He will need to be neutered and brought up to date on a rabies vaccine.

Pulaski County Animal Control, 80 Dublin Park Rd. Dublin, VA 24084, 540-674-8359 Monday-Friday 10AM-4PM and 10AM-12Noon on Saturday

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# Resign

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ments evidenced by the renovated and expanded Calfee Park, Al's on First / Jackson Park Inn, Falls Stamping NRV and numerous other projects. The Town is also in the midst of a Downtown revitalization mission with several investors now believing in the great economic potential the Town has to offer, the statement said.

In response to Utt's resignation, Mayor David Clark stated, "I have worked with Shawn for the last seven years and watched as he put his heart and soul into making Pulaski a better place for everyone who lives here. The work he has done will be a great foundation for whomever comes next. He leaves us a much better place and I am proud to have served with him.'

The Town Council will immediately embark on a recruitment effort for the next Town Manager with the goal of filling the position by the end of summer to ensure the positive progress continues to move the Town

According to a report by the Smyth County News & Messenger, Utt was hired Tuesday night by Smyth County following a 4-3 vote by the Board of Supervisors there.

Utt replaces Michael Carter who resigned at the beginning of the year.

Utt begins working with Smyth County on July 13.

A statement from the town said that "throughout her tenure as Deputy Town Manager, Ms. Hair has been instrumental in moving the

Downtown Redevelopment program forward, beginning with an innovative program geared toward building community support called the Community U. In this, she was able to help guide a workgroup of more than 50 stakeholders and community leaders that would result in a strategic plan for our business community's regrowth. Much of her other work has centered around a mixture of economic development-related roles although she also serves as the Town's Zoning Administrator and leader of the Town's Community Development department.

Hair has been active in creating and supporting an array

of special events, including the Music & Merchants Festival, PulaskiFest and The Marketplace. Hair told council Tuesday

she would continue to volunteer with The Marketplace in Pulaski along with several other special events in the New River Valley.

Previous to her position with the Town of Pulaski, Hair served the Town of Christiansburg for fourteen years as the Planning Director and Zoning Administrator.

Her new role with the Virginia Industrial Advancement Alliance as the Economic Development Manager provides her an opportunity to support five counties (Wythe, Grayson, Carroll, Bland and Smyth) and the City of Galax in their endeavors for economic development and community growth.

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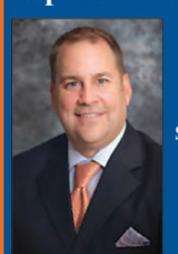
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# Stand up and be counted - the 2020 Census

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It's time once again for citizens in Pulaski County to stand up and be counted - that is for the 2020 US Census.

If you are wondering why it is important to complete and return your 2020 Census form, the 2020Census.gov website states that the most fundamental uses of the census remain the provision of population data for the allocation of seats in the U.S. House of Representative and the definition of boundaries for congressional districts, state legislative districts, school districts, and voting precincts.

According to Pulaski County's Assistant County Administrator Anthony Akers, "For every individual who does not respond to the Census, our locality loses \$2,000 per person each year for 10 years. This can mean a loss of tens of thousands of dollars for Pulaski County.

Data gathered from the Census Bureau determines how more than \$675 billion in funds are distributed. Funds are used locally for hospitals, health clinics, and health care services: emergency and disaster response, fire, and public safety services; schools, education programs, grants, and teacher training; roads, bridges, and other public transit and infrastructure projects: businesses

the form of Assistance for owners of small businesses through the Small Business Administration, Rural business development grants and Job training programs, including vocational rehabilitation and jobs services for people with disabilities," explained Akers.

Pulaski County received a \$2,500 grant to promote high response rates for the Census.

"We need to continue to hit the Census message home to the non-responders that it is imperative that every one completes their census and is counted once and only once in the correct place" comments Akers.

To help promote the message, the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce developed a logo and slogan which appears on billboards around the County.

Pulaski County's Census response rate is only 58.4 percent, with several adjacent localities at a higher percentage of returns. The population of Pulaski County as of July 2019 was 34,027, down 2.4% since April 2010 cen-

The uses of the data for other purposes have grown exponentially since the original 1790 Census, officially titled "An Act Providing for the Enumeration of the Inhabitants of the United States" which was included in Article 1, Section 2 of the U.S.

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The original Census of 1790, directed by then Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson, required that every household in the original 13 states, plus the districts of Kentucky, Maine, Vermont and Tennessee, be visited individually by marshals, addressing six questions. Reasoning behind this enumeration was to establish the number of males potentially available for military duty; and to determine proportionately the amount each state would contribute to pay off the debt accrued during the American Revolution.

See https://www.census.gov/ history/pdf/wright-hunt.pdf to read the original Act and understand the background for its implementation.

Currently, the Commonwealth

of Virginia is seeking individuals who would like to help with the 2020 Census. They are paying \$16.00 per hour in Pulaski County and information can be accessed at: https://2020census. gov/en/jobs.html

The law involking a census, which passed during George Washington's first administration, required that every household be visited.

According to Virginia Ninth District Congressman Morgan Griffith, "Across the country, the Census Bureau often has more difficulty obtaining an accurate count in rural areas like Pulaski County. The coronavirus pandemic has aggravated the problem because the Census Bureau suspended visits by in-person census takers.

"Even so, an accurate census count is important because the number is used in formulas that determine the county's share of funding for many federal programs. Additionally, it makes sure Pulaski County is fully represented in the U.S. House of Representatives and the Virginia General Assembly. The number counted in Pulaski now will set these things for the next decade, not just for a year or two," explained Griffith.

The filing date has been extended to October 2020 and now for the first time, individuals can respond to the 2020 Census on line here: https://www.census. gov. The majority of households should have received the 2020 Census ballot by mail at a home address. However, if no home address was available (if the resident receives mail at a post office box) or Census ballots have not been returned, Virginia Census takers may be knocking at your door; and some have begun visiting homes where the 2020 Census has not yet been filed.

Residents are reminded that the Census Bureau will never ask for your full Social Security number, banking information, political positions or money and donations.

Pulaski County is asking local residents to help encourage their friends and loved ones who may not have completed their Census forms to do so as the results will affect every resident.

To view interesting statistics of Pulaski County visit https:// www.census.gov/quickfacts/pulaskicountyvirginia

If some night you are restless and can't get to sleep, here are some websites where you will find enough reading material to help you doze off. https://www. census.gov https://www.census.gov/history/pdf/wright-hunt.

# COVID Shutdown Food Crew named schools' top employees

Staff Report

The men and women who worked on the Pulaski County Public Schools' COVID Shutdown Food Crew were named Tuesday as the school system's Employees of the Year.

The announcement Tuesday by Dr. Kevin Siers, Superintendent of Schools, came during the school board's regular monthly meeting for June, held in the Pulaski County High School Little Theater.

In his announcement, Siers said, "Each of these cafeteria staff, custodians, maintenance personnel, paraprofessionals, and bus drivers worked incredibly hard through uncertain and stressful times to provide 129,852 meals to children in Pulaski County during the first few months of the shut-



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down. Their positive attitudes and dedication to our students during this time was inspiring. They are excellent examples of what is great about Pulaski County Public Schools."

Employees of the Year for each individual school were also announced.

They are:

Critzer Elementary - Tonya Quesenberry - Paraprofessional Dublin Elementary - Leigh Ann Owen - Paraprofessional

Pulaski Elementary - Marsha

Pack - Administrative Assistant Riverlawn Elementary - Darlene Dalton - Cafeteria Manag-

Snowville Elementary - Olivia Fizer - Cafeteria Manager

Dublin Middle - Kim Johnston, School Nurse

Pulaski Middle - Tina Blevins

Custodial Pulaski County High School - Lori Phillips - Administrative

Transportation - John Robin-

head baseball coach at Pulaski

Joel Burchett will be assis-

tant head basketball coach at the

middle school and Joshua Odell

will be assistant boys basketball

head girls soccer coach at Pulas-

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ki County Middle School.

Diane Anderson was named

County Middle School.

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#### New assistant principals, coaches named Patriot Staff Report sidy Puckett who was named Bravden Morris is the

Three assistant principal positions were filled Tuesday by the Pulaski County School Board, as well as several coaching positions for the middle and high

Rebekah Blevins was named as an assistant principal at Pulaski County High School, replacing Jennifer Bolling who had earlier been elevated to principal. Former interim PCHS princi-

pal, Richie Thomas, was named to the new position of administrative mentor at PCHS and Pulaski Elementary School.

Scott Peterson has been named assistant principal at Dublin Elementary School, replacing Cas-

assistant principal at Pulaski Elementary School. She replaces Mike Price who is now principal at the school.

Former PCHS principal, Mike Grim, will now work as a sixth grade science teacher at Pulaski County Middle School.

Former Critzer assistant principal Angela Clevinger will now be a reading specialist at PCHS.

As for coaches, as reported previously Mark Dixon is the new head football coach at PCHS and a physical education teacher. His wife, Wendy will serve in a new position as marketing and social media coordinator for football, as well as being a math teacher at PCHS.

#### Gospel singing set for June 21

A gospel singing will be held Father's Day, June 21st at 11 a.m. with Full Circle at the Woodlawn P.H. Church, 3874 Oak Grove Rd.

Pastor Mike Hall and Congregation invites you to come and be

For more information, call: 276-728-2088.



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# Area Obituaries

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#### KEVIN ANDREW GIBSON

Kevin Andrew Gibson, age 26 of Pulaski passed away Wednesday, June 3, 2020.

Born June 22, 1993 in Radford, he is the son of Jennifer Ann Capps Gibson and the late Douglas Edward Gibson, Sr. His grandparents also preceded him in death.

He is survived by his Mother

Jennifer Ann Capps Gibson -

Pulaski Brother

Douglas Edward Gibson, Jr. – Roanoke

Sister Patricia Gibson – Pulaski

Nieces

Onna Sanchez, Alicia Sanchez, Leigha Gibson, Olivia Gibson

Nephews Migual Sanchez, Charles Gib-

son

Bruce Gibson

Memorial services will be held 2:00 PM – Monday, June 15, 2020 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski. The family will receive friends before service time at the funeral home.

To sign the online guestbook, please visit www.bowerfuneral-home.com

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



### TAMMY DAWN GALLIMORE JACKSON

Tammy Dawn Gallimore Jackson, age 59 of Pulaski passed away Saturday, June 6, 2020 at her home.

Born January 20, 1961 in Pulaski she was the daughter of Claris Dawn Edwards Gallimore and the late Walter Carner Gallimore. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Eddie Jackson.

She is survived by her

Mother

Claris Dawn Edwards Gallimore-Dublin

Brothers

Perry Dale (Donna) Gallimore

– Draper

– Draper

Walter Stephen (Lisa) Gallimore – Pulaski

Sister

Trena Kay (Steve) Justus – Pulaski

Special Friend Donald Tabor

Many nieces and nephews

Memorial services will be held at later date and will be announced on our website.

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



#### SHIRLEY MAE TICKLE SNAVLEY

Shirley Mae Tickle Snavley, age 82 of Sunbury, Ohio and formerly Dublin passed away Tuesday,

June 2, 2020 at Country View Nursing Center, Sunbury, Ohio.

Born November 18, 1937 in Dublin, she was the daughter of the late George Austin Tickle and Nancy Mae Shepherd Tickle. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Alfred Eugene Snavley, Sr. whom she married July 17, 1954 and daughter, Debra Lynn "Debbie" Snavley.

Shirley is survived by sons Alfred Snavley, Jr. and wife Ruth of Canfield, Ohio and Jackey Snavley and wife Sara of Westerville, Ohio and by grandchildren Nancy (Eric) Ensley and Joshua (fiancée, Sandy) Snavley, and a sister, Mary Sue Duncan.

Shirley loved her family and some of her happiest times were spent with family around the dining table enjoying great food or gathered in the living room in quiet conversation while watching a good Western or Hallmark movie. She loved nature and animals in general and cats in particular. Her home was never without one or two cats who lived well under her care.

Throughout her life, Shirley remained the strong, steady, and loving matriarch of her family. Her quiet faith in the Lord brought her through both hard times and good and in the end, ushered her into her Heavenly home. She is deeply loved and will be sorely missed.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, June 9 at Draper Valley Presbyterian Church Cemetery with Pastor Eddie Dalton officiating.

To sign the online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.

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

# Celebration of Life for Rebecca G. 'Becky' Nunley

A Celebration of Life for Rebecca G. "Becky" Nunley, who died April 3, 2020 will be held this Sunday, June 14 at the Thorn Spring Golf Club.

Family will greet friends from 1 to 2:30 p.m. followed by a service with Rev. Neal Turner officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the American Cancer Society or a local food bank or buy a coat for a child that needs one.



# **Death Notices**

#### AMANDA (TURPIN) HOPKINS

Amanda (Turpin) Hopkins, 36, of Pulaski County, Virginia left this world too soon on May 28, 2020

A private memorial service will be held at a later date and time

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### WILLIAM RAY "BUCK" TURPIN, SR.

