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New gun laws among those now in effect in Virginia

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Marijuana will be decriminalized, local governments will have the ability to take down Confederate monuments, and Virginians will pay more in taxes for gasoline and cigarettes starting Wednesday.

July 1 was the start date for most of the new laws passed earlier this year by the General Assembly.

Democrats, in charge for the first time in a generation, refashioned Virginia as the region's progressive leader on racial, social and economic issues and passing the South's strictest gun laws, broadest LGBTQ protections, highest minimum wage and some of its loosest abortion

restrictions.

"Last November, voters called for decisive, impactful action to make their communities safe and more prosperous. We have delivered on that mandate," House Speaker Eileen Filler-Corn said in a statement.

Here's a look at some notable new changes:

GUN LAWS: Virginia has been epicenter of the nation's gun debate after Democrats ran on an aggressive new gun control platform. Tens of thousands of gun owners from around the country rallied against new gun restrictions at the state Capitol in January while lawmakers ultimately approved 7 out of 8 of Gov. Ralph Northam's gun-control package.

New laws include universal background checks on gun purchases, a red flag bill to allow authorities to temporarily take guns away from people deemed to be dangerous to themselves or others, and limited handgun purchases to one a month. Moderate Democrats balked at passing a ban on assault weapons, which was one of Northam's top priorities.

MARIJUANA DECRIMINALIZATION: Simple possession is now a civil penalty and can be punished by a fine of no more than \$25.

STATUE REMOVAL: Local governments now have the authority to remove Confederate

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WEEKEND WEATHER

Saturday

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Phoenix Packaging celebrates opening of its latest expansion

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

Phoenix Packaging Operations, LLC officially opened its new 250,000 square foot expansion in a ceremony at its plant in Dublin last week.

The nearly \$50 million expansion is the third for Phoenix in Dublin since the company came to Pulaski County in 2010.

Phoenix Packaging is a subsidiary of Colombia-based Grupo Phoenix, a manufacturer of sustainable rigid packaging containers for the global food and beverage industry.

The just-completed expansion was first announced in April 2017 during a visit to the county by then Gov. Terry McAuliffe and other state and local officials. A variety of state and local economic development incentives were announced that day as part of the financing for the expansion effort.

During last week's grand opening event, em-



ployees and guests were treated to lunch, gifts and tours of the new facility which will house both warehouse and production operations. It will also house the company's printing and sleeving operations and office spaces along with new employee locker rooms and break room.

The 250,000-square foot facility brings Grupo Phoenix's total footprint in Dublin to about 700,000 square feet.

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Laws

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monuments.

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION: A new law prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity in housing, public or private employment, public spaces and credit transactions.

ABORTION: Lawmakers undid restrictions on abortion ac-

cess that were enacted when the legislature was under GOP control, including a 24-hour waiting period before an abortion and a requirement that women seeking an abortion undergo an ultrasound and counseling.

GAMBLING: Virginia legalized casinos in five cities, and online sports betting statewide.

FOOD STAMPS: People with certain drug felonies are no longer ineligible for food stamps.

ELECTION DAY: Virginia will no longer honor Confederate

generals with Lee-Jackson Day, but will instead move the state holiday to Election Day. Virginia is adopting no-excuse absentee voting.

RECKLESS DRIVING: Under current law anyone caught going 81 miles per hour could face a reckless driving charge. That's now been moved to 86 miles per hour and faster.

CLEAN ECONOMY ACT: An overhaul of energy policy paves the way for a significant expansion of offshore wind and other renewables as it mandates

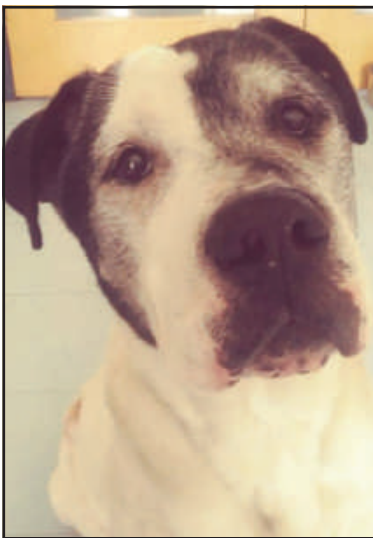
a transition to zero carbon emissions by 2045 for Virginia's largest electric utility. Regulators have said the legislation will have significant impacts on monthly electric bills, which supporters of the measure dispute.

GAS AND CIGARETTE TAXES: Lawmakers approved a sweeping transportation funding overhaul that will increase gas taxes. In some parts of the state the tax will rise from about 16 cents a gallon to 34 cents a gallon. The state's taxes on cigarettes will also double to 60 cents

a pack.

CHANGING, BUT NOT RIGHT AWAY: Lawmakers increased minimum wages and made it easier for labor unions to operate, but those changes aren't set to take effect Wednesday. The state is incrementally increasing its minimum wage from \$7.25 an hour to \$15 an hour by 2026. The first increase to \$9.50 an hour will take place May 1, 2021. A new law allowing localities to recognize public sector unions won't go into effect until next May, either.

PET OF THE WEEK



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

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

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

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PCHS, LewisGale Pulaski to again offer sports physicals

Pulaski County High School, in conjunction with Lewis Gale Hospital Pulaski, will again be providing sports physicals to Pulaski County Public School students who will be enrolled in the 6th through 12th grades during the 2020-2021 school year.

The physicals will take place at PCHS in the Career and Technical Education Building on Wednesday, July 15 beginning at 2:00 pm and concluding at 6:00 pm.

The cost will be \$10 dollars and students should arrive with their Virginia High School League physical form completed and signed by both student AND parent/guardian. (Parents and Students should complete all of pages 1, 2 and 4 of the VHSL physical form. Physicians will complete page 3 the day of physicals).

Physical forms are available in the front offices of Pulaski County High School, Pulaski Middle School, and Dublin Middle School, or can be printed at vhs.org. In an attempt to expedite this process and follow CDC guidelines for social distancing, we will ask students to arrive/at-



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tend physicals with their respective sports teams at the below assigned times.

Current middle school students should arrive no earlier than 4:30 pm to prevent overcrowding and congestion.

