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## Sunday marks 40 years since Gina Hall murder

By **MIKE WILLIAMS**  
**The Patriot**

This Sunday, June 28 marks 40 years since 18-year-old Gina Renee Hall was last seen leaving the Marriott Hotel in Blacksburg in the company of Stephen Matteson Epperly. The two drove to a house on Claytor Lake where, sometime after midnight, Hall was killed by Epperly.

Six months later, in early December of 1980 Epperly was found guilty of first-degree murder, becoming the first person in Virginia to be convicted of first-degree murder in a case in which there was no body, confession or eye-witness.

Epperly, 28 was sentenced to life in prison in the precedent-setting case.

As for Hall, her body to this day has not been found.



**Gina Hall**



**Stephen Epperly**

Now 40 years later, the prosecutor in the case – former Pulaski County Commonwealth's Attorney Everett Shockley – doesn't want the case to be forgotten. And he doesn't want to see Epperly granted parole.

"As the population gets younger, I'm sure there are those who haven't heard of the case or vaguely heard of it," Shockley told The Patriot last week. "But it's such a tragic event. Not only was she killed, but we've never found her body. It happened right here in Pulaski County, it was prosecuted here. It's a 'one case in a million' type of case."

Shockley also believes Hall needs to be remembered.

"She went out that night. She was 18 years old, maybe pushing 19. She was on top of the world. She had just finished some exams at Radford University. She wasn't known to be promiscuous at all, she

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## Doug Irvin, Sr. - A life of service to the community

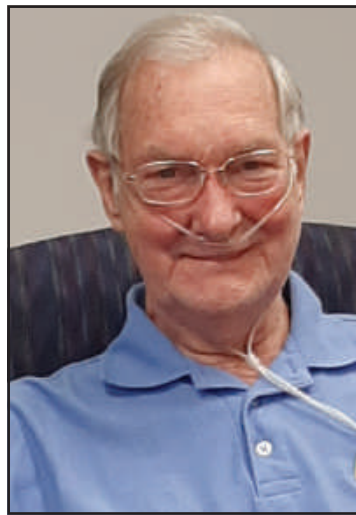
By **DANIELLE REID**  
**The Patriot**

If you ask his family, friends and community leaders about Doug Irvin, Sr., they all seem to agree - he has always been very active in serving the citizens of Dublin.

"He is one of the true public servants. It has never been about him personally, but all about being a public servant," comments Ty Kirkner, Dublin Town Manager.

Although Kirkner has been affiliated with Irvin for only two-and-a-half years on the Council, he and the Dublin Town Council members have relied on Irvin for his expertise in budgeting, auditing and administration for many years and through several important projects.

Irvin served as Vice-Mayor of Dublin for two years and has been a council member for 20 years. He had a major responsibility in the development of the New River Valley Airport Commission which manages the local airport and the Virginia's First



**Doug Irvin, Sr.**

Regional Commission, among other projects.

"The biggest project was the water project in 2010 to improve the quality of the water system in Dublin," recalls Irvin. "It was quite an extensive project, costing a couple of million dollars and it improved the water pressure for the Town of Dublin."

Irvin and his wife Lucy have been married for 53 years and

raised three sons, Doug, Jr., Daniel and John while living in Dublin.

"I love the town of Dublin and the community. We've lived here in town for over 50 years and want to see it do well. Maybe one day it will grow in size and pick up some more businesses that will support the town. We've got a lot of little small businesses in our community... our son John has a business in town called John's Stuff. He's almost 40 now. Our oldest will be 50 in December. We often wonder how kids can be that old and we're still young," he quips.

Working with the Town of Dublin is only one of Irvin's many civic activities.

"I have always been very active in the community. Years ago, before I was on the town council, I was the Cub Scout Master when our boys were younger. It was time consuming with about 100 boys in Scouts in Dublin, but we enjoyed it. We worked with it for most of the time the two oldest

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### WEEKEND WEATHER

#### Saturday

#### Sunday

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# Hall

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was church going, just the quint-essential good girl. Very kind to people. Respected her family, was close to her family. She was just a sweet girl. Innocent. Still to this day I cannot figure what must have happened to get her to leave there (Marriott). Her sister, Dlane, has been writing some stuff lately in a book and some YouTube posts and she says Gina would never have left with somebody that she didn't know. And yet that is what the evidence was.

"She wasn't from this area — she was from Coeburn, Va. — and unfortunately, her father passed away about four years ago. He never got the satisfaction of knowing what happened to her. It just was not the typical case — the typical homicide case. I just think it's something that needs to be remembered."

The Hall case came just six months into Shockley's 20-year tenure as Commonwealth's At-

torney in the county.

He had just been elected the November before, defeating longtime prosecutor A. Dow Owens in a close race, with Shockley winning by a 4,105 to 4,016 margin.

The young prosecutor got plenty of advice prior to advancing the case against Epperly. Much of the advice to him was to not pursue charges.

**Everett Shockley**

"I was encouraged not to pursue the charge. Dow advised against it. He was offering kind advice and not bad advice at all. John Buck (Commonwealth's Attorney in Radford at the time) said sort of the same thing. They were saying I probably won't get a conviction if I didn't have a body. I guess I was young and determined. I knew he (Epperly) did

it. We never had anybody else on the radar as a possible suspect, and we had a lot of circumstantial evidence and really, all we were missing was the body.

The question of what Epperly did with Hall's body is one of the most talked about mysteries ever in these parts.

"She disappeared early Sunday morning, about 4:30-5 a.m. when Epperly left the house," Shockley said. "I feel confident he left there with her in the trunk of the car because there was blood stains and hair in there. What he did with her from there is anybody's guess."

Does Shockley have a theory on what Epperly did with the body?

"I really don't. There are so many possibilities. I've heard the rumors. Rumors she had been dismembered ... you just hear everything," he said.

One of the most common theories is that Hall is buried somewhere around the Dedmon Center in Radford where construction was underway at the time of the murder.

"That's the least likely place in my opinion," Shockley said, "because he'd have to have been riding across that bridge into Radford, then take a left and go all the way through town to get over there to it with Radford police at that time of night looking to stop a car. Had anything been wrong with that car they would have stopped him and then what would he do? Especially with him being in her car. I just can't believe he would have taken that risk."

Forty years ago, Shockley put his efforts into gaining a conviction in the case. Today, he maintains a connection to it by

periodically writing letters to the Virginia Parole Board — urging it to keep Epperly locked up in prison whenever it considers a new parole request by the now 68-year-old killer.

Epperly is now at Buckingham Correctional Center, and seeks parole whenever he is allowed to do so — to this day maintaining his innocence.

His last attempt at parole was rejected by the parole board on Nov. 11, 2019. Along with rejecting parole, the board deferred his next consideration for parole by the maximum amount of time allowed by law — three years.

Shockley fears the parole board's recent push to release violent prisoners will result in Epperly being freed.

"Now with the new parole board in there they seem to be wanting to cut a lot of people loose who committed violent crimes," Shockley said. "Some person they released recently, who had been in there for 33 years, murdered three people. I was like, 'you got to be kidding me.'"

Earlier this year, the Associated Press reported that during a push to accelerate the review of parole-eligible inmates because of the coronavirus pandemic, Virginia released dozens of violent offenders, including killers, rapists and kidnappers. Even prior to the review by the AP, the parole board already seemed inclined to grant parole before the pandemic occurred.

In a May 2020 news report, the AP said that 95 inmates had been paroled in March alone, which is just over half the number approved in all of 2019.

Many of those released had served decades in prison.

"I've written them (parole board) letters about every time I've heard he was up for parole," Shockley said. "One of my approaches is that he's very dangerous and even now if he got out — he's 68 now — I still think he'd be a danger to women and possibly to others who may have been involved in the case as a witnesses or otherwise.

"The main thing I tell them is that you release people from prison on parole because in your opinion they're rehabilitated. Here, the evidence is overwhelming. He denies any involvement in the murder still to this day, but the evidence is overwhelming. It's been upheld on appeal, in federal courts too. And even (attorney) Max Jenkins in the appeal process acknowledged on the record that the evidence was sufficient to convict Epperly of homicide. I think he was arguing maybe for second degree murder, but not first," Shockley recalled.

"But in never taking any action whatsoever to accept responsibility, or to not help in finding the body or tell what he did with it — well he's not rehabilitated. So, the parole board shouldn't consider letting him go," Shockley continued.

"He's someone who should stay in there until the day he dies."

At least two books have been written on the Hall case. Does Shockley plan to write one as well?

"I started one a couple years after it happened, and I just never finished it. I'm no author. I just sort of gave up. I'd written several chapters, but I don't know that it would be worth it now," Shockley said, acknowledging he had read both books written in recent years on the case by "Woody" Lookabill and Ron Peterson Jr. Lookabill, along with law partner at the time, David Warburton were Epperly's defense attorneys in the original murder case.

While Shockley wonders about parole for Epperly, there is one thing he is certain of.

"There's no doubt about Epperly's guilt. I had none whatsoever. I've never questioned it."

## PET OF THE WEEK



**Meet Wolfgang!**

Kitten season is in full swing here at the shelter!! Pictured is Wolfgang! He came in with his 3 sisters Creampuff, Periwinkle, and Buffy. At approximately 8-9 weeks old, they are available and awaiting adoption. If you are interested in one (or two) of these cuties- or any of the others here at the shelter, please complete an adoption application!

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# Gade wins GOP bid to challenge Warner

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Virginia Republicans have picked Daniel Gade to be their nominee and face off against U.S. Sen. Mark Warner for a Senate seat later this year.

Gade won a low-key primary Tuesday against two other opponents. Gade raised by far the most money and has the highest profile of the three.

Once a hotly contested swing state where Senate elections were decided by small margins, Virginia has swung solidly blue in the Trump era as voters in the state's growing suburbs reject the president's agenda. Republicans haven't won a statewide election in more than a decade.

Gade is a retired Army officer who was seriously injured in Iraq in 2005, losing a leg after his Hum-vee was hit by a roadside bomb. He advised President George W. Bush on military and disability issues and was Trump's appointee

to serve on the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, but withdrew his nomination after a lengthy delay in the Senate over his confirmation. Gade previously taught at West Point and now teaches at American University.

If elected, Gade pledged not to be a "rubber stamp" for the president but said Trump is "good on the policies that I care about," including religious liberty.

Warner barely won six years ago against former Republican National Committee Chairman Ed Gillespie.

Turnout was light Tuesday and the primaries were delayed two weeks by Gov. Ralph Northam because of the coronavirus outbreak. The Virginia Department of Elections said voting precincts increased cleaning and physical markers to ensure social distancing.

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The Raymond F. Ratcliffe Memorial Transportation Museum's brick garden is in front of the museum and directly across the street from the historic train depot. The garden is nestled on the corner of Commerce Street and Washington Avenue and is lined with a classic style black metal fence. The lovely landscaping around the garden make the benches inside even more welcoming. Visitors may want to "sit for a spell" or spend some time read-

ing the customized bricks that have been placed in honor or memory of many different people and organizations.

4 x 8 bricks are \$100 and can have 3 lines. 8 x 8 are \$200 with 6 lines. All the proceeds go directly to the Friends of the Ratcliffe for the operation of The Raymond F. Ratcliffe Memorial Transportation Museum and its story and preservation of our county's history.

Due to COVID-19, the museum is still currently closed to the public, but brick orders can be made with a credit card by calling the museum at (540)980-2307. Orders can also be placed by mailing a check to:

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# Griffith introduced as new Commonwealth's Attorney

By MIKE WILLIAMS  
The Patriot

Justin L. Griffith will become Pulaski County's next Commonwealth's Attorney on July 1. Monday evening he was introduced to the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors.

Griffith will succeed Mike Fleenor who on March 3 was elected by the Virginia General Assembly as a Circuit Court Judge in the 27th Judicial Circuit which includes Pulaski, Bland, Carroll, Floyd, Giles, Grayson, Montgomery and Wythe Counties and Radford City.

Fleenor completes 20 years as the county's prosecutor after having been elected in November 1999.

Fleenor's first term as a judge will be for eight years.

Griffith has worked in the Commonwealth's Attorney's office for 12 years, rising to the position of Chief Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney.

According to state law, Griffith will automatically take over as Commonwealth's Attorney and



Justin Griffith

serve until a special election can be held to select a new Commonwealth's Attorney.

Following his introduction to the supervisors Monday, the board approved a resolution asking the Circuit Court to issue a Writ of Election to fill the prosecutor's spot for the remainder of Fleenor's unexpired term, and to hold that special election during the Nov. 3 General Election.

Whoever wins that Nov. 3 election will serve the final three years of Fleenor's term.

Griffith said he plans to be a candidate in the Nov. 3 election.

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# Area Obituaries

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**MARGARET JEWEL CONLEY KIDD**

Margaret Jewel Conley Kidd, age 71 of Pulaski, passed away peacefully at home on June 16, 2020. She was born on September 2, 1948 in Narrows and was the daughter of the late Wiley Wilson Conley and Claudia Nidey Conley. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by four sisters and six brothers. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She is survived by her husband Douglas D. Kidd of Pulaski; a son; Bryan Shrewsberry of Pulaski; two daughters, Rhonda Homiak and Ted of Draper and Myra Albert of Pulaski; a step daughter; Tammy Kidd Turner and Greg of Wytheville; seven grandchildren; Cody Shrewsberry and Carmen, Kelly Blankenship, Courtney Albert, Cole Shrewsberry, Kara Albert, Billy Shrewsberry, Bryce Shrewsberry; two step grandchildren; Devin Turner and Caitlynn Turner; several beautiful great-grandchildren; Noah, Teagan, Raelynn, Marley, Riley, Taly, Mila, Kolten, Wyatt, and Crimson; sisters; Josephine Sparks and Juanita Potts. A private service will be held by the family. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.seaglefuneralhome.com](http://www.seaglefuneralhome.com). Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski.