William Ray "Buck" Turpin, Sr. of Snowville, VA died early Wednesday morning June 10, 2020. He was born April 17, 1941 and was preceded in death by his parents, Jessie Ray Turpin and Ellen Newby Turpin, brothers Clarence Edward Turpin and Jerry Randolph Turpin, and sister Alberta Grace Nunn.

Surviving are:

Brothers: Cecil Douglas Turpin and wife Francis

Roger Lee Turpin and wife Trish

Wife, Thelma Gravley Turpin Daughter: Debora Turpin Vaughn and husband Rickie, Sr. Sons: William Ray Turpin, Jr.

and wife Lisa Worrell Turpin Ronald Dewayne Turpin and

wife Tina Stephens Turpin Jessie Albert Turpin and wife Angel Hudson Turpin

Jeffery Andrew Turpin and wife Cindy Woodrum Turpin

12 Grandchildren

13 Great Grandchildren

Private Funeral Services and viewing will be held Friday, June 12, 2020 from 1-2 pm. Interment to follow in the SWVA Veteran's Cemetery, Dublin, VA.

Arrangements by Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski, VA.

#### ESTELLE BRATTON WRIGHT

Estelle Bratton Wright, was called to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ from her home in Pulaski, VA on Monday, June 1, 2020 with her loving family surrounding her. She was born on September 7, 1929 in Pulaski, VA and was the daughter of the late Jessie James Bratton and Willie Sue (Rupe) Bratton. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Curtis F. Wright, several brothers and sisters and by her grandson, G.W. Leeson.

She is survived by her daughter, Connie Wright Taylor and husband, Lonnie of Dublin, VA; her son, Tony Wright and wife, Mary Ann of Dublin, VA; her daughter Janice Wright Stoots and husband, Donald of Pulas-VA; her daughter, Vickie Wright Wukich and husband, John of Pulaski, VA; two sisters, Bonnie Jean Bratton Whisman and husband, Tom, and Colleen Bratton Lucion, all of Dublin, VA; five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Affectionately known as Maw Maw-Honey by grandchildren and others, she was a devoted, wife, mother, grandmother and a longtime member of the Valley Harvest Ministries in Dublin, VA

Funeral services will be pri-

Arrangements by Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski, VA.

#### MARY DRAPER HALL WHITE

Mary Draper Hall White, 87 of Pulaski, passed away Sunday, June 7, 2020 at Lewis Gale Hospital – Pulaski. Marv was born on March 2, 1933 in Pulaski, and was the daughter of the late Adair Hall and Grace Roseberry Hall. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, James (Jimmy) White and great-granddaughter Zoe Grace Hughett. Mary worked at Montgomery Wards for over 20 years, but her greatest joy was her eight grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. She is survived by her children: Pam Billos (John) of Narrows, Adair White (Belinda) of Pulaski, Beth Venable (Joey) of Dublin: two brothers; David Hall (Jerdy) of Roanoke, and Tommy Hall (Bunny) of Christiansburg: one sister-in-law; Peggy White Aust of Pulaski: grandchildren; Todd Turner (Ashley) of Pulaski, Jarid Turner (Amanda) of Goshen, IN, Tiffany Hughett (Brandon) of Dublin, Pattie Adair Nuckles (Christopher) of Martinsville, Mariah White of Pulaski, Chaffin Wilson (Daniel) of San Antonio. TX, Conner Alexander (Hannah) of Christiansburg, Caden Alexander (Ana) of Pulaski. She is also survived 22 great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Funeral services were held Thursday, June 11, 2020 with the Rev. Teresa Tolbert officiating. Interment followed in Oakwood Cemetery. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.seaglefuneralhome.com Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski.

#### WILLARD KEITH HARRELL

Willard Keith Harrell, 78, of the Little Creek Community of Dublin, VA, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, June 4, 2020 at Lewis Gale Medical Center. He was born November 21, 1941 in Giles County, the son of the late Lacy Boyd & Anna Stanley Harrell.

He was a member of French's

Chapel Pentecostal Holiness Church. He worked at Celanese for over twenty years. He enjoyed hanging out with his friends at Jim's Drive In. He considered his grandchildren very special and loved them unconditionally. He had many friends and was loved by many and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Brian Harrell and two brothers, Audrey Harrell and David Harrell.

Left to cherish his memory are his loving wife of 55 years, Becky Harrell; his sons & daughters-in-law, Kent & Daphne Stone, Chuck & DeDe Stone and Jay Harrell; his daughter & son-in-law, Sherry H. & Jeff Freeman; his grandchildren, Brandy & Seth Stringfellow, Tony Stone, Josh & Madalyn Dalton, Kyle Stone, Specialist Brian

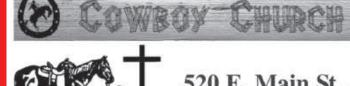
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# Pulaski to reopen **Municipal Building** to public Monday

From Town of Pulaski

Following Virginia Governor Ralph Northam's recommendation that Virginia enter Phase Two of his Safer At Home reopening plan, the Town of Pulaski's Municipal Building will be reopening to the public on Monday, June 15th.

Extra time has been taken to ensure that members of the public can safely conduct their business while on the premises, and employees have been trained on how to continue practicing proper social distancing guidelines and health safety measures.

As we move toward next Monday, we want to mention a few notable points on what to do while you're visiting the Municipal Building. Social distancing is still required, and we ask when possible that you maintain a distance of at least six feet from those around you. Face coverings are also required while in any government building; exceptions will be made for those who have a medical condition that would put their health at risk by wearing a face covering. If you are sick

or have a fever, we ask that you stay home and call our offices at 540-994-8600 to conduct your business. The drop box located on the right side of the building may continue to be utilized to leave your payments on utilities

The Senior Center will also be reopening to the public. The guidelines above remain the same for the Center, along with the addition of allowing no more than fifteen visitors to the Senior Center at one time. As one of our most vulnerable population groups, special care must be taken to ensure that our senior citizens remain healthy and happy.

As we all continue to adjust to our new normal, we ask that you bear with us as we move into this next phase of Virginia's reopen-We're excited to welcome you back to the Municipal Building, and we look forward to continuing to provide you with the exemplary service and care you

If you have any questions regarding these safety guidelines, please contact our offices at 540-

Middle School Progress...

Photos courtesy of Pulaski County Schools

Work is progressing nicely at Pulaski County's new middle school. These photos were part of a monthly progress report presented Tuesday to the Pulaski County School Board. The photo above shows the classroom collaboration space in the school. Below is a view of the front entrance.

# J&D Court makes statement on driver's license ceremonies

Due to the continuing Covid 19 Pandemic and the need to keep everyone safe, the Pulaski County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court shall conduct all remaining 2020 driver's license ceremonies remotely by WebEx. If you receive notice from the Court that you are scheduled to receive your license, please contact the Clerk at the number indicated below to schedule your ceremony. To participate in the ceremony, you will have to provide the Clerk with a current email address, and you will need to have a device with audio and video. A parent or guardian is required to attend the ceremony.

I thank you for your cooperation in this matter. H. Lee Chitwood, Judge

Contact information for the Clerk's Office is: Anne Helms, Clerk 540-980-3822, option 3, ahelms@vacourts.gov

### Deaths

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Dalton and Private First Class Ray & Emily Harrell; a great-grand-

daughter, Kennedy; and his mother-in-law, Mary Hash.

Funeral services were held Sunday, June 7, 2020 at French's Chapel Pentecostal Holiness Church with Pastor John Jenkins and Pastor Billy Akers officiating. Burial followed in the Appalachian Conference Cemetery.

The Harrell family is in the care of A. Vest & Sons Funeral Home, White Gate, avestandsons.com, (540) 921-2985.

# **Honor Your Special** Graduate

The Patriot will publish its annual graduation issue on June 19 - just before Pulaski County High School's graduation ceremony on Saturday, June 20!

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# **OPINION**

# Striving to be a Better Nation

June 6 was the 76th anniversary of the D-Day landings, when Allied forces landed on the beaches of Normandy.

Dwight D. Eisenhower, the Supreme Allied Commander in Europe who oversaw the landings, called D-Day a "great and noble undertaking." Indeed, it was among the greatest undertakings in history, an enormous and complex operation of men and machinery moving toward the goal of freeing Europe from the racist genocidal tyranny of the Nazi German regime.

Appropriately, many of the names and events from that day hold an honored place in our society.

Within ten years, Eisenhower became president. Movies such as The Longest Day and Saving Private Ryan depicted the events of that day with big stars including John Wayne and Tom Hanks portraying its heroes. Many of its commemorations, such as the 75th anniversary I attended last year, drew heads of



Morgan Griffith

> 9th District Representative

state, veterans, and other dignitaries from all over the world. A national memorial not far from us, in Bedford, tells the story of the day. But some of the

names of that day, whose deeds were no less heroic

than the others, were largely forgotten.

In World War II, the U.S. Armed Forces were still segregated. The only African American unit to take

segregated. The only African American unit to take part in the D-Day invasion was the 320th Barrage Balloon Battalion.

Barrage balloons were important air defenses during the war, raised to interfere with air raids over potential targets.

The 320th had trained at Camp Tyson, Tennessee, learning how to inflate, handle, and maintain the balloons. Before setting sail for Normandy from Britain, the balloons were inflated and attached to the transports. The men of the 320th were assigned to land on the beach and get the balloons aloft to foil any German air attacks on the landing zone.

They hit the beach in the first wave on the morning of June 6, 1944, coming under heavy fire from the German defenses on Utah and Omaha Beaches. Many of the balloons were destroyed and the men scattered in the disorder and chaos of the initial assault. But one balloon was over Omaha Beach by midnight, and twelve by the dawn of the next morning.

The barrage balloons were shot down by the Germans, but more were put up over Omaha and Utah Beaches and interfered with German counterattacks as Allied ships offloaded more men and equipment to advance the liberation of Europe. The work of the 320th Barrage Balloon Battalion helped make victory possible.

Because of their bravery and tenacity, and the bravery and tenacity of other African American units, President Harry S. Truman rightfully began desegregating the Armed Forces in 1948. Still, many of these servicemen were not honored to the same degree as their comrades in arms.

Bill Dabney of Roanoke County was one member of the 320th. He returned home after the war and set up a flooring business. Like many veterans, he did not talk much about his experience, but after returning to Normandy for the 60th anniversary in 2004, he shared his story and those of his fellow veterans in the 320th, which were eventually featured in the book Forgotten by Linda Hervieux.

So many decades should not have passed before Bill Dabney and his comrades were honored, but discrimination lingered, to the detriment of their

But his story showed progress in our society, too. Although the wait was unjust, he was eventually recognized, and in 2009 received the French Legion of Honor. Linda Hervieux recounts in Forgotten that after that ceremony, Mr. Dabney met Steven Spielberg and Tom Hanks, director and star of Saving Private Ryan, which did not include any of the 320th's story.

As Ms. Hervieux wrote:

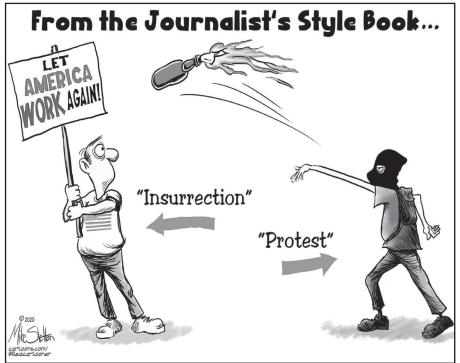
As with every black veteran I met, Bill was well aware that the movie failed to show any African Americans on Omaha Beach.

No matter. Bill Dabney knew he'd been there. As the death of George Floyd made clear last month, discrimination still lingers. More work must be done

Many have protested peacefully, making their views known. Peaceful protest was integral to the civil rights movement, and I hope that more advances can be made today.

It took generations of Americans to declare, and then to make real progress toward achieving, our foundational belief that all men and women are created equal. It is up to all of us to carry on that work.

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.morgangriffith.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.





# Next Time, Call A 'Pig'

The Minneapolis City Council has passed a measure to dismantle the city's police department and replace it with what Council President Lisa Bender calls "a transformative new model of public safety." This is supposed to better protect people in the aftermath of the murder of George Floyd by a now-former Minneapolis police officer.

CNN anchor Alisyn Camerota asked Bender, "Do you understand that the word dismantle, or police-free, also makes some people nervous? ... What if in the middle of [the] night my home is broken into? Who do I call?"

Bender equivocated: "I mean, I hear that loud and clear from a lot of my neighbors ... and I know that that comes from a place of privilege. Because for those of us for whom the system is working, I think we need to step back and imagine what it would feel like to already live in that reality where calling the police may mean more harm is done."