2:00 pm: Football, Golf, Volleyball
3:00 pm: Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, Baseball, Softball,
3:30 pm: Wrestling, Swim, Sideline Cheer, Competition Cheer, Boys Tennis, Girls Tennis
4:00 pm: Track (XC-Indoor-Outdoor), Girls Soccer, Boys Soccer
4:30 pm: Middle School Student Athletes

The following protocols will be in place for this event.

- Each participant will be screened upon entry.
- Universal masking will be implemented. Students will need to bring and wear a mask!!
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Background checks for gun sales hit all-time high

By **LISA MARIE PANE**
Associated Press

Historic numbers of background checks to purchase or possess a firearm were done in June, a trend in a year marked by uncertainty over the coronavirus pandemic, a subsequent economic recession, protests over racial injustice and calls to reduce police funding.

FBI numbers released Wednesday show that 3.9 million background checks were conducted last month, the most since the system was created in November 1998 to ensure felons and other prohibited people could not buy or possess a firearm. The previous monthly record came in March, when 3.7 million checks were done. Each week in June is now in the top 10 weeks for background checks.

Halfway through 2020, just over 19 million checks have been done, more than all of 2012 and each of the years before that.

Background checks are the key barometer of gun sales, but the FBI's monthly figures also incorporate checks for permits

that some states require to carry a firearm. Each background check also could be for the sale of more than one gun.

Firearm sales traditionally increase during presidential election years, fueled by fears among gun owners that the next president could restrict their rights. But this year has seen a series of previously unheard-of numbers as one crisis after another has emerged: the coronavirus, demonstrations over racial inequality and police brutality, as well as deep political divisions among Americans.

Adjusted to reflect only gun purchases, the number of checks for June was up nearly 136% over June 2019, according to the National Shooting Sports Foundation, which represents gunmakers. That adjusted figure was 2.2 million, the group said.

"Civil unrest, rioting, looting and calls to defund police are unquestionably motivating factors of why this trend is increasing. Americans are right to be concerned for their personal safety," said Mark Oliva, director of public affairs for the

group.

Oliva said gun purchases are a reasonable reaction to the political climate.

"Politicians who entertain notions of defunding police departments are the same ones who call for strict gun control and even outright confiscation," he said. "These figures aren't push polls. They are representative of Americans from all walks of life who are taking action and taking responsibility for their rights and their safety."

Gun control advocates worried that those buying a gun for personal safety may not have enough training to handle or store it correctly.

The eye-popping numbers began at the beginning of the year and continued to crush records amid the nation's crises. So far, this year has seen half of the 10 busiest days on record and seven of the 10 busiest weeks — half of them in June.

At the beginning of the pandemic, as states issued stay-at-home orders and worries emerged about economic turmoil, long lines snaked outside

of some gun shops and people emptied shelves of ammunition. Protests that began in late May, with some calling for defunding law enforcement, stirred some people's worries about defending themselves if police are unable to respond to calls.

An estimated 40% of those purchasing firearms are first-time buyers, the National Shooting Sports Foundation said.

"I'm extremely concerned about those people who, in this time of uncertainty and fear, have been sold on the gun industry narrative that in uncertain

times, when you're feeling out of control, your possession of a firearm will satisfy that fear," said David Chipman, senior policy director for the Giffords gun control group.

Chipman, a retired agent with the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, said the numbers are not mere blips.

"This can no longer be characterized as a spike. This is a sustained uptick in sales that has continued for an unprecedented amount of months now," he said

County Democrats invite candidates for Commonwealth's Attorney post

Interested candidates seeking the Democratic nomination for Pulaski County Commonwealth's Attorney are invited to give notice in writing to Pulaski County Democratic Committee Chair Suzanne Bowen by Wednesday, July 22.

Bowen has an office at 40 Fourth Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, and she can be reached at (540) 320-4658 or bowensuzanne@yahoo.com.

Former Commonwealth Attorney Mike Fleenor is now Circuit Court Judge in the 27th Judicial

Circuit of Virginia. A Special Election to fill the position for the remainder of Fleenor's term will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 3, during this year's General Election. Justin L. Griffith is acting Commonwealth Attorney.

If there is more than one person seeking the endorsement of the Pulaski County Democratic Party, there will be a Mass Meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 5. Due to concerns regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, the Mass Meeting will be held electronically via Zoom or a similar web

conferencing application. A party candidate for the Special Election for Pulaski County Commonwealth's Attorney will be nominated at the Mass Meeting.

Details regarding participation in the Mass Meeting will be made available as soon as practicable.

The names of any and all candidates seeking the Democratic nomination for this office will be provided by Bowen upon request.

Radford Highlanders Festival announces cancellation for 2020

The Radford Highlanders Festival Committee has announced the cancellation of the 24th Radford Highlanders Festival that was scheduled for October 10, 2020 on the campus of Radford University. The decision to cancel was made out of an abundance of caution for the health and safety of the campus, community, festival participants and

visitors to the City of Radford and region.

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1 John 2:24-25



Area Obituaries

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GEORGE HENRY HILTON

George Henry Hilton, age 93 of Hiwassee passed away Friday, June 26, 2020 at his home.

Born April 9, 1927 in Christiansburg, he was the son of the late Sidney Hilton and Lorraine Fay Coleman Hilton. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Nancy Hilton and stepdaughter, Wanda McPeak.

He was a veteran of the United States Army.

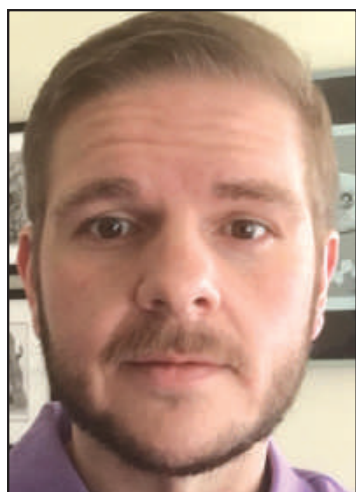
He is survived by
Children-
Patricia Bishop- Hiwassee
Linda Sands George- Richmond

Sisters-
Thelma Smith- W.V.
Janet Young- Alaska
Nieces-
Pattie Long-Floyd
Bonnie Smith- Beckley, W.V.
And many other nieces and nephews.

