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Work has begun on **Countryside Landing**

By DANIELLE REID The Patriot

"Rain, rain - go away..." is probably a frequent prayer of those doing construction projects this summer. Among those whose projects have had too many rainy-day delays is the new Countryside Landing Subdivision, proposed by Shah Development LLC partners, Larry Shelor and David Hagan.

Shah Development Project Manager Thom Rutledge remarked, "We are about two months behind schedule because of all the rain. The heat doesn't affect us. That's part of the job, but the rain makes excavation difficult."

Three hundred-plus acres located behind the new Pulaski County Middle School will be the site

for 494 residential building units including single family dwellings, town homes, duplexes and apartments. The building project, which broke ground earlier this year will be phased in over a 10- year Rutledge and his crew are currently excavating

and developing the site for infrastructure: roads, water and sewer lines and storm water management before beginning Phase 1. "In Phase 1, we plan to have homes under con-

struction by the end of summer or early fall. We are projecting 47 single family homes with square footage between 2,000 – 2,200 square feet."

Most homes will be on half-acre lots.

Rutledge praises Shah for their special planning for the subdivision.

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Shoney's closes - maybe for good

By MIKE WILLIAMS The Patriot

Shoney's in Dublin is closed again ... and this time it may be for good.

News of its closing broke this week on Facebook, and while early reports said the restaurant was gone for good, its owners say they still hope to re-open in the future.

"Hopefully it is only temporary again," stated Susan D. Spencer of Young & Associates, owners of the Shoney's and Bojangles restaurants between Dublin and Bristol.

"We simply had to make some difficult choices because of low sales, and we have closed two (Shoney's) locations, the one in Bristol and the one in Dublin.'

Shoney's in Dublin had been closed during the COVID-19 pandemic, however, when the governor eased restrictions and the state entered Phase 3 of reopening plans the restaurant reopened.

We have been able to be open since we were shut down before because we had gotten a Payroll Protection Loan, so our payroll has been coming

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county to offer 'out of school' program grants

The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors has developed the Pulaski County Emergency 'Out of School' Program Grant to support the development and implementation of 'out of school' programs that caters to our students' needs in response to the impacts of physical distancing requirements on educational regulations due to COVID-19.

The Pulaski County Emergency 'Out of School' Program Grants will be awarded in amounts of up to \$7,500.00 will be made available through a direct application and written proposal and competitive selection process. The program grants are for both non-profit and for-profit entities and organizations who are based and operating in Pulaski County, are in good standing with the State Corporation Commission (SCC), are up to date on all Pulaski County taxes, charges and fees, were in operation prior to February 15, 2020 and are willing to attain any required licensures, certifications or approvals that may be required prior to initiating programming.

"A major concern across Virginia is what to do with our children when our workforce returns to work and schools are closed due to compliance with physical distancing mandates put in place as a response to COVID-19", stated Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator. "We need our community partners to step up to the challenge and develop new "out of school" programs that will help our Pulaski County families place their kids in a safe environment when school is not an option. This new grant program is designed to assist with filling this need and we trust we will see new programming materialize as a result."

Physical distancing requirements has proven to be one of the biggest challenges for school systems and is what is driving the modified school schedule. Currently, the group size limit is 12 (including staff) for children under 4 years old provided agebased adult-to-child ratios are followed. For children ages four

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and above, including school-age children up to age 13, the group size maximum is 22 (including staff) as long as social distancing of six feet apart is maintained and age-based adult-to-child ratios are followed. Groups of children may share the same physical space (e.g. classroom, gymnasium) so long as physical distancing of six feet can be maintained and children do not mix between groups. The six feet distance requirement is primarily what is limiting the number of children that can be served within the existing square footage of childcare facilities. "It is important that we think

local to solve problems and to do all we can to turn challenges into opportunities using as many of or community partners and re-

sources as possible", stated Joe Guthrie, Chair of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors. "The Board believes we will get a better product if we challenge our for- and non-profit community to develop new out of school programs to fill the gaps created by the Coronavirus and we are committed to making an investment toward jumpstarting and achieving this goal."

The applications and 'out of school' program proposals in response to COVID-19 will be awarded based on a competitive basis, with up to 40 points being given for demonstrated ability to implement, operate and sustain program; up to 25 points given for the number of children served by program; and up to 35 points given for the quantity and quality of offerings and services provided to students through the program.

The County of Pulaski will administer this new program. Forms can be downloaded from the Pulaski County website at: www.pulaskicounty.org. Applications and accompanying proposals will be accepted starting on August 3, 2020 and will close on August 31, 2020.

The entirety of the program is funded at a level of \$30,000.00 through a CARES Act appropriation to Pulaski County, Virginia. The Pulaski County Emergency 'Out of School' Program Grants will conclude on August 31, 2020 or at which time the funds for the program have been depleted.

County to offer local childcare centers emergency recovery grants

Supervisors has developed the Pulaski County Childcare Center Emergency Recovery Grant Program to support local certified childcare centers with recovering from the comprehensive impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and to assist them with mitigating expenses resulting from new requirements and regulations imposed by the Commonwealth to reopen and to continue childcare operations under phased guide-

Childcare Center Emergency Recovery Grants in the amount of \$5,000.00 and up to \$10,000.00 will be made available through a direct application for Childcare

The Pulaski County Board of Centers in Pulaski County who have all the required state licensures and certifications, are in good standing with the State Corporation Commission (SCC), are up to date on all Pulaski County taxes, charges and fees, and were in operation prior to February 15,

"We are finding that childcare centers around Virginia are having an increasingly difficult time reopening and operating because of the spatial restrictions put on them and the limitations brought on by their existing facility's square footage", stated Jonathan

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Shoney's

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from that account," Spencer ex-"Unfortunately, that plained. was exhausted this week and we cannot continue to meet payroll and bills for food, utilities, repairs, etc., so we had to close the two restaurants with the lowest sales and see how we do. There is talk that we may be able to apply for a 2nd loan, but that has to get through Congress, and our franchise may be considered too large at this point to qualify if they are going to specifically help smaller business owners first this time."

While Shoney's has always been popular with locals, travelers staying at nearby hotels and coming off the interstate were vital to the restaurant's business.

That's just not happening enough now due to the pandemic.

"People just are not traveling like normal, and are wary about eating out, and there is nothing that any amount of advertising, etc. is going to do to change that with the current situation, Spencer said. "Even if there were travelers, etc. out there, we can't really fully seat our dining rooms and maintain social distance, although I don't think it's been a case that we have had waiting lines. This is a terrible time for our economy and particularly the restaurant industry."

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Griffith locks up Democrats' nomination to run for Commonwealth's Attorney

Staff Report

Justin L. Griffith has received the Pulaski County Democrat Party's nomination to be on the ballot in November's Special Election for Commonwealth's Attorney.

Griffith became the county's new Commonwealth's Attorney on July 1, succeeding Mike Fleenor who was elected by the Virginia General Assembly as a Circuit Court Judge in the 27th Judicial Circuit.

The special election will be held during the nation's General Election on Nov. 3.

The winner in November for Commonwealth's Attorney will finish out the rest of the rest of what's left of Fleenor's final term – about $2\frac{1}{2}$ years.

According to a statement from Griffith issued on Thursday morning, his nomination was done by operation of the Democratic Party's by-laws. Griffith was the only person who sent written notification to the party of his intent to seek the nomination at the planned mass meeting on Aug. 5. That mass meeting, he said, will now be canceled.

"I am very proud to be nominated and included on this November's special election ballot," Griffith said Thursday. "Sharing the same ballot with the election of the President of the United States is something I will cherish for the rest of my life."

Griffith added that "having the chance to stand with our Sherriff, Mike Worrell, our Clerk, Maetta Crewe, and our Treasurer, Melinda Worrell, is important to me. As we all know, they are excellent representatives of our County."

"I greatly appreciate the outpouring of support for my office in the County. We will continue to speak for those unable to speak for themselves, to publicly support our law enforcement officers, and to be transparent leaders for justice in our community.



Justin L. Griffith

Pulaski County is united and strong. I plan to make sure other leaders across the Commonwealth never lose sight of that," he added.

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

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

Griffith worked in the Commonwealth's Attorney's office for almost 9 years, joining the staff in September 2011 and rising to the position of Chief Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney.

According to state law, Griffith as chief deputy automatically took over as Commonwealth's Attorney to serve until the special election can be held to select a new Commonwealth's Attorney.

Currently, Griffith is the county's only announced candidate for Commonwealth's Attorney.

Ninth District GOP gather

The Republican 9th Unassembled Congressional Convention was held at the Wytheville Meeting Center July 18th.

Delegates representing the 9th Congressional District voted to return Adam Tolbert as District Chair, voted for State Central Committee, Caleb Cruey, Susan Edwards and Tyler Lester, for Presidential Elector, Susan Mayhew, for three delegates Lindsey Holman, Tucker Davis, and Mark Rose and three alternative delegates Kyle Kilgore, Jay Gregory and Peter Phillips to represent the 9th District at the Republican National Convention August 24-27.

The RNC convention will be held in two cities where on day 1 (one) the official nomination of President Trump and other important matters of business to take place in Charlotte NC and days 2-4 will take place in Jacksonville FL for the President's acceptance speech in a 5-star convention celebration.

The 9th Congressional District encompasses counties of Alleghany, Craig, Giles, Pulaski, Montgomery, Floyd, Patrick, Carrol, Grayson, Wythe, Bland, Tazewell, Smythe, Washington, Russel, Scott, Buchanan, Dickenson, Wise, Lee & partial counties of Roa-

noke and Henry and independent cites of Bristol, Covington, Galax, Martinsville, Norton, Radford and Salem. Speakers at the convention spoke via zoom or in person: unopposed candidate for the 9th District US Representative Morgan Griffith, representatives for RPV/President Trump Victory 2020 campaign and Virginia US Senator candidate Daniel Gade, Virginia State Senators Dave Suetterlein and Todd Pillion and Delegate Jeff Campbell.

The subject of voter registration is always a focus in politics. For convenience, voter registration is available at the Wythe County Republican Party (GOP) headquarters at 279 W. Main Street, Wytheville, open 12 to 4pm on Thursday - Saturday. New hours for August will be Wednesdays 12-4pm; Thursdays 2-6pm; Fridays 12-4pm and Saturdays 9am-1pm.

Candidate information and campaign yard signs, Trump shirts, hats, button etc. are also available. Wythe County GOP information can be found on their FB and monthly meetings held on the 3rd Monday of every month, 6:30pm, in the Circuit Court courtroom.

Submitted by L. Meyer/P. Bliss for WGOP

Grants

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D. Sweet, County Administrator. "Childcare centers are going to need to be creative and resourceful in order to optimize their current space and may ultimately need to find ways to affordably expand their facilities to be able to serve the same number of children and meet the six feet distancing requirement."