Come again? Does Bender seriously believe doing away with the police and replacing them with her "model" will deter criminals, especially violent ones? Shouldn't the emphasis be on controlling criminals and fighting crime more than handcuffing and putting new restraints on all police officers, who put their lives at risk every day? The overwhelming number of police officers perform their duties with distinction. Clearly some reforms are necessary, but the one voted by the Minneapolis City Council and other radical

proposals go too far.

How would such a "model" work? Will these new personnel have the power to arrest suspects? Will they be allowed to shoot back if fired upon? If suspects flee, can they be chased and tackled? Suppose they resist arrest? Will this new authority permit force to subdue them?

How many people will want to join such a force? It is difficult enough to recruit police officers given the increasing number of restraints on them. That everyone seems to be "armed" with cellphones capable of making videos that might be edited and used to intimidate officers also doesn't help.

Perhaps Bender should spend time in Chicagowhere last weekend 18 people were gunned down in 24 hours, or Brooklyn, where seven people were shot within 10 minutes in three separate incidents. Living in a mostly white city within a mostly white state appears to have blinded



Cal Thomas

> Tribune Content Agency

her to the people (African Americans) who are most victimized by crime.

According to FBI crime statistics, in 2018, 2,925 African Americans were murdered in the U.S., 2,600 of the murderers were African American. Given these figures, it would appear that the problem goes deeper than racism and that dismantling the police - something that is now being considered by Democratic mayors in several other cities - invites more crime.

David McNichol is a longtime friend and retired police officer. He served 20 years with the Fairfax County, Virginia, police department and 12 years with the Prince William County Sheriff's office in Manassas, Virginia. In a phone conversation, he says he worries that the crime rate could increase if police are defunded or disbanded, and incidents of vigilantism could also rise.

The TV images of street violence, he believes, are fueling public fears.

In 1968, during demonstrations and riots in major cities, some young people began calling police officers "pigs." The insult appeared to have been created by what were then called Yippies, who protested at that year's Democratic National Convention in Chicago. They had a small pig as their presidential candidate and when police attacked them with clubs and tear gas they called them pigs.

This prompted a reaction from supporters of law enforcement: "The next time you're in trouble call a pig."

Politicians and protesters demanding police departments be de-funded, or even eliminated, might wish to ask themselves who they will call when threatened by criminals. It won't be "Ghostbusters."

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



Rich Lowery

> Editor, National Review

# Yes, meet rioters with massive force

All it requires is resources and determination, and a firm rejection of the longstanding progressive fallacy that an overwhelming police presence is "provocative" and "escalatory" and must be avoided.

Out-of-control looting is almost always a failure of municipal resolve or police tactics, and we have seen plenty of just such cowardice and foolishness lately, most notably in Minneapolis, ground zero for this spasm of urban disorder.

In a display of sloppy wishful thinking at the worst possible time, the city's leaders decided to vacate the 3rd police precinct. Mayor Jacob Frey explained that they believed this would be "a way to both help de-escalate and prevent hand-to-hand combat." Instead, it allowed for a major escalation, as protestors gleefully torched the police building, in the worst symbol of official abdication of this crisis so far.

During the first couple of nights of violence, Minneapolis barely managed to arrest anyone. For his part, Gov. Tim Walz of Minnesota hesitated to mobilize the National Guard lest he seem "oppressive," apparently unaware

"oppressive," apparently unaware that his target audience wasn't a social justice seminar at Oberlin College, but provocateurs and nihilists who were going to take every inch they were given and make it a mile of broken glass and looted goods.

President Donald Trump has been a steady fount of inflammatory and crude statements lately, but when he blasted the "total lack of leadership" in Minneapolis, he wasn't wrong.

All state and municipal leaders need to know about controlling riots is obvious from a cursory review of the history.

Consider the worst disturbance in recent times, the L.A. riots. They began when about two dozen cops retreated before an angry crowd after the Rodney King verdicts, some of them literally running away. The mob descended on the intersection of Florence and Normandie, and began beating Anglo and Latino motorists, completely unmolested by the authorities for hours. Some police reported being ordered to leave the area -- and then being ordered not to return.

The rest is history -- days of violence, more than 60 people killed and 2,000 injured, and in excess of \$1 billion in property damage. By the end, thousands of federal troops were in the city.

Back in 1970, in his classic book on domestic unrest, "The Riotmakers," Eugene Methvin identified police absence or pullback as the accelerant on riots. It was a huge factor in the Watts riots in 1965. The same dynamic held in a Philadelphia riot the year before. In Detroit in 1967, cops retreated and the authorities underestimated the forces they needed as a riot devastated the city.

It is simply not true that rioters will be quickly sated if they are allowed to break and burn things freely. Disorder feeds on itself. Looting one store, overturning

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# Six students receive DAR's Good Citizen Awards

**Staff Report** 

Six Pulaski County Schools students were recognized Tuesday by the School Board for receiving Good Citizen Awards from the The Daughters of the American Revolution.

The awards were announced by School Superintendent Dr. Kevin Siers at the school board's meeting at the Little Theater at Pulaski County High School.

According to Siers, "the Good Citizens Award is intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship. This award recognizes and rewards an individual who possesses the qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism in their home, school, and com-

This year's recipients are:

#### **Critzer Elementary:**

Tesher Robinson -

Critzer Elementary School proudly presents Tesher Robinson with the DAR Award. This award is given to a student who consistently demonstrates the qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism in their homes, schools, and communities. Within the school, Tesher shows leadership in group activities, and is a conscientious student who strives to do his best in every given task. Outside of school, Tesher is involved with the community by giving his time to the Pulaski County High School Theater Department. Through the audition process, he has been awarded many roles in theater productions. Tesher is a student who serves as a role model to his peers and is a conscientious student who will go far in whatever future endeavors he undertakes. We are very proud of the outstanding young man and good citizen that he is every day!

#### **Dublin Elementary:**

Dani Carroll -

Dublin Elementary School's DAR citizen for this year is Dani Carroll. The tenants of the DAR Award are dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism. Dani demonstrates each of these qualities every day as she works with her classmates to make DES a better place. Dani is kind to everyone. Students know that they can depend on her for a sympathetic ear and a kind word. Dani is willing to pitch in and help

to get a job done well. She leads by example. Students see her as a role model. Dani has demonstrated her patriotism through an article she wrote and won an award for about the history of our fine county.

Dani is and will continue to be an example of which the members of the Daughters of the American Revolution can be

Pulaski Elementary: Donald Quesenberry - Pulaski Elementary is proud to announce that Donald Quesenberry is the 2019-2020 recipient of the DAR award. Donald is friendly and courteous to everyone he meets. Teachers describe him as a very polite and generous student. Donald is quick to help those in need, and he is always smiling. He even assists younger students on a regular basis. He is always receptive to teacher demands, and he always tries his best. Donald is truly someone who

gets along with everyone at PES. His parents are Donald and April Quesenberry.

#### **Riverlawn Elementary:**

Emily East and Rose Price -

Emily East Emily demonstrates amazing citizenship and Riverlawn Spirit in everything she does. She is kind and caring to her friends and classmates. She overcomes obstacles with a smile and hard work. She is a team player and always willing to help. Emily is the daughter of Stephen and Amy East. Riverlawn is very pleased to present Emily with the Citizenship

Rose Price-

Rose is always quick to help a friend or classmate. She demonstrates hard work and dedication in everything she does at Riverlawn. Rose is always trustworthy and responsible and teachers know they can rely on her. Rose is very deserving of this Citizenship award. Rose is the daughter of Stephen and Jessica Price.

#### **Snowville Elementary:** Cassie Hedge -

The student that was chosen for this award is described as someone who consistently demonstrates the qualities of good citizenship. She is dependable, is a great helper in the classroom, and she sets a great example for other students through her kindness to others and her conscientious work habits. The Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen's Award for the 2019-2020 school year is Cassidy Hedge.

# NRCC announces plan for the fall 2020 semester

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New River Community College has announced plans for the coming academic year. Fall semester classes, which will begin August 24, will be offered online with the exception of some career/technical and workforce development programs that require hands-on or clinical expe-

For the first two weeks of the semester, all instruction will take place online, including the early portions of classes that will later meet in person. Beginning September 8, classes that include face-to-face instruction will begin meeting while following COVID-19 protocols for small groups. All other instruction will continue to be offered remotely.

NRCC's academic calendar has been adjusted so that students will not need to return after Thanksgiving. This year's fall break has been eliminated, and the concluding two weeks of the semester, including final exams, will be completed online.

While college offices will remain closed to the public until further notice, staff are available online at nr.edu and by telephone at 540-674-3600 to assist with registration or other matters.

Registration is under way now for both the second summer session (beginning June 25) and the fall semester. Fall course class listings will include identifiers so students may readily determine the format in which they are offered.

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# Assistant principal, coaching hires are announced

**Patriot Staff Report** 

Three assistant principal positions were filled Tuesday by the Pulaski County School Board, as well as several coaching positions for the middle and high school.

Rebekah Blevins was named as an assistant principal at Pulaski County High School, replacing Jennifer Bolling who had earlier been elevated to principal.

Former interim PCHS principal, Richie Thomas, was named to the new position of administrative mentor at PCHS and Pulaski Elementary School.

Scott Peterson has been named assistant principal at Dublin Elementary School, replacing Cassidy Puckett who was named assistant principal at Pulaski Elementary School. She replaces Mike Price who is now principal at the school. Former PCHS principal, Mike Grim, will now work as a sixth

grade science teacher at Pulaski County Middle School. Former Critzer assistant principal Angela Clevinger will now be

a reading specialist at PCHS. As for coaches, as reported previously Mark Dixon is the new

head football coach at PCHS and a physical education teacher. His wife, Wendy will serve in a new position as marketing and social media coordinator for football, as well as being a math teacher at

Brayden Morris is the new head baseball coach at Pulaski County Middle School.

Joel Burchett will be assistant head basketball coach at the middle school and Joshua Odell will be assistant boys basketball

Diane Anderson was named head girls soccer coach at Pulaski County Middle School.

### **Sewerage Authority begins** sewer line project in Fairlawn

The Pulaski County Sewerage Authority, which services Fairlawn and nearby areas began an improvement project in the area of the Fairlawn Presbyterian Church on Monday, June 8th. The PCSA is replacing the sewer lines in that vicinity. According to Dennis Setliff, Chair of the PCSA, "Smoke testing cou-

pled with investigation using a newly developed hydraulic model of the sewer system indicated that this area was a large contributor to storm water entering the system." The storm water increases costs to the sewerage authority as it increases

the flow that the authority pays the Peppers Ferry Regional Wastewater Treatment plant to process. The storm water is at least partially responsible for causing occasional overflows of the system on Oxford Avenue.

The PCSA, with assistance from Thompson & Litton who defined the technical solution, requested competitive bids which led to the contract being awarded to HT Bowling Inc. The work of excavating the old piping and installing nearly 200' of new piping while still maintaining 24 hour operation of the system began on Monday with a schedule to complete the project by the end of the week.



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one police car is never enough.

There is no alternative to imposing curfews, zealously enforcing them, arresting violators and calling out the National Guard if there's not enough police manpower for the job. This doesn't escalate the violence, it stops it.

Over the weekend, Minneapolis finally got more serious about policing itself and saw a drastic diminishment of destruction. Anyone who doesn't want American cities to burn should take note.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



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# Alzheimer's

Creeping into his brain.

Like a shadow, it covers his intellect,

Causing him to forget all those marvelous things he once knew

Of trees and flowers, Of flora of all kinds. The woodlands and forests were his. He knew everything there was to know – Could identify each tree, each flower, each leaf, But now, that shadow, that awful, dimming, darkening shadow Creeps - and grows larger.

It slinks in slowly, slithering its way through his memory, Robbing him of the ability to remember when or if he has eaten, Whether his brother is dead or alive, How to open a can of soup.

It creeps, slinks, robs.

Where is that man I have loved, That I have trusted, Looked up to, Depended upon?

Now he loves me more than he ever did, Trusts me more than he ever trusted, Looks up to me,

Depends upon me.

Our roles are reversed – but...

I still love him like I always have, perhaps more, Yet, as I see his bent form, Hear his squeaky, stumbling steps, Watch him struggle with the simplest tasks, I inwardly weep, And I miss him, the strong, handsome man I once knew,

And I pray.

Written August 22, 2011 Pat Guthrie

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# **Community Foundation awards** third round of COVID grants

The Community Foundation of the New River Valley (CFNRV) is pleased to announce \$32,000 in its third round of grants to NRV nonprofits affected by COVID-19.

