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School instructional, health plans unveiled

Phase III opening to mix face-to-face, virtual instruction in Pulaski County

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

Pulaski County Public Schools on Tuesday released its reopening plans for the 2020-21 school year.

The plans – an instructional plan along with a health plan – were developed with guidance from a 35-member taskforce which met on five different occasions.

The task force included teacher, parents, students, counselors, administrators, school board members and school board of-office administrators.

The task force received input from Dr. Noelle Bissell, the Director of the New River Health District, on various mitigation and social distancing strategies that should be considered when developing the school system's plan.

Along with the plans, the Pulaski County Virtual Academy was established to provide full online instruction for students whose parents do not yet want a return to face-to-face instruction.

The plans are thorough – a 16-page health plan and a 14-page instructional plan – but complicated for many due to the plan having to be developed based on guidelines under Phase I, II and III.

The plans not only address the areas of instruction and health, but transportation, meals, special needs, expectations for students, faculty and staff, custodial services and more.

Survey

During development of the plans, 82 students, 1,250 parents and 294 members of the school system's faculty and staff were surveyed.

The survey found that students (54%), parents (63%) and faculty/staff (47%) favored face-to-face instruction 4 days per week with 1 day of virtual instruction for Phase III, which is how the school year will begin barring any changes from Richmond.

Some other survey findings include:

Masks

Most of those surveyed either fully supported wearing masks at school or were neutral on the issue – especially faculty and staff.

Childcare

A survey of the 1,250 parents found 30% would find it difficult or very difficult to find childcare during intermittent shutdowns of school, while 48% would find it easy or very easy.

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Tentative middle school opening set in September

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

Construction of Pulaski County Middle School is about two weeks behind schedule due to the recent COVID-19 outbreak at the worksite. But things continue to move forward toward a Sept. 21 opening day.

"Things are going really well at the school. It's exciting," said School Board Chairman Timmy Hurst.

"We've got some tours we're going to try to plan so the community can see what they're getting for their investment, and I firmly believe everybody is going to be very pleased," he added.

Thursday, Sept. 17 at 3 p.m. is the tentative time and date for the official ribbon cutting ceremony for the new middle school.

That ceremony will be followed – tentatively –

from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. by an open house event for parents and students of PCMS.

The next day, Friday, Sept. 18 from 2 to 6 p.m. is the tentative date for an open house for the public.

"Because of the COVID-19 outbreak at the worksite, construction is about two weeks behind," said School Superintendent Dr. Kevin Siers.

The county's first day of school is Sept. 8 – the day after Labor Day.

That means middle school students will have to start the new school year with virtual instruction until PCMS opens its doors to them on Sept. 21.

"Our plan will include middle school students showing up here at Pulaski County High School to be issued their Chromebooks and the material they will need to spend their first two weeks in all virtual learning so we can make sure we have a complete

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Online Learning

Of the parents and the 82 students surveyed, 34% of parents would have little comfort with online learning and another 34% would have a high comfort level.

Forty-one percent of students had little or no comfort level with online learning compared to 32% who had a high level of comfort.

Internet Access

From 85% to 90% of parents, students and faculty / staff say they have sufficient internet access to either learn or teach from

Kindergarten Registration

Attention parent of 2020-2021 kindergarten students, please register your child for kindergarten as soon as possible. You may request a paper copy from any elementary school or complete an online application located at www.pcva.us. If you have any questions, contact Tammy Harrell at 540-994-2524. Proof of a completed school entrance physical is required in order for kindergartners to attend school.

home. Between 10% and 15% of each group did not.

Waivers

Eighty percent of parents said they were willing to formally acknowledge the risks associated with students returning to school, while 20% were not willing.

Face-To-Face Learning

Forty-nine percent of parents will definitely have their children return to school, while 32% would probably do so.

Among students, 61% were extremely comfortable with returning and 26% were comfortable.

Only 16% of faculty and staff were extremely comfortable with returning, while 29% were comfortable.

Phase III Reopening Plan

Step 1 - School begins Sept. 8 and for that first week, 25% of students will attend each day with students being assigned their day alphabetically.

Barring no confirmed cases of COVID-19 that week, the county moves to Step 2.

Step 2 - Sept. 14-25, 50% of students will attend Monday and Tuesday and 50% will attend Thursday and Friday. Wednesday will be used for virtual

learning and a deep cleaning of school buildings.

Step 3 - Barring no COVID-19 cases are confirmed, beginning Sept. 28 all students will attend four days of the week, with Wednesday still being used for virtual learning and a deep cleaning of school buildings.

Step 4 - If we're fortunate enough to get there, students would return to school five days per week.

Should there be a confirmed case of COVID-19 in one school, that school would revert to Phase I - all virtual learning - for a period of time for deep cleaning, contact tracing and development of a re-entry plan with guidance from the New River Health District.

Should confirmed cases occur in multiple schools, all schools in the county would revert to Phase I - virtual learning.

Transportation

Transportation will be provided for all students utilizing generalized routes similar to those used during summer school.

Students will be seated one per seat beginning at the back of the bus, however, students from the same household can be seated two per seat.

Face coverings will be required, and buses will be sanitized each day.

Parents are encouraged to drop off and pick up students from school as frequently as possible.

Elementary school days will run from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Middle and high school days will be from 9:15 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. with the expectation that one hour of virtual will take place daily.

This will allow each bus to make two runs and ensure that older students are available to supervise younger siblings before

and after school.

Meals

Meals for grades 3-12 will be "Grab and Go," with meals delivered to students in grades PK to 2.

All meals will be eaten in students' classroom, while meals for Wednesday will be provided to students at the end of the day Tuesday.

Phase II Reopening Plan

If the county must revert to Phase II again, students in Pre-K through Grade 3 will have face-to-face instruction for two days per week and remote learning activities the other three days.

All regular education students in grades 4-12 will participate in remote learning all week.

Phase I Reopening Plan

And if we have to go all the way back to Phase I, all students will receive virtual instruction utilizing the Virtual Virginia platform.

School Superintendent Dr. Kevin Siers reminded everyone during Tuesday's School Board meeting that any parent who has concerns about students returning to face-to-face instruction can register their students to participate in the Pulaski County Virtual Academy for all virtual courses.

The deadline for registering a student is July 31.

Parents can register students by calling Tammy Harrell at 540-994-2524 or emailing her at tharrell@pcva.us

Health Screenings

Upon arrival to school, students should report immediately

to the teacher with whom they are scheduled to begin their day. The teacher will conduct a brief health screening that includes a temperature check.

Students identified as having symptoms will be referred to the school nurse who will ensure that they are kept in a designated isolation area until they can be picked up and taken home.

Students sent home through health screenings will be placed on home-based virtual instruction for a minimum of 10 days or until they are fever free for three consecutive days without the use of fever reducing medication, whichever is longer.

Faculty and staff will be assigned a health screening partner with whom they will meet each morning and complete their health screening.

Siers also stressed that masks must be worn and there won't be negotiations on that point.

"For this plan to work, masks have to be mandated," Siers said. "We're not going to get into the political side of things. I realize this is a political hot button issue, but that is not what we're about. If parents or students or faculty and staff have an issue about wearing a mask, you need to be up front about that at the beginning and we can come up with alternate arrangements for students to be educated and for faculty and staff to work."

It was also noted that snow days this school year will be different, with students expected to have virtual learning those days instead of the traditional day off.

The entire instructional and reopening plan can be seen on The Patriot's website at www.pcpatriot.com

PET OF THE WEEK



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

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

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

This week we are showcasing this beautiful rabbit for adoption! She is a young adult female Holland Lop and will need a little work getting her used to being held. She will need to be kept as an indoor rabbit as she has been accustomed to living inside. Her adoption fee will be \$15 with an approved application.

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The Economic Development Authority serves as the economic development arm of Pulaski County working with local industries and providing building spaces to local employers.

- Monday, July 27, 2020, Pulaski County Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration

Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia; Executive Session, 5:30 p.m., Open Meeting, 7 p.m. (Contact: Ashley Edmonds, Executive Secretary and Clerk to the Board of Supervisors, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, aedmonds@pulaskicounty.org).

Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia; Executive Session, 5:30 p.m., Open Meeting, 7 p.m. (Contact: Ashley Edmonds, Executive Secretary and Clerk to the Board of Supervisors, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, aedmonds@pulaskicounty.org).

- Tuesday, July 28, 2020, Pulaski County Sewerage Authority Board of Directors Meeting, Conference Room, Peppers Ferry Regional Wastewater Treatment Authority Building, 7797 Mason Street, Fairlawn, 6 p.m.

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School meals to be free for all students in county this year

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

Student breakfasts and lunches at all schools in Pulaski County will be free this year. The media center / library at the new middle school will be named for a deceased longtime educator. And plans for the disposal of surplus property at both of the old middle schools were approved by the School Board during their monthly board meeting.

Board members unanimously approved the recommendation by Director of School Nutrition Ethelene Sadler to approve participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) that allows school divisions to offer breakfast and lunch to all students at no cost.

Schools that have 40 percent of more of their enrollment who are eligible for free meals can participate in the program. County participation in the program began with the 2015-16 school year.

Since then all other schools have begun participating except for Dublin Middle and Pulaski County High School.

With the merger this school year of the two middle schools and with PCHS now meeting the required eligibility provisions, all school students in the county can receive free meals.

“I know CEP does have a negative side to it because our participation does attest to the high poverty rate in our district,” Sadler told the board. “But at the same time it provides an opportunity for all students to receive a meal at no cost.”

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ed school for them to move into,” Siers explained.

Paving, topsoil replacement and the laying of sod is being done at the construction site along with bleacher installation in the gym and other construction inside.



Pulaski County Middle School is nearing completion. Pictured above (top photo): Front entrance, (middle) the main gym with new floor, striping and school athletic logo and new bleachers just installed, (bottom) finishing touches are being completed in the school's auditorium.

Photos courtesy of Pulaski County Public Schools

Tractor-trailer crash victim identified

Virginia State Police

At 1:09 a.m. Sunday (July 12, 2020), Virginia State Police Trooper R.B. Mullins responded to a single-vehicle crash in Wythe County.

A tractor-trailer traveling north on I-81 ran off the left side of the interstate at the 63 mile marker. The 2019 Mack Anthem struck the guardrail and bridge, and then went over the bridge and caught fire. The vehicle was destroyed in the fire and its driver, Willie McLaurin, 50, of Flora, MS., died at the scene.

The crash remains under investigation.





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TERESA LYNN RYAN

Teresa Lynn Ryan, age 43 of Pulaski passed away Monday, July 13, 2020 at home.

Born October 21, 1976 in Radford she was the daughter of John Sewell Kilbert, Jr. & Martha Crowder Kilbert.

She is survived by her
Parents
John Sewell Kilbert, Jr. & Martha Crowder Kilbert – Pulaski
Children
Hannah Ryan
Jordan Sizemore
Julian Fiscal
Sisters
Melissa Ann Kilbert – Pulaski
Margie Marie Boksa – Pulaski
Brother
John Derek (Sabrina) Kilbert – Pulaski

Nieces
Alexis Danielle Arredondo
Sophia Kilbert
Nephew
Paxton Kilbert

A private family gathering will be at a later date.

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

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



TERRY PATRICK GRISWOLD, JR.

Terry Patrick Griswold, Jr., age 47 of Dublin passed away Saturday, July 11, 2020.

Born September 19, 1972 in Radford he was the son of Opal Reeves Talbert and the late Terry Patrick Griswold, Sr.

He is survived by his
Mother
Opal (Sam) Reeves Talbert – Dublin
Children
Terri Jo Edwards – Pulaski
Chelsey (Johnny) Ward – Radford
Sisters
Erin (David) Melton – Max Meadows
Tabitha (Aaron) Cooper – Omaha, NE
Half-Sister
Jackie Danielle – Roanoke

The family will receive friends from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Friday, July 17, 2020 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski.

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



SAMUEL NORMAN BRUBAKER, SR.

Samuel Norman Brubaker, Sr., age 82 of Barren Springs, Virginia passed away Sunday, July 12, 2020 at his home. Born July 12, 1938 in Roanoke he was the son of the late Denton Lewis Brubaker and Emma Nancy Marshall Brubaker. His son, Stephen Brubaker and brother, David Brubaker also preceded him in death.

He is survived by his
Children
Samuel Norman Brubaker, Jr. – Barren Springs
Kimberly Anne (Paul) Edwards – Barren Springs
Leslie Lee Brubaker – Barren Springs
Grandchildren

Julie Kay Dishon, Denton Ray Brubaker, Linda Michelle Webb, Nick (Kasey) Edwards, Samuel (Ashley) Edwards, Logan (Phillip) Kessinger, Stephen Lewis Brubaker II

Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Michael Blouse officiating. Interment followed at the Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin.

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

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

SYLVIA QUESENBERRY RUPE

Sylvia Quesenberry Rupe, 93, of Pulaski VA passed away Friday, July 10, 2020. She was born on November 3, 1926 and was the daughter of the late Perry and Lula Quesenberry; her husband, Basil Rupe; brothers, Glenn (Mary) Quesenberry, Clarence (Evelyn) Quesenberry and Donald, Sr. (Betty) Quesenberry; and step-brothers, Paul and Jerrell Quesenberry of Texas.