**HEATHER BRIANA UMBERGER**

Heather Briana Umberger, age 38 of Pulaski died Saturday, June 20, 2020 at the Roanoke Memorial Hospital. Born June 21, 1981 in Radford she was the daughter of Philip Umberger & Judy Lane Henley.

She is survived by her Children  
Daniel Umberger – Pulaski  
Ashlyn Umberger – Pulaski  
Sierra Melton – Dublin  
Companion  
David Henley – Pulaski  
Per Heather's request there will be no services.

To sign her online guestbook, please visit [www.bowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.bowerfuneralhome.com)

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

**WANDA JOYCE PUGH RORRER**

Wanda Joyce Pugh Rorrer, 79, of Dublin, VA died Saturday morning, June 20, 2020 in Roanoke Memorial Hospital. She was born in Pulaski Co., VA on June 28, 1940 and was the daughter of Lawrence Melvin Pugh and Martha Bell Bentley Pugh. She was preceded in death by a wonderful husband of 62 years, James Daly Rorrer, SR., and son, Randall Duane Rorrer, and brother, Jerry Duane Pugh. Mrs. Rorrer was a retired pastor and evangelist with the Church of God of Prophecy. She worked in the ministry in many positions for some 50 years. She was a loving and devoted mother and grandmother of six grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Surviving are:

Daughter and Son-In-Law, Rebecca Joyce Rorrer Rupe and Wayne Rupe

Son and Daughter-In-Law, James Daly Rorrer, Jr and Tammy Rorrer

Grandchildren, Gregory W. Rupe

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Cody J Rorrer

Great-Grandchildren Katie L Rupe

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Sister-In-Law, Freda Edwards Pugh

A private family time was held at the graveside, Tuesday, June 23 and a Memorial Service will be held from the Steven Funeral Home chapel in Pulaski, VA with Rev. Doug Patterson officiating on Saturday, July 11th at 2:00 PM.

Arrangements by Steven Funeral Home, Pulaski, VA

**TOMMY KLINE FRASURE**

Tommy Kline Frasure, age 80 of Little Creek Road, Dublin died Friday, June 19, 2020 at his home.

Born December 10, 1939 in Dalton, Georgia he was the son of the late John Frasure & Beulah Owenby Frasure. His son, Tommy Kline Frasure, Jr. also preceded him in death.

He is survived by his Spouse

Barbara Kistler Frasure – Dublin

Children

Curtis Frasure – Stanley, NC

Monica Frasure – Dublin

Step-Granddaughter

Breanna Miller

Brothers & Sisters

Gene Frasure

Doris Dixon

Deloris Brown

Sue Holland – All of Gaston County, NC

Stella Fortner

Garmen Frasure

Judy Long

Numerous nieces and nephews

Per Tommy's request there will be no services.

To sign his online register, please visit [www.bowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.bowerfuneralhome.com)

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

**LISA COLLEEN DALTON**

Lisa Colleen Dalton, age 57 of Pulaski passed away Thursday, June 18, 2020 at her home.

Born April 17, 1963 in Pulaski, she was the daughter of the late Junior Edward Dalton and

Stella Colleen Hall Dalton. She was also preceded in death by a brother, Michael Edward Dalton.

She is survived by Children

Corinthia & Channie McGee – Dublin

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B.J. Fowlkes – Pulaski

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Memorial services for Lisa will be held at a later date and will be listed on our website once updated.

To sign her online guestbook, please visit [www.bowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.bowerfuneralhome.com)

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

## Death Notices

**JERRY KIRK PETERSON**

Jerry Kirk Peterson, 73, passed away Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at his home in Pulaski County.

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

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## Drive-thru COVID-19 testing set for Radford

The New River Valley Public Health Task Force will conduct drive-thru COVID-19 testing on Tuesday, June 30 at the Radford Recreation Center, 200 George St. in Radford, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is a clinical site, not open to the public. Individuals will be tested by appointment.

For questions about COVID-19 or to request an appointment for testing, call the New River Health District's COVID-19 public health call center at 540-267-

8240. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. After hours, leave a message.

"We have administered more than 4,900 COVID-19 tests since broad community testing began more than two months ago," said Noelle Bissell, M.D., director of the health district. "Testing is important to monitor cases as we begin to re-open, so we can investigate, trace the contacts

of those infected and mitigate the spread of illness. Remember that the best protection for each of us comes from personal precautions, including hygiene and physical distancing. That's how you protect yourself and those around you."

"The task force has created a mobile, flexible and scalable testing engine that can be deployed across the New River Valley, and it has helped us prevent COVID-19 from overloading our hospitals or compromising our public safety systems and services," said Blacksburg Police Chief Anthony Wilson.

To lower the risk of spreading respiratory infections, including COVID-19, the Virginia Department of Health encourages everyone to:

- Stay home as much as possible, especially if you are at higher risk of serious illness;
- If you must go out in public, wear a cloth face covering;
- Stay home when you are

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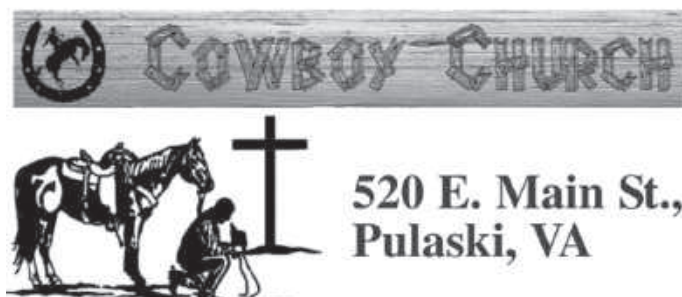
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# Mail-in ballots thrust USPS into election

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Postal Service's famous motto — "Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers" — is being tested like never before, by challenges that go well beyond the weather.

Its finances have been devastated by the coronavirus. The Trump administration may attach big strings to federal bailouts.

The agency's responsibilities, meanwhile, are mounting. A dramatic shift in many states to voting by mail is intended to protect voters from spreading the virus at polling places. But it's also making more work for post offices and contributing to delays in determining election winners.

Results were delayed this week in Kentucky and New York as both states were overwhelmed by huge increases in mail ballots. Both states are now giving voters extra time after Election Day to return mail ballots, as long as they were postmarked by Tuesday.

"What we don't need is more chaos in the chaos," said Wendy Fields, executive director of the voting rights advocacy group The Democracy Initiative, who said worries about undue strain at the post office only exacerbate larger struggles against voter suppression.

President Donald Trump opposes expanding voting by mail, arguing that it will trigger fraud.

The president has also called the Postal Service "a joke" and says that package shipping rates should be at least four times higher for heavy users like Amazon.

Mark Dimondstein, president of the American Postal Workers Union, which represents 200,000-plus employees, said the Trump administration is "shamefully trying to use the crisis to carry out an agenda" of privatization, which would ultimately "break up the Postal Service and sell it."

Jim Condos, Vermont's Democratic secretary of state, said "our democracy depends on a reliable post office."

The Postal Service predates the United States, created by the Second Continental Congress in July 1775. Benjamin Franklin was the first postmaster general.



Mike Williams photo

## Utt Recognized By Board of Supervisors

Pulaski Town Manager Shawn Utt was recognized Monday night by the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors. Utt, the county's former Community Development Director before becoming the town's chief executive, is leaving Pulaski to become County Administrator of Smyth County in mid-July. To the left of Utt is Pulaski's County Administrator Jonathan Sweet, Supervisors Chairman Joe Guthrie and at right is Utt's wife and children.

## Volvo partners with Galfab, Fontaine

Volvo Trucks North America has announced a collaboration with Galfab to have roll-off bodies available for installation at the Fontaine facility near Volvo Trucks' Dublin, Va., factory.

The local process will enable a more efficient body installation and delivery of Volvo truck models with 60,000 or 75,000 lb. Galfab roll-off hoist bodies to customers and dealers. The bodies are delivered from Galfab's headquarters in Winamac, Ind., to Fontaine Modification located adjacent to the Volvo Trucks assembly plant in the New River Valley of Virginia.

The most common model for this specification is the Volvo VHD, however it's also offered on other Volvo Trucks models that meet the minimum chassis requirements for the application. Specific option codes containing all chassis preparation requirements make the ordering process easy. Volvo Trucks performs all frame drilling, corrosion resistance coating and paint applications on the chassis at its assembly plant prior to the body installation process at Fontaine.

Previously, a finished Volvo

truck chassis was transported to Galfab's Indiana facility, where the roll-off body was installed before being delivered to the customer or dealer. The new process reduces logistics fees and delivery times for fully finished, quality commercial vehicles that arrive straight to the customer or dealer.

"This new practice gives customers and dealers the option to order a Volvo truck with a Galfab roll-off body, which removes complexity from the body installation and delivery process," said Andy Hanson, product marketing manager, Volvo Trucks North America. "Not only does this save a significant amount of time and money for our customers and dealers, but Fontaine assures a high-quality installation and integration with our chassis."

Roll-off applications are typically used for transporting large containers such as trash receptacles with a hoist. Galfab produces bodies that utilize Volvo Trucks' rear engine power take-off (REPTO) mounted with an F1 piston pump as well as Volvo's transmission-mounted PTOs. The hydraulic tank is mounted to

the frame rail to ensure optimum oil supply to the pump. Galfab bodies also enable coded troubleshooting through Volvo Trucks' Body Builder Module (BBM) in the dashboard, which simplifies the installation and testing of electronics and data components.

"We are proud to partner with Volvo Trucks North America as the body vendor for this initiative with Fontaine," said Mike Miller, vice president of sales at Galfab. "As a premium OEM dedicated to the highest standards of quality, Volvo Trucks shares our commitment to industry-leading products and customer service."

Volvo Trucks already has long-standing partnership with Fontaine, which completed an exhaustive training process to become a certified Galfab installer.

"Fontaine is excited to ex-

pand our long-term relationship as a body installer with Volvo Trucks North America," said Jason Clark, director of Volvo operations at Fontaine Modification. "We look forward to working with Galfab to bring a new level of efficiency to the delivery of roll-off hoist bodies for Volvo Trucks customers."

"Volvo Trucks has studied the market and created a standard truck-and-body spec that meets at least 90% of needs for a roll-off application, allowing our sales teams to respond to the needs of the industry quickly and efficiently, while also ensuring the best quality and service," said Hanson. "These trucks will either go into on-the-ground dealer stock inventory or straight to customers. Customers still have the ability to fully customize a truck/body combination that suits their

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## America's Energy Future

Energy production in the United States had soared to new heights in recent years. Unfortunately, while vast swathes of the economy were devastated by the impact of the coronavirus, few have been hit as hard as the energy sector.

Consumption of energy plummeted as businesses closed their doors and stay at home orders kept cars off the roads and planes on the ground. This month, the U.S. Energy Information Administration projected a 5.7 percent drop in electricity demand for 2020 compared to 2019.

Further, Russia and Saudi Arabia opportunistically used the crisis to engage in an oil price war, putting an additional squeeze on American oil producers.

The overall effect on jobs in the energy sector was sharp. Locally, although the U.S. Department of Homeland Security identified mining as an essential industry that should be kept open, reduced demand still forced some coal mines to be idled and their miners furloughed. This outcome was a terrible hardship



**Morgan Griffith**

9th District Representative

on the families that depend on these jobs.

Those families felt the repercussions most directly, but they will not be the only ones hit. Lost jobs or cut hours also reduce the amount of money going into the economy. Idled mines, closed oil wells, and paused construction of solar installations diminish the demand for equipment used in energy production. Governments at all levels see reduced tax revenue.

Now for the good news: as the economy reopens, energy demand is likely to rise again. Smart policy decisions can make the resurgence more beneficial for jobs and the U.S. economy more broadly.

As a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Energy, I participated in a June 16 hearing on the coronavirus' impact on energy jobs. I used my time to highlight some essential facts about the state of the sector and recovery.

I have long believed that decisions regarding U.S. energy policy need to be made while taking the global situation into account. More demand for renewable sources in the domestic energy market does not mean that foreign countries, in particular rising economies, are in the market for the same sources.

China and India, the two most populous countries in the world, still use fossil fuels such as coal as they grow. In fact, according to a June 9 article in E&E News, an industry trade publication, China permitted more new coal-fired power plants in March of this year than it did throughout all of last year.

The United States can continue to supply these fuels to them, and we can do so with less impact on the environment than other suppliers. Developing technologies such as carbon capture to sell to the countries burning fossil fuel will help them with environmental protection and create jobs here at the same time.

American energy technology remains in demand abroad. The first foreign leader to visit President Trump at the White House since the coronavirus outbreak occurred will be the President of Poland. He said at a news conference that one topic he wants to discuss at the meeting is cooperation on civilian nuclear energy projects. When foreign countries are in the market for energy, we should encourage them to buy American.

As for the domestic energy market, demand can be invigorated by smart regulation that does not suppress economic growth.

A bill I have introduced would streamline the New Source Review permitting program, which currently discourages manufacturers and other large facilities from making upgrades that would render them more productive and, ironically, cleaner. Broadly applying this approach will encourage economic growth and the rise in energy demand that usually follows.

It is also important for the domestic market to have a diverse mix of fuels available. Having an array of fuel alternatives builds the resiliency of the power grid and contributes to lower energy bills.