The CFNRV announced its COVID-19 Response Grant Program in late March and has received over 110 applications, showing the overwhelming need in the NRV. The program has awarded grants of up to \$2,000 to NRV charitable organizations to help them navigate the pandemic. Applications were received from many different organizations including hunger relief agencies, and those in diverse areas of the arts, education, health care and more. Since April, the CFNRV has awarded \$76,250 to 39 organizations through this program. Many organizations are seeing

an increased demand for services or having to make changes to how they deliver services or cover operational expenses. In response, the Foundation's leaders elected to direct a significant portion of grant funding available from its endowed funds in 2020 to COVID-19 Response Grants through a flexible system that allows organizations to use the grant money where it is needed most. The CFNRV was able to award additional grants this month with support from individual donors and a \$10,000 grant from the Micron Opportunity Fund at the Community Foundation for Northern Virgin-

The response from recipient organizations has been overwhelming. Southwest Virginia Legal Aid Society (SVLAS) was awarded a May COVID-19 Response grant,"Thank you so very much! Please know how much we appreciate this support as we all seek to better serve those in need in NRV". Jessica Wirgau, Executive Di-

rector of the Foundation said "As our localities begin to reopen, we know that the COVID-19 remains a reality and the impact to our community and charitable organizations will be long-lasting. We are incredibly grateful to our endowed fund holders and to the individuals and organizations that contributed to this grant program. This is one among so many examples of NRV residents coming together to support one another in a challenging time."

In addition to the COVID-19 Response Grant Program, the CFNRV is hosting monthly

Nonprofit Listening Sessions to understand community needs, and is encouraging nonprofits to utilize the GiveLocalNRV platform to share their needs and raise much-needed funds. Give-LocalNRV is an online platform that allows donors to give easily and securely to dozens of local charities. The 7th Annual Online Giving Day is coming up on June 24th, but donors can go online now to learn about and support their favorite organizations at givelocalnrv.org. Additional COVID-19 resources and information can be found at https://cf-

covid-19/. COVID-19 Response Grant Program was intended to provide support from April to June as organizations navigated the immediate effects of the pandemic. While this grant program is no longer taking applications, the CFNRV will open its 2020 Responsive Grant Program application on Monday, June 15th with modifications from previous years to streamline the process, offer operating support to organizations, and engage the broader community in the grant process.

nrv.org/partnerships-initiatives/

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# Graduation

In these dire and unique times, life continues; babies are still being born, couples are getting married, students are graduating from high school and college. Can you imagine graduating right now? Graduation is hard enough as you prepare for your future in normal times, but these people are graduating into vast unknowns. Unlike many of us that hit that milestone with traditional celebrations and ceremonies, the class of 2020 won't have those same traditions that celebrated them as they move into a new phase of their lives.

Sometimes the celebrations



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weren't even that big, but that formality propelled us to know that we had to step through that door to get to a new place. This year, the graduates didn't get that push in a typical form, but rather as an improvisation on the QT. Things are different, and the future might not be the

way it was before COVID-19. Just maybe this is a way of preparing students to create their own celebrations and to find ways to make the future work.

One of the greatest graduation speeches I have ever heard came from Admiral William H. McRaven, to the University of Texas at Austin Class of 2014. It wasn't a 'pie in the sky' speech encouraging people to go after their dreams. It was about all the things we as human beings need to do to be successful people. The speech was about having endurance, perseverance, intestinal fortitude, understanding the value of being part of team, knowing that failure isn't final, and being equal regardless of gender, ethnic background, religion, or social status; And it all starts with making your bed:

"It was a simple task - mundane at best. But every morning we were required to make our bed to perfection. It seemed a little ridiculous at the time, particularly in light of the fact that were aspiring to be real warriors, tough battle-hardened SEALs, but the wisdom of this simple act has been proven to me many times over.

"If you make your bed every morning you will have accomplished the first task of the day. It will give you a small sense of pride, and it will encourage you to do another task and another and another. By the end of the day, that one task completed will have turned into many tasks completed. Making your bed will also reinforce the fact that little things in life matter. If you can't do the little things right, you will never do the big things right.

"And, if by chance you have a miserable day, you will come home to a bed that is made that you made — and a made bed gives you encouragement that tomorrow will be better.

If you want to change the world, start off by making your

I believe that this speech resonates more with today's graduates than any other graduates. Its message is timeless, but more poignant than ever.

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### Grants

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A complete list of the COVID-19 Response Grant winners for June is below:

Beans & Rice: \$2,000 from the General Endowment to support operating expenses associated with weekly food distribution and children's weekend meal pickups.

Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry: \$2,000 from the Jane Brugh Layman Charitable Fund, the Talbot Family Fund and the General Endowment to purchase food and supplies for clients.

Blue Mountain School: \$2,000 from the General Endowment to support operating expenses and offset lost tuition and summer program revenues.

Brain Injury Services of Southwest Virginia: \$2,000 from the Highlands Fund, the Homer T. & Beverly A. Hurst Family Fund and the General Endowment to support operating expenses and provide for clients' basic needs including food, medical equipment, prescriptions, and housing.

Christiansburg Institute: \$2,000 from the 4-17 Fund, the Community Service Fund and the General Endowment to support basic operations and continue the historic school's renovations.

Eagles Nest Regeneration: \$2,000 from the General Endowment to purchase cleaning supplies and personal hygiene products for clients in the residential substance abuse treatment facility.

Floyd Center for the Arts: \$2,000 from the JJ Fund and the General Endowment to support staff and basic operations while the center is closed.

Giles County Christian Service Mission: \$2,000 from the General Endowment to supply food to clients and for general operating expenses.

Giles Health and Family Center: \$2,000 from the General Endowment to provide virtual learning opportunities and food for families who cannot attend the childcare center at this time.

June Bug Center: \$2,000 from the General Endowment to support virtual instruction and purchase supplies to bag meals for the daily drive-thru program.

Literacy Volunteers of the NRV: \$2,000 from the Shuler Family Reading Fund and the General Endowment to make up for lost revenues from in-person fundraisers and allow LVNRV to retain staff who are currently providing tutoring remotely.

Mountain View Humane: \$2,000 from the Paws & Claws Fund and the General Endowment to support basic monthly expenses and prepare for increased demand as clients require subsidy to access spay/neuter services.

New River Valley Senior Services: \$2,000 from the Worthington-Dolloff Canter Treatment Fund to support essential transportation to medical appointments, specifically rides for dialysis and cancer treatments for needy individuals.

SustainFloyd: \$2,000 from the General Endowment to offset lost revenue while the Floyd Farmers Market has been closed and allow the market to expand an online ordering system.

T.G. Howard Community Center: \$2,000 from the Silver Care Fund, Ann & HW Huff Jr. Fund and the General Endowment to provide food and personal protective gear to elderly clients and to support frontline workers.

Wonder Universe: \$2,000 from the Homer T. and Beverly A. Hurst Family Fund to offset lost revenue while the museum has been closed and to support staff as they provide virtual learning and at-home projects for families.

Total Awarded \$32,000.00







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# Pulaski non-profits participate in annual Giving Day event

The Community Foundation of the New River Valley (CFNRV) is holding its 7th Annual Giving Day, GiveLocalNRV on Wednesday, June 24, 2020, to help organizations both big and small raise money in the New River Valley. There are over 10 nonprofits that are participating this year in GiveLocalNRV that are located in or serve Pulaski County, and over 50 that are located outside of Pulaski and serve the entire New River Valley.

The Annual Online Giving Day has raised over \$1.2 million for over 100 nonprofit organizations in the New River Valley in the last 6 years. This year the goal is to raise \$325,000, and the support to nonprofits is more important now than ever. This year, the COVID-19 Pandemic has really impacted the nonprofit community. Many have had increased services, had to purchase additional equipment to offer services virtually and had to cancel fundraisers. The CFNRV already had the infrastructure in place to implement the online giving day, as it has for the previous 6 years.

Pat Huber, a CFNRV Board Member from Pulaski County understands the importance of nonprofits in our community and how much they need our help during the annual giving day. She shared "The last several months have made me realize even more clearly just how valuable the Community Foundation is in supporting area nonprofit organizations. Nonprofits serving our community (Free Clinic of Pulaski County, Agency on Aging, Beans and Rice, Women's Resource Center, and many others) provide help and hope to many. Other nonprofits (Friends of Claytor Lake, Fine Arts Center of the New River Valley, Hensel Eckman YMCA, and many others) provide healthy, wholesome environments and activities for our enjoyment. I encourage our local support for the GiveLocal-NRV campaign this year. These nonprofits are here for us!" In addition to donations from

community members, organizations can earn additional grant money from the CFNRV during the Giving Day. The CFNRV will be giving out \$10,000 in grants to organizations that raise the most money, have the greatest number of unique donors by city/county and during designated power hours, or show creativity through videos, social media, and other marketing channels. Plus, donors don't have to wait until June 24th to support their favorites organizations. Any donation received through GiveLocalNRV between June 1st and June 24th will count towards the organization's giving day total. Donate online today to support your favorite organizations at givelocalnry.org.

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Habitat for Humanity of the NRV

Mountain View Humane National Committee for the New River

New River Community Action New River Historical Society New Valley Agency on Aging NRV CARES

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Pulaski Daily Bread

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Southwest Rush Soccer Club TG Howard Community Center

Women's Resource Center of the NRV

# Managing Stress

Laura Reasor Associate Family and Consumer Science Agent, Pulaski/Giles

By definition, stress is response to emotional or physical tension. Anxiety is more similar to constant fear and often occurs for no identifiable reason, but may occur during prolonged periods of stress. For many individuals, worry and anxiety can become overwhelming and disrupt their quality of life. Stress can have various effects on your body, your emotions, and your

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behavior. Your body can exhibit headaches, muscle tension or pain, fatigue, upset stomach, and problems sleeping. You can experience emotions of restlessness, lack of motivation or focus, irritability, depression, insecure, and overwhelmed. Behavior changes can include over or under eating, angry outbursts, social withdrawal, relationship conflicts, crying spells, and procrastination.

Techniques to manage stress depend on the individual. What may work for someone experiencing the same situation may not work for everyone. Some suggestions include: exercising regularly and eating a healthy diet, meditation, practicing positive self-talk, limiting caffeine intake, avoiding alcohol, laughing, relaxing by doing enjoyable activities, talking with someone you trust, and learning deep

breathing techniques.

As we have all been in a recent period of transition during this pandemic, stress has been almost unavoidable. It is important to balance our emotions and be conscientious of why we are feeling the way that we are, and understand that there are ways to cope with them.

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# Final tests of some COVID-19 vaccines start soon

LAURAN NEERGAARD AP Medical Writer

The first experimental COVID-19 vaccine in the U.S. is on track to begin a huge study next month to prove if it really can fend off the coronavirus, while hard-hit Brazil is testing a different shot from China.

Where to do crucial, late-stage testing and how many volunteers are needed to roll up their sleeves are big worries for health officials as the virus spread starts tapering off in parts of the world.

Moderna Inc. said Thursday the vaccine it is developing with the National Institutes of Health will be tested in 30,000 people in the U.S. Some will get the real shot and some a dummy shot, as scientists carefully compare which group winds up with the most infections.

With far fewer COVID-19 cases in China, Sinovac Biotech turned to Brazil, the epicenter of Latin America's outbreak, for at least part of its final testing. The government of São Paulo announced Thursday that Sinovac will ship enough of its experimental vaccine to test in 9,000 Brazilians starting next month.

If it works, "with this vaccine we will be able to immunize millions of Brazilians," said São Paulo's Gov. Joao Doria.

Worldwide, about a dozen COVID-19 potential vaccines are in early stages of testing. The NIH expects to help several additional shots move into those final, large-scale studies this summer, including one made by Oxford University that's also being tested in a few thousand volunteers in Brazil.

There's no guarantee any of the experimental shots will pan out.

But if all goes well, "there will be potential to get answers" on which vaccines work by the end of the year, Dr. John Mascola, who directs NIH's vaccine research center, told a meeting of the National Academy of Medicine on Wednesday

Vaccines train the body to recognize a virus and fight back, and specialists say it's vital to test shots made in different ways — to increase the odds that at least one kind will work.

Sinovac's vaccine is made by growing the coronavirus in a lab and then killing it. So-called "whole inactivated" vaccines are tried-and-true, used for decades to make shots against polio, flu and other diseases — giving the body a sneak peek at the germ itself — but growing the virus is difficult and requires lab precautions.

The vaccine made by the NIH and Moderna contains no actu-

al virus. Those shots contain the genetic code for the aptly named "spike" protein that coats the surface of the coronavirus. The body's cells use that code to make some harmless spike protein that the immune system reacts to, ready if it later encounters the real thing. The so-called mRNA vaccine is easier to make, but it's a new and unproven technology.

Neither company has yet published results of how their shots fared in smaller, earlier-stage studies, designed to check for serious side effects and how well people's immune systems respond to different doses.

### Schools

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Public Schools also understand that many families might be hesitant to send their children back to school for any length of time next year, and have therefore developed the Pulaski County Virtual Academy to help meet the needs of these students and their families.

"Virtual Academy classes are offered at no cost to Pulaski County students, will be taught through the Virtual Virginia platform, and allow for an easy transition back to each student's regular school when the time comes since they will remain enrolled there while participating in the academy," Siers added.