Sylvia is survived by many nieces and nephews and a special nephew and his wife, Curtis and Karen Quesenberry of Dublin, VA.

She was a founding member of Heritage Church, Dublin and she retired from Virginia Maid Hosiery, Pulaski after 40 years of service.

A graveside service was held Tuesday, July 14th from the Thornspring Cemetery, Dublin. The family would like to thank Highland Ridge Rehab, Dublin for the great care she received.

Arrangements by Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski.



ELEANOR MARTIN HALL MOORE

Eleanor Martin Hall Moore, 91, of Pulaski, VA passed away in Tifton, GA on Wednesday, July 8, 2020. She was born in Pulaski, VA on February 7, 1929.

She was a lifetime member of the First United Methodist Church, held a lifetime membership in United Methodist Women, a member of the National PTA Council, Navy Destroyer Wives Club, and held an exemplar degree in Beta Sigma Phi. Eleanor was the great-granddaughter of Robert Martin, active in Pulaski history.

Preceding her in death were her grandparents, Allen Bassett and Rebecca Martin Hall; parents, Bassett Kee and Allena Smith Hall; her husband of almost 50 years, William A. Moore, USN Retired; son, Samuel Martin Moore; sisters, Elizabeth Lundy (Atlanta, GA) and Jeanne Bernard (Roanoke, VA); and three members of a 60-year luncheon club, Kalima Tate, Edna Love and Laura Brillheart.

Surviving are:

Son – Jim and Janet Collins
Daughters – Deborah Susan and Tom McPherson
Marilyn Ann and Bob Poirier
Son – William A., Jr. and Kelly Moore
Grandchildren – Krista Collins (Hayward)

Brian McPherson (Nicole)
Karie Johannes (Eric)
Aaron Moore
Jacob Eavis (Nichole)
Andrea Bottoms (Jerry)
Great-Grandchildren – Jerimiah, Brandon and Samuel Mobly Cole, Mason and Riley Johannes

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In lieu of flowers the family wishes memorials be made to the First United Methodist Church, 135 Fourth St., NW, Pulaski, VA 24301.

Local arrangements by Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski, VA.

MARY LOUISE THOMPSON HAMM

Mary Louise Thompson Hamm, 79, of Dublin, passed away Saturday, July 11, 2020.

The Hamm family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford.

CHARLES TAZEWELL SAUL

Charles Tazewell Saul, 70, passed away Monday, July 13, 2020 at his home in New River.

The Saul family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory in Radford, www.mullinsfuneralhome.com



HENSEL BURLEY JONES

Hensel Burley Jones, 90, of Thornspring Road in Pulaski, passed away on Saturday, July 11, 2020. He was a former contractor with Jones Brothers Construction and attended Max Creek Baptist Church.

Hensel was preceded in death by his wife, Lucille Ratcliff Jones; parents, Murl and Callie Jones; daughter, Betty Sue Jones; and granddaughter, Kim Jones.

Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law, Dana and Tony Nicolo; sons and daughters-in-law, Danny and Pamela Jones, Doug and Patsy Jones, and Larry and Janet Jones; 5 grandchildren, Amanda Nicolo, Jacob Nicolo (Abby), Danny Jones, Jr. (Amy), Jeremy Jones (April), and Josh Jones; 9 great grandchildren; 2 great great grandchildren; sister Mildred Sayers; and many other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

In recognition of her excellent care and compassion, the Jones family would like to extend a special thank you to Hensels caregiver, Faye White.

The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services will follow at 6 p.m. with pastor Mike Coleman officiating.

Graveside services were held at the Thornspring Cemetery in Pulaski on Wednesday, July 15, 2020.

The Jones family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford.

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Taylor Denise Quesenberry

Taylor Denise Quesenberry, age 27 of Pulaski, Virginia went to her heavenly home on Monday July 6th, 2020. She was born on October 28th 1992 to Michael Dean Quesenberry and Angela Dawn Reed.

She was 2011 graduate of Pulaski County High School where she was in the honor society and Marching Band. She then followed her love of music to Longwood University in Farmville, where she graduated in 2015 with a Bachelor of Science degree in music. She was currently employed by Mercer County Schools and taught music at Athens and Sun Valley elementary schools. She loved sharing her love of music with her students. She also worked at Domino's in Pulaski. Besides her love of music, she was an animal lover taking in many strays and she leaves behind 9 birds, 3 dogs and 1 cat.

She is survived by her Mom and step dad, Angela and Charles Reed of Myrtle Beach; Sister and brother in law Danielle and Kevin Simmerman of Pulaski, Brother and sister in law Austin and Bryttany Quesenberry of Pulaski; Step sisters ,Hannah and Jeanette Reed of Pulaski, Grandfather, Steve Booth of Bedford, Grandparents, Martha and Kenneth Conner of Radford; Special loved friends, Vincent Mullins, Chris Clark and Jacki Witherspoon. any other friends, coworkers, and family.

She was preceded in death by her Father Michael Quesenberry; "Same as dad", Greg Maybush; Paternal Grandparents, Lillie and Artie Quesenberry; & Maternal Grandparents Danny Taylor and Bonnie Booth.

A memorial service was held in her honor on Monday July 13th at Abundant Life Ministries, 3050 Lee Highway, Pulaski Virginia with Pastor Randall Lawrence officiating.

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

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



Shirley Ellen Scott Giles

Shirley Ellen Scott Giles, age 82 of Parrott, died Thursday, July 9, 2020 at her residence. She was born in Pulaski County on April 1, 1938, and was the daughter of the late Hazel Minnick Scott and Grover Leonard Scott. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three sisters: Mary Crowley, Janet Wicker, and Verda Fortune. She is survived by her husband of 64 years: Harry Reaford Giles, Sr. of Parrott; son: Harry Reaford Giles, Jr. of Parrott; daughter; Robin G. (Jerry) Thomas of Fairlawn; a sister; Norma (Billy) Stoots of Watertown, NY; three grandchildren; Michael (Clarinda) Thomas, Eric (Laura) Thomas, and Dustin (Tiffany) Thomas: four great-grandchildren; Braiden Thomas, Kolton Thomas, Easton Thomas, and Landry Thomas. Funeral services were held Sunday, July 12, 2020 at Seagle Funeral Home with the Rev. Chad Dunford officiating. A private graveside committal service was held on Monday, July 13 at Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin. The family would like to extend their appreciation to the Good Samaritan Hospice for their wonderful care. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.seaglefuneralhome.com Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. 980-1700

Thomas Mason Compton

Thomas Mason Compton of Dublin, VA passed Tuesday, April 21 at Pulaski Community Hospital. Tom was born in Welch, WV on April 5, 1950, He went on to graduate high school in Welch and then from Montreat Anderson College in Ashville, NC. Tom was an avid baseball lover, being one of the owners of the Pulaski Minor League Baseball Team. These teams brought many players to our area and provided the citizens of the area with months of entertainment each summer. As the Building Official of the Town of Pulaski he even oversaw and helped with the first major renovation at Calfee Park. Tom retired from the Town of Pulaski in 2013 and continued farming at his home in Dublin. He enjoyed being busy with his cattle and working in the garden each summer.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mason Compton and Sadie Walker Compton, and his Great Aunt and Uncle Council and Mildred Walker whom he had a very special bond. He is survived by his son, Council Jim Compton of Pulaski, Lea Compton Monday and husband Douglas Monday of Max Meadows, step-daughter Kim Slusher and husband Mike Slusher of High Point, NC, and his honorary son Ethan Cornett of Christiansburg. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Justin Hite, Keily Monday, and Mason Monday.

The family will hold a Celebration of Life on July 24, 2020 from 5-8 pm at Calfee Park. Tom was so excited that his grandson, Mason, was following in his love of baseball so the family is asking in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made to the Pioneer Pack baseball team at:

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c/o Lea Monday
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Max Meadows, VA 24360

Beulah Mae Richmond Hale

Beulah Mae Richmond Hale, age 81 of Pulaski, died Friday, July 10, 2020 at her residence. She was born in Wythe County on January 6, 1939 and was the daughter of the late Mammie Linville Richmond and Walter Thomas Richmond. Mrs. Hale was a very devoted member to her family and to her church. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints – Radford.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Frank Richmond, and her sister, Faye Chinault and an infant daughter, Jannie.

She is survived by her devoted husband, Leonard Franklin Hale of Pulaski: four sons; Donnie Franklin Hale of Pulaski, David Franklin (Nancy) Hale of Pulaski, Barry (Vicki) Hale of Pulaski, and Ben (Maleah) Hale of Christiansburg: her daughter; Amanda Elizabeth Witherspoon of Pulaski: and a sister; JoAnn (Thurman) Potts of Mt. Airy, NC. She is also survived by sixteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral graveside services were held Monday, July 13, 2020 at the Southwest Virginia Veteran's Cemetery. The family received friends on Monday at Seagle Funeral Home. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.seaglefuneralhome.com Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski.

James Ralph Lane

James Ralph Lane, Senior Master Sergeant USAF Retired, age 83 of Draper, died Sunday, May 31, 2020 at Pulaski Health and Rehabilitation Center. He was born on March 17, 1937 in Dublin and was the son of the late James Albert Lane and Lois Turner Lane.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters: Elizabeth Lane Smith Minnick, and Evelyn Lane Earles.

Ralph is survived by his wife of over 63 years, Janet Bocock Lane of Draper. Also surviving is a sister: Carolyn Lane Kurgan of Pulaski, and a niece, Julie Earles Glass of Charleston, SC. along with brother-in-law Ralph M. Bocock, Jr. of California.

Ralph retired in 1975 from the United States Air Force after serving 21 years all over the world, and returned home to Pulaski County, Virginia. He pursued many interests, gaining skills, knowledge and enjoyment, reflected in his home, yard, and friends.

Graveside funeral services will be held Monday, July 20th at 11:00 a.m. at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery. Family and friends are welcome to attend.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that contributions be made in Ralph's memory to a local charity of choice. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.seaglefuneralhome.com Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski.

Giving Day exceeds expectations

The Community Foundation of the New River Valley (CFNRV) held its largest giving day yet, GiveLocalNRV on Wednesday, June 24th, to help over 80 nonprofits across the New River Valley raise money and draw attention to the important work they do for the region. The event exceeded its \$325,000 fundraising goal, bringing in \$415,221 from nearly 1900 unique donors.

In the seven years of the program to date, the giving day has raised over \$1.6 million for nonprofits across the region.

The CFNRV is also pleased to award \$10,000 in incentive grants, which encourage active participation during the Giving Day. Twelve organizations will receive these awards for the largest number of unique donors by county, two superstars, most money raised, a grant for the best video and power hours awards.

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One dies, three injured in I-81 two-vehicle crash

At 2:49 p.m. Friday (July 10), Virginia State Police responded to a multi-vehicle crash on Interstate 81. A 2017 International box truck was traveling south on I-81 when it ran off the left side of the interstate, crossed through the median and entered the northbound lanes.

The box truck struck a 2017 Nissan Pathfinder and two tractor-trailers in the northbound lanes. One of the tractor-trailers then ran off the left side of the road and into the median.

The driver of the box truck, Orlando L. Craig, 44, of Arnold, Md., died at the scene. He was not wearing a seatbelt. The passenger was transported for treatment of serious injuries and was also not wearing a seatbelt.

The driver of the Pathfinder, Stephen D. Bell, 34, of Mount Juliet, Tn. Was transported for treatment of minor injuries. He was wearing a seatbelt. Both of the passengers were also transported for treatment of minor injuries. The adult was wearing a seatbelt and the juvenile was in a

child safety seat.

Both of the drivers of the two tractor trailers were transported for treatment of serious injuries. Both were wearing their seatbelts.

The crash remains under investigation at this time. The Virginia State Police Wytheville Division Crash Reconstruction and Motor Carrier Safety teams are assisting with the investigation.

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Don't Defund the Police

As someone who reads every bill before I vote for it, let alone any bill I introduce myself, I would not endorse a bill before it is even written.

So I was puzzled to learn that Congresswomen Ayanna Pressley (D-MA) and Rashida Tlaib (D-MI) had endorsed a bill called the BREATHE Act, which has yet to be introduced (not to be confused with an unrelated bill with the same name, H.R. 585, introduced last year).

Although the bill text has not been released, a summary has been published. It reveals legislation that could be the cousin of the infamous Green New Deal: radical, ideologically driven, and a disaster for the country if ever enacted.

The goal of Section One on its own is remarkable: "Eliminate federal programs and agencies used to finance and expand the U.S. criminal-legal system."

The list of targeted programs include the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, the Federal Government's leading source of funding for justice-related state and local issues.

Police departments aren't the only recipients of JAG funding; so are state courts, crime prevention and education, and drug treatment and enforcement.

But there's more. JAG also covers behavioral programs, crisis intervention teams, crime victim and witness initiatives - all and more would be cut off by this bill.

The Drug Enforcement Agency would be eliminated. The Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency would be eliminated.

After dismantling the agencies that enforce federal laws and aid state and local law enforcement, the BREATHE Act swings the ax at other consequences for breaking the law.