Funeral service were held Tuesday, June 30, 2020 in the Bower Funeral Home Chapel, Pulaski. Burial followed at Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin.

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

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



JAMES PRESTON PERKINS

James Preston Perkins, 38, of Dublin, passed away Wednesday, June 24, 2020. He attended Dublin Christian Church and was a manager at MTM Call Center. He was preceded in death by step-father, Greg Smith; paternal grandparents, James and Polly Horton; and maternal grandfather, Sherman Buckner.

Survivors include his mother, Vickie Buckner Smith of Dublin; father, Harry Lewis Perkins of Max Meadows; daughter, Sydney Elaine Perkins of Dublin; brothers and sister-in-law, Shannon and Brandi Perkins of Pulaski, and Zack Perkins of Max Meadows; sisters and brother-in-law, Krystal Perkins of Galax, and April and Brian Henderson of Hardy; maternal grandmother, Mary Buckner of Savannah, Ga.; aunt and uncle, Lesa and John Ballantine; nieces and nephews, Caleb and Cara Henderson, Marlie and Maklen Perkins; best friend, Dusty Henley; special friend, Mandy Liebner; and many other relatives and friends.

Memorial services were held on Monday, June 29, 2020 at the Dublin Christian Church with Rev. Richie Goad officiating.

The Perkins family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford, Virginia. www.mullinsfuneralhome.com

DALE CARLTON SKEENS

Dale Carlton Skeens, age 89 of Dublin passed away Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at his home.

Born September 9, 1930 in Russell County, Virginia (Lebanon) he was the son of the late Samuel Jefferson Skeens & Mary Fogleman Skeens. His son, Randy Skeens and siblings, Bessie, Stanley, Florence, June, Gaynell, Margaret, Jean & Harry and special stepmother, Sara Skeens also preceded him in death.

Dale retired from Klopman Mills with 39 years of service. He was an accomplished musician, playing bluegrass and old-time country music. He was an excellent mechanic and a Mr. "Fix-it" for his neighborhood. He was a good carpenter, having made a lot of furniture.

He is survived by his
Wife of 68 years
Billie Matheson Skeens - Dublin
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Linda Skeens - Blacksburg
Dan Skeens - Pulaski
Brian (Angela) Skeens - Boone, NC
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Andrew Skeens

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Hubert Matheson
Sister-in-law
Mary Ann Skeens

Funeral services will be held 2:00 PM - Friday, July 3, 2020 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Chaplain Todd Triplett & Pastor Dennis Jones officiating. Interment will follow at the Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin.

The family will receive friends one hour before service time Friday at the Funeral Home and ask that visitors do wear masks and maintain social distancing.

The family would like to Thank Good Samaritan Hospice, for their loving care and in lieu of flowers memorials be sent in Dale's honor to them @ 1160 Moose Drive Christiansburg, VA 24073

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

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



DOUGLAS EUGENE MCFALL

Douglas Eugene McFall, 73, passed away on Wednesday, July 1, 2020 at his home in Pulaski. He attended Valley Harvest Ministries and retired from Volvo Trucks with 32 years of service. He was a U. S. Army veteran having served during the Vietnam Era. He was preceded in death by his parents, Arnold and Ida McFall.

Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Barbara Pickerel McFall; daughter and son-in-law, Tonya and David Howard of Pulaski; son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Holly McFall of Blacksburg; grandchildren, Jason Jones, Kirsten Jones, Adi Jones, Gracie Howard, Josh Jones, Connor McFall and Reece McFall; great grandchildren, Caylee and Emma Brickhouse; sisters and brothers-in-law, Doris M. and C. Wayne Ratliffe of Clemons, N.C., and Linda M. and Roy F. Buzzelli of Roanoke; honorary grandchildren, Ray and Lee Loflin; and many other relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends from 5 until 7 p.m. on Monday, July 6, 2020 at the Valley Harvest Ministries in Dublin. Funeral services will be live streamed at 7 p.m. with Rev. Ron Blevins, Rev. Steve Willis, Rev. Mike Pierce, and Rev. Perry Slaughter officiating.

Graveside services with full military honors will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin.

Due to the current COVID19 restrictions, the family requests that you PLEASE wear a mask and observe social distancing at the church.

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

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MARVIN CECIL "TOMMY" MCPEAK

Marvin Cecil "Tommy" McPeak, age 85 of Draper passed away Friday, June 26, 2020.

Born November 18, 1934 in Pulaski County, he was the son of the late Kyle Drewery McPeak and Mabel Ruth Spence McPeak. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Glenna Killen McPeak, brother, William Lawrence McPeak; and three sisters, Beulah Mae Umberger, Ruth Ellen Smith and Dora Lee McPeak.

He was a veteran of the United States Army. He was retired from the Pulaski Public Works Department and the Pulaski Fire Department as a firefighter with over 30 years of combined service.

He is survived by children
Timothy "Tim" McPeak- Draper

Charles Steven McPeak- Draper
Rebecca "Becky" Lam- Christiansburg
Grandchildren-
Jenna Lam, Nic Lam and Hai-ley Massie

Sisters-
Dorothy McPeak- Draper
Christine Morris- Draper

Funeral services were held Monday, June 29, 2020 in the Bower Funeral Home Chapel, Pulaski with Rev Richard Wall and Rev Dale Akers officiating. Burial followed at McPeak Cemetery, Pulaski.

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

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

GERTRUDE DAVIS THOMAS

Gertrude Davis Thomas, 83, of Pulaski, VA died Wednesday morning, July 1, 2020 at her home. She was born in Virginia on August 18, 1936. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Pulaski.

Surviving are:
Husband - William "Bill" Franklin Thomas, Jr.

Son - Lee Thomas

Funeral services will be held Monday, July 6th, at 1:00 PM from the Stevens Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Will Shelton officiating. Visiting will be held at the funeral home where the family will receive friends from noon until the service hour. Burial will follow in Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin.

Arrangements by Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski, VA.