"We do plan to offer these virtual courses throughout the 2020-2021 school year and are prepared to extend this option into the 2021-2022 school year if needed.

"I personally appreciate the time and effort that our taskforce members have agreed to volunteer in order to help put our plans together. It is likely that some members may reach out to a few of you throughout our community as they prepare to offer feedback and suggestions. Please know that our final plan will be developed through a thoughtful and deliberate process that keeps the education and wellbeing of children as the primary objectives. Also, please know that our PCPS faculty and staff are anxiously looking forward to a time when we can get all of our students back into our schools every day," Siers said.

The goal for school officials now is to develop a plan for reopening in Phase II of the governor's reopening plan. Phase II incorporates appropriate health and safety guidelines, transportation with social distancing, instructional programming, assessments, and additional services for students.

A plan must also be developed for opening in Phase III of the governor's plan.

Phase II guidelines include:

provided to special education, English Language Learners, and Pre-K to Grade 3 under strict social distancing guidelines. (6 feet of distancing inside of the classrooms, one student to every other seat on the bus, and communal spaces must be disinfected after each use.)

- 50 person limit on gatherings.

- Health guidelines will include daily screenings of students and staff, remote learning/work at home options for high risk individuals, and face coverings when 6 feet of distancing cannot be maintained.

- Limited extra-curricular activities with social distancing can occur. (Buildings are limited to 30 percent capacity or no more than 50 people maximum, 6-10 feet of separation between participants, facilities and equipment must be sanitized between each use.)

#### Phase III guidelines include:

- Face to face education can occur for all students under strict social distancing measures. (6 feet of separation, limit transitions & mixing of students, communal spaces must be disinfected after each group's use, and use of facemasks when distancing cannot be maintained.)
- Group size limits are subject to the executive order when Phase III begins.
- Health screenings will continue.
- Athletics may be expanded with mitigation standards.

Several steps have already been taken by school officials toward a successful reopening. Those include:

- Applying and being approved for over \$854,841 of CARES Act funding. This includes Chromebooks for all K-5 students, two additional ITRTs (2 years), and mobile hotspots/mifi's that can be checked out by students without internet connections.
- Purchasing 160 touchless thermometers to be used in the health screenings as students get on buses and/or enter schools.

- Purchasing cloth facemasks to have on hand for students, faculty and staff

- Started a sign-up process for families who want to continue with full virtual learning for the first semester regardless of which phase we open under. (Working out the details for utilizing Virtual Virginia's on-line platform.)
- Moving forward with providing services to special education students through private day placements and Extended School Year programs.
- Moving forward with summer credit recovery courses, 9th and 10th grade PE credits (Camp Cougar), and athletics conditioning and skill development.

To make reopening work, there are several challenges for school officials to consider. Those include:

- Scheduling students for transportation as buses will be limited to 11 students per bus at a time. Other types of mitigations might be acceptable to increase this number, but school divisions would assume all responsibility.
- Utilizing appropriate social distancing measures for younger students.
- Providing distance learning in all homes without internet ac-
- How to offer CTE lab/shop courses on an intermittent attendance schedule.
- Scheduling recovery time for all students to have access to curricula that was not covered during the final quarter of this year. (We'll have to revisit our calendar.)
- Childcare for faculty and staff members whose children will not be attending school each day. (Approximately 135 school age students for PCPS employ-

ees.)

- Reducing transitions at the secondary schools.
- Financial implications of a non-standard start. (Loss of enrollment, additional transportation costs if multiple daily bus runs are utilized, athletics budgets minus football revenue, and impact on food services.)
- Providing professional development to teachers who have limited experience guiding online learning.

Considering all this, Siers told the school board "this will probably be the busiest summer in the history of public education as we are pretty much reinventing schools."

He noted communication with families will be more crucial than ever once we have our plan developed and approved.

Siers said the Phase II or III reopening will not allow for the social and emotional needs of students to be addressed as well as they would be under a traditional schedule.

"The next step will be to plan for whatever transition is next. We could be moving back a phase or moving beyond phase III. Either way, we'll need a transition plan," Siers said.



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# Dobson Stadium press box named for Callahan

By MIKE WILLIAMS The Patriot

The press box at Kenneth J. Dobson Stadium has now been named the "Dan Callahan Press Box" by the Pulaski County School Board as a way to honor the longtime sportswriter who passed away May 20.

The board unanimously approved a resolution - written by former school board member Mike Barbour - naming the press box after Callahan.

When Callahan wasn't roaming the sidelines of Joel Hicks Field as a newspaper reporter, he was broadcasting the Cougar games from the press box on the radio, earning him the "Voice of the Cougars" nickname.

Callahan started his newspaper career as an ad salesman and sportswriter for the Radford News Journal covering the Dublin Dukes.

From there he sold advertising and covered the Cougars for The Southwest Times.

He spent his latter years as a

sportswriter covering football and basketball and as a columnist for The Patriot. He was in his 50th year of

newspaper work when he died, and he had covered the Cougars since the high school opened in 1974. For many of those years he de-

scribed the game action on the radio for WPSK 107.1 radio, and for three years working with radio veteran Bob Thomas who at that time owned WBLB Radio.

School Board Chairman Tim Hurst, a longtime personal friend of Callahan's for several years, spoke Tuesday of what Callahan's work in the media and as a founding member and longtime leader of the Pulaski County Touchdown Club had meant to athletes at PCHS.

"Each year a lot of kids would need football cleats, and they are expensive - between \$80 and \$100 a pair. A lot of kids' families couldn't afford them. It's hard to tell just how many sets of cleats he was responsible for buying," Hurst recalled.

"Dan went out into the community and raised money so they could have a decent pair to wear every Friday night," he added.

Hurst added it is hard to tell how much food Callahan was responsible for bringing into the field house for the team during summer workouts so players would have food to eat.

"He saved the school system thousands and thousands of dollars through the Touchdown Club, not only for football, but other sports programs as well," Hurst said.

Hurst noted Callahan was largely responsible for Touchdown Classic held each year at PCHS, calling coaches of other schools to line up teams for the event and putting the popular football event together.

"Just Build It! That was Dan

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A photo of Dan Callahan now hangs on the wall inside the press box at Dobson Stadium.

Truex

# Fishing the Holston

A couple weeks ago I wrote a column on The Wonders of Water and touched on Divides. I gave as example of Pandapas Pond located West of US 460 between Brush Mountain and Gap Mountain that flows into Poverty Creek then Tom's Creek into waters New River and eventually a part of the mighty Mississippi into the Gulf of Mexico. To the East of US 460 the Craig

Creek empties into the James which goes into the Chesapeake

There is another divide worthy of mention that is to he west of the headwaters of Little Walker's Creek that was a part of the same column. By taking Interstate 77 through Big Walker Mountain into the town of Bland and going West on VA Rte. 42, you come to Ceres and the area is known as "The Divide." Waters there form the North Fork of the Holston flowing Westward into the state of Tennessee and part of the

If you go via Interstate 81 from Pulaski County toward Bristol waters are flowing toward you into the New River watershed. You cross the same above mentioned "divide" as you go past Rural Retreat and a stream that is seen occasionally along the way toward Marion and the West is the South Fork of the Holston River. Both the "North and South Forks have good fishing along their respective courses prior to their merging just South of Abington. One can take exit 17 onto VA 75 there to Lake Holston that straddles the State lines of Virginia and Tennessee much like the City of Bristol does about



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5 miles to the West.

Most everyone of our area often frequent either Claytor or Smith Mountain Lakes but the Holston Lake and its facilities is a site to behold in itself. This past Saturday was Grandson, Ethan's seventeenth birthday and he being from Tazewell rendezvoused with Linda, my wife and me there for one his most enjoyable sport of fishing. High waters from recent rains had kept me off the area creeks and rivers. The Holston Lake not only has great fishing but many other enjoyable outlets. Boating, jet skiing and swimming can be enjoyed there. There are trails in the surrounding woods that encompasses a fabulous camping ground area.

Ethan has learned to be a great hunter and fisherman and learned much from his grandfather Ray who passed away unexpectedly a little over a year ago. He has already killed the "Big Three" in hunting, i.e. a turkey, a deer and a bear. I feel I helped him somewhat when we went into an outdoor sports store about ten years ago to help him get a new spinning rod outfit and he went right to a very good selection right off. Linda and I took him to



#### Ethan and grandfather Ray

Dehaven Park to try out his tackle. I showed him how to operate the spinning rod by doing a cast myself and thinking, "Oh he'll have to cast several mess-ups before he gets the hang of it." But, lo and behold, his first cast was a perfect one. Parents and grandparents today, often neglect to take these youngsters and show the great outdoors and teach them to hunt and fish. They are often left to their own devises and that, I believe is why there are the problems of drugs, suicides along with other problems.

There is a proverbial saying, "Give a man a fish, and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime," I feel you can add to this to both teach your kids (or grandkids) to both hunt and fish and show how to throw a baseball, football etc. and they will never go hungry or

be out in the world with no absolutes. I heard this once quoted by Dr. James Dodson Known on "Focus on the Family" radio broadcast who had asked his son, "What is the number one problem of youth today?" His son replied, "Dad, they have no absolutes."

In the four Gospels we can read the accounts of Jesus who called his disciples, the first four being fishermen, namely Peter and brother Andrew and two other brothers James and John. In Matthew 4:19(KJV), "And he saith unto them, follow me. And I will make you fishers of men." Even today you can become a fisherman or fisherwoman by first accepting Him into your life if you do not know him. In turn, you can tell others the "Good News" for He is a Wonderful Savior

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# ends winless skid MARTINSVILLE, Va. (AP)

Martin Truex Jr. used a trip to NASCAR's shortest track to end a lengthy losing streak on the day the stock car series at long last banned the Confederate flag.

Truex cruised down the stretch and won his first NASCAR Cup race of the season on Wednesday night in the first race under the lights at Martinsville Speedway.

Truex, the 2017 Cup champion, has been one of NASCAR's biggest winners over the last three years, but failed to find victory lane for Joe Gibbs Racing over the first 10 races of this season. He won 19 times from 2017-2019.

"I knew we were going to get one soon," Truex said. "Hopefully we can get on a roll."

Tick tock. The time ran out on the losing streak.

Truex won the Martinsville grandfather clock on the paperclip-shaped track at just 0.526 miles. He won for the first time with new crew chief James Small.

"It's huge for him and his confidence and for the way people look at him," Truex said. "I think it's huge. I knew all along that he was capable, I know he's going to be an amazing crew chief for a long time to come."

Ryan Blaney, Brad Keselowski, who has two wins this season, and Joey Logano made it a 2-3-4 finish for Team Penske.

The race started shortly after NASCAR said the Confederate flag would be be prohibited from all NASCAR events and proper-

The issue was pushed to the fore this week by Bubba Wallace, NASCAR's lone black driver and an Alabama native who called for the banishment of the Confederate flag and said there was "no place" for it in the sport. Wallace drove the Richard Petty Motorsports' No. 43 Chevrolet with a #BlackLivesMatter paint scheme. Wallace, wearing an American flag mask, clapped his hands when asked about the decision before the start of the race.

"It's been a stressful couple of weeks," Wallace said on FS1. "This is no doubt the biggest race of my career tonight. I'm excited about tonight. There's a lot of emotions on the race track."

Wallace wore a black "I Can't Breathe" T-shirt but did not kneel during the national anthem. His

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Jared C. Tilton | Getty Images Martin Truex Jr., driver of the #19 SiriusXM Toyota, drives during the NASCAR Cup Series Blue-Emu Maximum Pain Relief 500 at Martinsville Speedway on June 10, 2020 in Martinsville, Virginia.

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# MLB offers 76-game season, 16-team playoffs *Truex*

NEW YORK (AP) — Major League Baseball has made another try to start the coronavirus-delayed season in early July, proposing a 76-game regular season, expanding the playoffs from 10 teams to as many as 16 and allowing players to earn about 75% of their prorated

Players have refused cuts be-

yond what they agreed to in March shortly after the pandemic began, part of baseball's again acrimonious labor relations. The arduous negotiations have jeopardized plans to hold opening day around the Fourth of July in empty ballparks and provide entertainment to a public still emerging from months of quarantine.



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Jeff Caldwell **Executive Director - The Friends of Claytor Lake** (540) 395-3625

MLB's latest proposal would guarantee 50% of players' prorated salaries over the regular season, according to AP.

The proposal would eliminate all free-agent compensation for the first time since the free-agent era started in 1976. It also would forgive 20% of the \$170 million in salaries already advanced to players during April and May.

"If the players desire to accept this proposal, we need to reach an agreement by Wednesday," Deputy Commissioner Dan Halem wrote in a letter to union negotiator Bruce Meyer that was obtained by The Associated Press. "While we understand that it is a relatively short time frame, we cannot waste any additional days if we are to have sufficient time for players to travel to spring training, conduct COVID-19 testing and education, conduct a spring training of an appropriate length, and schedule a 76-game season that ends no later than Sept. 27."