Under the Trump Administration, an "energy dominance" agenda has allowed the domestic energy industry to flourish, innovate, and support the economy. Although the coronavirus inflicted great pain on this sector, our country still possesses the resources and talent that gave it such strength. I believe we can return to and even surpass those earlier heights if we act wisely now.

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



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## When The Mob Rules

What did we think would happen once boundaries were destroyed?

The chaos plaguing the country today was inevitable after truth, standards and self-control were all but ignored by many in our society.

That great "philosopher," the late Marilyn Monroe, was ahead of her time when she said, "When I was five, I think, that's when I started wanting to be an actress. I loved to play. I didn't like the world around me because it was kind of grim, but I loved to play house. It was like you could make your own boundaries."

Making one's own boundaries has led us to this moment. Truth has become subjective. The Constitution, some judges claim, is now open to interpretation, as we witnessed last week when a Supreme Court majority (6-3) again legislated from the bench when they redefined "sex" in the 1964 Civil Rights Act as meaning not simply gender, as in male and female, but sexual identity, as in gay and transgender.

After the Court's 2015 ruling in favor of same-sex marriage (it was 5-4), polygamist groups said they would be next to demand equal treatment. What is to stop them? What if morals and laws evolve and conformity to the spirit of the age and opinion polls is what matters most?

Statues and paintings that offend some, but not others, are being torn down, or defaced. Perhaps the frieze over the Supreme Court building should also be removed. It shows many lawgivers looking to Moses, who is at the center holding the Ten Commandments. Those are no longer considered relevant in today's America, so maybe they should be chiseled away. Church-state separation, you know.

"In God We Trust" is embedded on walls in the House and Senate and on our money. Clearly, that is no longer objectively true, so perhaps we should remove that saying. Hearings could be held so



**Cal Thomas**

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people who claim we continue to trust in God can present evidence we still do.

Valedictorians, sports trophies and in some cases grades have been abandoned because some who were not as talented, or didn't work as hard to achieve honor might feel bad. So, we dumb down and make everyone "equal," supporting mediocrity as the highest objective. This is what socialism does.

Those who deny any standard and then appeal to the rest of us based on a standard of their own creation can't have it both ways, though they are trying.

The late evangelist and scholar Ravi Zacharias observed: "Pleasure without God, without the sacred boundaries, will actually leave you emptier than before. And this is biblical truth, this is experiential truth. The loneliest people in the world are amongst the wealthiest and most famous who found no boundaries within which to live. That is a fact I've seen again and again."

As the Psalmist wrote long ago, "When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?"

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



**Rich Lowery**

Editor, National Review

## Social Distancing Hypocrisy

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot had big news last week -- the city is opening up its iconic Lakefront Trail after months of being closed off as part of a COVID-19 lockdown.

That Lightfoot kept the trail closed even after Chicago had experienced large-scale Black Lives Matter marches -- thousands during the "Drag March for Change" -- is one small instance of the flagrant social distancing hypocrisy across the country in recent weeks.

If it's OK for throngs of people to pack the streets, and shout and chant to protest the death of George Floyd, it ought to be permissible for someone to ride a bike along the lakeside while keeping to him- or herself.

Yet, Mayor Lightfoot welcomed the protesters -- "We want people to come and express their passion," she said -- and still kept the trail shuttered.

Many of the same officials who were most zealous in locking down their states and cities instantly made an exception for Black Lives Matter protests. Their rigidity became laxity in a blink of an eye. Their metric for reopening wasn't the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines or any other public health measure, but the "wokeness" of the activity in question.

Visiting the deathbed of a loved one with COVID-19? Absolutely not. Having a proper funeral? *No way*. Gathering more than about 10 people at a graveside? *No one should be allowed to put the public at risk in such a way.*

Bringing thousands of strangers to march together for hours in spontaneous, disorderly groups? *Thank you for your commitment to positive change.*

Attending a church service? *Well, maybe in a couple of months.*

Holding a struggle session with religious trappings where people confess their racism and vow to work to defund the police? *Please, let's have more.*

To believe the leaders of Blue America, SARS-CoV-2 is the first virus in human history to have a social conscience -- virulent enough in the ordinary course of events to justify the most restrictive social controls; not such a big deal if it might get in the way of marches for social justice.

The likes of New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio have justified the different standards by arguing that fighting racism is important. Well, so is mourning your dead, keeping your business from being ground to dust and worshipping your God. It's a sign of a ludicrously blinkered worldview to believe that a protest march deserves more consideration than these other elemental human needs.

Another argument is that the protesters are willing to put their health on the line for their cause. But, until recently, it was said that anyone going outside wasn't just endangering themselves, but the most vulnerable people in our communities. Why wouldn't that be true of the Black Lives Matter marches, too?

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# Supervisors OK school capital needs funding plan

By MIKE WILLIAMS  
The Patriot

The Capital Improvement Plan for Pulaski County Schools has grown to 58 projects totaling over \$16.4 million. The prospects of taking care of all those needs anytime soon – to this point – haven’t been very good.

Soon, however, that may change.

Monday night the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors gave their approval to a joint resolution with the School Board on a funding plan to finance those projects over the next 10 years.

The plan involves using carry-over funds, coupled with money from the cigarette tax added to savings from retired debt on past school construction.

“The board of supervisors putting together a strategy to solve the short- and long-term capital needs of the school system is quite frankly long overdue,” said County Administrator Jonathan Sweet.

Sweet told the supervisors that each year the school board presents a capital improvement plan on top of their operations budget plus a request for funds for school buses.

“What ends up occurring is a competition for those resources the county has to dedicate to education,” Sweet said. “We tend to prioritize operations and you can’t have operations without school buses, and so what’s left over is insufficient to fund the capital plan.”

Sweet said the funding plan presented Monday night changes that.

“This is very exciting because it solves so many different challenges that we’re going to have in the future,” he added.

Sweet said the funding plan, besides taking care of capital needs will also strengthen the working relationship between the supervisors and school board, remove the politics associated around funding prioritization of capital needs and will be taxpayer-minded.

The funding plan guarantees annual funding dedicated solely for capital needs. The plan will demonstrate the wherewithal to get stuff done and increase public

confidence in the two boards and enhance the positive perception of the school system both within the county and beyond.

Supervisors Chairman Joe Guthrie said a lot of work and thought had gone into the funding plan.

“We’ve wondered many times how we can adequately fund the capital needs of our schools,” Guthrie said. “One of the most important things we can do in the community is to have great schools and to make Pulaski County a place where people live because of our schools.”

He said the plan provides an identifiable amount that the county and school board can plan on over the next 10 years.

The funding plan’s approach, as outlined in the joint resolution, will continue the policy of allowing the school board to carry over any unused funds from its annual budget to be used only for capital improvement projects.

The resolution further adds funds generated by the cigarette tax to be assigned to school capital needs.

Finally, the resolution adds portions of future school debt retirement to capital needs as well.

Over the next 10 years, school debt will be retired from Snowville and Critzer renovation and refinancing (2020-21), Pulaski County High School renovation (2020-21), Pulaski Elementary (2022-23) and Riverlawn Elementary construction (2029-30) and Dublin Elementary expansion (2027-28).

The amount of the final year of debt service payments on these projects can be substantial – over \$400,000 next year for Snowville, Critzer and PCHS. Another \$558,000 two years later when Pulaski Elementary’s debt is retired. Over \$525,000 in 2029-30 when Riverlawn’s debt is retired, and another \$329,000 in 2027-28 when Dublin Elementary’s debt is retired.

All of those debt service amounts would go to school capital improvements – along with carryover funds and cigarette tax revenues.

The resolution also includes a line prohibiting the school board from seeking additional funding from the supervisors above what

## Pulaski County Public Schools Capital Improvement Plan Funding Model

(10-Year Conceptual Approach)

Fiscal Year	CIP Funding	*Carryover Funding	**HB 785 or SB 588	***Total Funding:
FY 20-21	\$0	\$450,000.00	\$ TBD	\$450,000.00
FY 21-22	\$420,000.00	\$450,000.00	\$ TBD	\$870,000.00
FY 22-23	\$420,000.00	\$450,000.00	\$ TBD	\$870,000.00
FY 23-24	\$970,000.00	\$450,000.00	\$ TBD	\$1,420,000.00
FY 24-25	\$970,000.00	\$450,000.00	\$ TBD	\$1,420,000.00
FY 25-26	\$970,000.00	\$450,000.00	\$ TBD	\$1,420,000.00
FY 26-27	\$970,000.00	\$450,000.00	\$ TBD	\$1,420,000.00
FY 27-28	\$970,000.00	\$450,000.00	\$ TBD	\$1,420,000.00
FY 28-29	\$1,295,000.00	\$450,000.00	\$ TBD	\$1,745,000.00
FY 29-30	\$1,295,000.00	\$450,000.00	\$ TBD	\$1,745,000.00
FY 30-31	\$1,800,000.00	\$450,000.00	\$ TBD	\$2,250,000.00
Total Funding:	\$10,080,000.00	*\$4,950,000.00	**\$ TBD	***\$15,030,000.00

(\*Carryover Funding is subject to extreme variations and not guaranteed. For intents and purposes, we have included the Carryover Funding in our Funding Model based on a five (5) year average as demonstrated in the table below.)

	FY-19	FY-18	FY-17	FY-16	FY-15	5-Yr. Avg.
*PCSB Carryover Funds	\$647,503.78	\$352,194.39	\$512,413.10	\$600,957.70	\$181,474.46	\$458,908.69

(\*\* New legislation has passed and has been signed into law, effective July 1, 2020, that will now allow Pulaski County the ability to collect a local excise tax on cigarette sales of up to \$.40 per pack. This revenue stream is contingent upon the Board of Supervisors authorizing the implementation of a new cigarette tax within the County and setting the rate of said tax.)

(\*\*\*Figure totals including Carryover Funding and New Cigarette Tax Revenues are subject to extreme variations and are in no way not guaranteed.)

(Note I: All amounts are subject to approval and annual appropriation by the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors.)

(Note II: The figures represented in this document are conceptual and are for the sole intent and purpose of providing guidance in developing a joint resolution of both Boards.)

is identified in the joint resolution.

According to a conceptual model of the funding plan, a total of \$15 million could possibly go towards school capital needs by 2030-31.

“We’ve talked about the age of the high school and what we may need to do to make sure we have a 21st century learning environment in that facility,” Sweet said. “By no means are we saying that we’re in a position to foresee how

we’re going to tackle that, but the moral of the story if in 2030-31, we’ll have at least \$2.25 million for school capital projects and effectively that could be converted into debt service. We’re servicing approximately \$48 million right now at \$3.2 million per year. The point is the school board will have some serious unencumbered funds to be able to solve future problems without having to raise taxes.”

Sweet said Pulaski County’s

first thought doesn’t have to be,

“well, let’s just raise taxes.” “With proper planning and partnering we can potentially avoid tax increases or at least avoid large tax increases,” he said. “That’s what makes this plan so exciting.”

Following the presentation, the board unanimously approved the funding plan resolution.

The school board will take up the matter at its July 14th meeting.

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# 'Pioneer Parade' helps Jackson Memorial 5th graders make transition to FCMS

On Monday, June 22 Jackson Memorial Elementary 5th grade students were treated to a 5th Grade Promotion parade.

Ordinarily, a Fifth Grade promotion program is held to recognize the student's transition from elementary school to the middle school, but due to COVID-19 the students were honored with a parade. The parade was organized by new Jackson Memorial Principal Marie Coen.

The Wythe County Sheriff's Department, Barren Springs Fire Department, Lead Mines Rescue Squad and Wythe County Public Schools were also in the line-up to escort and follow parent and teacher vehicles up Route 52 from Jackson Memorial to the middle school.

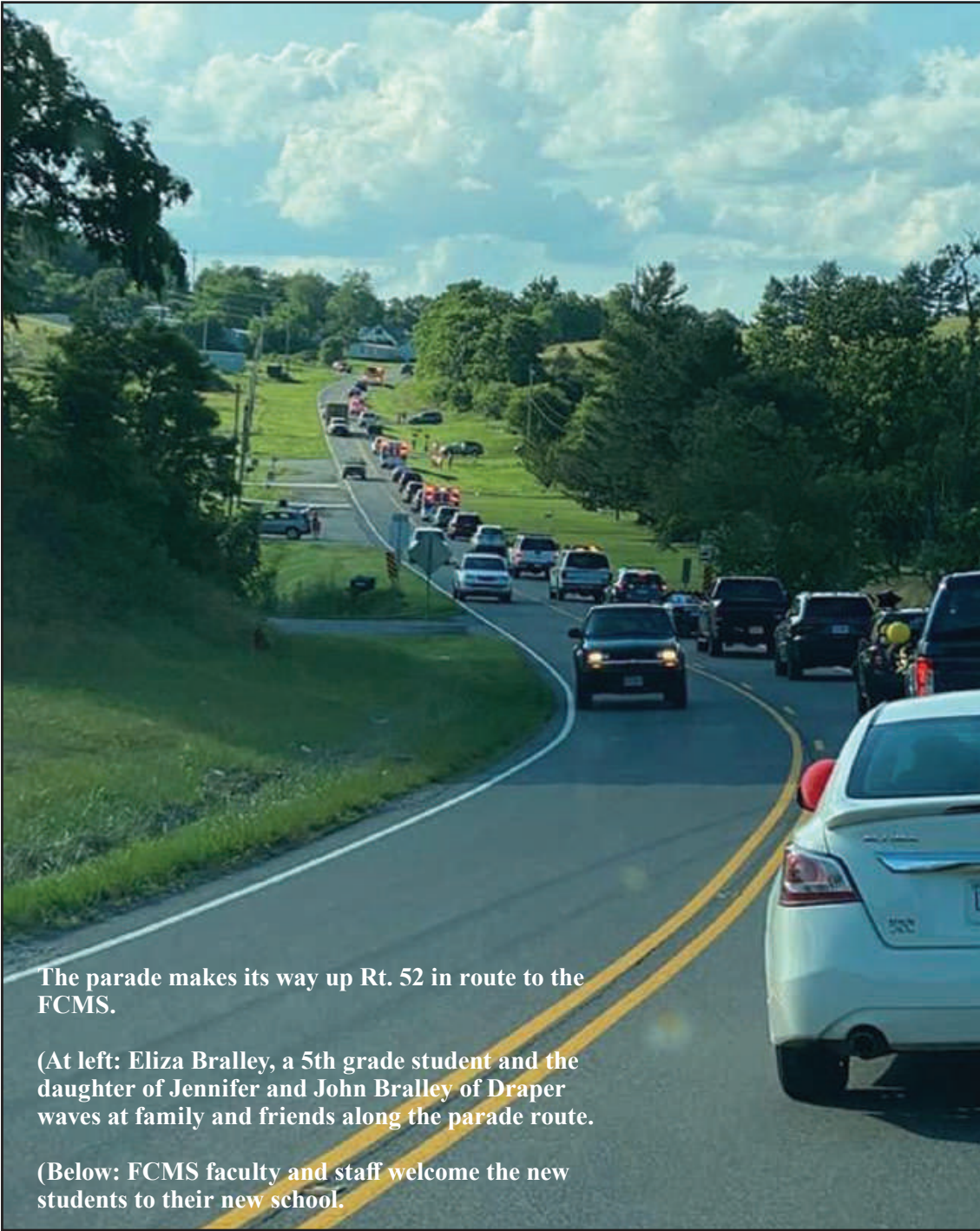
Community supporters and family members stood along the parade route holding up signs and offering words of encouragement to everyone.