EUNICE "WHITIE" SIMMONS WEBB

Eunice "Whitie" Simmons Webb, 94, of Pulaski, VA died early Friday morning, June 26, 2020 at her residence. She was born in Wilkes County, NC on October 31, 1925 and was the daughter of the late Arthur and Suzie Simmons. She was also preceded in death by her loving husband of 63 years, James L. Webb, Sr. and a son, Gary A. Webb.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church, Pulaski. She was a retired employee of Pulaski Schools.

Surviving are her daughter, Jane Webb Pritt; son, James L. Webb, Jr.; grandchildren, Jonathan Cheverton (Mary), Scott Grove, Kelly Altice (Jamie), Carrie Ayers, Katharine Stevens and Elizabeth Craig; eight great-grandchildren; and many other family members.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, June 30th at Stevens Funeral Home. A graveside service with the Rev. Henry Fisk officiating and burial followed in the Thornspring Cemetery, Pulaski County.

Arrangements by Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski.

DEATH NOTICES

OTHELLO LANDORA YOUNG

Othello Landora Young, 91, of New River, passed away Wednesday, July 1, 2020.

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

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Fincastle Resolutions: Led to Declaration of Independence

By APRIL MARTIN

The Fincastle Resolutions were printed in the Williamsburg Gazette on February 10, 1775, other copies have been lost to history. Colonel William Christian delivered the Resolutions to the Continental Congress. He was living in what is now Pulaski County when the document was written and served as the Chairman of the Committee.

With Independence Day upcoming, it is the perfect time to share the words of the Fincastle Resolutions written locally in 1775.

Many historians agree these words from the Virginia frontier were the precursor for Jefferson's lengthier Declaration of Independence the following year.

There is much to discuss on the legacy of this document, but it is always best to let original documents speak for themselves.

The last sentence is the kicker, but the context for that kicker is equally important.

If readers understand the mindset and turbulent emotions in the years and events leading up to war, the courage and hope for compromise in this document can be appreciated.

"To the Honourable Peyton Randolph, Esq.: Richard Henry Bland, Benjamin Harrison, and Edmund Pendleton, Esquires, the Delegates from this colony who attended the Continental Congress held at Philadelphia. Gentlemen, Had it not been for our remote situation, and the Indian war which we were lately engaged in, to chastise those cruel and savage people for the many murders and depredations they have committed amongst us (now happily terminated, under the auspices of our present worthy Governour, his Excellency the Right Honourable the Earl of Dunmore) we should before this time have made known to you our thankfulness for the very important services you have rendered to this country, in conjunction with the worthy Delegates from the other provinces. Your noble efforts for reconciling the Mother Country and the Colonies, on rational and constitutional principles, and your pacifick, steady, and uniform conduct in that arduous work, entitle you to the esteem of all British America, and will immortalize you in the annals of your country. We heartily concur in your resolutions, and shall, in every instance, strictly and invariably adhere thereto. We assure you, Gentlemen, and



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all our countrymen, that we are a people whose hearts overflow with love and duty to our lawful sovereign George III. whose illustrious house, for several successive reigns, have been the guardians of civil and religious rights and liberties of his subjects, as settled at the glorious Revolution; that we are willing to risk our lives in the service of his Majesty, for the support of the Protestant religion, and the rights and liberties of his subjects, as they have been established by compact, law, and ancient charters. We are heartily grieved at the differences which now subsist between the parent state and the colonies, and most ardently wish to see harmony restored, on an equitable basis, and by the most lenient measures that can be devised by the heart of men. Many of us, and our forefathers, left our native land, considering it as a kingdom subjected to inordinate power, and greatly abridged of its liberties. We crossed the Atlantick, and explored this then uncultivated wilderness, bordering on many nations of savages, and surrounded by mountains almost inaccessible to any but those very savages, who have incessantly been committing barbarities and depredations on us since our first seating the country. These fatigues and dangers we patiently encountered, supported by the pleasing hope of enjoying those rights and liberties which have been granted to Virginians and were denied us in our native country, and of transmitting them inviolate to our posterity. But even to these remote regions the land of unlimited and unconstitutional power hath pursued us, to strip us of that liberty and property with which God, nature, and the rights of

humanity, have vested us. We are ready and willing to contribute all in our power for the support of his Majesty's government, if applied to constitutionally, and when the grants are made by our own representatives; but cannot think of submitting our liberty or property to the power of a venal British parliament, or to the will of a corrupt ministry. We by no means desire to shake off our duty or allegiance to our lawful sovereign, but on the contrary shall ever glory in being the loyal subjects of a Protestant prince, descended from such illustrious progenitors, so long as we can enjoy the free exercise of our religion, as Protestants, and our

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In obedience to the resolves of the Continental Congress, a meeting of the freeholders of this county was held this day, who, after approving of the association framed by that august body in behalf of all the colonies, and subscribing thereto, proceeded to the election of a committee, to see the same carried punctually into execution, when the following Gentlemen were nominated: Reverend Charles Cummings, Colonel William Preston, Colonel William Christian, Captain Stephen Trigg, Major Arthur Campbell, Major William Ingles, Captain Walter Crockett, Captain John Montgomery, Captain James McGavock, Captain William Campbell, Captain Thomas Madison, Captain Daniel Smith, Captain William

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liberties and properties, as British subjects. But if no pacifick measures shall be proposed or adopted by Great Britain, and our enemies will attempt to dragoon us out of those inestimable privileges which we are entitled to as subjects, and to reduce us to a state of slavery, we declare, that we are deliberately and resolutely determined never to surrender them to any power upon earth, but at the expense of our lives. These are our real, though unpolished sentiments, of liberty and loyalty, and in them we are resolved to live and die.

We are, Gentlemen, with the

utmost esteem and regard, your most obedient servant.

William Christian, Charles Cummings, William Preston, William Ingles, Walter Crockett, John Montgomery, William Campbell, Arthur Campbell, Thomas Madison, James McGavock, Evan Shelby, Stephen Trigg, and William Edmondson.

The writers of this submission are the 13 elected freeholders of Fincastle County who served as the Committee of Safety. Future articles will share more on the lives of many of these men.