Many of the general guidance for reopening any business operation under Phase III involve properly training staff, putting in place policies and procedures, equipping personal protective equipment, sanitization and physical/social distancing. The general guidance for reopening childcare programs during Phase III are no different; however, the physical distancing requirement has proven to be the biggest challenge for this particular sector. Currently, the group size limit is 12 (including staff) for children under 4 years old provided



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PATRICIA INEZ AUST

On Monday, March 16, 2020, Patricia Inez Aust, 61, of Pulaski passed away at home after a long battle with illness and is reunited with her late husband, Michael Paul Weeks (Richmond); father, Glen Aust (Pulaski); and father and mother-in-law, Paul and Patsy Weeks (Radford).

Patricia leaves behind a large and loving family that include her mother, Peggy White Aust (Pulaski); brother, Richard Sr. (Betty) Aust (Midlothian); stepson, Matthew (Amity) Beasley (Springstepdaughter, Meredith (Chris) Crookshanks (Christiansburg), 15 nieces and nephews, 7 great nieces and nephews, 2 step grandsons, 6 sister-in-law's/brother-in-law's. 4 adopted sisters/ very close friends, Kathy (Ed) Holt (Richmond); Dorothy (Bill) Stinchcomb (Christiansburg); Mickey (John) Balconi (Hiwassee); Carolyn (Ernie) Bowen (Richmond) along with numerous other

Patricia worked for 35 years in various medical practices as a Bookkeeper/Manager before becoming a massage therapist. Patricia's hands and work helped heal her clients for the past 26 years. She was a member of Associated Bodywork and Massage Professionals and was always learning new techniques for her clients who had special needs or were on Work Compensation due to injury or other illness.

close friends and clients.

Patricia enjoyed her hobbies, but most of all her passion for making personalized gifts, painting, scrapbooking, and decorating various homemade sweets.

Her special places, in her heart, were she relaxed, was Nag's Head, NC; Myrtle Beach, SC; and Claytor Lake, VA.

Patricia was a past Elder of Anderson Memorial Presbyterian Church (Pulaski) and past member of Three Chopt Presbyterian Church (Richmond) were she taught Sunday school, worked with the youth groups and youth choirs.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, August 1st, at 2:00 PM from the Stevens Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Dwight Haynes and Rev. Lance Huff officiating. The family will receive friends from 1:00 PM until the service hour. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Anderson Memorial Presbyterian Church, (319 Franklin Ave.) or PO Box 2349 Pulaski, VA 24301 or to Chalk Talk, (Rev. Dwight D. Haynes), 4582 Miller Lane, Pulaski, VA 24301.

Arrangements by Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski, VA.

DELORIS SHANKLIN NELSON

Deloris Shanklin Nelson, 79, of Barren Springs, passed away Wednesday, July 15, 2020.

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

BRIAN WESLEY HALL

Brian Wesley Hall, 48, passed away Thursday, July 16, 2020 surrounded by his family at his home in Newbern.

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

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On July 18, 2020, June Hawks Goins, of Pulaski (Newbern), Virginia, left for her Eternal Home after a long and blessed life. She was born May 1, 1932, the daughter of the late Reuben and Ethel Martin Hawks. Also preceding her in death were husband, Charles Thompson Goins; daughter, Jennifer June Goins Greer; brother, Reuben Hawks; and sister, Jewel Mosley. Survivors include a son, Christopher Charles Goins, of the home; grandchildren, Charles Levi and Megan Nicole Goins, and Jacob Benjamin Greer; son-in-law, Daniel "Gup" Greer; and many very special nieces, nephews and

June graduated from Galax High School in 1949, later completing a business course through Jefferson School of Commerce. She and her husband moved to Pulaski in 1963 where she accepted a position with Pulaski County Department of Social Services, retiring in 1994 after 25 years of service. Some have said June missed her calling vocationally as her passion was writing. Beginning at age 16 she wrote poetry and prose which she shared with many over the years with some being published. In later years she also wrote a number of gospel songs.

Those who knew June best considered her to be a free spirit whose chief joy was bonding with lovers of God wherever she found them. She will be remembered as composer of the hymn, "Who," published by the Old School Hymnal Co., Inc., in Atlanta, Georgia; and the author of "Children of Comfort," a book of poems published in conjunction with The Baptist Witness, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

June will be cremated at her request and her ashes will be placed privately with the remains of her husband at the Southwest Virginia Veteran's Cemetery in Dublin, Virginia.

We wholeheartedly wish that everyone who knew and loved June could attend the visitation scheduled for Friday, July 24th; however, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we must limit attendance to a very small number of immediate family.

We are doing our best to honor June's wishes regarding her service and also keep everyone safe and healthy during this time. We will be streaming a separate online memorial service via Zoom for those who would like to be present and honor her memory. If you would like to attend the Zoom online memorial scheduled for Saturday, August 1st, at 2pm, please email, celestedevaneaux@gmail.com to have your email address added for a personal Zoom invitation that includes a link to the event. With hope, the world will be a safer place in a year, and we can then have a proper celebration of her life and memory with everyone.

To sign the online guestbook visit www.bowerfuneralhome. com. In lieu of flowers, we ask that donations be made to the charity of your choice.

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





EDWARD MONROR MAXWELL

Edward Monroe Maxwell, age 79 of Pulaski passed away Wednesday evening July 15, 2020 at his home.

Born September 4, 1940 in Pulaski he was the son of the late Henry Mike Maxwell and Anna Bell Sirt Maxwell. His sisters, Kelly Edwards, Dot Lindsey, Mary Henley, Daisy McPeak and brothers, Houston Maxwell and John Maxwell also preceded him in death.

Edward retired from Huff Petroleum with over 20 years of service.

He is survived by his

Wife of 65 years -Wanda Louise Hoback Maxwell – Pulaski Sons Donald Max-

well – Pulaski

Charles Maxwell – Christiansburg
Daughter Barbara (Ron-

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George (Wanda) Maxwell – FL Sister

Kate (Bob) Lindsey – Pulaski Jane Maxwell – Seattle, WA Sister-in-law

Janie Maxwell – Pulaski

Memorial services will be held 11:00 AM – Saturday, July 25, 2020 at the Faith Bible Church – (LaGrange Street, Pulaski) with Rev. Jim Linkous officiating.

A special thanks goes to Bree Evans and Donna May with Kindred Hospice Healthcare, Kathie Surber and Pastor Jim Linkous for their loving care.

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

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RAYMOND EUGENE VUICICH, SR.

Raymond Eugene Vuicich, Sr., age 81 of Pulaski passed away Saturday, July 18, 2020 at his home.

Born November 23, 1938 in Rices Landing, Pennsylvania he was the son of the late Elias Charles Vuicich & Martha Baker Vuicich.

Two brothers also preceded him in death.

He is survived by his Wife of 57 years

Johanna Francis Zalar Vuicich - Pulaski

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Raymond (Allison) Eugene Vuicich, Jr. – Atlanta, GA

Brian Vuicich – Pulaski Michelle Vuicich – Pulaski Stanley Vuicich – Pulaski

Grandchildren Cecilia, Gabriella, Bridget, Victoria, Agatha, Raymond Eugene Vuicich III, Felicia (Jon) Cozart

/uicich III, Felicia (Jon) Coz Great Grandchildren Andrew Cozart

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Sister
Martha "Daha" (Tana)

Martha "Babe" (Tom) Sesny – Aurora, OH A Graveside memorial service

will be held Friday 10:00 A.M., July 24, 2020 at the Southwest Virginia Veteran's Cemetery, Dublin with Father Charles Ssebalamu officiating.

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

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

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 were held Monday, July 20th at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery.

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.

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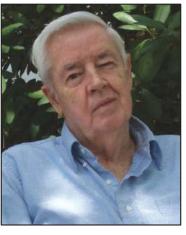
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LARRY JOSEPH EDWARDS, JR.

Larry Joseph Edwards, Jr., 44, of Pulaski, VA passed away July 22, 2020. He was a 1994 graduate of Pulaski County High School. He was preceded in death by his father, Larry Joseph Edwards, Sr. and his mother, Cindy Kay Walk-

Surviving are:

Son - Larry Joseph Edwards, III, Clarksville, TN

Daughter - Dekota Leigh Jackson, Clarksville, TN

Sisters - Becky Oliver, Pulas-

Sara (John) Edwards, Clarksville, TN

Grandmother - Mary Walker Several Aunts, Uncles, Nieces, Nephews and Cousins

A memorial service will be held Saturday, July 25th, at 2:00 PM from the Peak Creek Mission of Prayer, Case Knife Rd., Pulaski, with Rev. Dale Akers officiating. The family will receive friends from 1:00 PM until the service hour.

Arrangements by Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski, VA.

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Celebrations clash with people's fear. I need my quiet so I go home and stay. Here at our deep well, great hands cup me up from dirt-me, of all people! I'm cooled by one sweet breath and kissed by goodness. I don't know why I'm kept. Words, I hear a whisper. You know the cut of words, how clever tongues can twist them. Yes, I answer,

In July, fires mar blue sky.

I've been misunderstood. I feel a nod, an added, Yes-and bullied, because they could. Me too. So I chose you. Put words on arrow signs. Point to mine. Post those out and wait.

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dropped a bid to cut Social Security payroll taxes as Republicans unveil a \$1 trillion COVID-19 rescue package on Thursday, ceding to opposition to the idea among top Senate allies.

"It won't be in the base bill," said Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, speaking on CNBC about the payroll tax cut, killing the idea for now. The idea has been a major demand of President Donald Trump.

"The president is very focused on getting money quickly to workers right now and the payroll tax takes time," Mnuchin said at the Capitol. Only Sunday, Trump said in a Fox News interview that "I would consider not signing it if we don't have a payroll tax cut."

The legislation, set to be released Thursday morning by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., comes amid alarming developments on the virus crisis.

McConnell's package is an opening GOP bid in talks with top Capitol Hill Democrats in a negotiation that could be rockier than talks in March that produced a \$2 trillion rescue package. GOP senators and Trump are at odds over priorities, and Democrats say it's not nearly enough to stem the health crisis, reopen schools and extend aid to jobless Americans.

The Republican leader is expected to deliver a speech shortly after the Senate opens, and then senators will begin rolling out their separate parts of the package, according to a Republican granted anonymity to discuss the plans. Instead, Mnuchin and White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows went to the Capitol for an unscheduled meeting with McConnell.

Afterward, Mnuchin declared that the administration had reached a "fundamental agreement" with Senate Republicans.

The must-have centerpiece of

White House has reluctantly ty shield to protect businesses, Democrats is a disincentive to schools, and others from coronavirus-related lawsuits.

The package is not expected to provide any new money for cashstrapped states and cities, which are clamoring for funds, but Republicans propose giving \$105 billion to help schools reopen and \$15 billion for child care centers to create safe environments for youngsters during the pandemic.

But the GOP measure forges an immediate agreement with Democrats on another round of \$1,200 checks to most American adults.

The \$600 weekly unemployment benefit boost that is expiring Friday would be cut back, and Mnuchin said it would ultimately be redesigned to provide a typical worker 70% of his or her income. Republicans say work, but some Republicans are pressing for a temporary extension of the current benefit if the talks drag.

'We cannot allow there to be a cliff in unemployment insurance given we're still at about 11% unemployment," said Sen. Rob Portman, R-Ohio.