It calls for a plan to close all federal prisons, presumably including the United States Penitentiary at Lee in Lee County.

Life sentences would be abolished, no matter how heinous the crime.

That's a lot of damage done, just in Section One.

Section Two tries to push states and local jurisdictions down the same path. It creates grant programs incentivizing them to, among other purposes, "decarcerate their jails and/or defund their police forces," keep police, security guards, metal detectors, and other security equipment out of schools, and abolish state gang databases.

There are few limits on what the BREATHE Act wants to accomplish. It, too, wants to tackle climate change, including by establishing grant programs that demand states use 100 percent renewable and zero-emission energy sources and subsidize energy projects.

The BREATHE Act would surrender the ability of the Federal Government to regulate immigration and grant citizenship. Beside the abolition of ICE mentioned above, Customs and Border Protection is on the chopping block as well.

Laws that "criminalize human movement and border entry" would be repealed, giving a green light not just to illegal immigration but to drug smuggling and human trafficking.

There would no longer be any distinction between citizens and non-citizens, allowing anyone to vote, access federal benefits, and more. Everyone could come and go as they pleased, no matter our capacity to assimilate newcomers and without regard to whether anyone coming here wished to do us harm.

The proponents of the BREATHE Act, whatever their intentions, support extreme changes that would make our country and communities more dangerous. The burden of crime tends to fall on communities and individuals that are already disadvantaged.

The flaws in our criminal justice system should be fixed, but the system should not be razed to the ground.

The BREATHE Act instead aims to reshape our whole society in the guise of a criminal justice bill. It would surely change America, but assaulting the foundations of public safety, one of government's essential functions, is change we can do without.

One might ask why we should bother focusing on this bill summary from a few rank and file Members of Congress. A good reason is that it provides evidence that people who say "defund the police" should be taken at their word.

Another reason not to ignore the BREATHE Act can be attributed to Speaker Nancy Pelosi. When asked recently about the mob violence that destroyed a statue of Christopher Columbus in her native Baltimore, she shrugged it off by saying, "People will do what they do."

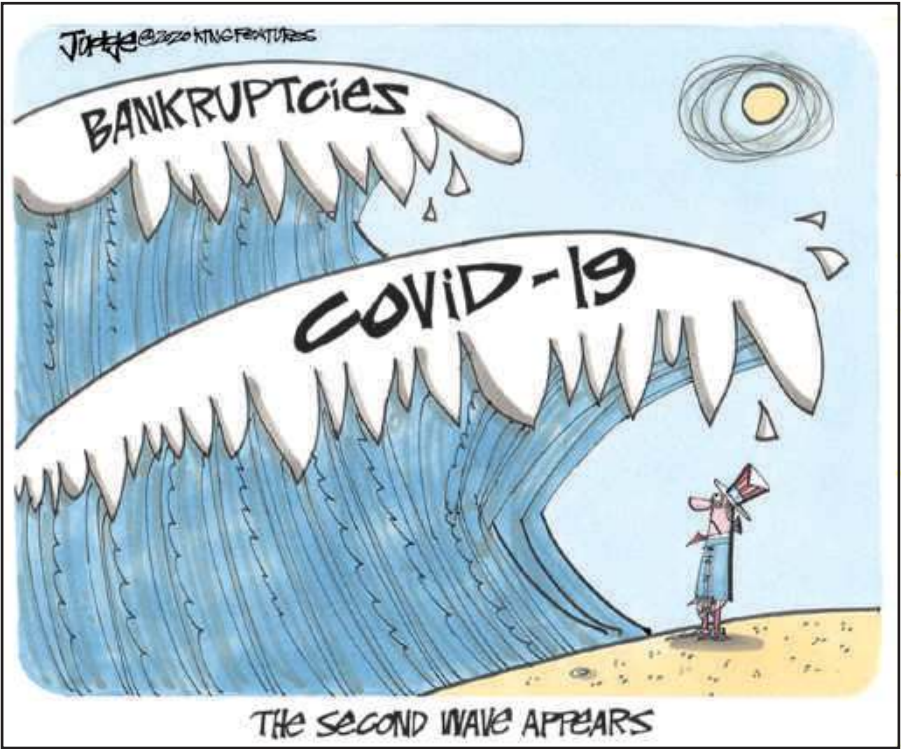
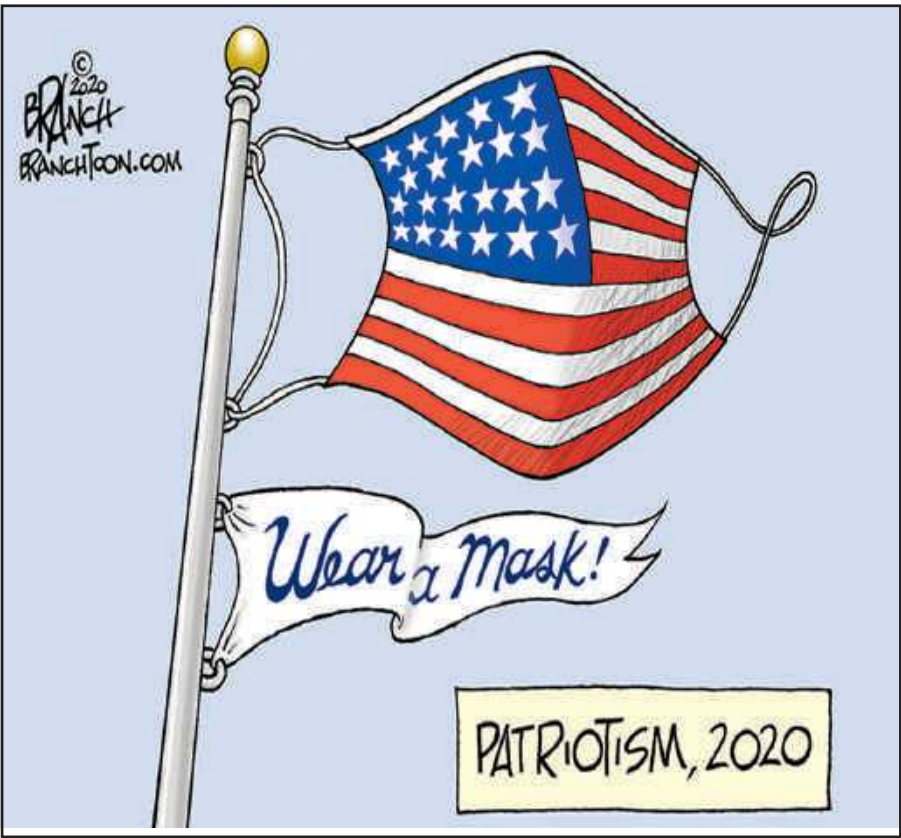
If that indifference to law and order is the attitude held by the House Democratic leader, there is little reason to think she will speak up against the radical ideas of her caucus represented in the BREATHE Act.

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. 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.



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative



Roger Stone's 'cornerstone'

President Trump's decision to commute the prison sentence of his longtime friend and political adviser Roger Stone just days before Stone was to begin a 40-month prison sentence - he and the president say he was falsely accused -- reminded me of another man who was as loyal to his president and who did go to prison.

Charles Colson, described by detractors as Richard Nixon's "hatchet man," went to federal prison after pleading guilty to obstruction of justice for attempting to defame Pentagon Papers defendant Daniel Ellsberg in the Watergate affair.

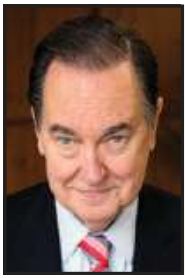
While the cases and outcomes are different, Stone has proclaimed a life-changing experience identical to Colson's. In an interview with The Washington Examiner three months ago, Stone said evangelist Franklin Graham had been counseling him and urged him to "...put my faith in God, and confess my sins, acknowledge Jesus Christ in my life. And I have done that."

As was Colson's experience, many skeptics and political opponents will deride Stone's announcement. While some have used religion to keep out of prison, receive a lighter sentence, or be paroled early, the faith of others has proved to be genuine. Time always tells.

Stone acknowledged that some will be skeptical, even cynical, when he told the Examiner, "I'm aware of the fact there are skeptics who are going to say 'Stone is posturing. Stone is maneuvering for public sympathy,' and so on. But that's just not the case. And He, God, knows what's in my heart."

In an increasingly secular-progressive culture where destroying one's political enemies is considered sport, many may find Stone's professed conversion hard to accept. The list of his sins is long and very public, including those of a personal nature (he and his wife had been regular visitor to a notorious Washington, D.C., sex club). Scripture tells us, however, that God's mercy knows no limits and that Jesus came to save all who have sinned "and fallen short of the glory of God," as the Apostle Paul writes. Paul was the Stone and Colson of his era prior to his own conversion.

Even some critics of Colson came to grudgingly accept his faith as genuine, largely because of the Prison Fellowship



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ministry he founded and how he became an advocate for prisoners, ex-inmates and their families without seeking credit for himself.

Spiritual transformations can also influence others, including opponents. Former Republican strategist Lee Atwater announced his own conversion after being diagnosed with a brain tumor. He issued a statement, apologizing to political opposites he had harmed, adding: "I should have been trying to help people instead of taking advantage of them. I don't hate anyone anymore. For the first time in my life I don't hate somebody. I have nothing but good feelings toward people. I've found Jesus Christ - It's that simple. He's made a difference."

In his book, "Born Again," Colson writes about meeting with a small breakfast group that included Sen. Harold Hughes (D-Iowa), a fierce Nixon opponent. He quotes Hughes: "I've learned how wrong it is to hate. For years there were men towards whom I felt consuming bitterness. I wasn't hurting them, only myself. By hating I was shutting Christ's love out of my life. One of the men I hated most was Chuck Colson, but now that we share a commitment together in Christ, I love him as my brother. I would trust him with my life, my family, with everything I have."

Find me a power in Washington or anywhere else that can produce results like that. Roger Stone says he is now plugged into that higher power. Scripture calls Him the "cornerstone."

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



Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

A triumph at Mount Rushmore

If nothing else, President Donald Trump's July Fourth speech at Mount Rushmore clarified the battle lines of our culture war.

The New York Times called the speech "dark and divisive," while an Associated Press headline declared, "Trump pushes racial division." A Washington Post story said the speech "crystallized" the president's "unyielding push to preserve Confederate symbols and the legacy of white domination."

Democratic Sen. Tammy Duckworth insisted that Trump "spent all his time talking about dead traitors."

To be clear -- and despite all of this -- the media and the left didn't freak out about a speech extolling the valor of Robert E. Lee or the statesmanship of Jefferson Davis. They didn't scorn a speech pining for Antebellum America or expressing ambiguity about the Civil War. They didn't pan a speech that slighted the quest for justice and civil rights throughout American history.

As a matter of fact, Trump didn't mention any Confederates at all. He hailed Abraham Lincoln at length and called the Civil War "the struggle that saved our union and extinguished the evil of slavery." He said we must defend "the ideas that were the foundation of the righteous movement for civil rights."

It'd be difficult to get a more textbook expression of the American civic religion than the speech at Rushmore. It'd be difficult to get a more wide-ranging appreciation of the warriors, inventors, adventurers, reformers, entertainers and athletes that have made the country what it is. It'd be difficult to get a more affirming account of the greatness of America and its meaning to the world.

And, yet, the speech was tested and found wanting.

Trump's attacks on what he called "a new far-left fascism" and a cultural revolution "designed to overthrow the American Revolution" were indeed hard-edged, but who can doubt the basic truth of the claims?

There's a fear afoot in the land, as a merciless authoritarian spirit informs a spate of firings and cancellations. The day before Trump's speech, a Boeing executive resigned over something he had written ... in 1987.

The setting for Trump's speech is itself now deemed problematic. A CNN report previewing the event said Trump "will be at Mount Rushmore, where he'll be standing in front of a monument of two slave owners and on land wrestled away from Native Americans."

There's no doubt that Trump is a deeply flawed messenger. But it wasn't just Trump the messenger who was attacked in the aftermath of the Mount Rushmore speech; it was the message.

Patriotic sentiments of the sort that have adorned American oratory for centuries were deemed hateful and divisive. A celebration of the Founders

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The truth about COVID-19

To the editor,

COVID-19 cases are “spiking” and the media and politicians are going crazy. Dr. Fauci states that the U.S. is “not in total control” of the pandemic and daily new cases could “surpass 100,000.”

The wizards of smart are confusing “cases” with “deaths.” Deaths have flat-lined. Of course, cases have increased because the population is emerging from being in lockdown and because more people are being tested. (cdc.gov)

Deaths are not being reported because that’s not the narrative the deep state wants you to hear.

According to the CDC, mortality from COVID is 4.3%. Most who die are elderly and/or have co-morbid conditions. Also, cases are counted that are confirmed by lab tests and those that are “probable” using certain criteria.

The media and governors want you to think thousands are dying – part of the ongoing effort to stoke fear and erode our liberties.

Some governors, including Northam, are drunk with power because now they think they can order us to do whatever they want. Some are actively trying to thwart the economic recovery because they see it as beneficial politically.

It’s time for people to have a reality check. The more people who get the disease and live the better because that creates herd immunity.

Masks don’t protect people from the virus. Unless the masks are N95 or a mask with many layers of material, all one is doing is breathing stale air.