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Stonewall Jackson statue removed in Richmond

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Work crews wielding a giant crane, harnesses and power tools wrested an imposing statue of Gen. Stonewall Jackson from its concrete pedestal along Richmond, Virginia's famed Monument Avenue on Wednesday, just hours after the mayor ordered the removal of all Confederate statues from city land.

Mayor Levar Stoney's decree came weeks after Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam ordered the removal of the most prominent and imposing statue along the avenue: that of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee, which sits on state land. The removal of the Lee statue has been stalled pending the resolution of several lawsuits.

The Jackson statue is the latest of several dozen Confederate symbols to be removed from public land in the U.S. in the five weeks since the death of George Floyd at the hands of police sparked a nationwide protest movement.

In most instances, state or local governments moved to take down monuments in response to impassioned demonstrators, but in a few cases —including several other Virginia Confederate statues — protesters toppled the figures themselves. Also this week, Mississippi retired the last state flag in the U.S. that included the Confederate battle emblem.

Confederate statues were erected decades after the Civil War, during the Jim Crow era, when states imposed new segregation laws, and during the "Lost Cause" movement, when historians and others tried to depict the South's rebellion

as a fight to defend states' rights, not slavery. In Richmond, the first major monument — the Lee statue — was erected in 1890.

Work crews spent several hours Wednesday carefully attaching a harness to the massive Stonewall Jackson statue and using power tools to detach it from its base. A crowd of several hundred people who had gathered to watch cheered as a crane lifted the figure of the general atop his horse into the air and set it aside.

"This is long overdue," said Brent Holmes, who is Black. "One down, many more to go."

Eli Swann, who has lived in Richmond for 24 years, said he felt "an overwhelming sense of gratitude" to witness the removal of the statue after he and others have spent weeks demonstrating and calling for it and others to be taken down. He said that as a Black man, he found it offensive to have so

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July 4th

President Ronald Reagan's Address to the Nation on Independence Day, July 4, 1986

My fellow Americans:

My remarks tonight will be brief, but it's worth remembering that all the celebration of this day is rooted in history. It's recorded that shortly after the Declaration of Independence was signed in Philadelphia celebrations took place throughout the land, and many of the former Colonists -- they were just starting to call themselves Americans -- set off cannons and marched in fife and drum parades.

What a contrast with the sober scene that had taken place a short time earlier in Independence Hall. Fifty-six men came forward to sign the parchment. It was noted at the time that they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honors. And that was more than rhetoric; each of those men knew the penalty for high treason to the Crown. "We must all hang together," Benjamin Franklin said, "or, assuredly, we will all hang separately." And John Hancock, it is said, wrote his signature in large script so King George could see it without his spectacles. They were brave. They stayed brave through all the bloodshed of the coming years. Their courage created a nation built on a universal claim to human dignity, on the proposition that every man, woman, and child had a right to a future of freedom.

For just a moment, let us listen to the words again: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness." Last night when we rededicated Miss Liberty and relit her torch, we reflected on all the millions who came here in search of the dream of freedom inaugurated in Independence Hall. We reflected, too, on their courage in coming great distances and settling in a foreign land and then passing on to their children and their children's children the hope symbolized in this statue here just behind us: the hope that is America. It is a hope that someday every people and every nation of the world will know the blessings of liberty.

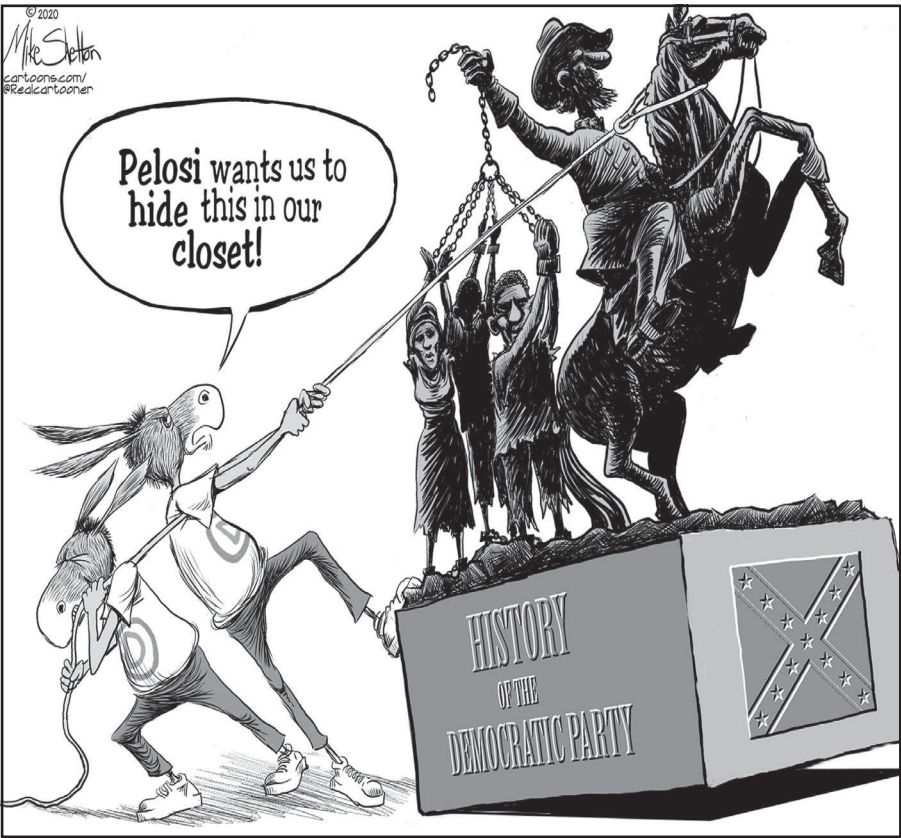
And it's the hope of millions all around the world. In the last few years, I've spoken at Westminster to the mother of Parliaments; at Versailles, where French kings and world leaders have made war and peace. I've been to the Vatican in Rome, the Imperial Palace in Japan, and the ancient city of Beijing. I've seen the beaches of Normandy and stood again with those boys of Pointe du Hoc, who long ago scaled the heights, and with, at that time, Lisa Zanatta Henn, who was at Omaha Beach for the father she loved, the father who had once dreamed of seeing again the place where he and so many brave others had landed on D-day. But he had died before he could make that trip, and she made it for him. "And, Dad," she had said, "I'll always be proud."