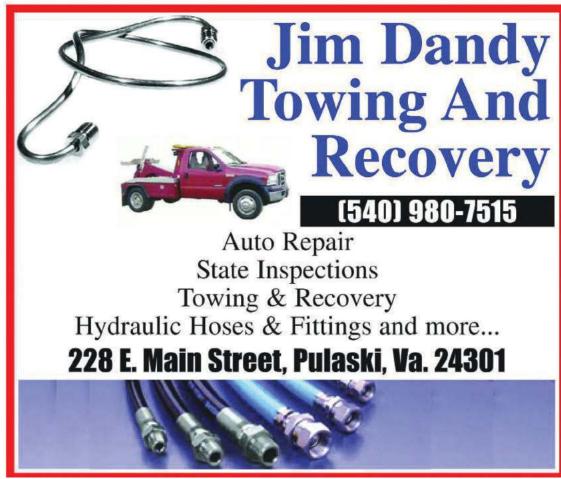
The bill is likely to be silent on the potential housing crisis as millions of rental units expires in days.

One key holdup in the talks was Trump's push for a payroll tax cut, according to a Republican granted anonymity to discuss the private talks. Hardly any GOP senators support the idea. Instead, McConnell and some other Republicans prefer the direct \$1,200 cash payments

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OPINION

More Coronavirus Resources for Nursing Homes

As a novel coronavirus, many characteristics of COVID-19 have taken time and research to uncover. One aspect of it has been clear from the beginning, however: it poses the most danger to the elderly and people with underlying health conditions.

Nursing home residents are especially vulnerable to the coronavirus as a result. They are most likely to be in that risk category, and living in a group environment gives a contagious disease such as COVID-19 opportunity to spread.

Adequate testing in nursing homes is vital for the protection of our seniors. To that end, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced on July 14 a plan for the large-scale procurement of tests to be distributed to nursing homes in coronavirus hot spots. These tests will be rapid pointof-care diagnostic tests, meaning that specimens can be analyzed in the facility instead of being shipped to



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative Fast on-site testing will help limit the spread of the coronavirus in nursing homes. It will also contribute to the resumption

of visits from loved ones. Many nursing homes have restricted visits, contributing to the hardship imposed by the coronavirus on the seniors in these facilities.

I applaud this step by the Trump Administration to protect nursing home residents. Rapid point-of-care testing will benefit the health of these residents and staff and provide reassurance to their loved ones.

Suicide Prevention

Suicide is a tragically common cause of death in the United States. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 48,000 people died of suicide in this country in 2018, the most recent year for which statistics were available. This amount produced a suicide death every eleven minutes, and it does not include the number of people who attempted or planned to take their own life but did not.

The CDC also notes that suicide rates are higher in rural areas of the country than they are in urban areas, and the gap has grown in recent decades. It constitutes a public health problem that is felt close to home.

In the Roanoke area, the death of Louis Tudor, former owner of Tudor's Biscuit World in the City of Roanoke, was widely felt. I knew Louis through swimming. For more than three decades, I was behind him in the pool in races. I was deeply saddened to learn of this tragedy.

Because of the significant number of suicide deaths in this country, Congress passed and President Trump signed in 2018 the National Suicide Hotline Improvement Act, a bill that had originated in the House Energy and Commerce Committee on which I serve. This law recognizes that an easy-to-remember number similar to 911 would be a great aid in helping more people quickly access help to prevent suicide.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on July 16 acted to carry out the law, designating 988 as a nationwide three-digit number to reach the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. Phone service providers have a transition period until July 16, 2022 to direct all 988 calls to this hotline, so until then, anyone in need of its services should dial 1-800-273-TALK.

I am pleased to see the FCC implement the law, but more work to prevent suicide can be done at the legislative level. An Energy and Commerce Committee markup on July 15 unanimously advanced several more bills with this goal in mind.

These bills included:

-H.R. 4564, the Suicide Prevention Lifeline Improvement Act of 2019, to authorize more funding for the hotline and create a pilot program to study suicide prevention techniques;

-H.R. 4585, the Campaign to Prevent Suicide Act, to direct HHS to advertise the new 988 number when it becomes effective and raise awareness of suicide prevention resources;

-H.R. 5619, the Suicide Prevention Act, to establish grant programs to prevent self-harm and suicide; and -H.R. 4194, the National Suicide Hotline Designation Act of 2019, with further stipulations for the new

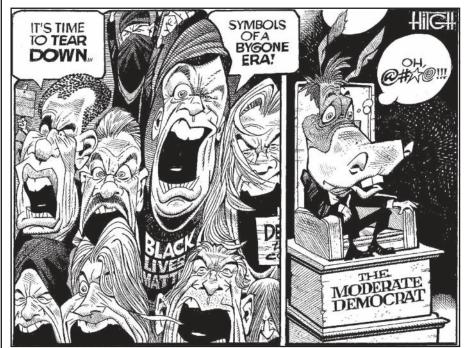
988 number.

I believe these bills will continue to have strong bipartisan support and advance through the legislative

Each suicide death is a tragedy. We can prevent more of them by letting individuals contemplating this course of action know that others are ready to listen, to talk, and to help.

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





They're Coming For Our Guns (Really)

By CAL THOMAS Tribute Content Agency

For years conservative groups and especially the National Rifle Association have been warning that the government would find a way to confiscate the guns of law-abiding Americans. Many dismissed what they regarded as a scare tactic designed to raise money.

What is happening in St. Louis should awaken us to the fact that those fears are well founded.

The top prosecutor in St. Louis has charged a married couplewith "felony unlawful use of a weapon for displaying guns during a racial injustice protest outside their mansion."

Mark and Patricia McCloskey, who the media identify as being "white," are in their 60s. Both are personal injury attorneys. Circuit Attorney Kim Gardner says their actions risked creating a violent situation during an otherwise "peaceful protest" last month.

Doesn't Gardner have it backwards? The gun owners, who say protesters had trespassed on their property, claim they were protecting their home from what could have turned into a violent mob as they no doubt had seen happen on TV in other cities. A case could be made that their display of weapons prevented violence, which is one of the purposes of the Second Amendment. Having a gun for personal protection can be a deterrent without it ever being fired. The McCloskeys did not fire their guns, but only waved them at the protesters while yelling at them.

The McCloskeys have some powerful defenders, including President Trump and Missouri Governor Mike Parson, a Republican, who has said he will pardon the couple if they are convicted. Sen. Josh Hawley (R-MO) is another supporter. Hawley has asked Attorney General William Barr to begin an investigation to determine whether the McCloskey's civil rights have been violated.

Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt is also on the side of the McCloskeys. Schmitt has filed a brief with the court that says in part, "The right to keep and bear arms is given the highest level of protection in our Constitution and our laws, including the Castle Doctrine." The Castle law was passed in 2017 and provides for "stand your ground" protection for citizens who feel threatened by others.

Police seized Mark McCloskey's semi-automatic weapon and Patricia McCloskey later voluntarily surrendered her pistol.

This case is not only important on its own but demonstrates what could happen if Joe Biden wins the presidency. In March, while the COVID-19 virus was beginning to overtake us, Biden said this about Beto O'Rourke after O'Rourke dropped out of the presidential race and endorsed Biden: "You're going to take care of the gun problem with me. You're going to be the one who leads this effort. I'm counting on you. I'm counting on you." He then added, "We need you badly, the state needs you, the country needs you. You're the best."

Last year while still a candidate, O'Rourke saidduring a debate carried by ABC News: "Hell yes, we are going to take your AR-15." And after that, what? Having established a precedent that the government has a right to confiscate a weapon owned by a law-abiding citizen, what other guns would O'Rourke (and Biden) come for and on what grounds? What would stop them if more liberal judges are named to the courts and they ignore or re-interpret the Second Amendment?

Do any of the shooters in our major cities pay attention to anti-gun laws, or laws against murder? By definition they are lawbreakers and no one has been able to tell me how passing more laws will suddenly turn them into law-abiders.

By brandishing their weapons, the McCloskeys possibly deterred the marchers outside their home from engaging in actions far worse than their alleged trespassing. If they are convicted, they should be immediately pardoned by the governor. This should be a lesson learned about one of the many dangers of a Joe Biden presidency.

(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

New York Is Not a COVID-19 Model

If only the rest of the country could handle COVID-19 as well as New York.

That's the lament of

progressive commentators as coronavirus cases spike in the Sun Belt and the South.

Washington Post columnist Jennifer Rubin hailed New

York City the other day after it reported no deaths for the first time during the pandemic. This is what competent government can accomplish, she gushed.

Valerie Jarrett, former aide to Barack Obama, tweeted, "Short term sacrifice saves lives!!!"

This is all perverse given that New York is only now emerging from one of the worst COVID-19 debacles on the planet. There is nonetheless a wide-spread feeling that New York has been blessed with its exemplary leadership. Gov. Andrew Cuomo, incredibly enough, has sky-high approval ratings.

If New York is going to be held up as the model, every officeholder in the country has a new road map for handling the virus: See a significant percentage of residents of your largest city get infected, barely prevent your hospital system from getting overwhelmed, implement a policy that increases infections and deaths at nursing homes, suffer more than 30,000 deaths and a higher per-capita death rate than any country in the world -- and then, after all that, get hailed as a hero.

In fairness, New York had many factors working against it. It was hit first, while the virus and how to treat it were still poorly understood, and New York City is an international travel hub with densely packed neighborhoods and a heavily trafficked public transit system. Of course it got hammered.

The outbreaks in other parts of the country aren't anything like what happened in New York, at least not yet. What states like Florida, Arizona, Texas and California are trying to do is avoid New York's fate, even as they are lectured about the superiority of the Empire State's approach.

The positivity rate -- the percentage of tests coming back positive -- has increased in all of these places, and in Arizona has gone above 20%. During the worst of the outbreak in New York, the seven-day moving average for the positivity rate reached an astronomical 50%.

Deaths are going up, too, but the scale so far is completely different. In New York, about 32,500 people have died. In Florida, a state of comparable population, about 4,300 people have died. In Texas and California, both bigger states, about 3,300 and 7,000 people have died.

New York should be a watchword, not something to emulate.

It is in a better situation now, but only after the virus burned through much of the city. A state survey found that more than 20% of New York City residents have antibodies to the virus. This isn't an experience anyone should want to duplicate.

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Ophelia Smith turns 100!

By DANIELLE REID The Patriot

A birthday parade of over 30 vehicles drove past Mrs. Ophelia Smith's Dublin residence birthday. Mrs. Smith smiled and waved as she sat under a sunshade tent set up in her driveway by Tammy and Elmer Roush, as well-wishers drove by honking and handing her balloons, cards

Many of the surprise birthday parade participants were her church family from Dublin United Methodist Church who decided to do something special for Smith's 100th birthday. "She is the oldest member of the church," stated Tammy Roush, one of the event organizers. "We wanted to do something special to honor her."