If common sense precautions are taken – hand washing, covering coughs, cleaning surfaces, staying home if you are sick (things your mother should have taught you)-- that’s all we can do or need to do.

Of course, the elderly and those otherwise at high risk need to take extra care.

People are responsible for their behavior, not the government.

The polio epidemic of the early 1950’s was a scourge (complete with the horrid “iron lung” and a national terror.) I know, I lived through it. But not one school was closed, even though young people were most susceptible. Not one sports event was cancelled; no businesses shut down; nothing shut down. The economy was not affected; life went on.

Everything should now open!

A population of 300,000+ million can’t be controlled if they don’t want to be.

This abuse of power will go on forever if people don’t push back.

Thank you for your consideration.

Deborah Ring,
Pulaski

Lowry

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that once would have been the stuff of schoolbooks and primers was considered controversial. A defense of the nation’s ideals was waved away. No, nothing to see here -- only hate and division.

Surely, if some other Republican president had given the Mount Rushmore speech the pushback wouldn’t have been as intense. But this isn’t just about Trump. It goes much deeper.

Critics of the speech objected to what they said was its wildly exaggerated account of the stakes in the culture war -- and at the same time, vindicated that account by equating patriotism with white supremacy.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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PC's Economic Development office recognized by state DOE

The Pulaski County Office of Economic Development has won the Creating Excellence in Business Partnership Award from the Virginia Department of Education. The Pulaski County Office of Economic Development has been selected as the Region 7 winner after being nominated for the award by Pulaski County Public Schools.

“This is a big honor and the award truly celebrates the relationship and partnership we have with our public schools and how we take a team approach in showcasing our great community, our many assets, and our exceptional people”, stated Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator. “Economic Development is best played as a team sport and our Career and Technical Education Center plays a big role on our team. We value what the faculty and these students bring to the table and there is not a better way to convey to business prospects the quality and talents of our students than to first-hand exhibit it through their participation in our prospect visitation exercises and events.”

The award is presented annually to recognize exemplary programs and partnerships that promote excellence in career and technical education. The Pulaski County Office of Economic Development shares their com-

munity’s story with prospective businesses and industries, they highlight the Pulaski County High School’s Career and Technical Education Center and specifically, the many talented culinary arts students being taught and trained by Mrs. Norris. The PCHS-CTE Center and its culinary arts students are contracted to provide catering services for meals and receptions, and to demonstrate the quality of the education and training they receive. Students are ServSafe manager certified, they understand the value of providing quality dining experiences, gain valuable workplace experience and are part of the Team in selling Pulaski County to new businesses from around the world.

“We thank the Culinary Arts Department for their partnership with helping to recruit businesses to Pulaski County,” stated Michael Solomon, Director of Economic Development. “For the last three years, they have provided catering services and more importantly, they have demonstrated to those who are not from Pulaski County how wonderful our students, career and technical education center and our workforce are.”

The Pulaski County Economic Development Authority’s mission is dedicated to utilizing every resource available to provide

the highest level of assistance to new and existing businesses and industries in order to encourage capital investments, diversify and stabilize the economy, retain and foster new employment opportunities and support an environment conducive for citizen prosperity.

The Pulaski County High School’s mission is committed to maximizing student achievement and share responsibility with families and the community to create an equitable learning environment that strives to develop all students into productive, responsible citizens and life-long learners.

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Amidst a global pandemic, Pulaski is the perfect destination to escape from chaos while practicing safe travel and social distancing.

Your Staycation Destination encourages local, Virginia adventurers to explore Pulaski's open spaces, outdoor activities, and southernly charmed culture.

From the outdoors to local boutiques, Pulaski County is a beautiful and secluded environment for those who want to social distance and enjoy a small-town feel with big city things to do.

Adventurers can customize their experience with themed itineraries, such as outdoors, culture and history, found at visitpulaskiva.org. Each itinerary provides recommended activities, local eats and wineries and local lodging available to enjoy despite COVID-19. The Your Staycation Destination campaign created the itineraries to encourage and assist travelers in their desire to explore, wander, and relax.

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Time for summer camp!

Some of our best childhood memories are of summer camp. This year due to COVID-19 groups and organizations have not been able to schedule their normal summer activities for area children.

In an effort to provide some summer camp activities, community partners have decided to provide a pickup activity for each Wednesday from July 15th – September 2nd.

Kits are for children from ages 5 through 12 years of age. They will be available for pick up at the Pulaski County Visitor's Center in Dublin from 9:00am – 6:00pm.

Registration is required for children to participate and each child will receive a card that will need to be presented each week when picking up their kits. There will be 100 kits available each week and they will be first come first served. Kits can only be picked up on Wednesdays and during these hours.

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Angie Lucas

Lucas joins NRVCS as HR Director

BLACKSBURG, VA – Angelia "Angie" Lucas, BHA, MHR, has recently joined New River Valley Community Services (NRVCS) as the agency's Director of Human Resources.

Lucas, who has over twenty-six years of experience in the health-care industry (including sixteen years of that experience in human resources management), began her new position in March 2020 – just as the initial impact of the COVID-19 global pandemic was being felt.

Lucas earned a Bachelors in Healthcare Administration and a Masters in Human Resource Management from Ashford University.

"Being part of NRVCS is a wonderful opportunity," says Lucas, who lives in Pulaski with her husband, Gary, and their two daughters. "I look forward to supporting our employees while they are taking care of the community."

She adds, "I am excited and honored to have joined this team!"

Rent and mortgage relief program available in NRV

The Virginia Rent and Mortgage Relief Program (RMRP) is designed to support and ensure housing stability across the Commonwealth during the coronavirus pandemic. New River Community Action has been designated as the local program administrator for the New River Valley.

Depending on the availability of funds and household need, the RMRP may provide financial assistance for rent or mortgage payments for eligible households. Financial assistance is a one-time payment for Rent/Mortgage arrears beginning April 1, 2020.

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Schools

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tunity for us to serve more of our students meals and we have they all take advantage of this service that we will provide.”

Robinson District School Board member Dr. Paige Cash asked Sadler is she had seen an increase in the number of students eating breakfast and lunch because of the CEP program. Sadler answered that she had.

“I think we all can agree that a fed child is a child who is ready to learn and ready to participate in sports, the classroom and everything else,” Cash said while thanking Sadler for her efforts on the program.

Resolution Honoring Joe Reed

Joseph Elwood Reed was a career educator in Pulaski County Public Schools for 47 years before he passed away Nov. 5, 2017.

The School Board voted unanimously Tuesday to name the media center / library at the new Pulaski County Middle School in his honor.

Reed served as a classroom teacher at Dublin Middle, as an administrator at the old Northwood Elementary, Dublin Primary, the former Newbern Elementary, Fairlawn Cooperative Transition Program, Pulaski Middle and Pulaski County High School prior to his death.

He was involved with a variety of community service organizations during his life, including being a member of the Board of Directors of the Fine Arts Center of the New River Valley, member of the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce Community Attitude Quality of Life Committee, member of the New River Community College Board of Directors, Vice-Chairman of the Town of Pulaski Recreation Commission, Chairman of the Pulaski County Library Board, President of the Pulaski County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and Chairman of the Emergency Needs Task Force.

He also served his community through providing numerous hours of volunteer service at the Ratcliffe Transportation Museum, sponsoring the Black History Club at Pulaski County High School, mentoring young men and women in the community, and personally purchasing and donating numerous books to promote literacy for students attending schools where he worked.

The resolution states that Reed's name “will always hereafter be known to every student of Pulaski County Public Schools and associated with their pursuit of the knowledge and skills necessary to lead successful and productive lives.”

Surplus DMS, PMS Property

Chris Stafford, Assistant Superinten-

dent for Finance and Business Operations, presented a plan to the board for disposal of surplus property from both Pulaski and Dublin middle schools.

“As soon as the move to Pulaski County Middle School is completed, school system staff will begin the process of disposing of all unused property currently house at both old middle schools,” Stafford explained. “This will include property such as classroom furniture, desks, chairs, instructional equipment, kitchen equipment and may other types of items.”

Stafford said all personal property housed at the two schools would be sold publicly on GovDeals.com – an online surplus bidding website for governmental agencies – or transferred internally to another school if an item is usable.

Sell of Mobile Classrooms To Pulaski County

Stafford told the School Board that Building Bridges Child Development Center had approached Pulaski County requesting a donation of two of the mobile classroom units located at the old Dublin Middle School.

The County, Stafford said, is asking the school system to expedite the disposition of these two mobile units at DMS for the benefit of Building Bridges.

Stafford said given that school system staff has no plans for the mobile units, which are approximately 20 years old, and recognizing the shortage of childcare services in Pulaski County, the recommendation is that the School Board waive the requirements of school policy and sell them to the County of Pulaski for a total purchase price of one dollar.

He added the responsibility and cost of removal of these units will be with Building Bridges Child Development Center and/or the County, and not the school system.

The board approved the sale.

School Board approves Joint Resolution on Capital Needs Funding Plan

The School Board gave its approval to a joint resolution establishing a funding plan to tackle the school system's Capital Improvement Plan featuring nearly 60 projects totaling \$16,441,298.

Their approval Tuesday followed approval last month by the Board of Supervisors.

The funding plan allows for the school system to continue to use unused carry-over funds from its annual operational budget, revenues received from cigarette taxes collected by the county and portions of future school debt payment retirement.



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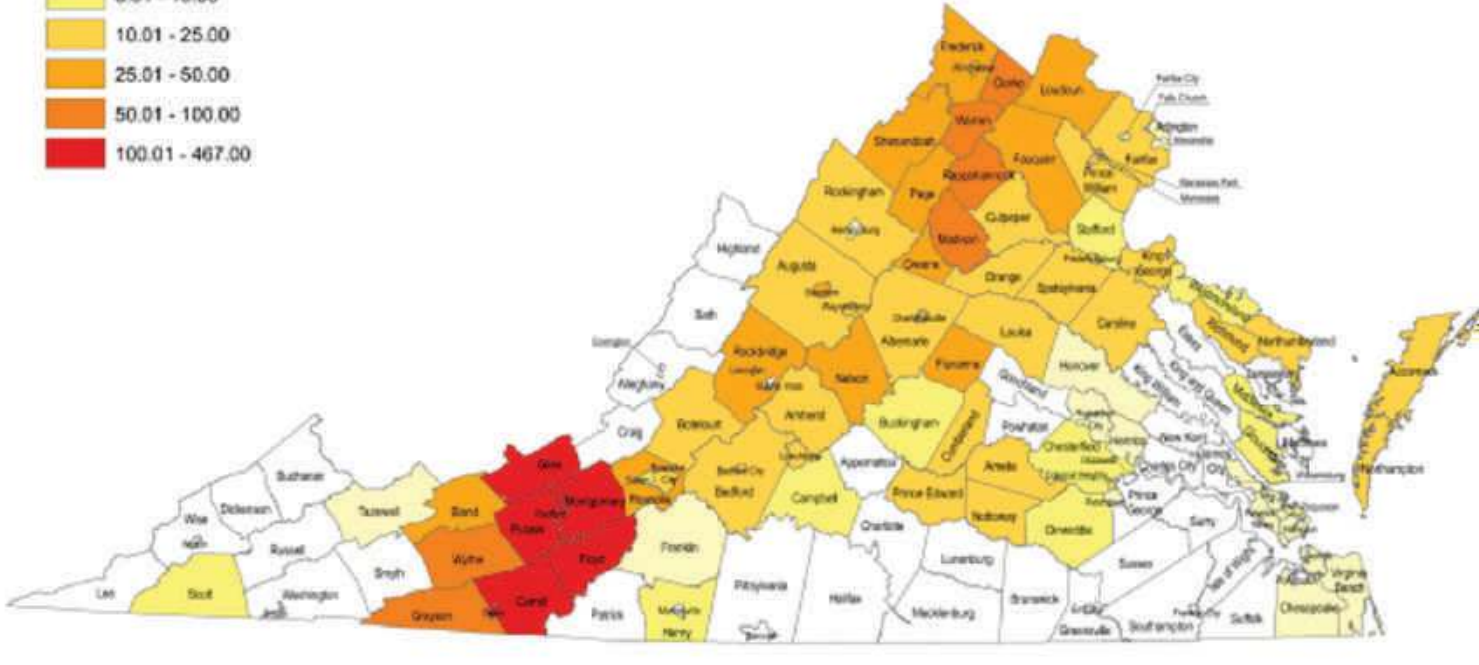
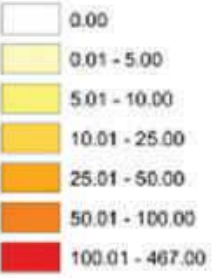


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Give them a call if you're interested in renting the space - club treasurer Mike at (540) 250-4582.

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It's summer and we are now deep in the heart of tick season. As with every year, we are expected to have an increase in the number of tick-borne diseases in Virginia. And, as with every year, all localities within the New River Valley are likely to be in the top 10 Virginia

counties and cities for Lyme disease infections per capita. It is important to take preventative measures to protect yourself and your family against ticks, especially during the current state of emergency. Some of these measures include:
- Staying away from brushy areas and places with deep leaf litter

- Using flea & tick preventative medication on any pets that spend time outside
- Wearing light-colored clothing outdoors
- Thoroughly checking your body every time you come back indoors
For more information on tick prevention and making your outdoor spaces less attractive to ticks, please visit <https://www.nrv-roadtowellness.com/lyme-disease>.