And I've seen the successors to these brave men, the young Americans in uniform all over the world, young Americans like you here tonight who man the mighty U.S.S. Kennedy and the Iowa and other ships of the line. I can assure you, you out there who are listening, that these young are like their fathers and their grandfathers, just as willing, just as brave. And we can be just as proud. But our prayer tonight is that the call for their courage will never come. And that it's important for us, too, to be brave; not so much the bravery of the battlefield, I mean the bravery of brotherhood.

All through our history, our Presidents and leaders have spoken of national unity and warned us that the real obstacle to moving forward the boundaries of freedom, the only permanent danger to the hope that is America, comes from within. It's easy enough to dismiss this as a kind of familiar exhortation. Yet the truth is that even two of our greatest Founding Fathers, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, once learned this lesson late in life. They'd worked so closely together in Philadelphia for independence. But once that was gained and a government was formed, something called partisan politics began to get in the way. After a bitter and divisive campaign, Jefferson defeated Adams for the Presidency in 1800. And the night before Jefferson's inauguration, Adams slipped away to Boston, disappointed, brokenhearted, and bitter.

For years their estrangement lasted. But then when both had retired, Jefferson at 68 to Monticello and Adams at 76 to Quincy, they began through their letters to speak again to each other. Letters that discussed almost every conceivable subject: gardening, horseback riding, even sneezing as a cure for hiccups; but other subjects as well: the loss of loved ones, the mystery of grief and sorrow, the importance of religion, and of course the last thoughts, the final hopes of two old men, two great patriarchs, for the country that they had helped to found and loved so deeply. "It carries me back," Jefferson wrote about correspondence with his co-signer of the Declaration of Independence, "to the times when, beset with difficulties and dangers, we were fellow laborers in the same cause, struggling

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D.C. Is Already A 'State'

In the latest of many cynical and highly political moves, the House of Representatives last week passed a measure that would transform the District of Columbia and make it the 51st state.

"DC," as it is often abbreviated by locals, is already a "state." It is a state of corruption, crime, and dysfunction. The only reason Democrats favor the nation's capital becoming a state is that it would gain two senators, who would almost certainly be Democrats and its "delegate," Eleanor Holmes Norton, could then vote in the House. Currently she can only participate in committee hearings with the permission of the chairperson.

The Founders specifically prohibited the District from becoming a state, but who listens to them anymore as rioters deface and pull down some of their statues and liberal judges rewrite the Constitution to conform to the spirit of the age?

As Time magazine has noted: "...the lack of statehood for the capital is enshrined in the Constitution. Article 1, Section 8, Clause 17 of the document reads, 'The Congress shall have Power To ...exercise exclusive Legislation in all Cases whatsoever, over such District (not exceeding ten Miles square) as may, by Cession of particular States, and the Acceptance of Congress, become the Seat of the Government of the United States.'"

It was James Madison, says Time, who explained the reasoning behind this provision in Federalist 43. The language is stilted, but updated it simply means that the national government is to have exclusive power over lands purchased from the states. These would be the same powers extended over the created federal district, later named the District of Columbia. The House legislation would change the name to the Douglass Commonwealth in honor of the abolitionist, Frederick Douglass.

"No Taxation Without Representation" is the slogan imprinted on the city's license plates. It references a cry that fueled the American Revolution when people protested paying taxes to the English king without having a say in the government,



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or how the money was spent.

If people knew much history these days it might be a powerful argument, but as noted the Constitution forbids what House Democrats are trying to accomplish. The language and intent of the Founders could not be clearer.

Additionally, no one is forced to live in the District. Maryland and Virginia border the city, which was created "ten miles square" from land donated by both states for the specific purpose of establishing a federal capital with provisions for how it would be run. The city has Home Rule, meaning it can vote for mayor, city council and school board members, among other positions, which gives residents some control over how their city taxes are spent. Congress, however, can still override any local legislation it does not like as the Constitution provides.

Given the recent rioting and property damage in DC, it is even less likely the Senate will go along with the House measure to make the city a state and even if it did, President Trump would certainly veto it. The prospect of DC becoming the 51st state could be added to the president's and Republicans list of reasons why Democrats should not win the White House, or a Senate majority in the coming election, now just four months away.

(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

Thomas Jefferson Must Stand

They're coming for Thomas Jefferson.

Protestors in Portland, Oregon used axes and ropes to topple a statue of President Thomas Jefferson. The New York City Council is agitating to remove a statue of the author of the Declaration of Independence from its chambers.

At this rate, the Sage of Monticello will be lucky if the Jefferson Memorial isn't bulldozed and if he isn't effaced from the nickel.

Jefferson is, to use the argot of the day, the most "problematic" of the Founders. The Virginian was a slave owner who, despite his high ideals, never jettisoned an attachment to the slave system that was a hideous injustice and, in the fullness of time, nearly destroyed the country.

But that's not what we honor him for.

Jefferson isn't memorialized on the Mall in Washington, D.C., and elsewhere around the country because of the racist things he wrote in Notes on the State of Virginia.

He doesn't have a place of honor in American history because of his (now widely accepted by historians) sexual relationship with one of his slaves, Sally Hemings, who was the half-sister of his late wife.

He isn't held up as among our most exalted Founders because of his fear of slave revolts and his ever-closer association with the slave South as he grew older.

No, Jefferson is on a pedestal for achievements that still define the country today, and for the better.

He wrote the ringing lines in the preamble of the Declaration that eventually took on world-historical importance and were used as a rhetorical and philosophical cudgel against the slave system and white supremacy by the likes of Abraham Lincoln and Martin Luther King.

He was a theorist, champion and able practitioner of what we know as Jeffersonian democracy, "government of the people, by the people, for the people," as Lincoln famously put it at Gettysburg.

He wrote the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom that became a model for the First Amendment, and he worked to abolish feudal relics such as entail and primogeniture.

As president, he doubled the size of the country in a stroke with the Louisiana Purchase.