Before the parade the fifth grade students were given a promotional parade bag that consisted of one personal pan pizza, chips, cookies, assorted candy and a drink – along with school supplies, promotion certificates, and balloons to hang out of the car during the parade. Plus they received an extra bag of goodies to share with everyone else in the car. Everyone was encouraged to decorate their vehicle and get in on the fun.

Upon arrival at the middle school, students were welcomed by the faculty and staff at Fort Chiswell Middle and given a gift.



Photos courtesy Jennifer Bralley



The parade makes its way up Rt. 52 in route to the FCMS.

(At left: Eliza Bralley, a 5th grade student and the daughter of Jennifer and John Bralley of Draper waves at family and friends along the parade route.

(Below: FCMS faculty and staff welcome the new students to their new school.



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by Linda Thistle

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The American Legion, Harvey-Howe-Carper Post 30 will meet on Thursday, July 2, 7pm at the VFW Post Home on 102 Watts St. in Radford. For further information, please call 250-2283 or 239-9864.

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# Eviction ban lifted in Va.

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — A moratorium on evictions in response to the coronavirus pandemic has been lifted by the Supreme Court of Virginia, paving the way for eviction proceedings to resume next week.

The ban was originally put in place in March and was extended earlier this month. It is set to expire Sunday.

An order issued by the state's high court Monday said courts may resume hearing eviction cases on June 29.

Tenant advocates said thousands of families that are struggling financially because of COVID-19 could be affected.

"When you look at the unemployment numbers, those are astronomical, so I imagine that a lot of landlords may not have filed because courts were closed to evictions, and now they may step forward to do so," said Elaine Poon, an attorney with Legal Aid Justice Center.



Radford University photo

## Food City Opens In Radford

Brooks Dawson, manager of the new Food City store in Radford cuts a ribbon Wednesday to officially open the new supermarket. Assisting Dawson is Radford Mayor David Horton. Next to him is Food City CEO Steven C. Smith. The new store - store #858 - is located at 1701 Tyler Avenue in Radford. Store hours are 6 a.m. to midnight.



Town of Pulaski Photo

## Councilmen, Mayor Sworn In

Pulaski's new mayor, Shannon Collins and three councilmembers (Greg East, Jamie Radcliffe and Michael Reis) were sworn in for their new terms last Saturday. Collins will be serving his first term as mayor. East and Radcliffe were re-elected to new terms during last May's municipal elections. Reis is beginning his first term on council. The terms of all four will begin officially on July 1. Pictured from left: Greg East, Shannon Collins, Jamie Radcliffe and Michael Reis.

## Clemson awards degrees for spring 2020

CLEMSON, SC - Makayla D. Hudson of Dublin graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Genetics. Hudson was among more than 4,007 students who received degrees awarded in May.

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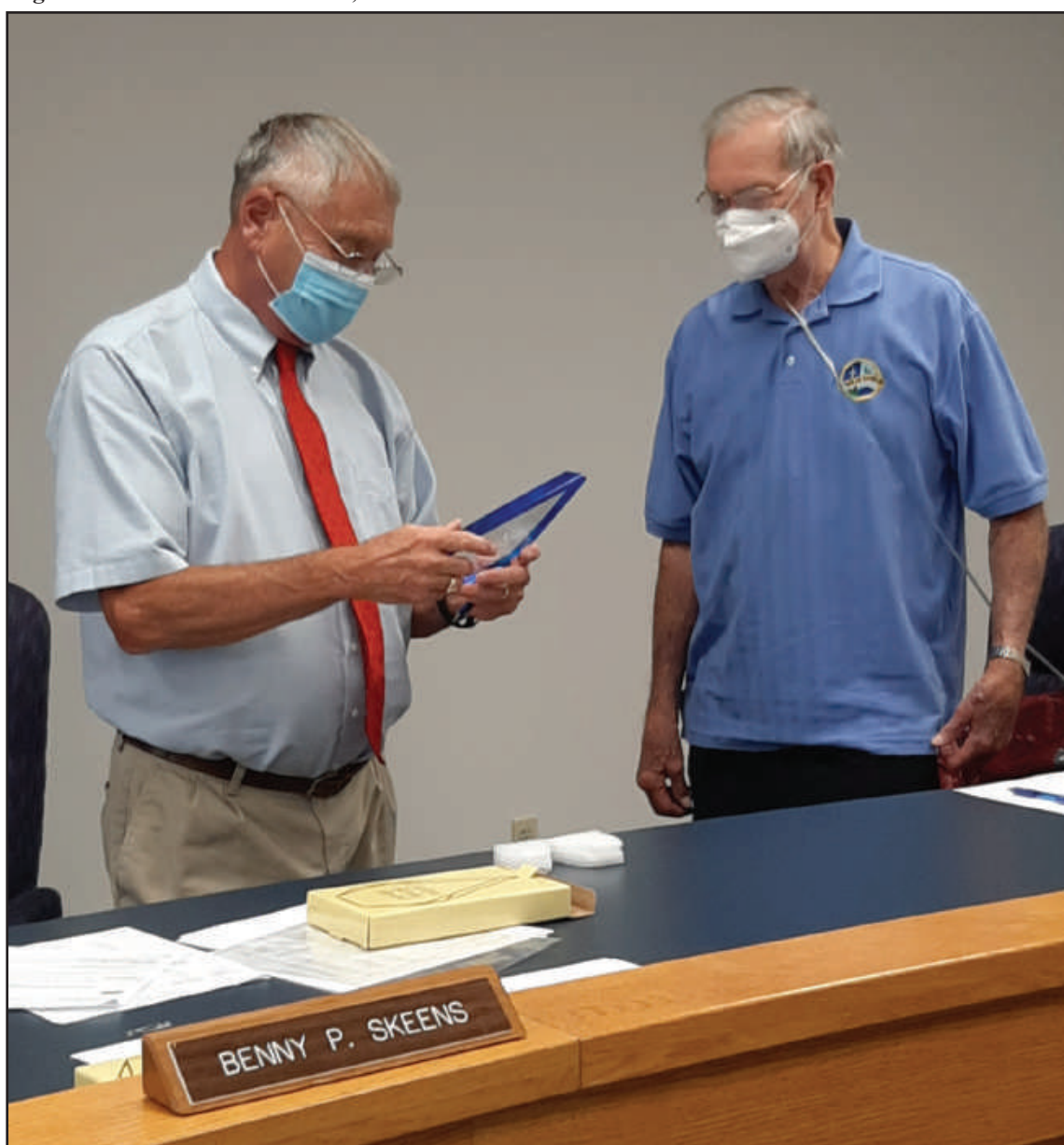
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**Coming to Serve Dublin in 2020**





**Town of Dublin photo**  
At last Thursday's Dublin Town Council meeting, Doug Irvin, Sr. was honored and presented a plaque thanking him for his 20 years of service on the Council. Irvin has served as council member, Vice-Mayor, on the town's Recreation, Streets and Lights Committee, Water Committee and Finance Committee. He also served as a representative for the Town of Dublin on Virginia's First Regional Industrial Facilities Authority. Presenting the plaque is Town of Dublin Mayor Benny Skeens.

## Irvin

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boys were in it. Then they drafted me again when our younger son John became of age. The Cub Scouts had a lot of interest in it and they won a lot of awards. It helped them to gain confidence. We tried to emphasize good values that were important, and they all seemed to carry on with it. One former Cub Scout is now a commercial airline pilot."

Additionally, Irvin has coached Little League Baseball, taught Sunday School from kindergarten through adult classes, served as a Deacon and Treasurer for the Dublin Baptist Church and been a charter member of the Dublin Jaycees which is known for their fundraising and donations to local projects.

In his spare time, he volunteered with the Dublin Fire Department for close to 40 years and served as their Treasurer for 15 years. His two older sons also volunteered and both of them are still serving in their communities.

Lucy remembers a particular Christmas dinner that was interrupted when the fire alarms went off.

"There were boys going in all directions because one son was on the rescue squad, while Doug and our other son were on the fire department squad. You just learn to accept it," she said.

The family is an integral part

when members are actively volunteering. "People don't realize that it isn't just going to the fires. There are hours and hours of training; learning how to be safe; and how to handle different types of fires," she recalls.

When asked why it is important to serve your community, Irvin responded, "I've enjoyed it — it's been a fun thing. Everybody needs to serve. It is fulfilling, makes you feel like you are accomplishing something, you get to know people and gain the trust of the people. You learn to trust and be trusted. I liked to work with people in the community and get their opinions and satisfy their needs."

At a Dublin Town Council meeting last Thursday, Irvin was honored and received a plaque that thanked him for 20 years of service to the town as a council member.

According to Deanna Marshall, Clerk of Council, Irvin has served as Vice-Mayor, on the town's Recreation, Street and Lights Committee, the Water Committee and the Finance Committee. He has served as a representative for the town on Virginia's First Regional Industrial Facilities Authority as well.

Irvin says the Dublin Fire Department gave him his helmet and a beautiful plaque with a firefighter shield, hose and ladder

which is mounted in their family room.

"I still attend the board meetings of the fire department — Christmas dinner and summer picnic — and told them I'd stay a retired member as long as they feed me," jokes Irvin.

After an injury caused by a fall, Irvin retired from the town council, but his service to the Dublin community will not be forgotten.

"Irvin has done it right, like a lot of our council members, and made decisions to do what's best for the town of Dublin," says Kirkner.

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# Inmates got stimulus checks, IRS wants 'em back

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Hundreds of thousands of dollars in coronavirus relief payments have been sent to people behind bars across the United States, and now the IRS is asking state officials to help claw back the cash that the federal tax agency says was mistakenly sent.

The legislation authorizing the payments during the pandemic doesn't specifically exclude jail or prison inmates, and the IRS has refused to say exactly what legal authority it has to retrieve the money. On its website, it points to the unrelated Social Security Act, which bars incarcerated people from receiving some types of old-age and survivor insurance benefit payments.

"I can't give you the legal basis. All I can tell you is this is the language the Treasury and ourselves have been using," IRS spokesman Eric Smith said. "It's just the same list as in the Social Security Act."

Tax attorney Kelly Erb, who's written about the issue on her website, says there's no legal basis for asking for the checks back.

"I think it's really disingenuous of the IRS," Erb said Tuesday. "It's not a rule just because the IRS puts it on the website. In fact, the IRS actually says that stuff on its website isn't legal authority. So there's

no actual rule — it's just guidance — and that guidance can change at any time."

After Congress passed the \$2.2 trillion coronavirus rescue package in March, checks of up to \$1,200 were automatically sent in most cases to people who filed income tax returns for 2018 or 2019, including some who are incarcerated. A couple of weeks later, the IRS directed state correction departments to intercept payments to prisoners and return them.

The IRS doesn't yet have numbers on how many payments went to prisoners, Smith said. But initial data from some states suggest the numbers are huge: The Kansas Department of Correction alone intercepted more than \$200,000 in checks by early June. Idaho and Montana combined had seized over \$90,000.

Washington state, meanwhile, had only intercepted about \$23,000 by early June. Some states, like Nevada, have refused to release the numbers, citing an IRS request for confidentiality.

While the IRS says checks sent to jail inmates also should be returned, the sheer number of jails and detention centers across the U.S. makes it difficult to tell if many are following those instructions.

## Dublin July 4th schedule

Dublin Town Offices will be closed Friday, July 3rd. This will not effect foot route garbage pick-up. Dumpster pickup for July 3rd will be picked up on July 2nd.

## PSA July 4th schedule

The PSA and all three drop-sites will be closed on Friday, July 3 for the July 4th holiday. There will be no garbage collection on Friday.

Thursday and Friday's garbage will be collected on Thursday July 2. The drop-sites will be closed on Saturday July 4th.