God's Master Plan

In the beginning God created the
Heavens and the earth
Out of this came Man's Birth.

He divided the darkness into light
Which made everything so wonderfully bright.

The dry land and the seas He
called good
Serving its purpose as it should.

He brought forth seeds to yield
fruits
Of its kind.
So tasty, delicious, and unconditionally divine.

He made two great heavenly lights
To shine from above.
Sun, moon, and also stars.
Another sign of His amazing love.

All things made was set in its place
According to His will and grace.

Man was made in His own image
to
Have dominion over everything
that was made.
Given this authority and trust, to
him He gave.

He has set rules that we must obey
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Staying in the Master's Plan we
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We must follow His instructions
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VHSL to announce sports plan on July 27

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. – The VHSL Executive Committee met in special session Wednesday, July 15 for the purpose of discussing the fall sports season. The Executive unanimously voted (35-0-0) to meet on Monday, July 27, to vote on the three recommended models presented at the meeting for reopening sports and activities. The Committee also voted to delay the beginning of fall sports until a final decision is made on July 27. The Committee also suspended the July-August dead period for 2020 which means schools can continue out-of-season practice activities.

“It’s important to remember that in all these models playing sports in the high-risk category depends on being out of the current Phase III guidelines. All our efforts will continue towards advocating for the opening of sports and activities in a safe and reasonable way that will protect athletes, activity participants, coaches, officials, and the public,” said VHSL Executive Director Dr. John W. “Billy” Haun.

“The VHSL will continue making judgments based on the best available information and directives provided by the Governor, the Virginia Department of Health (VDH), and the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE).” Shannorn Butler, VHSL executive committee chairwoman and principal at York High School, said, “The goal in all our discussions has been to provide our student-athletes and activity participants the best opportunity to return to the playing fields, courts, track, and stages during this school year in a safe environment as possible.

“Our decision today will allow members of the executive committee to collaborate with the regions and groups that they represent to make a decision on July 27 that is in the best interest of our students; moving forward – our ultimate goal would be to have all of our student athletes the opportunity to safely represent their schools on the playing field during the 2020-2021 school year”

The three models presented to the Executive Committee for the opening of sports/activities are as follows:

Model 1 – Leave all sports in current season. Low and moderate contact risks sports that would be allowed to play are golf and

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Three models for the coming school year were presented to the Executive Committee. Observers say Model 3 - with football being played from March 1 to May 1 - was the most popular among committee members.



Chase Elliott, driver of the #9 UniFirst Chevrolet, celebrates after winning the NASCAR Cup Series All-Star Race at Bristol Motor Speedway on July 15, 2020 in Bristol, Tennessee.

Elliott joins dad as All-Star winner

BRISTOL, Tenn. (AP) — Chase Elliott collected the checkered flag and soaked in the sounds of fans in the grandstands. The spectators at Bristol Motor Speedway surged to the fence, chanted "USA! USA!" and celebrated NASCAR's most popular driver.

Cue the siren at the Dawsonville Pool Room — another Elliott is an All-Star winner.

Chase Elliott joined his father, Hall of Famer "Awesome" Bill Elliott, as winner of NASCAR's annual All-Star race, earning the \$1 million prize Wednesday in front of limited spectators at the Tennessee track.

"Tonight felt like an event again and I felt like we've been missing that piece for a couple months," said Elliott, who won races at Charlotte in the Cup Series and Truck Series with no fans. "It felt good to have NASCAR back. NASCAR is about the fans. I felt like the vibe was back."



Ryan Newman, driver of the #6 Oscar Mayer Bacon Ford, races Kyle Busch, driver of the #18 M&M's Toyota, during the NASCAR Cup Series All-Star Race at Bristol Motor Speedway on July 15, 2020 in Bristol, Tennessee.

town, the pool room marks every win by the father or son by blaring its horn no matter the time of day or night.

"I hope someone got a good video of it for me," Elliott said. "That's such a special tradition."

Over in victory lane, the normally reserved Elliott celebrated like never before. He accepted the track's gladiator sword trophy and waved it in the air, stabbed it toward his

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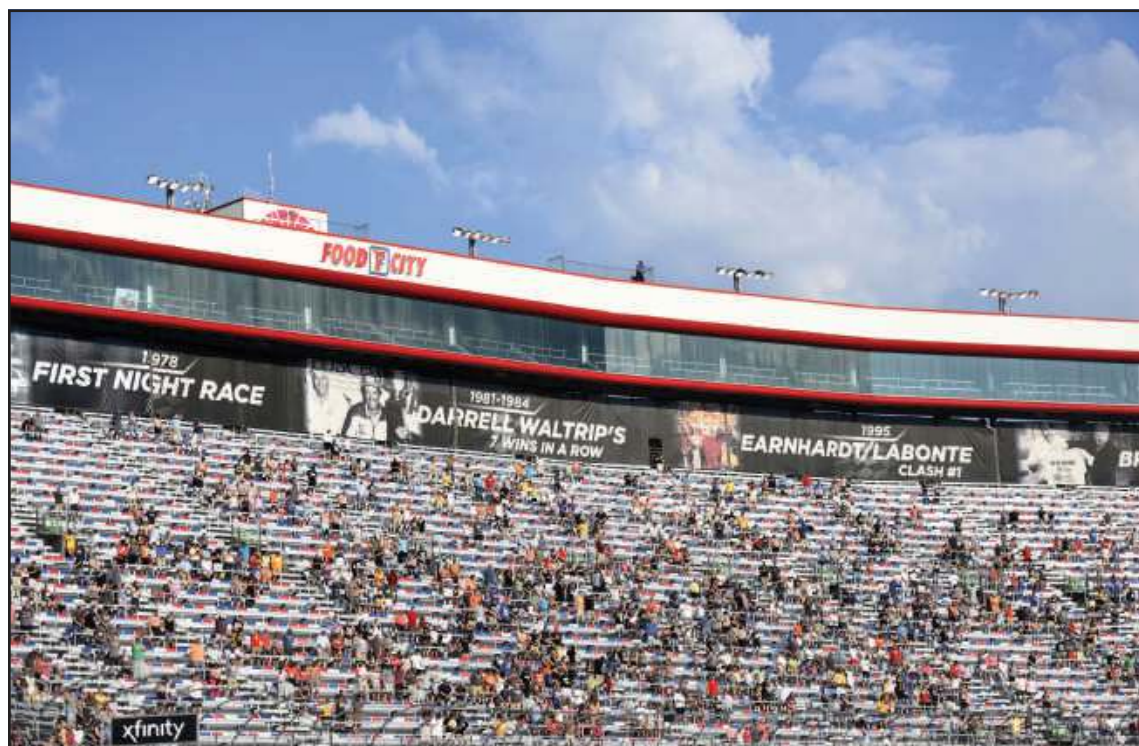
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Limited fans return to watch the NASCAR Cup Series All-Star Race at Bristol Motor Speedway on July 15, 2020 in Bristol, Tennessee.

NASCAR hosts largest sporting event crowd since pandemic

BRISTOL, Tenn. (AP) — Clint Bowyer hopped off his pit stand at Bristol Motor Speedway to learn he'd won the fan vote to advance into NASCAR's All-Star race — an announcement met by a roar from the grandstands.

It wasn't the raucous ovation typically heard in Thunder Valley, but after four months of near silence, it was better than nothing.

Up to 30,000 fans were allowed to attend Wednesday night's race, NASCAR's largest with spectators since the coronavirus pandemic shut down sports in March. Attendance figures were not released, but it appeared at least 20,000 spectators were socially distanced throughout the grandstands — making it the

largest sporting event in the United States since winter.

"It damn sure feels good to have the fans back at the track," Bowyer said.

Chase Elliott, NASCAR's most popular driver, won the race and celebrated to chants of "USA! USA!" from the crowd.

IndyCar raced last weekend at Road America in Wisconsin and there was no limit on tickets sold to the event held on a 4-mile road course. Crowd estimates for that event have been around 10,000 spectators.

Driver introductions were held for the first time since racing resumed May 17, although the usual over-the-top festivities were toned down. Drivers for the All-Star event typically walked out

on a stage with their team but on Wednesday night they stood next to their cars and waved to the crowd as they were introduced.

The All-Star Race was moved from Charlotte Motor Speedway for just the second time since its 1985 inception because Tennessee officials allowed Speedway Motorsports to sell a percentage of its seats. North Carolina, where the race was held at Charlotte Motor Speedway its first year and every year since 1987, would not authorize spectators.

Bristol, dubbed "The Last Great Colosseum," can hold about 140,000 people, meaning it would be 79% empty even with a sellout crowd of 30,000. Masks were only required upon en-

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Elliott

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Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet — he drives No. 9, just like his father did — and pretended to vanquish his foes with it in his celebration.

"What a special race to win. It's extremely special to join Dad in winning this race," Elliott said. "To me this is one of the prestigious events on the schedule. There's a lot of hype around it. It means a lot to me you are racing against the very best. To beat the best is always special."

Elliott won the second and third stages of the event and earned the right to choose which lane he wanted to restart for the final 15-lap sprint to the finish. He picked the outside lane and pulled buddy Ryan Blaney with him on the restart but was never challenged and beat Kyle Busch to the finish line.

Bill Elliott won the race in 1986, the only year it was held at Atlanta Motor Speedway. The race began in 1985 at Charlotte Motor Speedway and was held at that North Carolina track every year but one until it was moved during this pandemic-altered year.

Tennessee officials allowed NASCAR and Speedway Motorsports to sell 30,000 tickets to the All-Star race, so it was moved from Charlotte because North Carolina would not authorize spectators for the race.

"There's nothing like Bristol," Chase Elliott said. "There's no feeling like it. This speaks for itself, Bristol is an electric atmosphere. We'll take that million dollars back to Georgia."

It was the most spectators at a sporting event in the United States since March. Because the speedway is privately owned, attendance numbers will not be released, but there appeared to

be about 20,000 people in the grandstands. Tickets were on sale through Tuesday evening and still available on Bristol's website until the deadline.

Bristol, dubbed "The Last Great Colosseum," can hold about 140,000 spectators. Speedway Motorsports had those in attendance socially distanced through the grandstands and masks were only required upon entrance. Fans were told they could remove them once in their seats.

Following the post-race fireworks, an announcement was made to the crowd telling fans they'd be dismissed by row.

Elliott won in his fifth All-Star appearance and is the 25th different driver to win the made-for-TV race. He and his father join Hall of Famers Dale Earnhardt and Dale Earnhardt Jr. as winning father-son duos of the event.

"Anytime you can join the Earnhardts in anything in racing, and to join Dad in winning this event, that's not just special. That's a lot of years and a lot of history. For everything to come full circle like that is pretty dang cool," Elliott said.

Bubba Wallace was wrecked out of the qualifying race, ruining his shot of racing for the \$1 million prize.

One driver advanced into the All-Star race through a fan vote and Wallace had been leading when results were last updated by NASCAR a week ago. After he crashed 17 laps into the qualifying race — which awarded three additional slots to stage winners into the 20-driver All-Star field — he was no longer eligible to win the fan vote.

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cross country. High risk sports that would not be played are field hockey, football, volleyball, and cheer. Fall activities that would be allowed is theatre.

Model 2 – Switch Fall and Spring seasons. Low and moderate contact risk sports that would be allowed to play in the fall are track and field, tennis, soccer, baseball, and softball. High risk sports that would not

be played are boys/girls lacrosse. Spring activities that would be allowed are theatre, forensics/debate, and film festival.

Model 3 – Delay all VHSL sports and adopt the Condensed Interscholastic Plan. Leave all sports in the season where they are currently aligned.

- Season 1 (Winter) December 14 – February 20 (First Contest Date – December 28)

- Season 2 (Fall) February 15 – May 1 (First Contest Date – March 1)

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How To Survive

There is much concern today on how to survive the many things that confront us. The one that is foremost on all our minds is the Covid-19 pandemic, but there are others.

A few years back there were no such things such as floods, hurricanes or tornados to be concerned about. Parts of Southwest have had these bad weather phenomena occur.

Since this is an outdoor column, I am going to concentrate on how to survive in certain situations that one may encounter when lost or having to spend some time making do until getting back to civilization.

I have been in situations as most anyone that has gone hunting where you got disoriented and did not know how to get back to your original starting point.

I know of once going coon hunting with some friends on a Friday night and after the dogs got off the track possibly chasing

a deer, I told them I had to work the next day and left for home. This was near the top of Big Walker Mountain and all I had to do was go down the mountain.

I had a flashlight and it went dead on me. There was no moon and it was pitch-black dark. I became disoriented and found myself on a flat part of the mountain and did not know the way to go to get to a lower level. I stumbled around and finally encountered mountain laurel and hit a branch and followed it to the fields below. This would be a good rule to follow in our part of the country – to follow a stream and you should soon reach civilization.