He was a man of the Enlightenment, with incredibly wide-ranging interests from architecture to natural history and -- in addition to serving as president, secretary of state and governor -- founded the University of Virginia.

All of this speaks to his greatness, but none of it is to deny his miserable human failures and his awful hypocrisy.

That Jefferson was deeply compromised by the slave system and yet rose above his own sectional and selfish interests to enunciate timeless principles should be considered an accomplishment, not a reason to relegate him to the ash heap. He always maintained that slavery

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State Police urge motorists to drive smart, safe, sober

RICHMOND – With Virginia having moved into Phase Three of Governor Northam’s COVID-19 guidelines, the Virginia State Police is encouraging everyone to plan ahead for their celebratory travel plans this coming holiday weekend.

“Summer days are filled with celebration, including vacations, outdoor festivals and backyard cookouts, but no matter where your plans take you, please make safety your priority,” said Colonel Gary T. Settle, Virginia State Police Superintendent.

“Regardless of the distance you’re traveling this week – across the country or around the corner – remember to buckle up, eliminate distractions and never drive buzzed or drunk. If we all do our small part, we increase everyone’s chances of having a safer holiday weekend.”

As part of its ongoing efforts to increase safety and reduce traffic fatalities on Virginia’s highways during the coming holiday weekend, Virginia State Police will increase patrols from 12:01 a.m. Friday (July 3, 2020)

through midnight Sunday (July 5, 2020) as part of the Operation Crash Awareness Reduction Effort (C.A.R.E.). Operation C.A.R.E. is a state-sponsored, national program intended to reduce crashes, fatalities and injuries due to impaired driving, speed and failing to wear a seat belt.

During last year’s three-day Independence Day Operation C.A.R.E. initiative, Virginia troopers arrested 79 drunk drivers. In addition, state troopers cited 5,517 speeders and 1,774

reckless drivers, issued 742 individuals for failing to obey the law and buckle up. During the three-day July 4, 2019 holiday counting period, there were seven traffic deaths on Virginia highways.

If planning to drink alcohol at a July 4 function, plan ahead and arrange a designated driver, use a rideshare service or taxi, or utilize public transportation to be certain you get home safely. Party hosts are encouraged to serve non-alcoholic beverage options, and to help prevent any

guests from drinking and driving home from their event.

With increased holiday patrols, Virginia State Police also reminds drivers of Virginia’s “Move Over” law, which requires motorists to move over when approaching an emergency vehicle stopped alongside the road. If unable to move over, then drivers are required to cautiously pass the emergency vehicle. The law also applies to workers in vehicles equipped with amber lights.

Judge denies ACLU's request to bar irritant use by police

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — A judge has denied an emergency request by lawyers from Virginia's branch of the American Civil Liberties Union to bar police from using chemical irritants or other devices to disperse protesters.

Richmond Circuit Judge Beverly Snukals wrote in a seven-page order Tuesday that granting ACLU's request would bring an "unwanted intrusion" into the work of law enforcement, and interfere with their ability to do their jobs, news outlets reported.

The ruling comes a day after Snukals heard arguments from ACLU attorneys representing the organizers in the Virginia Student Power Network, and city attorneys who argued against the order.

The ACLU will "continue to fight in court to bring justice to people who are speaking out against systemic, anti-Black racism by continuing to pursue this lawsuit," the organization said.

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was unjust and early in his career, tried to abolish slavery in Virginia and prohibit the introduction of slavery in new Western lands.

The woke philistines who are targeting him are incapable of thought or discernment and want to jettison much of the country's heritage. A historian once said, "If Jefferson was wrong, America is wrong." Those who want to grind his memory to dust clearly accept both parts of that formulation -- and indict not just Jefferson, but the America he helped define.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

Fourth

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for what is most valuable to man, his right to self-government. Laboring always at the same oar, with some wave ever ahead threatening to overwhelm us and yet passing harmless . . . we rowed through the storm with heart and hand . . ." It was their last gift to us, this lesson in brotherhood, in tolerance for each other, this insight into America's strength as a nation. And when both died on the same day within hours of each other, that date was July 4th, 50 years exactly after that first gift to us, the Declaration of Independence.

My fellow Americans, it falls to us to keep faith with them and all the great Americans of our past. Believe me, if there's one impression I carry with me after the privilege of holding for 5\1\2\ years the office held by Adams and Jefferson and Lincoln, it is this: that the things that unite us -- America's past of which we're so proud, our hopes and aspirations for the future of the world and this much-loved country -- these things far outweigh what little divides us. And so tonight we reaffirm that Jew and gentile, we are one nation under God; that black and white, we are one nation indivisible; that Republican and Democrat, we are all Americans. Tonight, with heart and hand, through whatever trial and travail, we pledge ourselves to each other and to the cause of human freedom, the cause that has given light to this land and hope to the world.

My fellow Americans, we're known around the world as a confident and a happy people. Tonight there's much to celebrate and many blessings to be grateful for. So while it's good to talk about serious things, it's just as important and just as American to have some fun. Now, let's have some fun -- let the celebration begin!



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many statues glorifying Confederate generals for "fighting against us."

"I've been out here since Day 1," Swann said. "We've been seeing the younger people out here, just coming and constantly marching and asking for change. And now finally the change is coming about."

Flatbed trucks and other equipment were spotted Wednesday at several other monuments as well. The city has roughly a dozen Confederate statues on municipal land, including one of Confederate Gen. J.E.B. Stuart. Mayor Stoney said it will take several days to remove them.

The mayor said he also is moving quickly because he is concerned that people could be hurt trying to take down the gigantic statues themselves. In Portsmouth

last month, a man was seriously injured when protesters tried to pull down a Confederate statue.

"Failing to remove the statues now poses a severe, immediate and growing threat to public safety," he said, noting that hundreds of demonstrators have held protests in the city for 33 consecutive days.

Stoney said the removal of the statues is "long overdue" and sends a message that the city of Richmond — the onetime capital of the Confederacy — is no longer a place with symbols of oppression and white supremacy.

Stoney's move came on the day a new state law took effect granting control of the monuments to the city. The law outlines a removal process that would take at least 60 days to unfold.