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# Rope in garage not a noose

By JENNA FRYER  
AP Auto Racing Writer

NASCAR went to Talladega Superspeedway on heightened alert after Bubba Wallace, its only Black driver, took on an active role in a push for racial equality.

Wallace had successfully called for the ban of the Confederate flag and received threats. Fans paraded past the main entrance of the Alabama track displaying the flag, and a plane circled above the speedway pulling a Confederate flag banner that read "Defund NASCAR."

So NASCAR moved quickly when one of Wallace's crew members discovered a rope that resembled a noose in their garage stall. The sanctioning body called in federal authorities, who ruled Tuesday it had been hanging there since at least last October and was not a hate crime.

U.S. Attorney Jay Town and FBI Special Agent in Charge Johnnie Sharp Jr. said the investigation determined "nobody could have known Mr. Wallace would be assigned" to that same stall. NASCAR said it was the lone garage stall with a pull down rope that resembled a noose.

NASCAR has defended its reaction and insisted it would call the FBI again. A defiant Wallace said there is no confusion and the rope had been fashioned into a noose.

"I wanted to make sure this wasn't just a knot," Wallace said on CNN. "It was a noose. Whether it was tied in 2019 ... it is a noose."

Wallace never saw the rope. He said NASCAR President Steve Phelps came to see him Sunday night at the track with "tears running down his face."



NASCAR Hall of Famer Richard "The King" Petty (R) stands with Bubba Wallace, driver of the #43 Victory Junction Chevrolet, during pre-race ceremonies prior to the NASCAR Cup Series GEICO 500 at Talladega Superspeedway on June 22, 2020 in Talladega, Alabama.

"The evidence he brought to me was that a hate crime has been committed, quote-on-quote," said Wallace, who instantly began to fear for the safety of his family.

Even after the conclusion it was not a hate crime, Wallace remained angry at what he perceives as constant tests of his character. He holds no ill-will toward NASCAR.

"I stand behind Steve and I stand behind NASCAR," he said. "NASCAR was worried about Talladega. We had that one circled on the radar with everything going on."

NASCAR opened the Talladega gates to 5,000 fans, its highest

number so far during the coronavirus pandemic.

Since finding his voice over the last month, the 26-year-old Mobile, Alabama native has embraced an international role in NASCAR's attempt to push past its rocky racial history. Wallace has worn an "I Can't Breathe" shirt, raced with a Black Lives Matter paint scheme in Virginia and successfully lobbied for the Confederate flag ban.

NASCAR has assigned security to Wallace at the track and has been protective of the driver. The first word of the incident came in a sharply worded statement in which

NASCAR said it was "angry and outraged" over the "heinous act" that the series directly linked to racism.

The FBI sent 15 agents to Talladega for Monday's rescheduled race at the same time the industry rallied around Wallace. In an unprecedented show of solidarity, every team member on pit road lined up behind him during the national anthem.

Phelps has taken exactly nine questions about the finding in Wallace's garage and none provided

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# Baseball: So, where were we?

By BEN WALKER  
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — So, where were we?

Mid-March, a spring training exhibition between the St. Louis Cardinals and Miami Marlins at Roger Dean Stadium in Jupiter, Florida. Even before the final out, both sides had gotten the official word: Major League Baseball was shutting down immediately because of the coronavirus pandemic.

"It felt like the most meaningless baseball game in the history of the sport," Cardinals infielder Matt Carpenter said.

So now, they'll try again.

A skewed, 60-game schedule, rather than the full schedule of 162, with opening day on July 23 or 24. A shortened, contorted season ordered by Commissioner Rob Manfred on Tuesday night after billionaire owners and multimillion-dollar players couldn't come to a new economic agreement against the backdrop of the virus outbreak.

"What happens when we all get it?" Milwaukee pitcher Brett Anderson tweeted this week.

From the start, a sprint to the finish. Got to come out strong. Remember last year: The Washington Nationals began 27-33 and wound up hoisting the World Series trophy.

Perhaps it's the perfect setup for outsiders like the Padres or Mariners to sneak into the championship chase.

Let's not forget those Houston Astros, either. They were the biggest story in baseball when we last saw them, with fans taunting José Altuve, Alex Bregman and their accomplices following the trash can-banging, sign-stealing scandal that made national headlines over the winter.

Some things, chances are, won't change when the games resume.

No minor leagues this year, tough luck there. The majors, meanwhile, give new meaning to short-season ball.

A look at what's on deck: **ODDBALLS**

An automatic runner on second base to begin all extra innings. Designated hitters in NL games. Pitchers with their own personal rosin bags.

This season will look like no other in baseball history, the price for trying to play amid a pandemic.

"So long National League. It was fun while it lasted," Cardinals pitcher Adam Wainwright tweeted.

The extra-inning rule, that's bound to bring new strategy, an innovative twist to dissect and an innovative twist on the old game. It'll be — aw, heck, who

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# ACC's Swofford announces retirement plans

Greensboro, N.C. (theACC.com) — John Swofford, the longest-tenured commissioner in the 67-year history of the Atlantic Coast Conference, announced today that the 2020-21 athletic year will be the last of his 24 years of service. Swofford will continue in the Commissioner's chair until his successor is installed and will assist with the transition as needed.

As the fourth commissioner of the ACC, Swofford guided the league to unprecedented stability, success and growth, expanding from nine to 15 members beginning with Miami and Virginia Tech in 2004, quickly followed by

Boston College and later joined by Pitt, Syracuse, Notre Dame and Louisville.

Today's ACC spans the entire eastern seaboard, giving it the largest geographical footprint and population among all Autonomy 5 conferences. Expansion allowed the league to secure its future through the grant of media rights, creation of the ACC Football Championship Game, an invaluable partnership with the Orange Bowl, and joining with ESPN in August 2019 to establish the ACC Network, which provides fans exceptional access to live events via a comprehensive, multi-platform

network.

"It has been a privilege to be a part of the ACC for over five decades and my respect and appreciation for those associated with the league throughout its history is immeasurable," said Swofford. "Having been an ACC student-athlete, athletics director and commissioner has been an absolute honor. There are immediate challenges that face not only college athletics, but our entire country, and I will continue to do my very best to help guide the conference in these unprecedented times through the remainder of my tenure. Nora and I have been planning for this

to be my last year for some time and I look forward to enjoying the remarkable friendships and memories I've been blessed with long after I leave this chair."

Swofford's impact has been felt far beyond the ACC footprint. He played a key role in the evolution of the College Football Playoff, as well as being a leading advocate for NCAA legislation that allows Autonomy 5 conferences to better address the needs of their institutions, athletic programs and student-athletes. He was instrumental in starting the ACC/Big Ten Challenge, now an early-season staple for both men's and women's college basketball, and oversaw the development of the ACC Football Championship Game. During his tenure, he hired the league's first full-time women's basketball administrator, started the ACC Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and implemented the annual ACC Mental Health and Wellness Summit.

Over the last 23 years, the ACC has been at the forefront of college athletics, winning 92 national team titles in 19 of the league's 27 sponsored sports. Beyond athletics, the league continues to set the standard academically by leading all confer-

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# Falling In The Water

With all the recent rains as we have right now, I have not had much in the way of relating a fishing experience. It has been a struggle to keep our yards mowed and the garden from being overrun by weeds. I saw a couple of guys in front of me at a convenience store this morning and one had on hip waders and I wanted to ask him where he had been fishing or where he was going. I held back as I had been asked to stay back from a customer behind a red-painted line a few weeks ago in the same store. Dick, my fishing buddy called during his morning walk and he brought up wanting to go to Big Tumbling that is north of Saltville. I wrote of taking a tumble there about a year ago in a column and I had chest waders on at the time and was swept over one of the miniature falls there. The water no doubt has really been tumbling there from all the heavy rains lately. I thought of this guy in the store that might be wading and if he could not see the bottom as most streams are running murky or muddy. If a person can't see the bottom, you can easily just step in over his head. Also, it is advisable to have felt coverings on the bottom of his boots as you are just asking for trouble when you try to wade in streams with slick-covered rocks.



## Woods, Water & Wildlife

W.A. "Doc" Davis

I am going to tell of a few falls in streams that I'm sure most people that they can relate to. If you fish or get around creeks or rivers you are going to end up slipping or falling in in your endeavors to get a good catch of fish. In my younger days on Little Walker Creek, my buddies and I often had some close calls in that we spent a lot of times on the Creek about the whole year. We swam and fished it during the warm months and waded it in the winter to check traps we had out for muskrats and minks etc., or played on the top when it was frozen. When wading it when the temperature was in say the twenties (Fahrenheit), we did so by taking off our boots and rolling up our pants crossing to the other side. Your feet are completely numb when reaching the other side, but when you put your boots back on your feet experience a tingling and

warming sensation that is out of this world.

In the sixth grade our teacher would after lunch recess read us a few books completely through in a year and one was The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn and one episode was of his friend Jim as they traveled down the mighty Mississippi on a raft. I got the idea to build a raft from some large dead willow trees between my house and next-door neighbors, Pete and Jim. We rigged up a cable to pull us across in the winter time and poled it up and down a long stretch of water in the summer. We often got into overhanging limbs and were knocked off. This was a great enjoyment until Jim decided during the time of high-water during times much like we are having right now to ride the raft a couple of miles down to the brother of an older brother that was sparking their older sister.

Jim got us into trouble once after getting a small hatchet for Christmas when he and I were playing on some ice that had not frozen over all across the CREEK. He starting hacking the ice at the edges near the bank and said, "We can make a raft of ice and float it just like a raft." I helped by using a pole and my hunting knife to make a round raft of approximately twelve feet

in diameter. We took a couple of poles and starting to push out into the water. The ice held when anchored to the bank that was 2 to 3 inches but was not thick enough to hold us floating and started to break up. The water was not too deep as the water was the around tops of our boots and we got out relatively easy. Another time, we were with Jim's older brother and my brother, Al on a piece of ice in pretty deep water that started to break up and we all got off except my brother who could not swim and Pete had to go in as the ice was sinking around him.

This reminds me of an old familiar gospel song, "Throw out the Life Line." It was written by a Baptist minister, Edward Ufford of Boston after seeing men practicing throwing out lifelines. The song was later purchased by Ira Sankey. He sang it many times over the years for the evangelist Dwight L Moody, for whom he was the song leader. The first two lines read, "Throw out the lifeline across the dark wave; There is a brother whom someone should save." Someone may be out there on the highway of sin and sinking and without God in his or her life. We need to help and get them saved or (Born Again) as the late Chuck Coulson related in his book. Until next time

## Swofford

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ences in nearly every comparison.

Kent Syverud, Chancellor of Syracuse University and the Chair of the ACC Board of Directors, praised Commissioner Swofford's character and service.

"John Swofford, in his historic tenure, has come to embody the very best of the ACC," Syverud said. "The Conference has been dramatically enhanced in every way during the last quarter century, especially in its balance of academics and athletics. All 15 Presidents of the Conference, like their universities, are deeply grateful to John for his transformative leadership."

A native of North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, where he was a three-sport most valuable player and all-state quarterback, Swofford attended the University of North Carolina on a Morehead Scholarship as part of head coach Bill Dooley's first football recruiting class. In addition to earning a spot on the ACC Academic Honor Roll as a student-athlete, he started at quarterback as a sophomore and part of his junior year, and then finished his career as a defensive back for UNC's 1971 ACC Championship team. He played in the Peach Bowl as a junior and the Gator Bowl as a senior.

Swofford received his Master's in Athletics Administration from Ohio University. His first job in college athletics came at the University of Virginia — where he worked under future ACC Commissioner Gene Corrigan — before returning to North Carolina.

In 1980, at the age of 31, Swofford was named the athletics director at his alma mater. He held that post for 17 years. As athletics director, Swofford's teams won more ACC and NCAA championships than any other athletic director in ACC history, a record that still stands. In 1994, Carolina won the Sears Director's Cup, awarded to the top overall athletics program in the nation, the only ACC program to ever win that award.

At the time he became athletics director, North Carolina had not won a national championship in any sport since 1957. The Tar Heels won at least one national title every year of Swofford's tenure. During his time in Chapel Hill, Carolina's women's sports programs soared to unprecedented heights, winning 65 ACC and 17 NCAA Championships. Swofford also hired six head coaches that went on to win national championships. In 1981, he hired the first Black head coach in the ACC.

Swofford is a member of five Halls of Fame — the NACDA Hall of Fame, the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame, the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame, the Chick-fil-A Bowl Hall of Fame, and the Wilkes County Hall of Fame. He has been awarded the Corbett Award, which is the highest administrative honor given nationally to a collegiate athletics administrator. Swofford has received the Homer Rice Award from the Division 1A Athletic Directors' Association and is a recipient of the Ohio University Distinguished Alumnus Award. In 2011, he also received one of Greensboro's Father of the Year Awards.

Swofford and his wife, Nora,

## Baseball

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are we kidding? It will be major league baseball meets Central Park softball.

Just hoping that experiment doesn't stick around in '21.

### MARKING THE MOMENT

To date, Bruce Maxwell is the only major leaguer to take a knee during the playing of "The Star-Spangled Banner" before a game. The backup Oakland catcher did that at the Coliseum in September 2017, following the lead of NFL quarterback Colin Kaepernick.

Maxwell saw limited time with the A's in 2018, played in Mexico last year and doesn't have a job with a big league team this year.

Major leaguers have not, in general, been the first set of players in pro sports to speak out on issues of social injustice.

We'll see what stances they take on and off the field when games return.

### FLY IT HIGH!

OK, say Francisco Lindor helps Cleveland win a most elusive World Series title. Or Christian Yelich leads the Brewers to their first flag.

Fans will certainly argue: Is it a legitimate crown or more like a prize won during some European soccer tournament?