Bonnie Albert, another of the organizers of the birthday parade, commented, "It was so much fun and our church members made it the special thing it was. Dublin is really a small community. Our church secretary's husband is with the Town of Dublin Police Department. They and the Pulaski County Sheriff's Department escorted the line of cars and provided crowd control," she chuckled.

The Town of Dublin Fire Department was also on hand, perhaps because of the number of birthday candles on Mrs. Smith's

Jan Harris, a retired teacher and close friend of Smith's, organized the decorations, birthday signage, balloons and food. "Ophelia is always optimistic and always looks for the good in people," said Harris.

Smith's surprise was obvious. "I just never dreamed I'd be here this long. God has been with me and directed my way; and the church has been good to me. I am blessed to be here with lots of friends and in my own home since 1946," smiled Smith.

Apparently, large families are part of Smith's DNA. She grew up with two sisters and four brothers; one who recently celebrated his 94th birthday. She said she has been blessed with two sons, four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

"Ophelia is really loved by our community. She remembers personal details about her friends



Mrs. Ophelia Smith

Lowry

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The fact is that the virus isn't interested in scoring partisan points or establishing the superiority of red state versus blue state governance. It is highly infectious and now is hitting places it missed earlier in the pandemic as they have started to reopen.

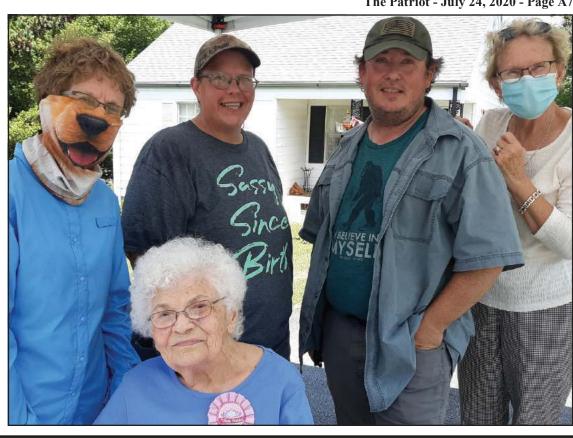
We should wish them the very best -- and fervently hope they don't suffer the same calamity that befell New York.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

and keeps in touch with them and encourages them. She has a beautiful faith and always expresses her gratitude," commented Al-

Then thoughtfully Albert addon Sunday in honor of her 100th ed, "She radiates the love of Christ and is a sweet soul and loved by everyone. We need more people like her in this world."

> Mrs. Ophelia Smith celebrates her 100th birthday on Sunday, July 19, surrounded by friends (L-R) Jan Harris, Tammy Roush and Elmer Roush and Bonnie Alberts. Friends organized a drive-by birthday parade of more than 30 cars.



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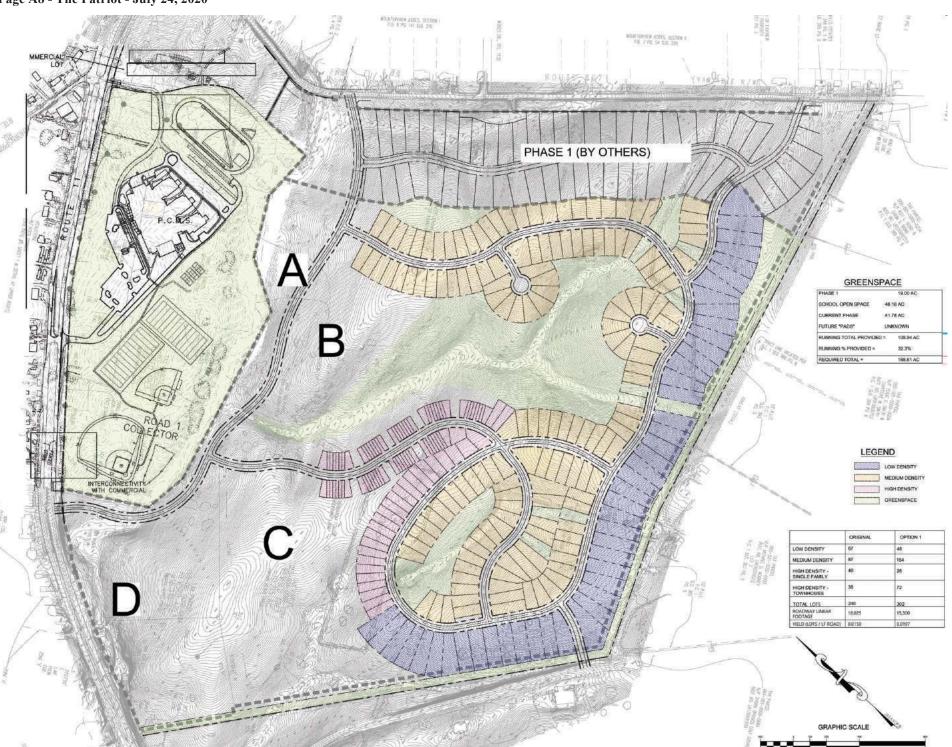
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"The neat thing Shah decided to do with this planned unit development is to maintain 50 percent of the land as open space. That's 160 acres to be used for recreation, walking trails, etc., so people can enjoy the scenery and wildlife. We want to be good stewards of the

Hagan is optimistic about the growth of Pulaski County and the New River Valley and believes additional housing will be needed in the near future.

Rutledge agrees.

"With the expansion of Volvo, the county's location on I-81 and close proximity to I-77, the new middle school, and local colleges, it will draw people to our community – a great place to live."

Rutledge comments, "The whole company is really excited about our reception here. The Town of Dublin, Town of Pulaski, Pulaski County, the Chamber of Commerce and many others have welcomed us with open arms. They have been wonderful to us and there seems to be a lot of interest in Countryside Landing.'

The Shah partners have spun off 40 different companies in a variety of businesses peppered across the county. Hagan credits his employees for much of their success and comments, "If we do well, everybody does well and the community benefits."

For more information about Countryside Landing Subdivision, contact Shah Development LLC located in Christiansburg.



Countyside Landing

Master plan for Countryside Landing. Note the most likely uses for areas A - D will be:

- -A = Multi-use / Greenspace
- -B = Townhouses
- -C = Apartments

-D = Commercial

According to Thom Rutledge, Land Development Project Manager for Shah Development LLC, the final use and layout of these four areas will most likely be market driven.

"We are very excited about the possibility of a business / commercial section located within area 'C" with residential living quarters above. This would add the possibility of a work / live environment to this new community as well."

He said the possibility of an amphitheater to help tie all the residential, business and open space areas together within Countryside Landing has also been mentioned.



Photos by Danielle Reid/The Patriot

Above: One of the many captivating views from the Countryside Landing subdivision which is located behind the newly constructed school on Lee Hwy in Dublin.

At left: Stockner Excavation operators Donnie Martin and Garrie Ayers demonstrate the size of the bucket used to excavate for the project's infrastructure.

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Mary Draper Ingles Weekend in the NRV



The Mary Draper Ingles journey is legendary and will be celebrated in Virginia's New River region during the weekend of July 25-26, 2020. While the state is still in the midst of pandemic re-opening conditions, this year's weekend of activities are perfect activities for families and staycations.

Visitors will want to tour the Mary Draper Ingles Cultural Heritage Park that includes a bronze statue of the frontier heroine. The park overlooks the New River and has been designated as a Virginia Treasure by the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

The Radford Visitor's Center at Glencoe Museum is adjacent to the park and will feature a Mary Draper Ingles video short and a permanent display about Mary. Books, commemorative prints by acclaimed artist P. Buckley Moss and other souvenirs will be available in the gift shop.

Radford tourism director Deborah Cooney says the Mary Draper Ingles Weekend gives an overview of a special frontierswoman, life in the region and the development of the area. "Because of social distancing, Ingles Farm and cabin are not able to open safely this year but we hope the weekend prompts visitors to delve deeper into the fascinating stories of our early American history," says Cooney.

The Wilderness Road Regional Museum in Dublin will have living historians on site Saturday and Sunday, presenting Colonial and Native American history with Monacans from Natural Bridge. They will be outside however museum representatives are asking for everyone interested in visiting to prearrange tour times and follow mask and social distancing recommendations. Tour times will be on the half hour, Sat 10:30am to 4:30pm and Sunday 10:30am to 3pm. A blacksmith workshop has already sold out but may be observed if happening during the tour. The museum typically encourages folks to stop by during posted hours but for this weekend, prearranged times must be scheduled for everyone's safety and they appreciate the understanding and support. Donations are always appreciated during visits to the museum. To arrange tours, people are asked to email or text wrrm5240@gmail.com or 540-818-3804.

For the more adventurous, there is an opportunity to jump onto the Mary Draper Ingles Trail in Glen Lvn that traverses seven miles one way right along the New River. This trail has no improved surface, no restrooms, and has moderate grade changes throughout. To return to Glen Lyn you must walk back along the same trail. There are great views of Shumate Falls and many wildlife viewing opportunities, including osprey and eagles, which are common in this area.

In 2017 the Virginia General Assembly honored Ingles by designating the last Saturday in July as Mary Draper Ingles Remembrance Day. The distinction has continued to increase interest in the story of Mary's capture and escape from a Shawnee hunting party during the French and Indian War. Over the years, her return home by navigating rivers and living off the land has been the subject of numerous books. outdoor dramas and several movies. She is also widely honored through the states of West Virginia and Kentucky.

In October 2019, Voices from the Garden: The Virginia Women's Monument was installed on the Capitol Grounds in Richmond, VA and Mary is one of

12 women chosen to be honored for the full scope of women's achievements.

Points of interest for Mary Draper Ingles Weekend, July 25-26 include:

-Mary Draper Ingles Statue, dawn to dusk, 601 Unruh Dr, Radford -Mary Draper Ingles Video Short and Exhibit, Mary-related Books & Souvenirs, July 25,

Center at Glencoe Museum, 600 Unruh Dr. Radford -Living Historians, Tour times must be prescheduled on the half hour, Sat 10:30am to 4:30pm and Sunday 10:30am to 3pm. Wilderness Road Regional Museum,

10AM-4PM, Radford Visitor's

5243 Wilderness Road, Dublin -Andrew Johnston House & Giles County Historical Society, July 25 & 26, 2-3PM, 208 N. Main St, Pearisburg

10AM-5PM, July 26, 1-5PM, fees apply, 1000 Smithfield Plantation Rd, Blacksburg -Floyd County Historical Mu-

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seum, July 25, 11AM-3PM, 217 N. Locust St, Floyd -Obelisk, Westview Cemetery,

1500 Fifth St, Radford -The Return of Mary Draper Ingles Mural at Radford Post Office, 901 W. Main St, Radford

-Hike along the Mary Draper Ingles Trail in Glen Lyn, Campground Drive, Glen Lyn

Please note, most sites have been impacted by COVID-19 restrictions so the hours listed are the most up to date available. In the event of stricter guidelines, current local restrictions will be followed. Brochures with Mary-related site information will be available at the Radford Visitor's Center and at the Mary Draper Ingles statue. Site information is also available at www.MaryDraperInglesTrail.com

The Long Way Home

Mary Draper Ingles Weekend and most things this year have been modified. But if you have had the pleasure of seeing the "Walk to Freedom: The Mary Draper Ingles Story" the reimagined drama of the "Long Way Home", you will have noticed that the character based Mary's sister-in-law, Bettie Robinson Draper, helps tell the story from a slightly different perspective. Mary's inspirational story will always be center stage, however, the understudy story of Bettie is just as fascinating. Bettie experienced life changing trauma in a similar vet different way than Mary. If you look at the list of what Bettie went through it becomes clear she too was a frontier heroine with great perseverance.