There are many stories told of people getting lost by leaving the main trail on a mountain hike and have to have the local recue teams to find them. Some people often think that they can make it, but do not go prepared in the first place. They should



Woods, Water & Wildlife

W.A. "Doc" Davis

always let others know where they are going and be prepared to meet any challenges of having to spend a night when the temperatures drops or a sudden storm front comes about.

A person should always pack a survival backpack with the following: waterproof matches (also a butane lighter for backup); a heatable container in addition to your canteen; light source of head lamp or flashlight that are waterproof; whistle to signal others to your dilemma; mirror for signaling as well; extra emergency shelter items such as

a space blanket as well as extra socks, sweaters and trousers; a good knife and small hatchet; a compass and a topographic map of the surrounding countryside; a good first aid kit; extra emergency food along with fishing gear of hooks and line; water purification tablets that are easier to purify water than having to boil it.

One should become acquainted with the forestland and flora that are native to the area. Plants that look good and you think are edible may be deadly poison. The majority of mushrooms found in the woods look good to the eye, in reality are as deadly as the hemlock that made into tea that Socrates was induced to drink. There are some plants that make excellent drinks such as the stinging nettles that I have had the misfortune of brushing into while tramping through the woods.

People are often of the impression that if they have a cell phone, they can call for help. In

many cases they do not work at higher elevations or in remote areas.

I would in addition to the above recommended items, have a hand-held GPS. With a knowledge of how to locate your position on your topographic map and compass, a person should be able to set off in the right direction to the nearest populated area.

There are many people that are spiritually lost today. They are lost if they do not know the Lord Jesus as their Savior who died on the cross for all mankind paying our sin debt. By heeding his call as found in John 14:6 (KJV): “Jesus stated unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father; but by me.”

As the old gospel song reiterates, “The Way of the Cross Leads Home.”

Until next time

Hokie Club Pig-Out canceled

The Pulaski County Hokie Club Pig-Out to kickoff the Virginia Tech football season has been canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This yearly event has been held each year since 1988 and has never been canceled or postponed.

We encourage our fans to be safe.

The next event is the Annual Golf Tournament to be held Sunday, Sept. 27.

John Rupe,
President
Pulaski County Hokie Club

Calfee Park voted best ballpark

For the second consecutive year, Motor Mile Field at Calfee Park has earned the title of best rookie-level ballpark in America. Calfee Park won five rounds of head-to-head competitions with other ballparks hosting rookie-level clubs in Minor League Baseball, including teams in both the Appalachian and Pioneer Leagues, in Ballpark Digest's annual Best of the Ballparks competition.

“Even without baseball, the love and appreciation fans across the country have for Calfee Park is evident,” said Pulaski Yankees General Manager Betsy Haugh. “We are proud of our ballpark and excited to be voted the best rookie-level ballpark in America for the second consecutive year.”

As 2019 champion, Calfee Park was the top seed in the competition and earned a first-round bye before defeating Bluefield's Bowen Field, Grand Junction's Suplizio Field, Burlington's Burlington Athletic Stadium, and Kingsport's Hunter Wright Stadium en route to earning the title.

Since the Shelor Automotive Group purchased Calfee Park from the Town of Pulaski in 2015, ownership has completed numerous upgrades including a renovated home team clubhouse; a new visiting team clubhouse, concession stand, press box, and souvenir store;

Crowd

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trance. Fans were told they could remove them once in their seats.

Tickets were on sale through Tuesday evening and still available on Bristol's website until the deadline. The speedway is privately owned and attendance figures are not required to be released.

Concession stands were open, but typical shopping opportunities were limited and independent street-side souvenir stands along Speedway Boulevard hawked driver items and even a few Confederate flags.

As fans arrived, they were greeted by a plane flying over the Tennessee track that was pulling a banner of the Confederate flag.

NASCAR in June banned the flag at its events, but protesters at Talladega Superspeedway in Alabama paraded past the main entrance waving them from their vehicles. A plane also flew over the speedway that day with a flag that read "Defund NASCAR," a play on the "defund the police" slogan of some protesting racial injustice.

President Donald Trump has criticized NASCAR for banning the Confederate flag, blaming the decision for the sport's "low ratings," although TV ratings for NASCAR have been up since racing resumed.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans of Columbia, Tennessee, claimed it had paid for the banner over Talladega. The one flying over Bristol Motor Speedway listed only the group's website.



the addition of two VIP Towers, upgrading seating, and a 35' x 22' JumboTron; a Bermuda grass playing field and new irrigation system; construction of new home offices for ballpark employees; and the expansion of the upper concourse.

Most recently prior to the 2019 season, a three-tiered party

deck and new boxes were added along the third base line, increasing the ballpark's capacity to 3,200. Additional upgrades including 800 new seats behind the party deck and new concessions points of sale were planned for 2020 before being put on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors intends to hold a public hearing beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 27, 2020, in the Supervisors Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, N.W., Suite 1 in the Town of Pulaski to receive citizens' comments on the following matter:

a) Adoption of an amended ordinance, pursuant to Code of Virginia Section 53.1-120, increasing the assessment for courthouse and courtroom security on traffic and criminal convictions in general district and circuit court from \$10.00 to \$20.00;

Submission of comments in writing via mail to above address, fax (540-980-7717), or e-mail to bos@pulaskicounty.org are preferred. A copy of the draft ordinance is available for public inspection by phoning (540) 980-7705 or emailing bos@pulaskicounty.org.

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Open letter on exams, immunizations

Dear Parents/Guardians,
If you have a child entering Preschool or Kindergarten, we just want to remind you that they must have a comprehensive physical examination and have all required immunizations before they can start school.

We know that COVID-19 pandemic initially interrupted or limited services offered by local health departments and healthcare providers but parents need to make appointment for well –child physicals and immunizations. Planning ahead to complete these state requirements for school enrollment will ensure a smooth and safe start when schools reopen.

22.1-270. Preschool physical examinations.
No pupil shall be admitted for the first time to any public kindergarten or elementary school in a school division unless such pupil shall furnish, prior to admission, (i) a report from a qualified licensed physician, or a licensed nurse practitioner or licensed physician assistant acting under the supervision of a licensed physician, of a comprehensive physical examination of a scope prescribed by the State Health Commissioner performed within the 12 months prior to the date such pupil first enters such public kindergarten or elementary school or (ii) records establishing that such pupil furnished such report upon prior admission to another school or school division and providing the information contained in such report.

22.1-271.2. Immunization requirements.
No student shall be admitted by a school unless at the time of admission the student or his parent submits documentary proof of immunization to the admitting official of the school or unless the student is exempted from immunization.

Other required immunizations for school admission include:

1. Human Papillomavirus (HPV) for girls entering sixth grade
2. Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (Tdap) booster for entry into seventh grade.

These requirements have NOT been waived and parents are encouraged to make appointments with their health care provider now to avoid the “back to school rush”.

Please provide written documentation of physical and immunizations to your child’s school as soon as possible or before the first day of school so it can be entered into their health record.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Mary Hall, BSN RN
Supervisor of Health Services
Pulaski County Public Schools

LewisGale implements hotline to help jobless get health coverage

In Virginia, unemployment has risen from less than 3 percent to more than 10 percent since the beginning of the pandemic. That number is expected to continue to rise as the economy struggles to stabilize. The COVID-19 pandemic has created uncertainty for many who have lost their jobs due to the economic impacts of the virus. The loss of health insurance coverage is a major concern for those recently unemployed.

LewisGale Regional Health System is working with HCA Virginia to assist those who find themselves

without health insurance coverage for their families. The commonwealth’s most comprehensive provider network has established a hotline to assist those who have lost health insurance coverage to secure temporary coverage while they are unemployed.

The Hotline at (833) 867-8771 is available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

“Part of our mission is to ensure the health of the communities we serve through our hospitals and healthcare providers,” said LewisGale Market President Lance Jones.

“An important part of that is to be there in times of need and to ensure lack of insurance coverage and fears about the COVID-19 virus do not preclude people from receiving the healthcare they need. This hotline is a tool for us to tend to the overall wellbeing of our patients and their families, and to remove barriers to seeking lifesaving care in a safe hospital environment.”

Hotline advisors can discuss eligibility and advocacy services appropriate for a variety of scenarios:

- Continuing an employer's existing plan for those who have recently lost a job (COBRA and other options) - Applying for coverage via a spouse's benefit program - Resources that may help offset the costs of health insurance - Medicaid for those that meet certain criteria - State and federal health insurance exchanges (such as the Affordable Care Act), and how to enroll due to a life changing event like job loss

These services are offered free. LewisGale Regional Health System and HCA VA are not representing any other company or selling insurance plans.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

County Budget Amendment

The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing pursuant to Section 15.2-2507 of the Code of Virginia, at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 27, 2020 in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, in the Town of Pulaski on an amendment to the 2020-2021 fiscal year budget as follows:

General Fund	
Revenues:	
Transfer from Reserves	\$ 3,837,651.33
Total Revenues	\$ 3,837,651.33
Expenditures:	
Transfers to Other Funds	\$ 868,926.33
Non-Departmental Natural Disaster Expenses	2,968,725.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 3,837,651.33
School Construction Fund	
Revenues:	
Transfer from Reserves	\$ 8,602,021.50
Total Revenues	\$ 8,602,021.50
Expenditures:	
Middle School Construction	\$ 6,169,158.99
School Utilities	338,817.02
Building Improvements	2,094,045.49
Total Expenditures	\$ 8,602,021.50
Capital Improvements Fund	
Revenues	
External Financing	\$ 1,217,297.80
Transfer from Reserves	3,133,466.56
Total Revenues	\$ 4,350,764.36
Expenditures:	
General and Financial Administration	\$ 598,611.84
Public Safety	398,115.92
Public Works	2,447,004.11
Parks Recreation and Cultural	907,032.49
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GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$ 16,790,437.19

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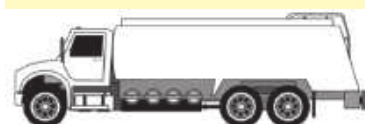
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Yard Sale

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Yard Sale

Fri. -Sat., June 10 - 11, 8 a.m. - ?
Patrick Ave., Dublin

Note:

To all yard sale shoppers, the American Legion Post 58 in Dublin is giving free hot dogs to all yard sale shoppers on Saturday, July 11, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Stop by the Legion located next door to the Dublin United Methodist Church in Dublin across the street from Dublin Train Station in Dublin

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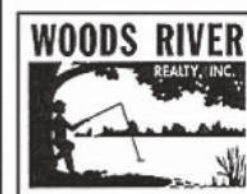
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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

THIS WILL BE MY FIRST ENTRY INTO MY JOURNAL. HERE I PLAN TO LOG ALL MY PAIN AND SUFFERING.

ALL GREAT WRITERS EXPERIENCE ALL KINDS OF HARDSHIP IN THEIR LIVES AND SO FAR I HAVE NOTHING.

GERALD, YOU GET IN THIS HOUSE RIGHT THIS MINUTE AND CLEAN UP THIS MESS IN THE KITCHEN!

SO...GOOD NEWS, AT THIS RATE I SHOULD PROBABLY HAVE MORE THAN ENOUGH MATERIAL BY BEDTIME.

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

A TRAY OF FUDGE BROWNIES...THEY'RE STILL WARM.SHE CAN'T BE FAR...

TRACKING BETTY CROCKER

R.F.D.

by Mike Marland

WELL THAT CROSSBREED WAS A WASTE OF TIME!

POOLE FAMILY FARM STAND

CHERRY TOMATOES ARE DELICIOUS - TOMATO CHERRIES, NOT SO MUCH!

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

GRANDPA, DO YOU EVER TALK TO YOURSELF?

RUB RUB RUB

ONLY WHEN I'M ALONE.

POPEYE

HEY CHAMAN

Y' SHOULD ALWAYS KEEP A WEATHER EYE OPEN...

I' FREEBIES Y'KIN USE ROUN YER HOUSE

LIKE DIS ONE, FER INSTINKS!

AHOY, MATEY, WOTCHA DOIN'?

I WAS HIRED TO REMOVE THIS TREE!

I KIN USE THET TREE IN ME BACK YARD!

ARE Y' NUTS? IT'LL COST VA THOUSANDS TA TRANSPLANT!

NO, IT WON'T

SO Y' SEE? HE GITS HIS FEE...

"AN' I GITS TH' TREE!"

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

OK DEAR, IN MY DEFENSE THE TRAVEL LOG SAID "UNFORGETTABLE LODGING". I HAVE A FEELING YOU WON'T LET ME FORGET ABOUT THIS FOR A LONG TIME.

LAFF-A-DAY

Is this my bill or my odometer mileage?

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!

Blend LEMING

Band GREHT

Avoid REGION

Facade TEDIOUS

TODAY'S WORD

"Sidney is very every night he's going bowling or going out to the fights..."

King Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Give a darn
- 5 IOU, e.g.
- 9 Trip to Mecca (Var.)
- 12 Like 28-Across
- 13 Top-notch
- 14 Chicken-king link
- 15 The Swedish Nightingale
- 16 Hold sway
- 17 Cartoonist Chast
- 18 Creche trio
- 19 Auto grille cover
- 20 "For cryin' out loud!"
- 21 Id counterpart
- 23 Personal question
- 25 Beckon
- 28 Vast sandy expanse
- 32 Leafy shelter
- 33 Release a deadbolt
- 34 Trolley sounds
- 36 Present from birth
- 37 Common Mkt.
- 38 Pigpen
- 39 Pre-swan
- 42 Puncturing device
- 44 It gets in the whey

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- 48 Seek restitution
- 49 Neighborhood
- 50 Quite eager
- 51 Historic time
- 52 Read bar codes
- 53 — good example
- 54 Press for payment
- 55 Cattle group
- 56 A bit unclear
- 4 "Two Tickets to Paradise"
- 5 Diamonds, essentially
- 6 Session with a shrink
- 7 Extended family
- 8 Shirt shape
- 9 Tortoise's opponent
- 10 Lotion additive
- 11 Satchmo's genre
- 20 "I Walk the Line" singer
- 22 Canyon
- 24 Obsess
- 25 Pouch
- 26 Surfer's destination
- 27 Biz deg.
- 29 Lawyers' org.
- 30 Snitch
- 31 Exist
- 35 Hard to find
- 36 Gilligan's home
- 39 Secondhand
- 40 Mentor
- 41 Slender
- 43 Sport
- 45 Eye layer
- 46 "Puttin' on the —"
- 47 Crucial time
- 49 Blond shade

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top ten

What Makes Dogs Happiest?

1. Mealtime
2. Going on walks
3. Dog treats
4. Dog bone
5. Snuggling
6. Riding in car
7. Playing fetch
8. Trip to dog park
9. Going on run/jog
10. Brushed/groomed

Source: Beneful

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTSMOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Window is gone. 2. Girl's swimsuit is different. 3. Bath is now added. 4. Fish have changed direction. 5. Mangle's shirt is different. 6. Flowers have been added.

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. TELEVISION: In which 1980s-90s sitcom did a waitress named Carla Tortelli appear?
2. LITERATURE: What are the tree-like beings called in "The Lord of the Rings"?
3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the rallying cry for the shape-changing Transformers?
4. U.S. STATES: Which state would a Jayhawker hail from?
5. MOVIES: Which movie featured the line, "Life is a banquet, and most poor-suckers are starving to death!"?
6. ANATOMY: Which part of the human body is affected by surgery called rhinoplasty?
7. MUSIC: Which rock group's debut album was titled "Bleach"?
8. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was known as the "hero of San Juan Hill"?
9. MEASUREMENTS: What does a joule measure?
10. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the Grand Teton National Park?

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- Answers
1. "Cheers"
2. Enns
3. "Till all are one"
4. Kansas
5. "Auntie Mame"
6. The nose
7. Nirvana
8. Theodore Roosevelt
9. Energy
10. Wyoming, United States

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C	A	R	E	C	H	I	T	A	L	H	A

Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers

King Crossword



"I have a two-story house and a bad memory, so I'm up and down those stairs all the time. That's my exercise."

— Betty White

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Did you know Mickey Mouse kidnapped and would have been spat?

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: B equals L

WSW NHY VLHE ZSQVON ZHYXO

MOCSHWSQKBNN THJ GOCN

BSTFJFKOWOW KLW EHYBW FKGO

WSXLON XMOBBX?

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Today's Word

1. Mingle 2. Gather

3. Ignore 4. Outside

Solution

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F D T I C A A Y T U N O C O C
X U W V V T E T U N G N I W O
B L L E H S T U N B M U H T L

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: PLEASE WAIT JUST A —

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|-----------|------------|----------|-----------|
| Butternut | Diminutive | Nuthatch | Tenuto |
| Canute | Doughnut | Nutmeg | Thumb nut |
| Chestnut | Locknut | Nutrient | Wing nut |
| Coconut | Minutiae | Nutshell | |

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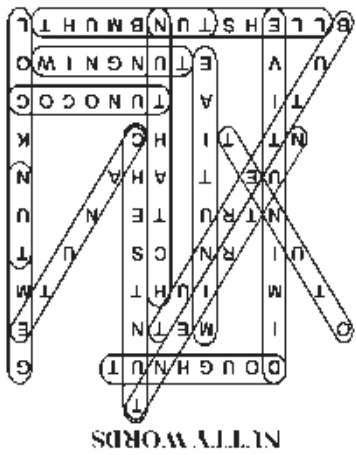
AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

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.

EFN NCAEF FCQ DOCYOU
ANTNSMNY EFN NPIACTNQ KV
EFN QLJ, CJY XN QFCOO QKKJ
QNN EFN ANQLOEQ KV EFNSA
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the sun, and we shall soon
see the results of their
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Senior News Line Free Entertainment

By Matilda Charles

To help us stay away from the mainstream news that has nothing but disturbing commentary and visuals, I've compiled a list of more upbeat places to investigate online. Best of all -- they're free!

Games -- Do online searches for your favorite games to play on your computer, such as Scrabble, crossword puzzles, mahjong and vintage Pac Man, Myst and Donkey Kong. (Use "classic games" or "retro games" as your search terms for the old ones.)

Language classes -- Duolingo (www.duolingo.com) is the best language learning site I've found, and you don't have to pay anything! They keep track of your progress and move you right along once you've mastered a section. At this point there are over 30 languages you can study.

E-books -- Project Gutenberg (www.gutenberg.org) has over 60,000 books on its site, mostly old classics and all of them free to read. If you have an e-reader, you can download books, or

ket and all your tech will stay orderly.

* Car Wash Tips: Use a soap that's made for vehicles, because it's less likely to strip the protective coating off your paint. Don't wash in full sun if possible. If you must, then work in small sections to keep soap

you can read them right on your computer. If you have an editing or education background, Gutenberg is always looking for volunteer proofreaders to help add more books to the catalog.

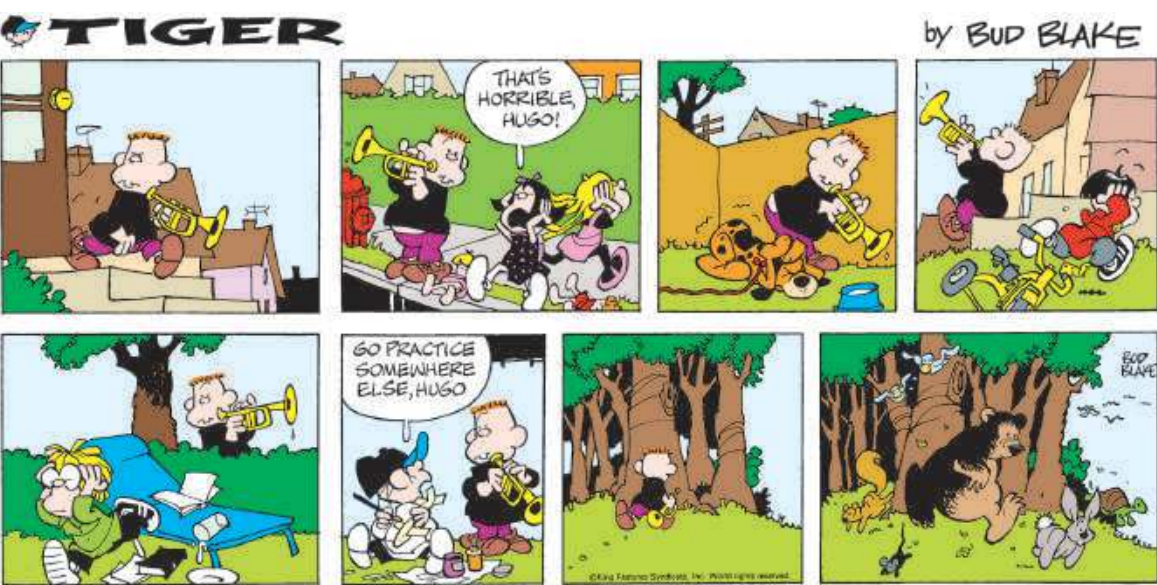
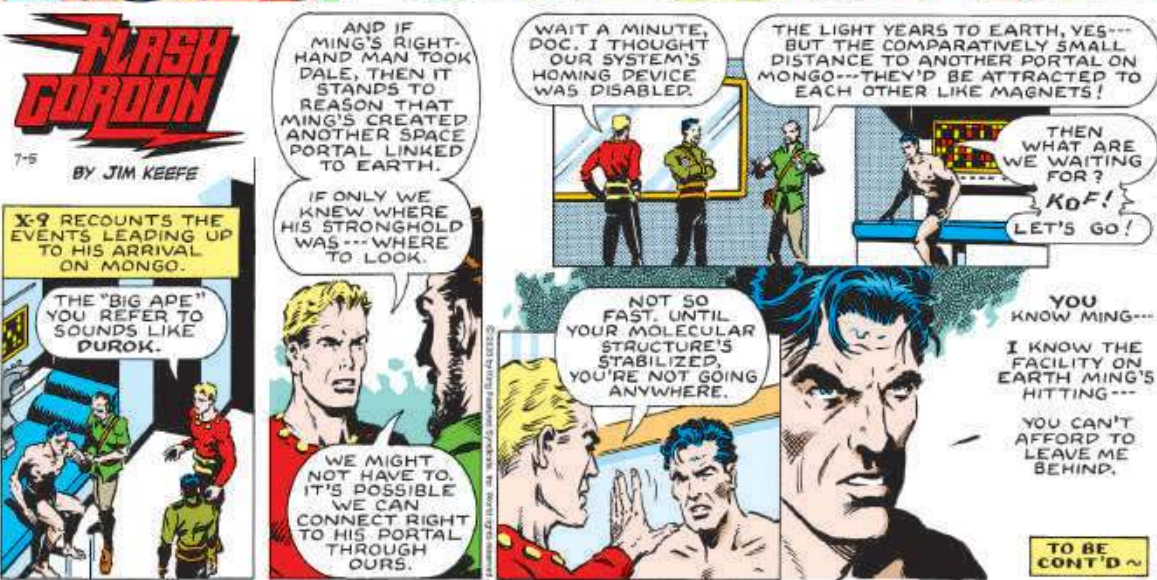
Classic TV shows -- See if you have MeTV (www.metv.com) on your cable TV lineup. It shows all classics. You'll find "The Andy Griffith Show," "The Twilight Zone," "Mannix," "Barnaby Jones," "The Flintstones," "Wagon Train," "The Waltons," "The Carol Burnett Show," "I Love Lucy," "Perry Mason" and much more. Check the website for the shows and schedule for your area.

Vintage music -- While you're on the MeTV website, click Music at the top for free vintage tunes. Or you can search in a browser for "free online music" and find dozens of vintage music archives. Even Gutenberg has free music, everything from Bach to Irving Berlin. However, you need to listen to only one at a time on Gutenberg.

Now, isn't that better than watching the news?

from drying on the car. Rinse off your sponge regularly -- the dirt and grime can scratch the surface. Use a microfiber cloth to dry.

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



Loving Cup

In past centuries before the invention of the camera, heroes and celebrities were remembered with figurines, prints and plates, and mugs of glass or ceramics. Coronations, royal weddings, major exhibitions and historic events were commemorated by souvenirs with depictions of the people or the event. The Royal Doulton Co. made many figurines of attractive imaginary people and animals. The company started making several sizes of small character jugs honoring fictional as well as real people in 1930, and it still makes a few new ones each year. Most sell today for under \$100.

Thirty limited edition loving cups and jugs (pitchers) about 10 inches high were made from 1930 to 1938, and two that honor Queen Elizabeth, one at her coronation in 1953, the other at her Silver Jubilee in 1977. The pieces designed by Charles Noke, molded with raised figures and decorated in bright colors, are rare. Each has a special mark on the bottom explaining the history of the hero and events pictured. The standard Royal Doulton Co. mark, a lion and crown, also is used. These limited editions were selling for more than \$1,000 each until about 10 years ago, when all Doulton prices fell.

A commemorative Admiral Lord Nelson loving cup auctioned at Skinner Auctions in Boston in 2015 for \$800. Lord Nelson was a naval hero who fought in many naval battles and seemed unstoppable. He lost an arm in one battle, an eye in another, and he was finally killed at the Battle of Trafalgar Bay in 1805. On one side of the

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Antiques & Collecting
By Terry and Kim Kovel



Lord Nelson is honored on this Royal Doulton limited-edition loving cup made in 1935. Only 600 were made. This one sold for \$800. It was accompanied by the original signed certificate which adds value.

loving cup is a picture of the one-armed admiral in his ship; a sinking ship and lifeboat with sailors is on the other side.

CURRENT PRICES
Ballot box, wooden, turned handle, 2 compartments, lift lids, scroll metal latches, sloped front, 3 1/2 x 9 x 5 inches, \$150.

Photograph, United States Marine Corps, infantry men battle for Okinawa, black and white, 1945, 3 1/2 x 4 inches, \$480.

TTP: If you store fabrics in paper, be sure it is acid-free. An acid-free paper can discolor a fabric in a year, damage it within three years.

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



* If you go to a yard sale and an item catches your eye, don't be afraid to haggle. If the owner can't agree to your price, give him your name and phone number. If it doesn't sell, he might be ready to accept a lower price.