Kay Kenealy, a 59-year-old from Waukesha, Wisconsin, who has a 20-game ticket package to Brewers games, took a meaty swing at the debate.

"The season's the season. It's kind of like with the Bucks in the running for an NBA championship. A championship's a championship," she said. "If the season's a month long, you play for that month."

"Whether it be the Brewers or the A's or someone like that that wins the World Series, I don't think that requires an asterisk. I think everybody for the next 100 years is going to know that this was a pandemic year."

### THE BIG FOUR-OH-OH

The huge stat question: Could someone hit .400 in this shortened season?

NL MVP Cody Bellinger got off to a scorching start last year, batting .376 after the Dodgers' 60th game. He finished at .305.

Chipper Jones was the most recent to top .400 through 60 — he was at .409 in 2008. Larry Walker (.417) and Tony Gwynn (.403) both started fast in 1997, the Elias Sports Bureau said.

Fewer games, a lot of walks, a couple of infield knocks, yep, it's possible. But there's a reason Ted Williams remains the last player to hit the hallowed mark in a full season, batting .406 in 1941 (always splendid, he was at .407 after 60).

Also a fact: No one would treat the achievement this year on a par with Ted.

### A CAN OF CORN

Shucks! Might not be a game in the "Field of Dreams" cornfield this summer. MLB did a great job building a diamond next to the movie site near Dyersville, Iowa, to host the Yankees and White Sox on Aug. 13, but fans can't come.

Also scrapped: Matchups in London, Mexico City and Puerto Rico. No official word yet on the All-Star Game, which was set for July 14 at Dodger Stadium.

### OUCH

All-Star aces Chris Sale, Luis Severino and Noah Syndergaard are out while rehabbing from Tommy John surgery.

But these extra months might've given Aaron Judge, Justin Verlander, Cole Hamels and more time to fully recover. Who knows, maybe even Yoenis Céspedes has healed up.

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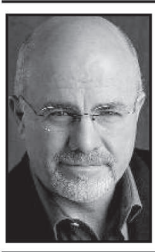
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**Kellen**

**Dear Kellen,**  
Kids should learn at an early age that money is connected to work. Even a child who's in kindergarten is old enough to begin doing some age-appropriate chores around the house.

I admire your drive and determination to get out of debt, but if it were me, I wouldn't stop the process. I would, however, stop calling it an allowance. There's a victim mentality attached to that word. He's doing work, and reaping the rewards.

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Don't let these teachable moments slip away, Kellen!

**—Dave**

**Dear Dave,**  
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**Bryce**

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1 – Witness P-5 .40 caliber )  
(SN #EA56921-11400) )  
1 – Smith & Wesson Model 5906 )  
(SN #TFB1175) )  
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(SN #SM25810) )  
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AND )  
SANDRO BERMUDA GASTRON )  
A.K.A. Jorge Humberto Martinez-Estrada )  
AND )  
OMAR ROMERO )

### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

On December 20, 2019, the Commonwealth of Virginia, acting through the Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney of Pulaski County filed an Information seeking the forfeiture of the above referenced property. Service of such Information was completed upon one of the Respondents; however, the Commonwealth has filed an affidavit, stating under oath, that Respondent:

**Omar Romero**

cannot be found and that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of the respondent to be served. The last known mailing address of Respondent Romero is:

**1723 Stradford Street  
Galax, Virginia 24333**

Upon consideration, this Order of Publication is GRANTED, and it is hereby ORDERED that the above-named Respondent shall appear in the Circuit Court of Pulaski County on or before **July 20, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.**, after proper publication of this Order, to protect his or her interest in this cause.

ENTERED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

TESTE: MAETTA H. CREWE

By *Kim Dalton*  
Deputy Clerk

Prepared by:

*C. Ryan Hupp*  
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## Noose

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any details of the incident. Because of health protocol restrictions, a limited number of personnel have access to the garage. Only a handful of Wallace's crew members and NASCAR saw the rope.

Roughly 48 hours after the discovery, federal authorities said video confirmed the rope "was in that garage as early as October 2019" hanging from a garage door. The rope was referred to as a noose, but can be used as a handle when closing the door.

Phelps continued to call it a noose after authorities said no charges would be filed, and held firm in that NASCAR is investigating why the rope was tied that way. He was pleased it wasn't a hate crime directed at Wallace, but insisted NASCAR would have conducted its investigation the same way even now knowing it was just a coincidence.

"We would have done the same investigation. It was important for us to do," he said.

"The evidence was very clear that the noose that was in the garage was in there previously. The last race we had in October, that noose was present. The evidence we had, it was clear we needed to look into this."

He took no questions on the FBI's findings.

Meanwhile, Wood Brothers Racing team said it cooperated with the investigation and an employee recalled "seeing a tied handle in the garage pull down rope from last fall," when the team had the stall.

NASCAR saying it had found a noose stunned the stock car series as it takes an active position in a push for inclusion. The series first tried to ban the Confederate flag five years ago but did nothing to enforce the order.

NASCAR has yet to detail how it will answer Wallace's call to stop the display of the flag.

## Dave

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there yourself, Bryce. If your employer matches workplace contributions, that's great. Things will be even better!

—Dave

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

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# NASCAR readies for doubleheader at Pocono

From NASCAR

While the condensed schedule following the COVID-19 pandemic has ushered in back-to back races at the same track over a course of several days, this weekend at Pocono Raceway will mark the first time in the NASCAR Cup Series’ Modern Era (1972-Present) the series will run a pair of races at one track in consecutive days. First up will be the Pocono Organics 325 in partnership with Rodale Institute this Saturday at 3:30 p.m. ET on FOX, MRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio, followed by Sunday’s Pocono 350 at 4 p.m. ET on FS1, MRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio.

The last time the NASCAR Cup Series raced on back-to-back days was on August 27-28, 1971, but the events took place at two different tracks – the first of the two races was at Columbia Speedway in Columbia, South Carolina, on Aug. 27 and the event was won by NASCAR Hall of Famer Richard Petty. The second race was at Hickory Speedway in Hickory, North Carolina, and won by Tiny Lund.

On June 25, the starting lineups for the Pocono Organics 325 in partnership with Rodale Institute (Saturday’s race) will be randomly drawn and announced on FOX Sports 1’s Race Hub from 6-7 p.m. ET. The Pocono Organics 325 will be 130 laps (325 miles) and the first stage will be 25 laps, the second stage will be 52 laps and the final stage will be 53 laps. Kyle Busch won this race last season becoming the eighth different driver to post consecutive wins at the track (July 2018-June 2019); joining Bobby Allison (1982 sweep and June 1983), Bill Elliott (1985 sweep), Tim Richmond (1986 sweep and June 1987), Bobby Labonte (1999 sweep), Jimmie Johnson (2004 sweep), Denny Hamlin (2006 sweep and 2009-2010) and Dale Earnhardt Jr. (2014 sweep).

Then following post-race inspection of the first Cup race at Pocono, the starting lineups for the Pocono 350 (Sunday’s race) will be released. The lineup will be set by inverting the top 20 finishers in the first race and the drivers that finished 21st-40th will start in the position they finished the first event. The Pocono 350 will be 140 laps (350 miles), the first stage will end on lap 30, the second will end on lap 85 and the final stage will end on lap 140. Denny Hamlin won the second (July) Pocono race last season, his fifth series career Pocono victory.

### NASCAR & the Tricky Triangle

Opened in 1968 as a three-quarter-mile track, Pocono Raceway held the first race on the 2.5-mile track in 1971. The first NASCAR Cup Series race at Pocono Raceway was on August 4, 1974, and the event was won by NASCAR Hall of Famer Richard Petty (Dodge, 115.593 mph). In total, Pocono Raceway has hosted 84 NASCAR Cup Series races producing 46 different pole winners and 36 different race winners. NASCAR Hall of Famer Bill Elliott and Ken Schrader are tied for the series-most poles at Pocono with five each. NASCAR Hall of Famer Jeff Gordon leads the series in wins at the 2.5-mile raceway with six victories.

Of the 36 previous series Pocono winners, 11 are entered this weekend, led by Joe Gibbs Racing’s Denny Hamlin with five victories; including winning the series’ most recent visit to Pocono last July. If Hamlin wins this weekend he can tie or surpass NASCAR Hall of Famer Jeff Gordon for the series-most wins at Pocono Raceway with six trophies. Hendrick Motorsports leads the series in wins at Pocono Raceway with 17 victories - Jeff Gordon (six), Tim Richmond (three), Jimmie Johnson (three), Dale Earnhardt Jr. (two), Kasey Kahne (one), Geoff Bodine (one) and Terry Labonte (one). Joe Gibbs Racing has the second-most series Pocono wins with 14 – Denny Hamlin (five), Kyle Busch (three), Bobby Labonte (three), Matt Kenseth (one), Joey Logano (one) and Tony Stewart (one).



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**Kyle Busch, driver of the #18 Interstate Batteries Toyota, Cole Custer, driver of the #41 Autodesk/HaasTooling.com Ford, and Bubba Wallace, driver of the #43 Victory Junction Chevrolet, lead a pack of cars during the NASCAR Cup Series GEICO 500 at Talladega Superspeedway on June 22, 2020 in Talladega, Alabama.**

### Team Penske are winners top to bottom

And just like that, Team Penske wins their fifth race of the season to retake the series lead in victories for 2020 following Ryan Blaney’s valiant effort to hold off several hard charging competitors to win in another photo finish at Talladega Superspeedway. It was Blaney’s fourth career victory and second consecutive at Talladega. He is now the eighth different driver to win consecutive races at Talladega in the NASCAR Cup Series joining Pete Hamilton (1970 sweep), Buddy Baker (1975 sweep, 1976), Darrell Waltrip (1982 sweep), Dale Earnhardt (1990, 1993-94, 1999 sweep), Sterling Marlin (1995-96), Dale Earnhardt Jr. (2001-2003) and Jeff Gordon (2007 sweep).

“The whole year really, but the past month and a half has been really good for us,” said Blaney following his win in Talladega. “We’ve had some really good runs. We’ve had really fast cars,

had a chance to win I feel like every race the last month and a half.”

With all three of Team Penske’s drivers having wins this season, they now have guaranteed spots in the Playoffs – Joey Logano (two wins: Las Vegas, Phoenix), Brad Keselowski (two wins: Bristol, Charlotte) and Ryan Blaney (Talladega) - making this doubleheader weekend at Pocono a great opportunity to pad their stats as all three have previously won at the 2.5-mile raceway.

Heading into this weekend, Joey Logano is second in the driver standings, 23 points behind Kevin Harvick in the standings lead. Logano has made 22 series starts at Pocono posting one win (2012), four top fives and eight top 10s. In the two Pocono races last season he finished seventh in June and 13th in July.

With his win last week Ryan Blaney hopped two spots in the driver standings to third; just two points behind his teammate Logano in second and 25 back

from the series standings lead. Blaney has made eight series starts at Pocono putting up four top 10s and grabbing his first series career win back in 2017. In the two Pocono races last season he finished 12th in June and 10th in July.

Brad Keselowski is fifth in the driver standings following Talladega, 49 points behind Kevin Harvick in the standings lead. Keselowski has made 20 starts at Pocono posting one win (2011), 10 top fives and 12 top 10s. In the two Pocono races last season he finished runner-up in June and eighth in July.

### Hot Streak: Joe Gibbs Racing has won the last three consecutive Pocono Cup races

In five of the last nine NASCAR Cup Series races at Pocono Raceway one team has been unstoppable – Joe Gibbs Racing. Starting with Matt Kenseth’s

win on Aug. 2, 2015, Joe Gibbs Racing has won five of the last nine NASCAR Cup Series races at Pocono Raceway including the last three consecutive - Kyle Busch’s win in July of 2017 and his back-to-back victories in July 2018 and June 2019 and Denny Hamlin’s victory last July.

Now as the series returns for a special doubleheader weekend at Pocono Raceway, two JGR drivers (Kyle Busch & Erik Jones) are still looking for their first wins of 2020. Busch, the defending winner of last season’s June Pocono race, is currently ninth in points, the highest ranked driver in the standings without a win this year. But Pocono has been particularly good to Busch as of late, in his last seven series starts at the track he has put up three wins and seven consecutive top 10s.

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Amber Waves

OK, OWEN THIS IS THE DAY I LAND MY TROPHY FISH.

OH MY GOSH, CHECK IT OUT! I HOOKED A MONSTER!

HE'S A FIGHTER! I'M GONNA GET THIS ONE STUFFED!

WOW, THIS IS BETTER THAN WATCHING STAND UP.

by Dave T. Phipps

Out on a Limb

TIDY WHITEYS

SKETCHY STRETCHIES

by Gary Kopervas

R.F.D.

THEY EAT GRASS AND GRAINS...

SO, TECHNICALLY, AREN'T ALL BURGERS PLANT-BASED?

by Mike Marland

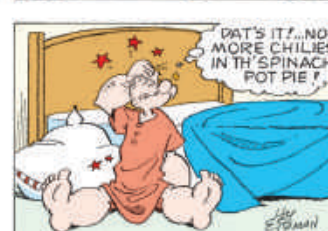
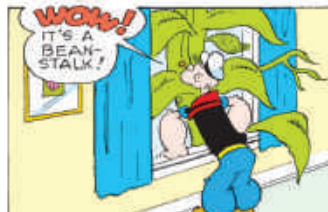
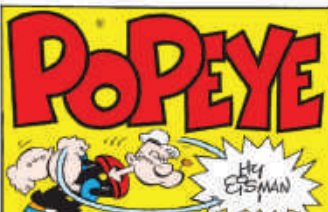
The Spats

JEFFY, WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP??