Mary Draper Ingles Sculpture

So what was Bettie's experience, other than the sister-inlaw of Mary Draper Ingles and wife of John Draper? It appears she was of a Scots-Irish and Germanic family and may have been born in Ulster Ireland, her life dates are still questionable. We do know she had brothers and sisters who also made their

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William Robinson, was one of the largest land holder of the North Fork of the Roanoke River land sold by Colonel James Patton. We, likewise, know Bettie married John Draper in April 1754 in Staunton. She was his second wife. By the next year the couple was living at Draper's Meadow, which is now located near the Duck Pond on Virginia Tech's campus. They joined other family members in the

small settlement. Eleanor Draper, the matriarch of the group and Bettie's mother-in-law was among the elders, her husband George had disappeared while hunting a few years earlier and assumed dead, leaving Eleanor and her children Mary and John and their spouses and children as the largest part of the people living at Draper's Meadow in 1755. Several cabins were

Stroubles Creek, a tributary to the New River, and became the nucleus of the small settlement. Other settlements existed both to the west in scattered areas along the New River, Reed Creek, Holston and Clinch Rivers and to the east in greater numbers along

the Roanoke River, yet Draper's Meadow and the others early settlements were in remote and contested area of the backcountry of Virginia. By the summer of 1755, Bettie and John Draper

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Ingles

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had their first child together and the routine of life on the frontier had taken hold in the small hamlet. Traders would come through routinely and the occasional visit from powerful men such as the land speculator, Colonel James Patton, who had sold the land to these and many other settlers to the region. There was probably a bit of excitement to have Colonel Patton at Drapers Meadow in July 1755. Yet, Bettie was going about her daily routine the bright summer morning when the world changed forever for the people at the Meadows. The men were out early working on fences, Captain Preston, the nephew of Patton, had also went on an errand away from the settlement. Bettie's baby was asleep in the Draper cabin as she went to work washing laundry in the nearby creek. Within minutes of her domestic chores, the French and Indian War would become a brutal reality for the village. Shawnee braves were awaiting the opportunity of attack and that time occurred that very morning. They may have watched as the men left and knew the settlement had only a few defenders. The attack at Drapers Meadow was a military attack so it stands to reason it wasn't an isolate cultural clash, but instead a well-planned and coordinated operation. The plans were unfortunately first noticed by Bettie as she started her chores. Quickly she turned to run and sound the alarm of the attacking warriors. She ran to her cabin grabbed her sleeping baby and exited the opposite side with hopes of escaping the attackers. This did not happen, she was shot in the right arm by one of the Shawnee and dropped the terrified and now wide awake infant. Bettie tried to pick up the child with her left, but both were overtaken by the attackers. The infant became a casualty of war, being slammed against the cabin logs and killed. In the melee of the attack, Bettie's mother-in-law was tomahawked to death and Colonel Patton was shot down. Bettie and her sister-in-law Mary Draper Ingles and others were taken prisoner of war and forcibly marched to the Shawnee town hundreds miles away. Once the group reached the village, members of the captives were forced to run what was referenced as the gauntlet. Villagers of all ages took sticks and whips in hand and made a tunnel in which the prisoners were forced to run through. Mary Draper Ingles was exempted from this torturous experience, but Bettie Draper with a gunshot wound in the right arm and broken spirit from having her child killed in front of her was sent through the line. Written record of the memories of Bettie's experience



She luckily would reemerge six years later. From her husband's efforts, Bettie was found living among different tribes of the Northwest Territory. John Draper willingly paid the ransom to have his wife return. Six years living among a different culture and under constant duress would most assuredly have had an impact of Bettie. Several writer say Bettie was resigned to her status as a prisoner which may have help in the time away from her family and made it easier to live, learn, and possibly appreciate the different cultures she became a part of during this time. By 1761, Bettie was ransomed and returned to her husband John, it has been recorded that she was living with a chief as the time of her rescue. In the years following the end of the French and

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Indian War, Bettie and John were back in the New River Valley and living in a cabin in what is today called Draper Valley on the south side of Peak's Knob. Children were a blessing for the couple with at least seven being born after their reunion. From all accounts Bettie and John lived a productive life. Bettie would pass away on the eve of the American Revolution never leaving a written record of her ordeal or even a known oral history of what she experienced in her six years of captivity. However, from the stories passed down through the Preston and Ingles families, two written accounts help piece together some of the experience of the long way home for both Mary and Bettie.

By April Martin



Northam: General Assembly to convene session on Aug. 18 RICHMOND—Governor

Ralph Northam has announced he is calling the General Assembly into special session on Tuesday, August 18, following the Governor's traditional end-of-fiscal-year report to the General Assembly's money committees.

A special session is necessary to adopt a budget based on the revised revenue forecast in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, Governor Northam will work closely with legislative leaders and advocates to propose additional criminal justice and policing reform.

"I look forward to bringing legislators back in session as we continue to navigate these unprecedented times," said Governor Northam. "We have a unique opportunity to provide critical support to Virginians, invest strategically in our economic recovery, and make progress on policing and criminal justice reform. Let's get

The General Assembly will meet to adopt a final budget, a process that was postponed earlier in the year due to COVID-19. In April, Governor Northam worked with legislators to "unallot," or freeze, over \$2.2 billion in new spending in Virginia's new biennial budget. This strategy allowed time for the Commonwealth's fiscal outlook to stabilize and avoided major cuts to important new programs and state services. Legislators will now consider a number of items previously "unalloted"including the Governor's historic investments in early childhood education, tuition-free community college, affordable housing, and broadband.

Policing initiatives are expected to include measures aimed at police accountability and oversight, use of force, increased training and education, and officer recruitment, hiring, and decertification.







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High school sports across U.S. face obstacles

SCHUYLER DIXON **Associated Press**

The same pandemic-related questions that have bedeviled professional and college sports are front and center for high school administrators across the country -- and they are far more complicated.

Setting up expensive, tightly regimented bubbles for professional athletes or setting protocols for thousands of college athletes who answer to a handful of coaches is not happening at the high school level. Instead, more than 13,000 districts, some of them resource-rich, many of them not, are trying to figure how to safely stage sports for some 8 million participants, nearly all of them minors.

Already some states, including Tennessee, Arizona, West Virginia, New Jersey and Washington, have announced fall sports will have at least a delayed start. Prep sports heavyweights like Texas, Florida and California all have big decisions coming up

Mark Uyl goes through all the different scenarios, contingencies and endless concerns daily as the head of the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

"It's been like walking in quicksand," Uhl said. "You'll go a week or two and it feels like you're taking a step or two on solid ground where the number of cases is trending in a certain direction or some of the metrics that government leaders are looking at. Then you go to take that third step and it feels like you're almost deeper than what you were."

He and other high school officials insist the importance of education-based athletics makes it a puzzle worth solving. But it's

a puzzle unlike any of them have ever faced.

Safety in the year of the coronavirus is the overriding priority. But what does that look like? Empty stadiums and gyms? What about testing? Masks? Can high school-aged athletes manage social distancing? What about liability? Are extracurricular activities even worth the risk as school districts around the country face mounting financial concerns with increased costs for personal protective equipment and expected revenue shortfalls?

As the clock ticks closer to the start of the new school year, the uncertainty is compounded by the complexity. The fifty states plus the District of Columbia all have different governing bodies for prep sports, different priorities and different pressures.

"I think people realize how valuable the experience of participation is, and they want to give kids anywhere that can a chance," said Mick Hoffman, executive director of the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association.

While there was optimism in June that competition might go on as scheduled in the fall, it has been replaced by pessimism in July as the number of positive cases has risen across the coun-

Even in Texas, where high school football is religion, there is growing worry. Earlier this month, Dallas Independent School District Superintendent Michael Hinojosa said in an interview with MSNBC that in his opinion it was doubtful high school football would be played in 2020. The decision ultimately

rests with the University Interscholastic League that oversees high school sports in Texas, but the headline amplified the growing concern.

"We've got a lot of decisions to make. I wish we had answers. I wish there was a silver bullet. There's not," said Tim Teykl, head football coach at Alvin High School outside of Houston. "I don't know if we're going to have a football season. I don't know if we're going to have school. I'm going to continue to fight and claw as if we are. And then if not, we'll do what we're told to do."

As deadlines loom in different areas, school decision-makers are doing jobs they never anticipated before.

Administrators check in with public health officials as often as they communicate with coaches.

Coaches serve as a front-line of defense, doing temperature checks and sanitizing equipment as they put players through summer drills. Then there are the athletes,

See HIGH SCHOOLS, page B2

Is a 60-game MLB season even legitimate? Mariners, Milwaukee Brewers

By RONALD BLUM **Associated Press**

George Will pondered the meaning of the shortest Major League Baseball season since

"If you're an Indians fan and you win the World Series, are you elated or do you think this is just one more insult?" the political commentator and baseball author said.

If Mookie Betts bats .400, would he displace Ted Williams as the last .400 hitter in 1941?

If Jacob deGrom posts a sub-1 ERA in over a dozen starts, would he better Bob Gibson's 1.12 as the best since the Dead Ball Era ended a century ago?

"Who thinks that anything that happens in 2020 is anything other than a one-off, that they intend to play perpetually without fans, that they intend to confine teams only to their own time zones perpetually?" broadcaster Bob Costas said. "This is all a one-off."

Yet for some, perhaps many, the abridged, 60-game season is merely peculiar and not misbe-

"I just can't wait for the games to begin -- for the story of this strange season to move forward from beginning to middle to end -- so there is some semblance of everyday life returning," historian Doris Kearns Goodwin wrote in an email to The Associated Press. "And then I will leave to you and the experts to figure out the hard stuff -- asterisks etc etc -- while I revert to my seven year old self, just happy to follow each

Baseball has long sought a metric for each aspect, a data dump aiming to doom intangibles into extinction.

Every stat has a skeptic this season. No-hitters and four-homer games may be subject to suspicion.

"We're going to have a blizzard of asterisk talk now," Will said.

Fans compare players from different eras as if they competed against each other in the flesh, imagining Babe Ruth going deep against pitchers who warm up to hip-hop music and Walter Johnson blowing heaters by muscle-bound Steroids Era sluggers. They rank players against each other from decades apart, even though the sport keeps evolving to make comparisons often meaningless. Old Hoss Radbourn's 678 2/3 innings in 1884 won't be matched by any team this season, much less any pitcher.

Like much in life, history will be framed by the winners. Fans of the 2020 World Series champion will deem the year legitimate, historic if the winner happens to be the Texas Rangers, San Diego Padres, Seattle or Colorado Rockies taking the title for the first time.