"While we are prepared to con-

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The work schedule is a 24 hour rotational shift scheduled by The Fire Chief and/or Officer in Charge.

Applications can be filled out on-line by visiting the Town of Pulaski's webpageorbythefollowinglink:https://www.pulaskitown.org/form/ One.aspx?objectId=16223719&contextId=13176206&action=fill

If additional info is needed to be submitted with application, please email it to: spalmer@pulaskitown.org

Deadline for accepting applications is by 4:30 PM Tuesday, June 23rd, 2020.

Please direct any questions to the Office of the Fire Chief 540-994-

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tinue discussion past Wednesday on a season with fewer than 76 games, we simply do not have enough days to schedule a season of that length unless an agreement is reached in the next 48 hours," he

Continued from Page B1 Chevy had "Compassion, Love, Understanding" emblazoned on the hood. He finished 11th at Mar-

'Our Black Lives Matter Chevrolet — that's so good to say, right was so good on the long runs," Wallace said.

The 26-year-old Wallace, who finished second in the 2018 Daytona 500, also had a dose of newfound fame. Already outspoken on social causes in NASCAR, Wallace denounced the flag and his message spread throughout sports. Los Angeles Lakers star LeBron James tweeted a "BIG S/O" to Wallace and retired NFL star Deion Sanders tweeted he was proud NA-SCAR "recognized the sensitivity of our country while confronting the racial injustices."

Wallace even made some new NASCAR fans — for a night, at least — out of other athletes. New Orleans Saints running back Alvin Kamara replied to NASCAR's statement with a tweet asking "when the next race??" with a popcorn emoji. He followed along on social media, as did Carolina Panthers safety Tre Boston. Boston tweeted questions about the race and seemed to enjoy the action at Martinsville: "Do y'all be pinned to the TV. I'm watching the standing more than the drivers I feel. Is this ok? Am I doing this right? Do y'all flip channels?"

NASCAR's decision angered a contingent of flag loyalists, who stewed on social media. NASCAR helmet artist Jason Beam, who paints designs for some of the sports biggest stars, was among the loudest critics. He unleashed a string of tweets blasting the move, writing "You can't erase history by picking and choosing what parts you want to keep and don't won't to keep."

Oh well, Reese Witherspoon gave the ruling a high-five emoji on Twitter, and that alone might be enough to outweigh the haters.

Martinsville capped a stretch of seven straight Cup races since it resumed without fans at the track. That streak ends Sunday when 1,000 Florida service members, representing the Homestead Air Reserve Base and U.S. Southern Command in Doral, are allowed to attend the Cup race at Homestead-Miami Speedway as honorary guests and view the race from the grandstands. The following week at Talladega Superspeedway, up to 5,000 fans will be allowed to attend the race. NASCAR says all fans will be screened before entering, required to wear face coverings, mandated to social distance at six feet, and will not have access to the infield.

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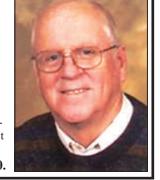
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Fri. & Sat., June 12-13 8 a.m. -? 5497 Stuart St., Dublin

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Fri. & Sat., June 12-13

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# Many benefits to budgeting

handicap.

#### Dear Dave,

Some friends recently introduced me to your ideas for handling money. I've got to admit a lot of it makes sense, but I'm not sure why you're so adamant about budgeting. Can't you get a good idea of your finances by checking your accounts and balances online regularly?

#### Dear Parker,

This is a great topic, especially for those who are new to the idea of getting serious about their finances and gaining control of their money. A lot of folks wonder why I'm so intense about budgeting on paper, on purpose, every month. Part of the reason is they don't understand all the benefits—financial

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The financial benefit is a no-brainer, so it's the perfect place to start. I've been teaching people to live on a budget for many years. The reason? It never fails. People who make, and live by, a zero-based budget every month are much more likely to win with money over time. It's not always easy when you're first getting started, but it's worth it.

There's also an emotional benefit to consider. I can't think of many things more stressful than running out of money before the end of the month. If you don't keep a detailed accounting of every dollar that comes in, and where it goes, you're invit-

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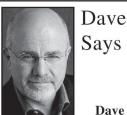
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ing an incredible amount of fear and uncertainty into your life.

Another benefit is where relationships are concerned. Money problems and fights over money are the leading causes of divorce in America. I've seen how proper budgeting principles can bring a sense of healing, hope, and restoration to families. During budget meetings, couples learn to talk to each other like never before. They open up, share their dreams and fears, learn how to draw boundaries, and plan for the future. And this benefit isn't just for the married crowd. Folks who are single can develop more personal discipline, and find accountability, that has an impact on their relationships, too.

It's tempting to think the idea of "on paper, on purpose" is nothing but a catchphrase. But it's so much more. Budgeting is absolutely the key to gaining control of your finances!

\* 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 and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey.

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Pursuant to provisions of Title 15.2 Section 2506 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors has ordered the publication of the following budgetary synopsis for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. It should be noted that the revenue and expenditure estimates contained herein are tentative and are calculated for financial planning purposes. Eventual adoption of the budget outlined below will not necessarily constitute an appropriation of the governing body.

REVENUE PROJECTIONS								
		Budget FY 19-20		Proposed Budget FY 20-21	Inci	Difference ease (Decrease)		
GENERAL FUND:								
Revenue from Local Sources General Property Taxes:								
Real Estate Taxes	\$	19,740,000	\$	20,152,731	\$	412,731		
Public Service Corp. Property Taxes		1,100,000		1,100,000		205 540		
Personal Property & Mobile Homes & Airplane Taxes Machinery & Tools		5,505,471 4,300,000		5,811,020 3,950,000		305,549 (350,000)		
Penalties/Interest		516,000		560,185		44,185		
TOTAL GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES	\$	31,161,471	\$	31,573,936	\$	412,465		
Other Local Revenue:								
Local Sales Tax	\$	3,500,000	\$	3,170,000	\$	(330,000)		
Consumer Utility Tax Motor License Vehicle Tax		770,000 590,000		722,960 550,000		(47,040) (40,000)		
Transient Occupancy Tax		410,000		300,000		(110,000)		
Meals Tax		1,600,000		1,130,000		(470,000)		
BPOL Tax License, Bank, Recordation Taxes		760,000 230,000		792,200 259,700		32,200 29,700		
Permits, Fees & Licenses		162,150		186,947		24,797		
Fines		530,500		276,750		(253,750)		
Revenue Use of Money & Property Charges for Services		404,000 1,808,290		468,700		64,700 (199,856)		
Expenditure Refunds & Miscellaneous		294,600		1,608,434 307,530		12,930		
Recovered Costs	_	1,288,726	_	1,271,174		(17,552)		
TOTAL OTHER LOCAL SOURCES	\$	12,348,266	\$	11,044,395	\$	(1,303,871)		
Revenue from Commonwealth								
Non-Categorical Aid	\$	2,567,529	\$	2,507,529	\$	(60,000)		
Shared Expenses		3,310,968		3,409,751		98,783		
Other Categorical Aid TOTAL REVENUE FROM COMMONWEALTH	\$	1,466,003 7,344,500	\$	1,447,297 7,364,577	\$	(18,706) 20,077		
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Revenue from the Federal Government								
Non-Categorical Aid Other Federal Revenues	\$	30,000	\$	50,000 29,904	\$	20,000		
TOTAL REVENUE FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	\$	16,904 46,904	\$	79,904	\$	13,000 33,000		
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Other Financing Sources	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		
Transfer from Other Funds	\$	384,335	\$		\$	(384,335)		
Transfer from Reserves		50.000		500.000		450.000		
TOTAL TRANSFERS	\$	-	\$	500,000	\$	65,665		
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE	\$	51,335,476	\$	50,562,812	\$	(772,664)		
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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND:					-			
Revenue from the Commonwealth Revenue from the Federal Government	\$	-	\$	*	\$			
Transfer from General Fund		2,523,678		2,128,000		(395,678)		
Transfer from Tornado Relief Fund		-		-		-		
Transfer from Reserves TOTAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$	2,523,678	\$	2,128,000	\$	(395,678)		
TOTAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FOND	Ф	2,523,676	Ф	2,120,000	Ф	(395,678)		
COUNTY DEBT SERVICE FUND								
Transfer from General Fund	\$	335,370	\$	166,110	\$	(169,260)		
TOTAL COUNTY DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$	335,370	\$	166,110	\$	(169,260)		
SCHOOL DEBT SERVICE FUND								
Transfer from General Fund TOTAL SCHOOL DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$	6,044,601	\$	6,006,520	\$	(38,081)		
TOTAL SCHOOL DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$	6,044,601	\$	6,006,520	Ф	(38,081)		
INTERNAL SERVICE FUND CHARGES								
Revenue Use of Money & Property	\$	32,808	\$	32,808	\$	-		
Charges for Services & Other Local- Revenues Miscellaneous Revenues		2,213,211		2,204,630		(8,581)		
Transfer from General Fund		530,000		61,824 505,146		61,824 (24,854)		
TOTAL INTERNAL SERVICE FUND REVENUE	\$	2,776,019	\$	2,804,408	\$	28,389		
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FUND								
Revenue Use of Money & Property	\$	840,480	\$	997,815	\$	157,335		
Charges for Services		8,000		8,000		-		
Expenditure Refunds & Miscellaneous		-		-		(440.000)		
Recovered Costs Transfer from Reserves		5,137,886		5,019,606		(118,280)		
TOTAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FUND	\$	5,986,366	\$	6,025,421	\$	39,055		
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SCHOOL, SCHOOL CAFETERIA, SCHOOL CAPITAL								
AND GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FUNDS: Charges for Services & Other Local- Revenues	\$	1,875,037	\$	1,485,037	\$	(390,000)		
Revenue from Commonwealth	*	27,472,361	~	28,905,285	7	1,432,924		
Revenue from Federal Government		6,178,762		7,393,205		1,214,443		
Transfer from General Fund (School Operating Fund)  TOTAL SCHOOL FUNDS REVENUE	\$	15,702,454 51,228,614	\$	15,702,454 53,485,981	\$	2,257,367		
TOTAL SCHOOL FUNDS REVENUE	Φ	01,220,014	φ	33,465,981	Φ	2,251,361		
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FUND								
Revenue from Commonwealth	\$	2,669,395	\$	2,669,395	\$			
Revenue from Federal Government Transfer from General Fund		3,345,965 1,014,640		3,345,965 1,014,640		-		
TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FUND	\$	7,030,000	\$	7,030,000	\$	-		
COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES ACT FUND Revenue from Commonwealth	\$	2,830,800	\$	2,830,800	\$	-		
Transfer from General Fund		1,169,200	_	1,169,200				
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES ACT FUND	\$	4,000,000	\$	4,000,000	\$	-		

EXPENDITURE SUMMARY								
	Original Budget			Proposed Budget	Difference			
	FY 19-20			FY 20-21		crease (Decrease)		
GENERAL FUND:					-			
Legislative	\$	193,146	\$	196,481	\$	3,335		
General and Financial Administration		2,877,708		3,026,753		149,045		
Judicial Administration		2,092,975		2,083,201		(9,774)		
Law Enforcement & Public Safety		5,739,002		5,873,866		134,864		
Fire & Rescue		2,647,866		2,300,310		(347,556)		
Corrections & Detention		2,945,049		3,015,101		70,052		
Inspection & Other Public Safety		784,744		868,181		83,437		
Public Works and General Properties		2,526,794		2,171,907		(354,887)		
Health and Human Services		1,110,920		1,091,620		(19,300)		
Higher Education		115,658		216,467		100,809		
Parks, Recreation and Cultural		1,592,165		1,651,716		59,551		
Community Development		1,268,506		1,205,512		(62,994)		
Non-departmental		121,000		169,627		48,627		
Transfer to School Funds		15,702,454		15,702,454				
Transfer to Social Services Fund		1,014,640		1,014,640				
Transfer to Comprehensive Services Fund		1,169,200		1,169,200				
Transfer to Capital Outlay		2,523,678		2,128,000		(395,678)		
Transfer to Debt Service Fund		335,370		166,110		(169,260)		
Transfer to School Debt Service Fund		6,044,601		6,006,520		(38,081)		
Transfer to Internal Service Fund		530,000		505,146		(24,854)		
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$	51,335,476	\$	50,562,812	\$	(772,664)		
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND	\$	2,523,678	\$	2,128,000	\$	(395,678)		
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FUND	\$	5,986,366	\$	6,025,421	\$	39,055		
SCHOOL, SCHOOL CAFETERIA, SCHOOL CAPITAL ANI GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FUNDS:	\$	51,228,614	\$	53,485,981		2,257,367		
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FUND	\$	7,030,000	\$	7,030,000		-		
COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES ACT FUND	\$	4,000,000	\$	4,000,000	_	<u> </u>		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES ALL FUNDS	\$	131,260,124	\$	132,209,252	\$	949,128		

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#### PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR FY 2020-21:

Tangible Personal Property - \$2.35 per hundred dollars of assessed valuation (No change from prior year)
Machinery & Tool - \$1.50 per hundred dollars of assessed valuation (No change from prior year)
Real Estate & Mobile Homes - \$0.77 per hundred dollars of assessed valuation (No change from prior year)

**TOTAL REVENUE ALL FUNDS** 

PUBLIC HEARING: A public hearing will be held on the proposed budget at 7:00 p.m., Monday, June 15, 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 bos@pulaskicounty.org

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### Callahan

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Callahan," Hurst remembered. "Sitting right in this auditorium. We had had conversation after conversation about building a new middle school and Dan had heard enough. And, while sitting in the back of this auditorium during one of those conversations, he said out loud, 'Just Build It.' And that caught on throughout the community."