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GEEZ... I'D OF SETTLED FOR A FIREMAN.

by Jeff Pickering

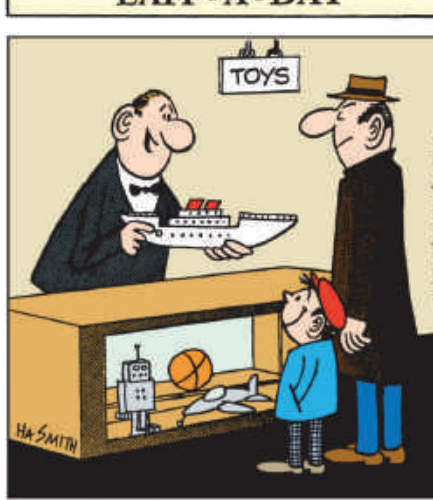


Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

I DO HELP WITH THE LAUNDRY? I WAS GOING TO DO IT, BUT I COULD NOT REMEMBER WHERE THE WASHER AND DRYER WERE.

LAFF-A-DAY



...And when you press this button it releases oil which pollutes the water in the tub.

SCRAMBLERS

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

Shrill  
**BELTER**

Champion  
**THINGK**

Forest  
**TRIMBE**

Adorn  
**LISTEN**

TODAY'S WORD

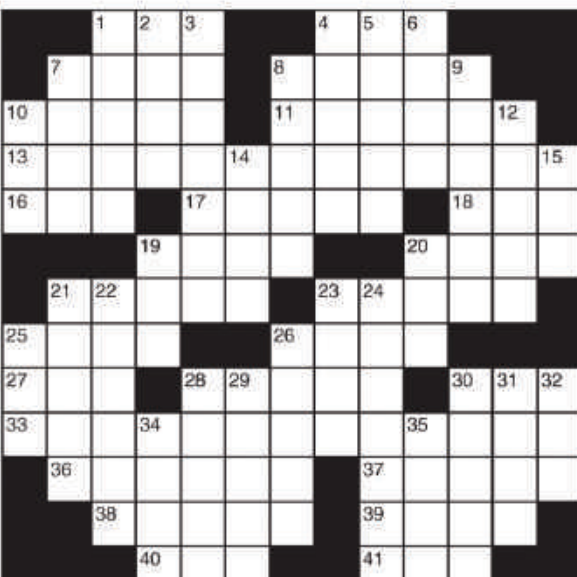
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"You know what did it? I prepared a home-cooked meal for him ... in a \_\_\_\_\_."

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 — Na Na
- 4 Swindle
- 7 Summery desserts
- 8 Fusses
- 10 Sixth president
- 11 Many
- 13 Proof of a crime
- 16 Sprite
- 17 Unclear
- 18 Still, in verse
- 19 Say it isn't so
- 20 Rhyming tributes
- 21 Groups of musicians
- 23 Slanted edge
- 25 Volcanic out-flow
- 26 One of the Three Bears
- 27 Sailor's assent
- 28 Unwilling
- 30 Fine, to NASA
- 33 Texas city
- 36 Bill-payment period
- 37 Alan of "Little Miss Sunshine"
- 38 Mystery writer's award
- 39 Don of radio
- 40 Sun. speech



DOWN

- 1 Muffler
- 2 Rope fiber
- 3 Took for granted
- 4 Made pigeon sounds
- 5 "Strange to say ..."
- 6 — me tangere
- 7 "American —"
- 8 Hot rum drink
- 9 Withdraw

- 10 Expert
- 12 Man of — (Superman comparison)
- 14 Catches some rays
- 15 — and outs
- 19 "CSI" evidence
- 20 Eggs
- 21 Louisiana marsh
- 22 Unwilling
- 23 Dog owner's ordeal
- 24 Son of
- 25 Fond du —, Wis.
- 26 Harness horse
- 28 Thrust
- 29 "Argo" award
- 30 Invite to the penthouse
- 31 Elevator name
- 32 Family
- 34 Cushions
- 35 "Joy of Cooking" writer

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top ten

HOUSEHOLD PESTS

- 1. Ants
- 2. Termites
- 3. Cockroaches
- 4. Rodents
- 5. Earwigs
- 6. Millipedes
- 7. Silverfish
- 8. Paper Wasps
- 9. Fleas
- 10. Bees

Source: HomeTeam Pest Defense

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. ASTRONOMY: How often does the Sun rotate on its axis?
- 2. GEOGRAPHY: What is the state capital of Delaware?
- 3. GOVERNMENT: Which amendment to the U.S. Constitution limits presidents to two terms in office?
- 4. HISTORY: What was the highest social class in the early Roman empire?
- 5. ENTERTAINERS: Which 20th-century actress was born with the name Lucille LeSueur?
- 6. TELEVISION: What were the names of Elly May's two pet chimpanzees in "The Beverly Hillbillies"?
- 7. ART: Which artist painted "The Persistence of Memory"?
- 8. MOVIES: What kind of gun did Clint Eastwood carry in the "Dirty Harry" series?
- 9. MUSIC: Which singer-songwriter's nickname was "The Lizard King"?
- 10. FOOD & DRINK: What is the most expensive spice on earth?

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Bat is missing. 2. Failing is different. 3. Ball stitching is different. 4. Crowd is larger. 5. Ball stitching is different. 6. Neckline is changed.



Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

1. On average, every 27 days

2. Dover

3. 22nd

4. Patricians

5. Joan Crawford

6. Skipper and Besse

7. Salvador Dali

8. 44 Magnum Smith & Wesson

9. Jim Morrison

10. Saffron

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: R equals S

OJ V ROZ QDOTW-HWOEEYF AVAAVM  
JYMQ OAVZOEVLG OMMEYHHYH, OQ'H  
GLXRVRMC V DOGGXTDXEFOVT.

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BIKINI

Today's Word

1. Tumble. 2. Knight

3. Timber. 4. Tinsel

SCRAMBLERS

Americanisms



"There is no 'Republican', no 'Democrat' on the Fourth of July — all are Americans."  
— James Gillespie Blaine

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CryptoQuip  
If a big thick-skinned mammal probably a hippopotamus, it's a browser.

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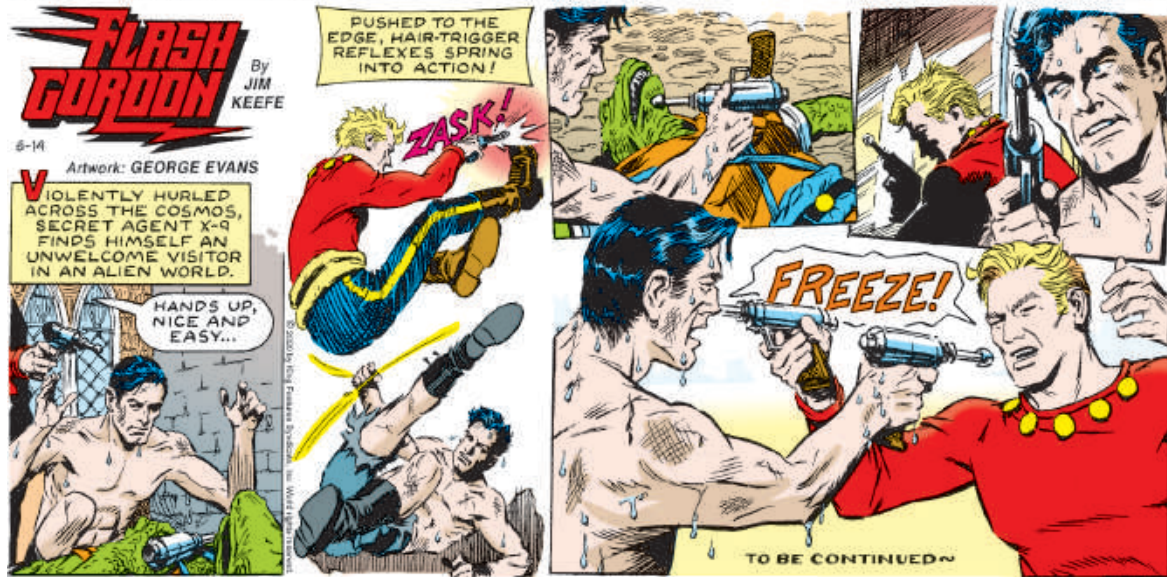


**Artist Spotlight: GEORGE EVANS**  


As both writer and artist on "Secret Agent Corrigan" (originally "Secret Agent X-9"), George Evans produced 16 stellar years of one of the best adventure strips around.

In a career spanning over 55 years, having worked for almost every major publisher in the industry, he established himself as one of the comic field's finest illustrators.





## Uncle Sam Doorstop

Iron doorstops became a hot collectible with rising prices about 1990. A 1985 book picturing doorstops and several auctions, which included rare doorstops, sent collectors searching for examples of the 1930s and '40s collectible. They became so popular that thousands of copies were made, many from the original molds. Bright new paint identifies many recent doorstops, but some, with artificial wear and tear, are good enough to fool collectors today. It is almost impossible to break an iron figure, so many iron doorstops still are available with little damage. Top prices are paid for doorstops in great condition with almost all of the original paint. And, of course, rarity adds value.

This original Uncle Sam doorstop has the words "For the Open Door" on the base. The words "For the Open Door" had a political meaning, and it was not just a statement about how the doorstop was used. A complicated "Open Door" policy was promoted by the U.S. in 1899. It suggested that all countries should allow China and other countries to trade with no tariffs, no special harbor charges, and with no interference or attempts to divide China. There was another Open Door political discussion in 1922, and this discussion probably is the one mentioned on the doorstop. China opened special investment zones in 1928. There were more international discussions and changes in 1978 concerned with China's industry, trade and foreign investment.

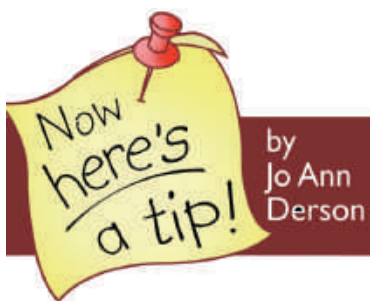
The Uncle Sam doorstop is rare and desirable, and this one, with

**KOVELS**  
Antiques & Collecting  
By Terry and Kim Kovel



**This Uncle Sam doorstop sold for \$21,240 in a New Jersey auction. It was listed as worth \$250 in 1985. Vintage doorstops have all gone up in value, especially those with the original paint.**

great paint, sold several years ago at a Bertoia Auction for \$21,240. The 1985 value was \$250.



\* Someone late for dinner? To keep potatoes warm without drying them out (as would happen in an oven), set their serving dish in a larger pan of hot water and cover.

\* "I use a small plastic bowl as a scoop in my big bag of potting mix. It's a good amount to pot a small plant, and I can hold my pot over the bowl to save the soil." -- R.F. in Oregon

\* Give your buttons a boost! Use clear nail polish to strengthen the strings holding your buttons in place. Just a drop on the face of each button, and let dry. You'll never know it's there, but it definitely helps.

\* "Remember this old trick when camping: Use salt to keep ice cold and slow the melt. In fact, I salt the ice in the cooler whenever we use it, camping or not!" -- G.L. in South Carolina

\* Challenge your school-age kids or grandkids to a "word scavenger hunt" in the daily newspaper. You can have them search for words relating to a particular subject, or have a contest to see who can find the most unusual or complex words.

## MAGIC MAZE ● ASTRONOMY TERMS

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

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Black hole	Equinox	Nebula	Waning
Blue moon	Galaxy	Phase	Waxing
Eclipse	Light-year	Solstice	Zenith
Ecliptic	Meteor	Sunspot	

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## CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR  
is LONGFELLOW

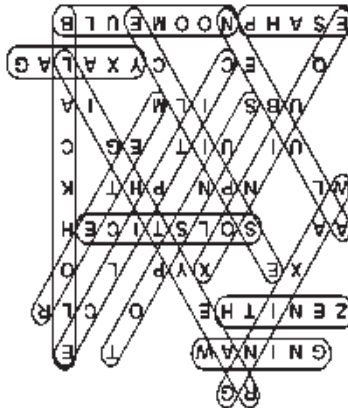
One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

VYJ PHQIV CLF WP IMQHBU HI  
WBJ VYHBU, LBC VYJ PHQIV  
IMQHBU CLF HI LBWVYJQ. VYJ  
CHPPJQJB GJ EJVRJJB VYJK HI  
IWKJVHKJI LI UQJLV LI L  
KWBVY. — YJBQF SLB CFDJ

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The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another. The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month. — Henry Van Dyke

**CryptoQuote**  
answer



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# Church Directory

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## Teach Me Your Word O Lord

Terry McCraw

## Wisdom from Solomon

Eccl. 3:2. "There is a time to plant and a time to pluck up that which was planted." When we plant, we expect and usually receive a harvest. If some of the plants come up diseased, they must be plucked up, lest the disease spreads and infects the healthy crops.

It's the same way with someone who brings a reproach upon God and the Church. They are tares who must be disciplined, lest they infect and defame the body of Christ. "A little leaven leavens the whole lump."

"A time to kill and a time to heal." The death penalty is used to punish those who are guilty of severe crimes against humanity. When the enemy brings war upon us with the intent to destroy us, there is a time to fight, kill, or die. In war, we either destroy the enemy or the enemy will destroy us.

And there is a time to heal. When a person gets saved, their sin sick soul is healed. When we as Christians become physically or emotionally sick, divine healing is provided for us in the Atonement.