After the 1918 season was cut short at 123-131 games per team, the World Series was moved up to Sept. 5 due to World War I. Boston edged Cleveland by 2 1/2 games for the AL pennant and won the World Series over the Cubs, who had coasted to the NL title. During the 86-year wait for another title, Red Sox fans didn't consider that championship less

"Under these circumstances, people will understand and accept almost anything if they feel that it's been imposed upon them by the coronavirus and legitimate concern and this is the best we can do," Costas said.

MLB first proposed an 82game season starting around the Fourth of July, but opening day kept getting pushed back as teams and the players' association fought over money in a prelude to bargaining for a new

labor contract that starts in 2021. Hard to tell whether an abundance of contenders will draw more eveballs to television screens or attention will be as abbreviated as the season.

NFL: No preseason games this season

By SIMMI BUTTAR **Associated Press**

NEW YORK (AP) — The NFL Players Association has agreed to the league's plan to drop all preseason games for the 2020 season, a person familiar with the decision told The Associated

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the offer had not been made public.

The union also agreed to a 80-player roster limit for training camp, instead of the usual 90. According to reports, union leadership told

players about the preseason agreement during a conference call on Tuesday. The agreement between the union and the league came a day after league proposed scrap-

ping the preseason because of the coronavirus The players' association originally had sought

no preseason games and the league had reduced the exhibition schedule to two games. But on Monday evening, the NFL said it would eliminate those preseason contests and also would offer players 18 days for acclimation, up from seven

Also on Monday, the league said players will be tested daily for the coronavirus for at least the first two weeks of training camp, per the league's new testing protocols.

Rookies have started reporting this week and all players are expected to report next week.

The league and the NFLPA already finalized protocols regarding team travel, media, and treatment response, and updated the facilities protocol to specifically address training camp based on recommendations from a joint committee of doctors, trainers and strength coaches formed by the league and players' union.

Rec football, cheerleading off for 2020

According to Shay Dunnigan, Pulaski County Parks and Activities Director, Pulaski County youth football and cheerleading for the fall

of 2020 has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. At this time soccer and bat & balls sports are pending for the fall

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Rod Brasfield, the comedian of Grand Ole Opry fame, could not have put it more aptly with his occasional entry remarks made when coming onstage there. He would say, "Ain't it hot? It's so hot that I could eat a goatburger." I don't think eating goat meat fixed in any manner will do much to assuage the muggy and high temperatures we are now experiencing right now. It looks to be like we are in for more of the same this week according to the latest weather forecasts.

I had been discussing this with my hunting and fishing buddy, Dick Gregory, of how to overcome this and get some relief when we are out and about in the heat. He suggested to go and purchase one of these spray bottles that emits a watery mist and a fan that blows back onto you with a cooling effect. I agreed as this was a good idea as this same technique is used by the NFL on a larger scale when they employ large fans with ice cold water spraying in front of them. The players along the sidelines can stand in front of these devises and bring the body temperatures down after coming back from playing time on the field.

The subject came up if we wanted to go fishing as how to accomplish this same effect. I suggested going to where we could encounter cooling mists and that would be at area falls around our part of the country. I mentioned a few that I was acquainted with and Dick dove right in and gave some great ones, a few of them that I had not heard of and some stories about them.

I mentioned the one foremost in my mind and that was the Cascades at Pembroke. You can walk a trail up from the parking lot and when you get there, see the beautiful falls coming down off the cliff-face of Barney's Wall. Wade the shallow water up to it base and be cooled by the mist of the spring-fed stream coming from atop Butt Mountain above. Fishing is good here and back downstream (this is Little Stony Creek) as it has Native as well as stocked Rainbows. Another familiar falls we are both familiar with is the falls on Dismal Creek in Bland County that offers good fishing as is one of the trout steams that is often stocked by DGIF. The cooling mists from there are much the same as you find at the Cascades. The next falls discussed were

The next falls discussed were the Twin Falls at Copper Hill in Floyd, Virginia. These falls were often visited by many people in the past, but is now on posted land. Two streams flow, from the east and another from the north, and come together atop a high cliff area and plunge together into a deep gorge below. There were cases of people falling while trying to climb to the bottom below, but this would not a place to enjoy the cooling effect of the bottom as the proverbial saying, "You can't get there from here."

There are a number of falls all around our state and adjoining states as well. The state of Virginia has the honor of having the highest falls east of the Mississippi. Crabtree Falls in the George Washing National in Forest Nelson County has a height of over a thousand feet. I was close there when I visited the area to see the site of Earl Hamner's Waltons but did not take the falls in.

There is the story told of a Baptist pastor who was hiking near the Purgatory Falls on a Saturday. He got lost and was unable to be at his church the next morning for his Sunday service. A search was initiated and he was later found.

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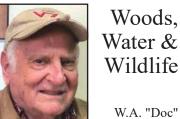
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A local paper had learned of the story and the next day headlines read, "Baptist Preacher lost in Purgatory." Falls and streams of water can help cool a person and

Woods, also help maintain social distancing as well.

The fall of mankind came about as when Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden. After their transgressions, they could not enjoy the fellowship of walking with God in the garden in the cool of the day. Genesis 3:9. Jesus still wishes to walk with all to know him as their savior and Proverbs 18:24b(KJV) states: "and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother."

Until next time

Team name still up in air

(AP) - The NFL team formerly known as the Redskins will go by the Washington Football Team for the 2020 season, giving the organization time to choose a new, full-time name.

The club announced the placeholder name Thursday, ahead of the start of training camp next week.

"The decision to use 'Washington Football Team' for this season allows the franchise the ability to undertake an in-depth branding process to properly include player, alumni, fan, community and sponsor input," the

team said in a statement. "To date, we have been pleased to see so many people putting forward their vision of what the new name and design should be on their social media channels and we look forward to including their feedback as this process progresses."

Washington will keep its burgundy and gold colors and replace the Indian head logo on helmets with a player's jersey number. All references to the Redskins name and logo will be removed from the team's headquarters in Ashburn, Virginia, and FedEx Field in Landover, Maryland.



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some of whom already had spring seasons wiped out. "It's a very emotional area for

young people and their parents because the extracurriculars are at the heart of the school in many ways," said Dave Gordon, superintendent of the Sacramento County Office of Education. "They're the spirit of the school and frankly a lot of the reason kids stay in school."

Aside from concerns about the virus itself, there is other fallout. Some schools were already facing budget struggles due to a lack of state or local funding. Now they face the potential of returning to the classroom with significant increases in costs, whether it be for protective equipment, sanitation or maybe just running more buses because of restrictions on how many students are on each one.

Extracurricular activities become easy targets for cuts when there are budget shortfalls.

"We are hearing across the country that schools are facing anywhere from 20 to 50% budget cuts, very dire straits," Karissa Niehoff, executive director of the National Federation for State High School Associations, said during a webinar with the Aspen Institute. "State associations looking at anywhere from \$150,000 to over \$2 million in losses to support programming and tournaments and such. So we're very worried."

Important dates and decisions are coming up, especially in states with school starting in mid-August.

One of the biggest dominoes is likely to fall this week when the California Interscholastic Federation is expected to announce its sports calendar. The federation could proceed with the current schedule but it could also delay the start of fall sports.

Virginia said recently that none of its potential plans include football being allowed in the fall with a final decision coming later in the month.

But even reaching a final decision doesn't mean there won't be setbacks. Some states that permitted summer workouts have later had to shut down.

Among the most drastic options being weighed in some places is a sports calendar that doesn't begin until January.

"Obviously that's not the direction I want to go. It would create a lot of overlap, forced choices. It would make it very difficult obviously to play multiple sports," said California federation executive director Ron Nocetti. "But the goal is to offer a season, if at all possible, for all of our student-athletes."

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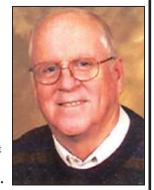
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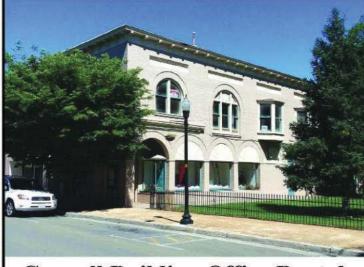
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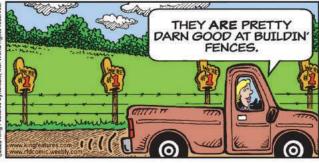
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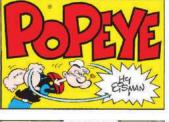
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1. GEOGRAPHY: Which capital city

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4. GAMES: How many spaces are in a standard Monopoly playing board?
5. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who are the

four presidents whose likenesses are carved into Mount Rushmore?

6. TELEVISION: What city is the setting for the sitcom "Laverne & Shirley"? 7. PSYCHOLOGY: What fear is represented in the condition known as glossophobia?

8. SCIENCE: What is the chemical symbol for copper?

9. FOOD & DRINK: What is venison?

10. MEASUREMENTS: How many cubic feet are in a cubic yard?

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9. Deer meal 10, 27 8. Cu 7. Fear of public speaking 6. Milwaukee, Wisconsin son, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham

5. George Washington, Thomas Jeffer-3. Groot 2. Mudville I. Rome, Italy

Answers



Solution time: 21 mins.

King Crossword -



"Of all the paths you take in life, make sure a few of them are dirt." — John Muir

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What would some mean guys call a technologically challenged CryptoQuip

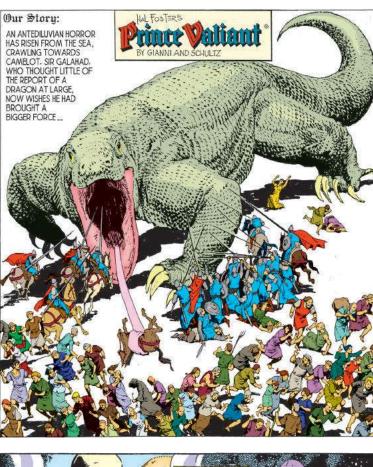


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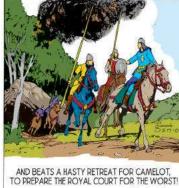
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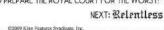




ALTHOUGH IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT ANY NUMBER OF KNIGHTS COULD COUNTER THIS MONSTER. SOON ENOUGH, HE CALLS OFF THE FOLLY...



NEXT: Relentless













by BUD BLAKE

















Guard Room Table

Everything has a name, but in the antiques world, many things have more than one name. This table was offered for sale as a "guard room table." That is a made-up name for a table that looks like it might have been used by guards for eating, drinking and gambling in a castle a few hundred years ago. It is a table in the Elizabethan style (1553-1603, named for Queen Elizabeth I). Tables from that era are made of wood, usually walnut or oak. They are large, about 30 by 83 inches, and heavy with thick, strong legs, often heavily carved. Today, they are usually used in a large paneled room in a men's club or hotel. Some of the tables, like this one, have iron trestles used for strength between the end pairs of legs. They sell for surprisingly low prices for furniture that looks like it was made at least 400 years ago. They list for \$800 to \$4,000, depending on condition and proportions. This table was estimated at \$700 to \$1,000.