* "You can sprinkle a bit of baking soda on your porcelain sinks for a non-harsh scrub. It serves a double purpose, because it will also freshen and absorb odors, then get washed right down the drain!" -- M.M. in Texas

* Wash and save yogurt cups for kids to use for painting. You can set several in a jelly roll pan to keep them together and upright.

* "I have a beautiful glass window in my front door. Unfortunately, once a day, the sun comes streaming through it and seems to magnify. I have a couple of hooks that are backed by suction cups. I can hang a garden flag from the hooks to cover the window. Sometimes I even use it at night for privacy. It still looks pretty from the other side if I don't take it down, and it didn't involve any holes in my door!" -- W.D. in Kentucky

* Make-up bags make the perfect place to stash extra cords and accessories for your computer or other devices. Put them in a bas-



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Teach Me Your Word O Lord

Terry McCraw

Hell is just as real as Heaven

Luke, Chapter 16, Verse 23. "And in Hell, he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and seeing Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom."

Here Luke gives us insight on how that there is a Heaven to gain and a Hell to shun.

Jesus Himself told this story about two men and their continued existence after their earthly lives were over.

He said, "There was a certain rich man, who fared sumptuously every day."

Every day he came and went from his palatial mansion, and every day he passed by a poor beggar who was laid just outside of his gates to beg for a living without showing him compassion or helping him. Lazarus couldn't walk and others carried him to the rich man's gate each day. His frail body was riddled with sores. Even the dogs gave more comfort to this poor man than the rich man for at least they came by and licked his sores.

This is a good example of the sin of omission. A sin of omission is when a person deliberately fails to do something that he or she can and should do.

Every time you and I pass by someone who is poor and needy, we have the same opportunity that this rich man had, of stopping to give aid and comfort to them. There is an acrostic with four letters, WWJD. What would Jesus do? I'll tell you what Jesus, the great compassionate Lord, would have done. He would have fed the poor hungry man, clothed him and ministered unto him. He would have healed the poor man. Jesus never passed by anyone with a need without meeting their need. No one ever left the presence of Jesus still sick in body or soul.

Lazarus died and the angels came and carried his soul over into the Paradise of God. The rich man also died, was buried, and in hell, he lifted up his eyes, being in torment.

In this life the rich man had everything, and Lazarus had nothing. In the afterlife, their roles were reversed. Lazarus had everything and the rich man had nothing. Death is the great equalizer. Lazarus was comforted while the rich man was tormented.

Hell is a forlorn place of unquenchable fire. A place devoid of the presence of God. A place of eternal oblivion. A place where the screams and cries of forgotten men and women forever echo off and re-echo off of its charred walls. It's a place where the worm dieth not and the fires are never quenched. It's a place where no request is ever granted. It's a place of remorse where those imprisoned there will forever regret not accepting their calling from God to be saved. Their cries will be "Too late, too late, too late." It's a place where lost souls will join the scum of the earth, tyrants, murderers, rapists, predators, demons and worse. It's a place where no one in their right mind would ever want to visit, not even for a moment, and yet hell is filling up and running over with lost souls who failed to prepare for their eternal future.

There are two ways of life that determine our eternal destiny. A life lived for Jesus will gain us access into Heaven. A life lived in sin will put us on a runaway roller coaster ride into the pits of eternal

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3200 Lee Highway
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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: Mark Asbury
Primary Service Times:
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Worship, 11 a.m.
Phone: 276-477-3835

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 Mark Asbury
Worship service is 8:45am-9:45am
Sunday School is 10 - 10:45am
Ricky Dishon, 540 239 6360, www.facebook.com/cecilschapel.umc

Newbern United Methodist Church

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

Valley Harvest Ministries

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

Mountain View United Methodist Church

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

Dublin Baptist Church

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

First United Methodist Church

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

Belspring Baptist Church

6887 Depot Street
Belspring, VA 24058
Pastor Darrell Linkous
Service Times:
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday worship: 11 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study and
Youth Group: 7 p.m.
Darrell Linkous: 353-0081
belspringbaptistchurch@gmail.com

Memorial Baptist Church

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

River of Life Church

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

Delton Church of God of Prophecy

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

Heritage Church

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

Fairlawn Baptist

6758 Oxford Avenue
Fairlawn, VA 24141

First Missionary Baptist Church

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

Dublin United Methodist Church

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

Freedom Fellowship Church

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

Draper's Valley Presbyterian (PCA)

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

Trinity Lutheran Church ELCA

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

Trinity United Methodist

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

Snowville Baptist Church

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

Fairlawn United Methodist Church

7584 Brandon Road, Fairlawn, Va. 24141
Pastor Mark A. Miller
markmiller.psalm1@gmail.com
Cell) 540-320-2431
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship (with children's message):
11 a.m.
Bible Study, Wednesday: 7 p.m.
Youth Ministry
Facebook.com/Fairlawn-United-Methodist-Church

Grace Ministries Church of God of Prophecy

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

Faith Bible Church

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

Dublin Christian Church

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

First Presbyterian Church

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Worship 7 p.m.
Monday Bible Study
7 to 9 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study
7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

New Hope Chapel
1555 Case Knife Road
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Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.
980-3798

Abundant Life Ministries
3050 Lee Highway
Pulaski, VA 24301 (540) 980-5506
(Mon. - Fri., 9 a.m.-1 p.m.)
Pastor Randall K. Lawrence Sr.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evenings 6 p.m. by announcement
Wednesday Evenings (Family Night) 6:30-7
pm children fed, 7:15 pm Bible Classes all ages
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New Life Church of the Nazarene
45 S. Jefferson Avenue
Pulaski, VA 24301
540-980-2001
www.newlifepulaski.com
email: pastorjuls@verizon.net
Pastor: Julie Armbrister
Sunday School (all ages) 9:30 a.m.
Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 6 p.m.

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

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

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

Warriors for Christ II
Bishop Sherman Buckner
600 Skyline Circle
Pulaski, VA
540-315-2317
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
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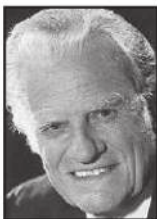
Bob White Boulevard Baptist Church
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Pulaski, VA.
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My
Answer

Billy Graham

Caring for the elderly is Biblical

Q: I am caring for my el-derly parents and I'm finding it difficult to stay strong, but I want to be faithful to them and comfort them in their sorrow and pain because they spent their lives reaching out to others. How can I bolster my strength in times of weariness? - P.C.

A: The Bible is filled with passages about comforting others and it is a ministry that God certainly blesses. Caring for the elderly is Biblical, particularly caring for one's aged parents. "Let... Your merciful kindness be for my comfort" (Psalm 119:76). It is an undeniable fact that usually those who have suffered most are best able to comfort others who are passing through suffering. They know what it is to suffer, and they understand more than others what a suf-fering person is experiencing - physically, emotionally, and spiritually. They are able to empathize as well as sympathize with the afflictions of others because of what they have expe-rienced in their own lives. When we are a comfort and encourage-ment to others, we often expe-rience comfort coming back to us many times over. God blesses those who comfort others and Scripture commands us to carry one another's burdens (Galatians 6:2).

Our sufferings may be rough and hard to bear, but they teach us lessons that in turn equip and enable us to help others. Our atti-tude toward suffering should not be, "Grit your teeth and bear it," hoping it will pass as quickly as possible. Rather, our goal should be to learn all we can from what we are called upon to endure, so that we in turn can "comfort each other and edify one another; just as you also are doing" (1 Thessa-lonians 5:11).

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

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damnation in a devil’s hell.

The only way to avoid hell is to be born again of the Spirit of God. To be saved by faith in the blood of Jesus. No born again, blood washed, child of God will ever see or experience the horrors of hell.

Hell is just as real as Heaven is real. No one has to end up in hell. God gave His only begotten Son and Jesus gave His life on Calvary to keep us out of that horrible place. Hell is a place created for the devil and his angels and no human has to go there. Jesus died on Calvary to keep us out of that horrid place.

Every person who has died in Christ will one day have a bodily resurrection. Just like Jesus’ resurrection. Jesus will bring their souls, which have been in Heaven ever since they died physically, with him when He comes back to rapture or to catch away the saints. Their souls will be reunited

with the remains of their bodies lying in the graves and they’ll be raised from the dead and given glorified, incorruptible, immortal bodies and will never have to die again. They will be transported up into Heaven and will be with Jesus forever and ever. They’ll never know another pain, another sorrow, another heartache, another disappointment, and they’ll never grow old.

On the other hand, at the time of the rapture of the saints, the bodies of those who died without Christ will remain in their graves for 1,000 years, during the Millennial Reign of Christ, until they are called forth at the great White Throne Judgment to officially and openly be judged by God and then they’ll be cast into an expanded hell called the lake of fire.

Every person is given a choice between Heaven or hell. It shouldn’t be a difficult choice to

make. And yet many are making the wrong choice and turning away from their calling by God to repent and be saved.

The best choice and the wisest choice for anyone to make is to answer God’s call on their life to come to an altar of repentance and be forgiven and saved; to invite Jesus to come into their hearts and be born again. Then they will have a glorious eternal future in God’s presence.

The choice to be saved must be made in this life for after this life is over, a person’s future is eternally sealed.

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Why Go Anywhere Else?

When I was growing up outside of Philadelphia, PA., every year when school would get out the big question was, "Where do you want to go on vacation?" There were two choices: the shore or the mountains. Each had its own appeal. But either one meant that we were getting away and having a change of scenery. It meant that we got to do something different. Isn't that what vacation is all about? It's an opportunity to see and do something different, and a change of pace.

I have to admit early this year I was in the same state of mind as most, thinking I had to go somewhere to have a vacation. Then COVID-19 hit, and I found myself taking-on a whole new appreciation for what we



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have right here. I realize now that I would rather be here than anywhere else! Our great outdoors and open spaces lend themselves to healthy living and social distancing. I can go on a different and beautiful hike every day for a week or more. I can rent a boat at Claytor Lake and cruise the miles and miles of shoreline. I can paddleboard in the lake and even take in

a concert while keeping my distance from others. I can float and relax on the river or go for the rapids in a kayak. After a long day on the river there is nothing better than a campfire and making s'mores.

When I think about everything we have here, why would I want to go anywhere else? With COVID, I know I can easily stay right here and enjoy this beautiful area where the sunsets look like the sky is on fire. Right here, the days are hot, and the evenings cool.

Why would I want to be anywhere else?

Work hard, be productive, and - above all else - stay positive.

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Hiwassee Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary in need of funds

The Hiwassee Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary is in need of donations for the mowing and upkeep of the Trail cemetery in Hiwassee. If you have a family member that is buried in this cemetery and would like to make a donation please mail your contribution to the Treasurer of the Ladies Auxiliary. Please make checks payable to Peggy Cregger P.O. Box 164, Hiwassee, Va. 24347. Thank you in advance for helping the HFDL.

On going:

Alcohol Anonymous meet Mondays at 8 p.m. (closed meeting); Wednesday (noon) and Thursday at 8 p.m. (open meetings) at Pulaski Presbyterian Church of America located at 975 Memorial Drive. Contact number is 540-440-0066. Note: At present time masks are required and social distancing observed.

Pulaski Al-Anon Family Group (a support group for friends and families of alcoholics) meet every Monday night at 8 p.m. at Pulaski Presbyterian Church of America located at 975 Memorial Drive. Contact number 540-818-0621. Note: At present time masks are required and social distancing is observed.

Examining the Debt Snowfall

Dear Dave,
What exactly is the debt snowball, and why is it such an important part of your plan?

Lee

Dear Lee,
The debt snowball is Baby Step 2 of my plan for getting out of debt and gaining control of your finances. Specifically, it's the part of the plan where you sit down with your budget, and look at all the money you owe. Then, list your debts from smallest to largest—except for your home—and pay them off in that order.

I know, there are all sorts of arguments about paying off the ones with the highest interest rates first. But this is psychology class, not math. Personal finance is 80% behavior, and 20% knowledge. Besides, if you were so great at math you wouldn't have debt, would you? Pay off your debts from smallest to largest, unless there's a huge emergency, such as you're facing foreclosure, or the IRS is banging on your door.

The reason we pay off debts from smallest to largest is to build confidence and enthusiasm by notching quick wins. If you go on a diet and lose weight in the first week, you'll probably stay on that diet. If you go on a diet and gain weight, or go weeks with no visible progress, chances are you'll quit. When you start the debt snowball, and in the first few days pay off a couple of debts, it lights a fire underneath you, and you start to believe you really can do it.

After you list the debts from smallest to largest, pay the minimum payment to stay current on all the debts except the smallest. Every dollar you can squeeze out of your budget goes toward the smallest debt until it is paid. Once the smallest one is paid, the payment from that debt—plus any extra "found" money—is added to the next smallest debt. Then, when debt number two is paid off, you take the money that you used to pay



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on number one and number two, and you pay it on number three. When three is paid, you attack number four and so on. A lot of folks get to the bottom of the list, and find they can pay well over \$1,000 a month on a student loan or a car. At that point, it won't take long to bust out and be debt-free except for your home.

The main elements that make the debt snowball so powerful are budgeting, getting current before you start the debt snowball, the smallest-to-largest pay-off, sacrifice, discipline, and focused intensity. If you think the debt snowball is just another trick, or something you might kind of try, it won't work. You've got to go all-in to win!

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