"There is a time to break down and a time to build up." When a Church becomes full and running over in attendance, it is time to tear down the smaller building and build a larger one to the glory of God. Ministry is compromised by a lack of space and additional space could and should advance Ministry. Ministry should be the main purpose of any Church. The Church should be a soul saving station.

Solomon came to the conclusion that everything he accomplished in the flesh was vanity. It was worthless.

True happiness and peace comes from knowing Jesus as our Savior and serving God with all of our heart, soul, mind and body, in the time allotted by God to us to do so.

Verse 4. "A time to get, and a time to lose. A time to keep, and a time to cast away. A time to rend and a time to sew. A time to keep silence, and a time to speak. A time to love and a time to hate. A time of war and a time of peace."

"A time to weep, and a time to mourn." Our days are few and full of trouble. But if we'll look unto God, the author and finisher of our faith, weeping may endure for the night, but joy cometh in the morning.

"A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together." When we go out to plant a garden, we gather up all the stones and cast them out of the garden. You can see piles of stones laying all around farmland where the farmers have gathered and piled them up so the ground is easier to plow and the crops have more room to grow.

If we are going to be able to produce the fruit of the Spirit in our lives, we must rid ourselves of everything that hinders our Spiritual Growth. Drinking alcoholic beverages has to go. Gambling has to go. Profanity has to go. Sexual immorality has to go. Avarice has to go. The stones of sin have to be cast out of our lives, if we are to be fruitful unto the Lord.

When we want to build a stone wall or a stone fireplace, we gather up stones. The stones in our lives can be good or bad. We are to cast the bad ones aside and gather up the good ones to build something strong, beautiful and lasting.

See MCCRAW, page B9

### Draper Valley Baptist Church

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

### Grace Baptist Church

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

### Open Door Baptist Church

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

### Draper United Methodist Church

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

### Newbern Christian Church

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

### Christ Episcopal Church

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

### Jordan's Chapel UMC

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

### Cecil's Chapel United Methodist Church

5801 Cecil's Chapel Road,  
Hiwassee, VA 24347  
Pastor RuthAnne Henley  
Worship service is 8:45am-9:45am  
Sunday School is 10 - 10:45am  
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5155 Wilderness Road  
Exit 98 off I-81 Newbern  
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Sunday School: 11 a.m.

### Valley Harvest Ministries

1 Harvest Place  
P.O. Box 458  
Dublin, VA 24084  
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Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.  
Wednesday School 7 p.m.  
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### 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.  
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### Dublin Baptist Church

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

### First United Methodist Church

301 N. Jefferson Ave. - Pulaski  
(physical address)  
135 Fourth St., NW - Pulaski  
(mailing address)  
Pastor's Name: Will Shelton  
Associate Pastor:  
Sebastian Ruiz, Hispanic Pastor  
Sunday Services  
9:00 AM - Hispanic Worship  
9:00AM - Contemporary Worship  
10:00AM - Sunday School  
11:00AM - Traditional Worship  
Contact Info.  
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### 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  
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### River of Life Church

5311 Black Hollow Road, Dublin, Va. 24084  
Shawn Burchett, Pastor  
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Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 AM  
Wednesday Evening Life  
Building Service 7:00 PM  
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### Delton Church of God of Prophecy

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deltoncogop@gmail.com (276) 620-3191  
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Wednesday- 6 pm  
2nd Wed Each Month - Free Community  
Dinner - 5:45 pm - 6:45 pm  
2nd Wed Each Month - Missions service  
6:45 pm - 7:30 pm

### Heritage Church

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Pastor Mike Pierce  
Service Times:  
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Website: www.heritagechurch.net  
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### Fairlawn Baptist

6758 Oxford Avenue  
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### First Missionary Baptist Church

7318 Manns Drive / P.O. Box 90  
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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.

### Dublin United Methodist Church

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

### Freedom Fellowship Church

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

### Draper's Valley Presbyterian (PCA)

2755 Old Baltimore Road, Draper, VA 24324  
Mailing address: Same as above  
Pastor's Name: Rev. Robert E. Davis  
Associate Pastor: Rev. Roland Mathews  
Primary Service Times:  
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8:30 and 11:00  
Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:15 p.m.  
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Phone - 980-0820

### Snowville Baptist Church

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

### Fairlawn United Methodist Church

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markmiller.psalm1@gmail.com  
Cell) 540-320-2431  
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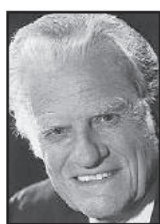
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My  
Answer

Billy Graham

## The Gospel is the Good News From God

**Q: Why is the Gospel so controversial and why do some say everyone must decide what they think about it? - G.D.**

A: The Bible says that it's appointed that man will die once (Hebrews 9:27). All of nature's in the process of dying. Yet most people are living as if they think that they will never die. Most people are living for today with barely a thought of eternity.

The Bible and nature both teach that everything that has a beginning also has an ending. The day begins with a sunrise; but the sun sets, the shadows gather, and that calendar day's crossed out, never to appear again. We will never be able to repeat today. It's gone forever.

Nations and civilizations rise, flourish for a time and then decay. Eventually, each comes to an end. This, because of sin, is the decree of history and the way of life on this planet.

The Bible also teaches that the world system as we know it shall come to a close. "The world is passing away... but he who does the will of God abides forever" (1 John 2:17).

This is why the Gospel is so important, it's the Good News from God. But the Gospel also drives people to a decision - the most important decision ever made - and that is whether or not each individual will receive Christ as Savior or reject Him and remain in their sin.

The world's days are numbered. Every cemetery testifies that the Bible is true. Life is only a vapor that appears for a moment and then vanishes, just as the grass that withers and the flowers fade. God has prepared a bright future and a plan for each person and His message is to repent of sin and turn to Him and live forever. Decide today.

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



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"A time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing." We used to embrace sin, but now since Jesus came into our hearts, we don't embrace sin anymore but we embrace Christ and the things of God. There is a time to let go of the things of the world.

"There is a time to embrace" or hug the necks of our family members and our brothers and sisters in Christ. A time to hug our wives and to tell them that they are beautiful, like we used to do when we were courting them. There is a time to embrace the word of God. Ever since most of us got saved, we have embraced the word of God and have used it as our standard of living. There is a time to embrace the things of God, and we should be busy 24-7 doing it.

"A time to keep, and a time to cast away." "There is a proper and lawful pursuit of wealth,

and there is a wise and prudent submission to its inevitable loss." Pulpit Commentary. If we spend most of our time seeking material gain, and very little of our time for God, we're very apt to lose everything we have gained as a result of loving money more than God. For God will not bless those who put too much emphasis on gaining earthly wealth, and not nearly enough in laying up for themselves, treasures in heaven.

"A time to rend and a time to sew." We need to rend, or tear ourselves away from that which would separate us from God, and mend the holes in our relationship with God and with our fellow man. Some of us need to sew up the holes in our robes of righteousness that have worn thin because we've been rubbing up against the sin that is in the world.

It's time we got our priorities in order and stop spending our God given time, feathering our own nest in this life. When we stand before God and give an account of our words and actions, it's only

what we have done for Christ that will count for anything.

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Bless be the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!!! We will REOPENING our church Sunday July 5, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. We ask that our church family and visitors wear mask and practice social distancing during the service.

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We are offering hay sampling services to hay producers in the New River Valley (Floyd, Giles, Montgomery, Pulaski) for the 2020 crop year for \$25/sample. We will come and collect hay or haylage samples, send those off for you, and submit the results to the USDA Farm Service Agency if you are participating in the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP). Please contact your respective ANR Agent to schedule sampling.

- Contact us as soon as you start making first cutting or as soon as possible.
- Keep track of the tonnage (number of bales and estimated bale weight, at minimum) to report to FSA. We will need to submit a tonnage estimate to FSA. Weighing bales is NOT required.
- Note any fields that may have

been damaged due to rain at harvest, so that those can be tested separately. Flooding on April 12-13 and May 21-23 has left debris and sediment in some fields. This could certainly impact yields and quality. We encourage you to document any damage to fields that the floods caused in addition to any future weather events. Notices of Loss may need to be filed with FSA – check with your local FSA office for more information.

- Fields harvested within two weeks with no major weather issues can be sampled together up to the 200-bale maximum per sample.

- Fields harvested two or more weeks apart should be sampled separately.

- As much as possible, track the dates when fields were harvested. We prefer to wait until all first cutting is completed unless there is a long delay between some fields, or you will be storing bales in such a way that makes it difficult for us to access the bales once stored.

## Container gardens have many advantages

**Emily Nolen,**  
Summer Intern for  
Pulaski County Extension

The past three months have been nothing short of change to the traditional routine we call life; including the agriculture industry. As we noticed shortages in the essential items, the face of panic soon struck many Americans. The question then rose “Will we still have access to staple foods?” With many different thoughts and concerns, home gardening was recognized as a solution to one of the many problems we were facing. Gardening often times has the stereotypical look of a large plowed piece of land, several rows of growing crops, and proper irrigation care but I am here to share the unique idea of container gardening. Container gardening eliminates problems regarding space, food insecurity and much more. Retired Extension Agent Diane Relf has five steps to help you start your own garden.

1: Containers- You can use just about anything including but not limited to clay pots, wooden boxes, milk jugs, plastic pipe, or even a laundry basket lined in plastic. The options here are endless as long as you consider the size of the plant when it's fully grown and proper draining.

2: Media- Use lightweight potting soil. You can find pre-packaged soil at hardware stores, supercenters or agricultural retail stores. If you are looking for a different composition of the lightweight soil you can simply

create your own using sand, fertilizer, loam and peat moss.

3: Planting- Follow the same guidelines as you would for planting outdoors. Remember to label your different seeds so you can keep track. Virginia Cooperative Extension offers crop-specific guidelines on their website found at the end of this article.

4: Watering- Since we are working in smaller containers, often times the soil can dry out very quickly especially if in a full-sun windowsill, patio or porch rail. With this being said, keep a close eye and water once if not twice a day.

5: Fertilizing- fertilization supplies nutrients to the plant up to ten weeks. Be sure to follow the fertilization rate and volume for application. If you are looking for a booster in between the treatments, add compost to help the profile of the surface.

Aside from these five critical points, keep an eye on the temperature and upcoming storms. Ensure your plants are in a safe location where they won't be damaged. For more information you can follow this link to her article and continue to explore this unique idea!

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## NASCAR

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Busch's teammate Erik Jones hasn't won at Pocono Raceway yet, but he has put up some impressive performances in his six career starts, collecting four top fives and the series leading average finish of 8.3. Jones will need to claw his way back into postseason contention, as he dropped to 17th in the standings following Talladega - the first spot outside the Playoff cutoff. He is just one point behind Tyler Reddick in 16th.

Plus, let's not forget five-time Pocono winner Denny Hamlin (2006 sweep, July 2009, June 2010 and July 2019) and two-time winner Martin Truex Jr. (June 2015, June 2018) will be in the mix this weekend as well. Hamlin leads the series in wins this season with three victories (Daytona, Darlington, Homestead) and will be looking to pad his series leading 18 Playoff points this weekend.

His teammate Truex also has a victory this season (Martinsville) and will look to get his first Pocono checkered flag for Joe Gibbs Racing. The New Jersey native's previous two series wins at Pocono were with Furniture Row Racing, and he actually is one of just 11 drivers to accomplish the feat in multiple manufacturers (Chevrolet, Toyota); joining Kurt Busch (Ford, Dodge, Chevrolet), Bill Elliott (Buick, Ford), Darrell Waltrip (Buick, Chevrolet), Denny Hamlin (Chevrolet, Toyota), Geoffrey Bodine (Chevrolet, Ford), Harry Gant (Chevrolet, Oldsmobile), Kasey Kahne (Dodge, Chevrolet), Rusty Wallace (Ford, Pontiac), Terry Labonte (Ford, Chevrolet) and Tim Richmond (Pontiac, Chevrolet).

### Lucky No. 6: Toyota has won the last five straight at Pocono

With Toyota drivers winning the last five consecutive races at Pocono Raceway in the NASCAR Cup Series, if they were to win this weekend they could tie or surpass Chevrolet for the series-most consecutive manufacturer wins at Pocono with six

victories (August 2012 – June 2015).

Interestingly both streaks have a common denominator, Toyota's win streak consists of four victories from Joe Gibbs Racing and one from Furniture Row Racing. Chevrolet's win streak is built on five consecutive wins by Hendrick Motorsports and the sixth was added by Furniture Row Racing. And both FRR wins were with driver Martin Truex Jr.

Eight different manufacturers have won in the NASCAR Cup Series at Pocono; led by Chevrolet with 32 victories; followed by Ford with 23, Toyota (nine), Dodge (seven), Pontiac (six), Buick (four), Mercury (two) and Oldsmobile (one).

### Reddick bounces his way into the contention on the Playoff bubble

With Ryan Blaney's name added to the wins list this season, eight drivers now have victories in the NASCAR Cup Series this year leaving just eight spots up for grabs to make the Playoffs on points. Taking a look at the Playoff bubble following Talladega Superspeedway, drivers continue to shuffle positions as the competitors from 13th to 21st in the standings are separated by just 70 points.

One of the most pivotal moves in the drivers standing last weekend was Richard Childress Racing driver Tyler Reddick's hurdle of Joe Gibbs Racing's Erik Jones to take the 16th and final Playoff spot in the points. Reddick not only sits in the final postseason transfer position, but also leads Sunoco Rookie of the Year standings as well.

This season Reddick has put up one top five and three top 10s. He will be making his series track debut at Pocono Raceway this weekend, but the Californian is no stranger to the Tricky Triangle. He has made two starts at Pocono in the NASCAR Xfinity Series posting a runner-up finish last season and an average finish of 5.5.

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