CURRENT PRICES

Van Briggle vase, Lorelei, woman, hair flows over rim, white matte glaze, 11 x 5 inches, \$190.

Tortoise shell jewelry box, beveled glass insert, ivory bun feet, c.1900, 2 x 6 inches, \$265.

Kettle-on-stand, copper, embossed, cast, spirit burner, handle, turned, ebony, geometric design, WMK Co., 13 x 7 inches, \$320.

Window, leaded, stained, Gothic, blue columns, brown arched window, purple panels, cabochon, 72 x 28 inches, \$480.

Antiques & Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel



Look for unusual styles of furniture to get a bargain. The heavy, old timbers and craftsmanship of an antique is why it is still in good condition and can take hard use. This table is in the Elizabethan style, 400 years old, and still going strong.

TIP: Clean metal with a backand-forth motion, not a circular motion. Use a soft, clean, lint-free cloth and turn it often to avoid reusing a soiled part.

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





- * Roll scarves around cardboard tubes to store flat. You'll skip the wrinkles and be able to find the scarf you want without much fuss.
- On a home improvement kick? You're not alone. Here's a wallpapering tip from way back: If your wallpaper is applied with adhesive, add a few drops of food coloring to the paste. It will give it a slight tint that will not be visible when dried. Now you can be sure that the adhesive makes it all the way to the edge of the paper for best results!
- * "Ironing intricate sleeves or other difficult shapes can be made easier with the use of an oven mitt. Slip the mitt over your hand, put your hand on one side of a fabric to create a flat area to iron. Use care and go slowly, and you'll get a good press." -- E.R. in Missouri
- * Bright strips of tape can be a great safety addition to the edges of stairs. Even better is bright, textured, reflective tape for low-light areas, like basements or porch steps. The bright color makes the edges visible in daylight; the reflection does the same at night. A bit of texture makes sure they're around while you get it secured." not slippery.

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally Unlisted clue hint: A GROUP OF GEESE

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

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

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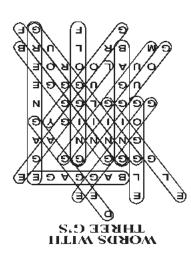
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* "Now that my baby is enter-

sop up baby food and go right in the washer." -- P.W. in Texas

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Terry McCraw

Foundation for a Godly Family

Foundation for a Godly Family The bible tells us that first and foremost, we should love the Lord our God. With all of our heart, soul and might. And it means 24-7. Not just when we have a crises situation. Not just when we need to have a prayer answered.

I've always been a family man. I've blessed with three sons and two grandsons. Family means a lot to me as I'm sure it does to you. The family unit is a close knit unit. Blood is thicker than water.

A husband and a father is obligated to take good care of his family. In fact the bible says that if a man doesn't take care of his family, he is worse than an infidel. 1 Tim. 5:8.

The bible teaches husbands to love our wives as Christ loved the Church and gave his life for it. It teaches wives to be faithful to their own husbands, and to help their husbands fulfill their God given role as head of the family. Eve was created by God to be a helpmate to her husband. Being a helpmate doesn't mean being a slave, servant or a doormat. A husband needs a good wife to help him be a good husband and a good father. Someone said, "Behind every successful man is a woman."

Family means not only our spouses and our children, but also includes our parents, and our taking care of them, especially when they grow old and have trouble taking care of themselves.

As Christian parents it is our duty to teach our children the ways of the Lord and to bring them up to know and reverence God. To make sure that they are taught that is it is foolish to sin against God. We need to bring them to Church services where they can be taught from the scriptures about the importance of living for God and serving God.

God is the one who created and ordained the family unit. The first mention of family is found in the lives of Adam and Eve. God joined them together in the bonds of holy matrimony. "For this reason a man will leave father and mother and be united to his wife." Genesis 2:24. Jesus also confirmed God's word concerning marriage by repeating this scripture. Matthew 19:5

God sanctions and sanctifies the family unit as the primary means for a fulfilling human life. Long before there was a Covenant or a Church, there was family.

One of the key elements of the marriage union between a husband and a wife, is the procreation of children. It is necessary for the human race to continue to exist.

God promised prolonged life to those who honor their parents. It says if they do, their days will be long upon the earth.

Children mimic their parents. Like father, like son. Like mother, like daughter. Our kids notice what their parents say and do. And they learn to say and do likewise.

What God wants is for us NOT to make him into an abstract God, but that His commandments are to be discussed in our homes, and in our Churches, in order for them to take firm root in the hearts of both us and our children.

Deut. 6: 20-25. Moses tells us here to speak to our family and tell them their duty to the God who has made our families possible.

It used to be that at family gatherings, we'd talk about Church

See MCCRAW, page B7

Draper Valley Baptist Church 3200 Lee Highway

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

> **Grace Baptist Church** 552 E. Main Street

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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

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

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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

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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

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Dublin Baptist Church

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

First United Methodist Church 301 N. Jefferson Ave. - Pulaski

(physical address) 135 Fourth St., NW - Pulaski (mailing address) Pastor's Name: Will Shelton Associate Pastor: Sebastian Ruiz, Hispanic Pastor Sunday Services

9:00 AM - Hispanic Worship 9:00AM - Contemporary Worship 10:00AM - Sunday School

11:00AM - Traditional Worship Contact Info. Phone: 540.980.3331 e-mail: office@fumcpulask.org

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Belspring Baptist Church 6887 Depot Street

Belspring, VA 24058 Pastor Darrell Linkous

Service Times: Sunday School: 10 a.m. Sunday worship: 11 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study and Youth Group: 7 p.m.

Darrell Linkous: 353-0081 belspringbaptistchurch@gmail.com

Memorial Baptist Church 995 Peppers Ferry Road

Pulaski, VA 24301 Pastor: Michael S. Jones Sunday 9:45 am - Sunday School 11:00 am - Worship Wednesday 6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting

(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 540-674-4500 www.rolcdublin.com

> **Delton Church of God** of Prophecy

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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/

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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

Trinity United Methodist

www.trinitypulaski.org

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/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

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New Dublin Presbyterian Church

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Community Christian Church

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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.

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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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Aldersgate United Methodist

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

First Baptist Church

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

Pulaski Presbyterian Church (PCA)

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

Sure Foundation Christian Fellowship 6598 Annie Akers Road

Radford, VA 24141 (540) 639-3443 Pastor Steve Phillips Sunday Morning Worship: 10:00 am Sunday Night Prayer: 5:30 pm Wednesday Night Prophetic Teaching: 6:30 pm

New Hope Chapel

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

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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 Adult Bible Class THRIVE Teen Class Children's Bible Class and Special Activitiy Classes

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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.

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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

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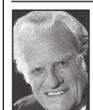
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My Answer

Billy Graham

None of us knows when we may die

Q: My father was in a coma several weeks before he died and there was no communication with him. He always said that he would get right with God before he died but I have no assurance that he ever took that step. Is there any hope that he could have settled things with God before he took his last breath? - I.B.

A: While it is dangerous for one to deliberately wait until near the end of life to settle things with Jesus Christ, there is always hope that a person comes to that point. None of us knows when we may die; for thousands, sudden death occurs each day. But more important even than the foolishness of delaying salvation is the fact we are losing the joy of being a Christian.

One's salvation, however, is not determined by the time of life at which we repent and accept Christ as our Savior. There have been those who have repented on their deathbeds and have been saved. In the Bible we read the account where one of the thieves crucified at the same time as Jesus turned to Him in repentance. Jesus told the thief that very day he would be with Him in paradise (Luke 23:43).

The longer one waits to accept Chris, though, the more difficult it becomes, for the heart of man grows harder with the passing of time. The Bible says, "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2). Without Christ at the center of our lives, daily routines become tiresome and tedious; a drudgery rather than a joy. But we must always have hope that those who have run from God throughout life come to that "now" moment, even in the last breath of life.

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



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McCraw

Continued from Page B6 functions and about what God has done for us. Families should converse with one another about things pertaining to God and not just about what is happening on cable news or at the latest movie theater.

We are not to assume that our children and our grandchildren will just automatically know and understand God's commandments. Their duty to God must be explained to them, over and over, again and again.

Vance Havner said, "No man or woman ever had a nobler challenge or a higher privilege that to bring up a child for God and whenever we slight that privilege or neglect that ministry for anything else, we live to mourn it in

heartache and grief.' Parents do their best when they make themselves men and women of faith, integrity, conviction and honor; rather than simply seeking

wealth, power, fame and pleasure. Being a parent the most important job we will ever have the privilege to do other than being faithful to God ourselves. Being a good parent is a job with responsibilities given to us by God.

One of my duties was my dad always made me go to Church with him every Sunday. I had to go, and now I am glad he made me go. As a young person, I was taught the ways of the Lord and it has helped me immensely in growing up with a set of biblical standards.

God tells us that we are to educate our children concerning His commandments. Teaching them the word of God will do more good for them than many years spent at a University. It will teach them how to make sure that if they serve God always, how they will receive the blessings of God upon their lives. They'll know that living for God is the ultimate way to lead happy lives.

We should teach them to always give thanks to God before eating a meal and we should teach them how to pray. They are not going to learn these things in public or private schools. They need to know that if they are faithful to God, they can call upon God to help them get through the difficulties of their lives.



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State Police seek input on accreditation

RICHMOND – The public will have an opportunity to offer comments regarding the Virginia State Police when a national accreditation team assesses the Department in August. The Virginia State Police is in the process of reaccreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA).

"Accreditation provides both the Department and the public with quality assurance that the Virginia State Police is in step with today's policing standards and practices," said Colonel Gary T. Settle, Virginia State Police Superintendent. "We welcome the CALEA assessment team and the public's input concerning this process and our abilities to fulfill our mission to best serve and protect the Commonwealth of Virginia."

When the Virginia State Police achieved its initial accreditation from CALEA in 1986, the Department was only the second state law enforcement agency in the nation

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to receive this prestigious recognition. Since then, the Virginia State Police has successfully maintained an accredited status. The reaccreditation process takes place every

The public is invited to share its comments with the CALEA sitebased assessment team on Aug. 3, 2020, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. through a public information session on the Virginia State Police official Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ VirginiaStatePolice.

If for some reason an individual cannot participate during the public information session, but would still like to provide comments to the assessment team, he/she may do so by telephone or written correspondence. The assessment team will be available to take phone calls Aug. 3, 2020, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. A toll-free telephone number has been established for those wishing to contact the team: 1-866-468-4903. Telephone comments during the public

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information session are limited to 10 minutes and must address the Department's ability to comply with CALEA standards.

Those wishing to offer written comments about the Department's ability to meet reaccreditation standards are requested to write: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, Virginia 20155 or email calea@calea.org with a subject line of, "VSP Public Com-

The CALEA assessment team is comprised of the following law enforcement practitioners: Mr. W. Dean Register, Director of the Criminal Justice Professionalism Division of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, and Mr. Geoffrey Ice, (retired) of the Connecticut State Police.