Hurst said Callahan was certainly deserving of recognition and said his name on the press box would be unveiled the night of the Cougars' first home football game.

Hurst relinquished chairmanship of the meeting to Vice Chairman Beckie Cox so he could personally make the motion to approve a resolution naming the press box for Callahan.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

#### VHSL prepares for reopening of schools

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. – With the announcement of Governor Northam's plan to reopen K-12 public schools in Virginia, the VHSL staff will begin the process to align his Phase II & III Plan with the work the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC) has already done, then share those guidelines with the Executive Committee. The VHSL will provide those guidelines to school divisions as local school boards develop plans for reopening.

"Once we review the documents provided by the Governor to reopen schools, we will move as quickly as possible to develop guidelines that will align with his plans," said VHSL Executive Director Dr. John W. "Billy" Haun. "It is important to say that these guidelines must also align with local school divisions and superintendents reopening plans under Phase II & III."

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# Town of Dublin Water Department 2019 Water Quality Report INTRODUCTION

This Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for calendar year 2019 is designed to inform you about your drinking water quality. Our goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water, and we want you to understand the efforts we make to protect your water supply. The quality of your drinking water must meet state and federal requirements administered by the Virginia Department of Health (VDH).

Since September 11, 2001, we have made efforts to up-grade the security of our water system. Watchful neighbors can be very helpful to a security program. In the event of an emergency or suspicious activity call 540-674-4731 or local police at 911. If you have questions about this report contact: Darrin Cullip, Utility Supt. 540-674-5791.

The time and location of our regularly scheduled board meeting is as follows: Council meets on the third Thursday of each month on the second floor of the Dublin Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include: (1) Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife. (2) Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm-water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming. (3) Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm-water runoff, and residential uses. (4) Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm-water runoff, and septic systems. (5) Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800) 426-4791.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk of infection. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800) 426-4791.

# SOURCES & TREATMENT OF YOUR DRINKING WATER

The source(s) of your drinking water is (X) surface water.

The Town of Dublin purchases treated water from Pulaski County PSA. Claytor Lake is the water source for Pulaski County PSA.

Is there any treatment of your drinking water supply? (X) Yes ( ) No If yes, it is described below:

The raw water is chlorinated for disinfecting purposes and fluoridated to help prevent tooth decay, as it first enters the water treatment plant. It is then mixed with lime to adjust the pH and alum to coagulate particles. After mixing, the water flows into settling basins where the particles coagulate, become heavy and settle to the bottom of the basins. The clearer water flows through filters, which remove the remaining particles. Then it is treated in the clear well with lime to adjust pH for corrosion control, sodium polyphosphate for sequestration of iron and manganese, and chlorine to maintain a free chlorine residual, before being distributed to our customers throughout the system. All of these processes work together to remove the physical, chemical, and biological contaminants to make the water safe for drinking.

A source water assessment of our system was conducted in 2002 by the Virginia Department of Health. The New River was determined to be high susceptibility to contamination using criteria developed by the state in its approved Source Water Assessment Program. The report is available by contacting your water system operator at the phone number or address given elsewhere in this report.

### **DEFINITIONS**

Contaminants in your drinking water are routinely monitored according to Federal and State regulations. The following table shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2019. In the table and elsewhere in this report you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. The following definitions are provided to help you better understand these terms.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) – the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) – the level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/L) – one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a penny in \$10,000.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (mc/L) – one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years or a penny in \$10,000,000.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) – picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water

*Action Level* – the concentration of a contaminant, which if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

*Treatment Technique (TT)* – a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU) – nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity or cloudiness of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person. Turbidity is monitored because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) – the level of drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) – the highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Contaminant (units)	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected	Violation (Y/N)	Range	Date of Sample	Typical Source of Contamination
Nitrate (ppm)	10	10	0.881	N	N/A	2019	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks / sewage erosion of natural deposits
Turbidity (NTU)	N/A	TT1 NTU MAX	0.17	N	0.05-0.17	2019	Soil runoff
		TT≤ 0.3 NTU 95% of time	99.8%	N	N/A	Daily	
Combined Radium	0	5	1.1	N	N/A	11-21-2014	Erosion of natural deposits
Barium (ppm)	2	2	0.0228	N	N/A	2019	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural depo
Chlorine (ppm)	MRDLG=4	MRDL=4	1.2	N	0 – 2.2	2019	Water additive used to control microbes
Halo acetic Acids (ppb)	N/A	60	29	N	8.7-47	2019	Byproduct of drinking water disinfectant
Total Trihalomethane (ppb)	N/A	80	57	N	9.4-84	2019	Byproduct of drinking water disinfectant
Total Organic Carbon (ppm)	N/A	TT, met when ≥1 or alternate criteria is met *	1.0	N	1.0-	2019	Naturally present in the environment
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	0.32	N	N/A	2019	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teet Discharge from fertilizer and aluminu factory.

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Lead (ppb)	0	AL=15	2.3	09-2017	0.	Corrosion of household plumbin systems; Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper (mg/l)	1.3	1.3	0.34	09-2017	0	Corrosion of household plumbir systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservative

II. Lead Contaminants

ı		Monitoring Results for Sodium (unregulated-No Limits Designated)							
ı	Level Detected (unit)	Sample Date	Typical Source	Guidance					
	6.04 (mg/L) Range: NA	1/18/2019	Naturally Occurring; Addition of Treatment chemicals/processes	For individuals on a very low sodium diet (500 mg/day), EPA recommends that drinking water sodium not exceed 20 mg/L. Should you have a health concern, contact your health provider					
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The water quality results in Tables I & II are from testing done in 2019. However, the state allows us to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentration of these contaminants does not change frequently. Some of our data, though accurate, is more than one year old.

MCLs are set at very stringent levels by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. In developing the standards EPA assumes that the average adult drinks 2 liters of water each day throughout a 70-year life span. EPA generally sets MCLs at levels that will result in no adverse health effects for some contaminants or a one-in-ten-thousand to one-in-a-million chance of having described health effects for other contaminants.

Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.

VIOLATION INFORMATION – There were no violations during this monitoring period in 2019.

# ADDITIONAL HEALTH INFORMATION

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Town of Dublin is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to two minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791) or at http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

In 2018, the Pulaski County Public Service Authority (PSA) monitored for Cryptosporidium in the source water (before treatment) as required by EPA's Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (LT2ESWTR). Cryptosporidium is a microscopic parasite found in surface water throughout the United States. Ingestion of Cryptosporidium may cause cryptosporidiosis, an abdominal infection. Although filtration removes Cryptosporidium, the most commonly-used filtration methods cannot guarantee 100 percent removal. Under the LT2ESWTR, the average Cryptosporidium concentration determines if additional treatment measures are needed. Twenty-four samples are required for analysis over a two-year period. During 2018, the Pulaski County PSA collected 14 samples and the average Cryptosporidium concentration was 0.0176 oocysts per liter.

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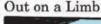
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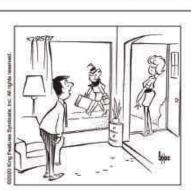
Just Like Cats & Dogs

bu Dave T. Phipps





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"Honest, honey, I don't know what I said to make your mother angy — but I'll try to

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Source: statista

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# Rodriguez

#### 1. GEOGRAPHY: Denali is the highest mountain on which continent?

2. GAMES: What color of property is\_ Connecticut Avenue in the board game Monopoly?

3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Gracie Mansion is the official residence of which elected official?

4. MOVIES: Which 1980s movie tagline was "the first casualty of war is... innocence"?

5. MATH: What is the only number that is twice the sum of its digits?

6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a

dolphin baby called?
7. ASTRONOMY: Which planet in our

solar system spins the fastest on its axis?

8. LANGUAGE: What is a bugaboo? 9. TELEVISION: What was the family's last name on "The Cosby Show"?

10. FOOD & DRINK: What kind of flower produces vanilla pods?

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10. Orchid 9. Huxtable

> 7. Jupiter 6. Calf

Answers

8. An imaginary object of fear

4, "Platoon" 3. New York City mayor

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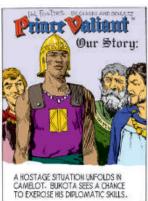
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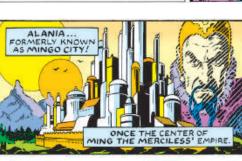






























# Folk Art

Folk art, by definition, is a homemade or handmade piece by an untrained artist. It can be as large as a huge sculpture of found pieces of metal or as small as a peach pit carved and made into a pendant. A realistic duck decoy, a quilt with original designs or a carved wooden bust of a president can also be folk art.

Women often made needlework pieces to use that are collected today as vintage folk art. A 33- by 55-inch crocheted flag was sold at a Garth's auction in Ohio recently. It was made of crepe paper and signed by Meta Schmitt of Omaha about 1936. The 48-star flag was probably made to display at a patriotic gathering, like a Fourth of July or a "Welcome Home Soldier" party. After the event, she must have carefully stored it in a dry, dark place away from newspaper ink or loose colored crepe paper that might bleed. With the flag was a 90-inch-long pole painted silver to look like a metal pole. It must have been stored with the flag.

Collectors learn the hard way that parts of a set or a combination of parts often get misplaced when moved around in storage areas. Boxes or wrapping must be marked or labeled on the outside. If there is a special history or story, such as who made it and when it was used, write it down and put it in the box or tape it to the wrapping. Family photos of the party with the flag also will add to a selling price. Meta's paper flag sold for \$344. She probably would have been pleasantly

surprised.

# Antiques & Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel



Would you have kept a crocheted crepe paper flag for more than 80 years? An Oklahoma woman, probably a collector, made the flag, and her family saved it until last year when they realized it might be valuable. They sold it at auction for \$344. Unique vintage pieces are often of interest and will sell for a good price.

#### **CURRENT PRICES**

Buffalo Pottery Chamberstick, white flowers, green leaves, turquoise band, Emerald Deldare, 6 3/4 inches, \$625.

Console table, Dunbar, midcentury modern, 3 file drawers, 2 doors, shelves, 29 x 136 1/2 inches, \$1,970.

Steamer trunk, monogram canvas, leather & wood bound, fitted interior, four compartments, lock, Louis Vuitton, 22 x 43 1/2 inches, \$7,380.

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



- \* Window frames can be tricky to clean. And they are a magnet for dust and dirt, or worse -- condensation that can lead to mold. To get into the crevices, employ a toothbrush sprayed with a tiny spritz of furniture polish. It
- \* "Firing up the grill? Don't get hasty. Preheat. Cooking times are based on an even cooking temperature, and you'll get that good sear on your steaks or chicken. Use a grill thermometer and you'll know when just the right time is to put dinner on the grill!" -- T.E. in South Carolina
- \* Ever wonder how long your peanut butter will last? On the pantry shelf, you can expect it to hold for 7-12 months if stored in a cool dark place. After opening, it will last 3-4 months in the
- \* Smudged mascara? Remove it on the fly with a little bit of lip balm. Simply run your finger over the lip balm, then carefully remove the smudge. You also can put a bit of the lip balm on a tissue and use that instead.
- \* "I dropped a glass in the kitchen, and there were a ton of

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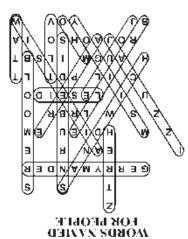
One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's. X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

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small pieces. After I swept up, I wiped the area with a piece of bread, which picked up all the small shards." -- W.C. in Ken-

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Terry McCraw

# The Alabaster Box

Part II
Luke 7:37, 38. "And behold
a woman in the city who was a
sinner, when she knew that Jesus
sat at meat in the Pharisee's house,
brought an alabaster box of ointment. And stood at His feet behind
Him weeping, and began to wash
His feet with tears, and did wipe
them with the hairs of her head,
and kissed His feet, and anointed
them with the ointment."

Ce Ce Winans sings a beautiful song entitled "The Alabaster Box.