Through the review of written materials, and interviews, the assessors will examine the Department's policy and procedures, administration, operations, support services for compliance with CALEA standards. The assessment process ensures that the Department regularly reviews all aspects of its operations and is in compliance with law enforcement standards established by the Com-

A copy of the CALEA standards can be viewed by the public at the State Police Administrative Headquarters at 7700 Midlothian Turnpike in North Chesterfield County. For those with additional questions, please contact Ms. Vanessa Casale, Virginia State Police Accreditation Manager, at 804-674-2005.

CALEA was created to develop a set of law enforcement standards and to establish and administer an accreditation process through which law enforcement agencies can demonstrate voluntarily that they meet professionally-recognized criteria for excellence in management and service delivery.

Landon McDaniel

Sheep & **Goat Club** award scholarship

The New River Valley Sheep & Goat Club has awarded its first scholarship to Mr. Landon Mc-Daniel of Pulaski County, Virginia. Landon is a 2020 graduate of Pulaski Country High School (PCHS) and plans to attend New River Community College this Fall. Landon's application and strong personal and academic work record impressed the Club Officers and Board of Directors.

From excelling in academics and sports to co-foundering PCHS's first ever fishing club, he took on a new challenge of helping his family began sheep farming. He is appreciating the hard work and consistency needed to have a successful agricultural

venture. The New River Valley Sheep & Goat Club established this scholarship to support young people involved or interested in agriculture. The mission of the Club is to support and promote the sheep and goat agri-business in our area, and provide education and appreciation of these breeds for the benefit of club members and the general public. As farmers, members are stewards of the land and believe it is important to raise healthy animals in a manner that improves their land, the community and the environment. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in sheep, goats and associated products in the New River Valley of Virginia and surrounding area. Over 200 farms are currently members throughout SW Virginia, West Virginia and North Carolina. You can learn more about the organization at: www.nrvsheepandgoatclub.com and find scholarship information

Agency on Aging recognized

Staples for Seniors and Fido's Pantry, a program of the New River Valley Agency on Aging, won the \$5,000 first place Best Practices Award from the Commonwealth Council on Aging. The program offers food assistance to homebound seniors in rural areas and their cats

The program's mission is simple: eating should be a choice, not a challenge. Since launching the program in 2019, New River Valley Agency on Aging has served 248 seniors with necessary groceries each month. Fido's Pantry has provided monthly pet food assistance and supplies to 87 of those 248 se-

"Staples for Seniors and Fido's Pantry are meeting critical needs in our community," said Tina King, executive director of the New River Valley Agency on Aging. "However, it has been most rewarding to see both programs fostering community spirit and bringing citizens together across our valley, addressing the needs of older adults," she

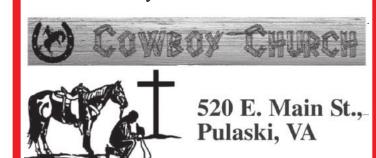
The Commonwealth Council on Aging advises the Governor on issues affecting the 1.8 million Virginians age 60 and older and acknowledges organizations whose innovative programs can be replicated across the Commonwealth. The council judges nominees on seven criteria, including community impact, potential for replication, innovation, outcomes and promotion of aging in the community.

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Friends of Library Book Sale set for Aug. 7

for 2021.

The Pulaski Co Friends of the Library will hold its first book sale since Covid-19 shut every-

The one day sale will be outside on Friday August 7th from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm. In case of rain, the book sale

will start at 1:00pm Saturday August 8th.

The sale will take place at the corner of West 3rd St and Jefferson St in the back of the building on the outside.

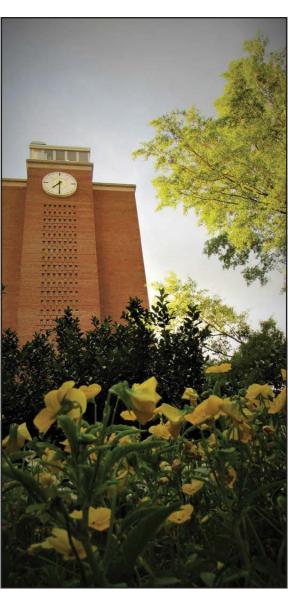
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Glencoe Mansion to host art show by Radford Photo Club





Clockwise from top left: Muse at R.U. by Rebecca Harris; male Baltimore Oriole by Brian Smith; 630 Steam Locomotive steams into Radford by Joyce Sims, and Love of Mane by Joyce Crowder.

Photos courtesy of Glencoe Museum

Glencoe Mansion, Museum & Gallery is pleased to announce its new gallery show, "What Makes Radford Special," featuring the works of the Radford Photo Club. The works will be on display now through September 6. Due to ongoing safety precautions, there will be no opening reception.

Radford is a special place, and the works of the Radford Photo Club have captured just some of the many elements that make it special. From its historic treasures to its people, and from the railroad to the university, the Radford Photo Club's members have brought together an eclectic collection of images that speak of Radford.

The photographers featured in the show are Joyce Crowder, Lucy Gilmore, Rebecca Harris, Edward Rhett, Deborah Ring, Elizabeth Sensabaugh, Joyce Sims, Brian Smith, Susan Trulove and Linda Waggaman.

"What Makes Radford Special" will be on display through September 6. The Glencoe Mansion is closed Sundays and Mondays through August 3. Beginning August 4, the museum will be open every day except Mondays.





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ARC awards \$500,000 for Town of Pulaski sewer improvements

The Appalachian Regional Commission today awarded \$500,000 to the Town of Pulaski for sewer improvements. Congressman Morgan Griffith (R-VA) issued the following statement:

"Water treatment is essential infrastructure, important for economic growth and the quality of life. The Appalachian Regional Commission's award of \$500,000 to Pulaski for the

upgrade of its wastewater treatment facility will assist the town as it moves forward."

According to the Appalachian Regional Commission, today's award will help with the installation of a one million gallon wastewater storage tank, new pump station, 100 linear feet of twelve-inch force main sewer line, 550 linear feet of twelve-inch sewer line, and 200 linear feet of eight-inch sewer line.

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Farmers Markets: Coronavirus edition

Written by Kayla Airaghi, Va Tech Dietetic Intern

The coronavirus pandemic has affected almost every aspect of life with an emphasis on the food supply chain. The food supply chain starts with the production of goods that are then manufactured and packaged and then distributed to retail stores like grocery stores and food service establishments like restaurants. The food supply chain ends with you, the consumer, who buys food and other products from these retail establishments. Coronavirus affected meat processing plants causing them to close because workers were getting sick. The virus caused restaurants to temporarily close, so the perishable food that would be going to restaurants from farms and other producers was wasted because it could not be redirected to grocery stores. This is because of differences in packaging and labeling requirements between the two retail sectors. The COVID-19 pandemic has made the agricultural business an unstable market for farmers when they're work is of utmost importance.

The good news is that you can help! You can help these farmers by supporting their local business by buying products from farmer's markets. This will bolster the local economy where you live. Farmer's markets are marketplaces where goods are sold directly from the farmer to the consumer meaning the foods do not go through the entire food supply chain. You can purchase seasonally grown fruits and vegetables,

meats, dairy products, and a variety of other foods. Regardless of the virus, buying from farmer's markets is also good for the planet and for you. Buying locally grown foods is more sustainable and contributes far less to climate change than buying foods from a grocery store where you have to travel longer distances. The food at farmer's markets has touched fewer hands and has passed through fewer amounts of time when harmful bacteria could be introduced to the food. Right now, the West End Market and the Grandin Farmer's Market are allowing you to purchase your foods online, so all you have to do is pick up your goods at a specified time and location. For farmer's markets that allow you to walk through, like the Grandin Farmer's Market, all walking activity is one way and the outside environment creates better air flow, which lessens the risk of catching the virus.

Try something new during these weird times! Check out your local farmer's markets for the freshest and best seasonal produce. Not only will you get the best quality food, you will also be supporting your local farmers and economy. Some farmer's markets participate in the Virginia Fresh Match program. If you are a SNAP recipient, you can spend \$20 on your SNAP EBT card and receive another \$20 to spend on fresh fruits and vegetables! In some places, Medicaid members get similar benefits as well as Head Start parents and CHIP parents. Check with your local farmer's market to see what benefits they

Staycations

Normally, by the middle of summer, you start feeling anxious because you realize summer is ending, and you start to feel the pressure of getting prepared for the fall. It feels like a Sunday night right before work on Monday. Of course, COVID19 has changed all of that. It's like the Motels' song, "Suddenly Last Summer." The lyrics of that song include the words "One summer never ends, one summer never began; it keeps me standing still..." That seems to define the summer of 2020. We're not sure when it started, and we sure don't know when it will end.

Luckily for us, we live in an area not defined by buildings and sidewalks, but instead by wide open spaces that lend themselves to physical distancing. This is the perfect place to be, so why would we want to go anywhere else? I've talked about what I love about this area, and the things I like to do. But, how about some of you? I know I'm not the only one who has those special Pulaski County things



Down To Business

Peggy White Pulaski Co. Chamber of Commerce

that I enjoy doing. This is a good time for others to share what they like to do and what keeps you loving Pulaski County.

So, I'm going to turn my next Dear Members columns over to some of you. I know there are other people who love this area and have spent their vacations or relaxation time taking in all that Pulaski County has to offer. If you're one of those folks, share your thoughts and tell me why Pulaski County is your "Staycation Destination." I look forward to hearing from you! Send your note to peggywhite@pulaski-chamber.info

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People need to hear success stories

Dear Dave

So many companies and entrepreneurs are hurting right now. With everything that's going on in the world, I find myself ashamed to celebrate business successes. In the past, I've always shared highlights with our customers to show them how amazing they are and how much their support means. How can I navigate this time without making others feel bad?

Dear Alyssa,

You know, in most cases people who ask this kind of question are already self-aware enough to celebrate their business success with grace and social awareness. You didn't ask how to brag, you asked how you can still celebrate what's going on in your business with your customers.

You're not firing shots at other people when you do something like this with the right heart and an attitude of gratitude and humility. You're not talking about jumping around and yelling about how great you are while saying everyone else is a doofus. All you're doing is letting people know what's working and that you're thankful for it—and them.

People need to hear success stories. They need to hear stories about winning, whether times are good or bad. It might actu-

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ally inspire and encourage them. It's good news!

—Dave

Dear Dave,

My husband and I are about to start Baby Step 5. We want to save money for college to help our children, but we're a little worried about starting a 529 Plan and being penalized if we pull the money out for trade school or they don't finish their studies. What do you think we should do?

Dani

Dear Dani,

You'd only be taxed on the growth, not what you put into the plan. And you'd be taxed on the growth anyway if you put it into something else, so there's no reason not to go with a 529 Plan.

The truth is a 529 will work for a lot of trade schools. It may not be accepted if they do a straight-up apprenticeship, but it's fine for a course of study at a vo-tech school.

Now, if you don't use all of what's in your 529 for education, the portion that goes unused will be taxed. You'll want a chunk of cash sitting in your 529, enough to make a difference in their educational goals, but you don't want to overfund it.

—Dave

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



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