"And I've come to pour My praise on Him, like oil From Mary's, Alabaster Box Don't be angry if I wash His feet with my tears

And I dry them with my hair You weren't there the night He ound me

You did not feel what I felt When He wrapped His loving arms around me

And you don't know the cost

Of the oil in my Alabaster box." Most women are very careful with their hair. Most women wouldn't want to mess up her hairdo by mopping up oil or wiping the feet of another with it. But this woman did. She worshipped Jesus with all of her heart and with all that she had. She washed His feet with her tears, anointed them with oil and dried them with the hairs of her head.

She didn't care what she looked like while she was worshipping. She didn't care what anybody else thought but Jesus.

If we could just get to that place in our worship of the Lord, we wouldn't leave our place of worship like we came in Jesus' Name. We'd find ourselves in the awesome presence of Almighty God, being lifted up above the shadows to a higher place in Him. If you want to reach a higher plane with the Lord that you've ever reached before, you'll find that higher place through uninhibited worship. Unhindered worship will take you over into another dimension, the dimension where God's presence dwells the strongest. Her love for Jesus was of much

more value to her than her alabaster box of ointment. She wanted to give to the Lord her past, her present and her future. And that's exactly how we ought to feel about giving our all to Jesus. We ought to be willing to give Him not only our past, but our present and our future as well.

The offering she poured out upon Jesus represented her love, her heart and her service. She gave it all to Jesus.

The more we get to know our Lord, the more we love Him, and the better we understand who we are and what our purpose is. We were born to serve the Lord and to bring Him glory

Humanity was created to worship the Creator. "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created." Rev. 4:11.

The indignation in the room from the Religious Establishment towards this poor repentant sinner woman was overpowered by the fragrance of the oil of spikenard that filled the whole room with the sweet smelling savor of her sacrifice to the Lord.

These high minded Pharisees didn't know how much the oil of her alabaster box cost her. They didn't know the cost of her

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**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

580l 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

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
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.rolcdublin.com 540-674-4500

> **Delton Church of God of Prophecy** 4570 Boyd Road, Draper, VA 24324

> > Pastor Vickie Lee Viars

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Service Times
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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

Heritage Church

6:45 pm - 7:30 pm

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

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7318 Manns Drive / P.O. Box 90
New River, Virginia 24129
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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.

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

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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

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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

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(Sept. - May) Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. (June - Aug.)

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markmiller.psalm1@gmail.com
Cell) 540-320-2431
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Sunday Worship (with children's message):
11 a.m.
Bible Study, Wednesday: 7 p.m.

Youth Ministry
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Ages 5-12

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540-980-5433
www.facebook/faithbiblechurch
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Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday Children's Church: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m.

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Classes, 7 p.m.

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Service 11 a.m.

June-Labor Day: Service 10 a.m. Wednesday Family Night, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

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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

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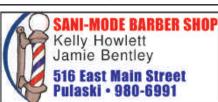
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#### **Sure Foundation Christian Fellowship**

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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.

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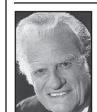
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Billy Graham

# Bible lessons for children

a good program for my children so my wife and I teach them Bible lessons at home. We're having trouble helping them understand the truth of the Trinity. How important is it that they grasp this? - F.G. A: God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and the Holy

Q: My church doesn't have

Spirit make up what's known as the Trinity. It is at the heart of the Christian faith. "For there are three that bear witness in heaven; the Father, the Word [Jesus], and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one" (1 John 5:7). The Holy Spirit isn't a thing, but God's Spirit.

The story's told of a young boy who asked his father, "How can I believe in the Holy Spirit when I've never seen Him?" His father, an electrician, took the boy to a power plant and showed him the generators. "This is where the power comes from to heat our stove and to give us light. We can't see the power, but it's in that machine and in the power lines." Then he asked his son, "Do you believe in electricity?"

When the boy answered yes, his father asked why. The boy answered right: Everyone believes in electricity because they see what it can do. Likewise, though we cannot see the Holy Spirit, believers in Christ know the results of His power in their lives. Surrendering our lives to the Lord Jesus opens up the power source.

The Bible's very clear that the Holy Spirit is God Himself. When you yearn for God and desire His truth that is the work of the Holy Spirit in your life. A life touched by God's Spirit will run after sin no longer. It is never a question of how much we have the Spirit, but how much He has of us.

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



# **McCraw**

Continued from Page B8 worship. To be able to buy this ointment had cost her, her dignity; her reputation; and her acceptance by others. I imagine she had suffered through hell during her life to earn enough to buy the alabaster box of spikenard. I imagine she'd been cut up and left bleeding many times while she was plying her trade as a prostitute in order to earn enough money to survive on and to acquire this costly alabaster box full of ointment.

She had been shunned by society because of her manner of living. She said to them, you don't know the cost of the oil in my alabaster box. It was the most important item in her dowry. It was her way out of a dead end situation. It was something that she could have sold and gotten out of debt and started a new life. It was her future.

And yet, when she saw Jesus, she forgot all about herself, and

broke the box into many pieces and poured out every drop of the expensive ointment upon Jesus, in one of the greatest acts of love that can be found in all the bible.

The Pharisee judged her by her appearance. Probably she was dressed as a lady of the night might dress in that society. Probably she wore the only clothes that she had. But we must never judge a book by its cover. There's a lot more to people than meets the eye.

Many bass fisherman catch and release. But if they ever want to use the fish as food, they will need to clean them. In the case of someone who has gotten saved, we must allow God to clean them up as He has done for all of us who are now saved. Born again folks are God's catch, not ours. We are to bring them to Christ to be saved, and leave the cleaning up to God who will sanctify them and

give them a new nature fashioned

after His own nature.

As we celebrate Easter in our homes, let us be thankful for the voluntarily sacrifice Jesus made for us on the cross, and for His resurrection from the dead, opening up the way for our own resurrection and the resurrection of our departed loved ones whose bodies lie sleeping in the grave. Because Jesus lives, we shall live also. Blessed be the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, our Savior, our Redeemer and our soon coming King. "Jesus[TM1] paid it all, all to Him we owe; sin had left its crimson stain, but Jesus washed us white as snow.'

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# WCC recognizes area students' achievements

Educational Foundation were an-

Jenna Carter of Hillsville re-

ceived the "Dr. John V. Neff

WYTHEVILLE - Despite the cancellation of its traditional Honors Convocation due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Wytheville Community College (WCC) continued with annual recognition of student achievements in various programs of study for the 2019-2020 academic year. The honors are usually presented by WCC faculty and staff during a special in-person Honors Convocation ceremony, with families and friends invited to attend. Even though this year's ceremony was cancelled, WCC wanted to recognize their accomplishments through local and social media. Information will also be posted on the college website.

"We wish we could have recognized our students with family and friends during our traditional in-person Honors Convocation," said Dr. Rhonda Catron-Wood, Vice President of Academics and Institutional Advancement, "but we are thankful that we could still recognize their accomplishments in a way that is safe during the current pandemic."

The following awards recognized outstanding academic achievement in several program

Outstanding Student in Science Award: Makaila Caudill (Max Meadows): Caudill graduated Summa Cum Laude with an Associate of Arts and Sciences degree in Science and a Career Studies Certificate in Health Sci-

Outstanding Student in Human Services Award: Tammy White (Galax): White graduated with an Associate of Arts and Sciences Program in General Studies with a Specialization in Substance Abuse.

Outstanding Student in Substance Abuse Studies Award: Morgan Butler (Woodlawn): Butler is enrolled in the Associate of Arts and Sciences Program with a Specialization in

Outstanding Student in Bedside Nursing Award: Caileigh Phibbs (Pulaski): Phibbs graduated with a Career Studies Certificate in Health Sciences and a

Academic Excellence in Licensed Practical Nursing Award: Rebecca "Nikki" Lundy (Fries): Lundy graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Career Studies Certificate in Health Sciences and earned a Certificate in Practical Nursing.

Outstanding Forensics Team Member Award: Natalia Garcia (Wytheville): Garcia is enrolled in the Associate of Arts and Sciences in Education Program.

Outstanding Student in Theatre: Jahn "Coyote" Edwards (Wytheville): Edwards is enrolled in the Associate of Arts and Sciences Program in General

Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Mathematics: Steven Hutton (Marion): Hutton graduated Summa Cum Laude with an Associate of Arts and Sciences Program in Science with a Specialization in Engineering and an Associate of Arts and Science degree with a Specialization in Computer Science.

Rita Blevins Clinical Excellence Award: Jasmine Smith (Hillsville): Smith graduated with a Career Studies Certificate in Health Sciences and an Associate of Applied Science in Nursing.

2020 Academic Excellence in Nursing and 2020 Louise B. Compton Student Nurse of the Year: Stacy Miller (Bluefield): Miller graduated with a Career Studies Certificate in Health Sciences and an Associate of Applied Science in Nursing.

Each of these students received a certificate and a monetary award provided by the WCC Educational Foundation.

In addition to these program awards, several other awards that are funded through special endowments managed by the WCC

Certificate in Practical Nursing.

Humanities Award." award was established by the Wytheville Community College Board in 1975 to commemorate

Studies.

nounced.

the dedicated service of Dr. Neff, who served as Division Chairman of Humanities and Professor of English at WCC from September 16, 1968, until his death on June 11, 1975. This memorial award is presented each year to a second-year student who has made outstanding contributions in humanities. Carter graduated with an Associate of Arts and Sciences Degree in General Studies with a Specialization

in Communication and Media

Jacob Shuler of Rural Retreat was the recipient of the "Rollie C. Nye, Sr. and Pauline C. Nye Academic Excellence Award." The "Rollie C. Nye, Sr. and Pauline C. Nye Academic Excellence Award" recognizes the outstanding academic achievement of a sophomore student who is enrolled in either Business Management, Business Administration, or Accounting at Wytheville Community College. The award recipient must have maintained at least a 3.4 GPA on all hours attempted through the fall semester of his/her credits at WCC. This award is made possible by the "Rollie C. Nye, Sr. and Pauline C. Nye Academic Excellence Endowment" established by Rollie C. Nye, Jr. Shuler graduated Summa Cum Laude with an Associate of Arts and Sciences Degree in Business Administration.

Jacob Duncan of Barren

Springs received the "Wilmer T. Trevillian Memorial Scholarship." The Wilmer T. Trevillian Memorial Scholarship was established in 1985 by the Wytheville Fraternal Lodge #82 in memory of Wilmer Thomas Trevillian. Trevillian grew up in Richmond. He was a World War II veteran, Trevillian moved to Wytheville in 1944 to work for the First National Farmer's Bank where he later served as bank manager. After the bank became known as the First National Exchange Bank following a merger in 1963, he retired but remained on the advisory board until 1982. Trevillian was committed to the fraternal organizations to which he belonged. He was the Grand Master of Virginia Masons and was personally invited to the memorial service for President Harry Truman in Washington, D.C., in 1973. Mr. Trevillian spent nearly 50 years in the Masonic Lodge, becoming a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason during that time. He was also past president of the Wytheville Lions Club and the Iron Boots Society, and trea-

surer and member of the board of directors for the Wytheville Golf Club for many years. In addition to active participation in other civic and community organizations, he was a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church. The Wytheville Fraternal Lodge #82 and Trevillian's family proudly support this scholarship which bears Trevillian's name. The scholarship recognizes outstanding academic achievement of a rising sophomore at WCC who has maintained a 3.30 minimum grade point average and is a resident of Wythe County. Duncan is enrolled in the Associate of Arts and Sciences in General Studies Program.

Jennifer Hall of Wytheville was the recipient of the "American Association of University Women, Wythe County Branch Scholarship." The scholarship provides tuition or textbook stipends to deserving Wytheville Community College students. Recipients must have resided in Wythe County for two years prior to graduating from WCC, plan to transfer to a four-year college or university, and maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA. Hall graduated Magna Cum Laude with an Associate of Arts and Sciences Degree in Business Administration. She was also recognized as an Enhanced Member of Phi Theta Kappa, WCC's Honor So-

### Virginia: More than 800,000 have filed unemployment claims

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Virginians have filed almost as many claims for unemployment during the coronavirus pandemic as they have in the last five years, state officials announced Thurs-

Officials with the Virginia Employment Commission said during a media call that more than 800,000 people filed initial claims in the last 12 weeks. During that time, efforts to contain the virus had shut down much of the economy.

About 75% percent of claims have resulted in payments from the state employment commission, state officials said. The reasons why some people haven't gotten paid range from people filing incorrect information on their application to their employers reporting that they were fired for misconduct.

About 91% of people who were eligible to receive money got it within 14 days, officials said.

Still, some 80,000 people have pending administrative hearings regarding their claims. And thou-

sands of people who were laid off or furloughed are refusing to return to work as the pandemic continues, officials said.

Bill Walton, the commission's director of unemployment insurance services, said during the call that people who are called back to work by their employer "generally must go back to that

"If someone refuses an offer to return to work, we would need them to adjudicate that issue before benefit payments could continue," Walton said.



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