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The grand opening ceremony included comments delivered remotely by Grupo Phoenix CEO Alberto Peisach, and from Carlos Tapias, USA Country Manager for Phoenix.

In his comments, Peisach had praise for the company's employees in Dublin and reviewed the history of the company's impressive growth; "Through resilience, hard work, sweat, and persistence we succeed to be here where we are today".

He noted when Phoenix first opened here the company only wanted 50,000 square feet.

In his remarks, Tapias recalled his first visit to Pulaski County in 2009 when the company began to consider Dublin for its new production facility.

He said he recalled first seeing the building the company now refers to Plant 1.

"It was only 110,000 square feet. I told Alberto, 'the building is great, but it is very big.' He told

me, 'we will soon grow out of space.' He was right. Then came Plant 2 and then the new plant in Arizona. Today, Phoenix USA has grown to 760,000 square feet in less than 10 years."

"This has been in a nutshell the dynamic of our history," Tapias said.

Peisach emphasized his appreciation for the opportunities of growth in the US. "The United States is the greatest country in the world, where the market is almost infinite, and if you work hard, one can grow.... A growth and market we had never imagined."

Remarks from both were filled with appreciation for the Grupo Phoenix team and encouragement for the promising future of a fast-growing innovative company. Peisach said, "I want to wrap by saying that the best is yet to come for all of those that are as committed to the company as we are to you."



Phoenix Packaging photo

The new 250,000 square foot expansion at Phoenix Packaging in Dublin is visible in the foreground.



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Carlos Tapias, USA Country Manager for Phoenix, and his son Nicolas cut a ribbon leading to the entrance of the expanded facility.



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Phoenix employees practice social distancing during the grand opening ceremony inside the new facility.

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U.S. adds 4.8 million jobs, jobless rate at 11.1%

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. employers added a substantial 4.8 million jobs in June, and the unemployment rate fell to 11.1%, as the job market improved for a second straight month yet still remained far short of regaining the colossal losses it suffered this spring.

The nation has now recovered roughly one-third of the 22 million jobs it lost to the pandemic recession. And with confirmed coronavirus cases spiking across the Sun Belt states, a range of evidence suggests that a job market recovery may be stalling. In those states and elsewhere, some restaurants, bars and other retailers that had re-opened are being forced to close again.

The re-closings are keeping layoffs elevated: The number of Americans who sought unemployment benefits barely fell last week to 1.47 million. Though that weekly figure has declined steadily since peaking in late March, it's still more than double the pre-pandemic peak set in 1982. And the total number of people receiving jobless aid remains at a sizable 19 million.

California has re-closed bars, theaters and indoor restaurant dining across most of the state. Florida has also re-closed bars and beaches. Texas has reversed some of its efforts to reopen its economy. New York has paused its plans to allow indoor dining.

Credit and debit card data tracked by JPMorgan Chase show that consumers reduced their spending last week after having increased it steadily in late April and May. The reversal has occurred both in states that have reported surges in COVID-19 and in less affected states, said Jesse Edgerton, an economist at J.P. Morgan.

Nationwide, card spending fell nearly 13% last week compared with a year ago. That's worse than the previous week, when year-over-year card spending had fallen just under 10%.

And Kronos, which produces time management software, has found that in the past two weeks, growth in the number of shifts worked has slowed in the Southeast and is now rising at just half the rate of the Northeast.

"The pace of recovery is starting to slow," said Dave Gilbertson, an executive at Kronos. "We are expecting to see more of a plateauing over the next couple of months."

Thursday's jobs report is based

Northam moves to keep limits on bars

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam is taking a late step to keep people from gathering at bars as the state prepares to enter Phase 3 of its reopening amid the coronavirus pandemic.

The governor said Tuesday the state's restaurants will not be allowed to fully reopen their bars as previously planned. He announced the decision Tuesday afternoon, a day before the state was set to allow people to congregate at bars as long as they practiced social distancing. Instead, restaurants can continue to operate under Phase 2 restrictions, which allows limited table service in bar areas but generally prohibits sitting at bar counters.

Virginia does not allow establishments to only serve alcohol, they all must serve food.

Northam's office said the deci-

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| MADISON COUNTY | 5.8 | 3 |
| ARLINGTON COUNTY | 6.1 | 4 |
| POQUOSON CITY | 6.1 | 4 |
| RICHMOND COUNTY | 6.2 | 6 |
| KING GEORGE COUNTY | 6.3 | 7 |
| NOTTOWAY COUNTY | 6.4 | 8 |
| SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY | 6.4 | 8 |
| LUNENBURG COUNTY | 6.6 | 10 |
| MATHEWS COUNTY | 6.6 | 10 |
| AUGUSTA COUNTY | 6.7 | 12 |
| KING AND QUEEN COUNTY | 6.7 | 12 |
| RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY | 6.7 | 12 |
| CHARLOTTE COUNTY | 6.9 | 15 |
| NEW KENT COUNTY | 6.9 | 15 |
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| GOOCHLAND COUNTY | 7.1 | 17 |
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| NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY | 7.6 | 29 |
| POWHATAN COUNTY | 7.6 | 29 |
| APPOMATTOX COUNTY | 7.7 | 35 |
| CULPEPER COUNTY, VA | 7.7 | 35 |
| MONTGOMERY COUNTY | 7.7 | 35 |
| GREENE COUNTY | 7.8 | 38 |
| ALBEMARLE COUNTY | 7.9 | 39 |
| AMELIA COUNTY | 7.9 | 39 |
| FLUVANNA COUNTY | 7.9 | 39 |
| KING WILLIAM COUNTY | 7.9 | 39 |
| ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY | 7.9 | 39 |
| CUMBERLAND COUNTY | 8.0 | 44 |
| GLOUCESTER COUNTY | 8.0 | 44 |
| ROCKINGHAM COUNTY | 8.0 | 44 |

on data gathered in the second week of June, which helps explain why the figures reflect an improving trend. Last week's plateau in work shifts will instead affect the July jobs figures, to be released in early August.

McDonald's has paused its re-opening efforts nationwide, and Apple says it will re-close 30 more of its U.S. stores, on top of 47 that it had already shut down for a second time.

Economists have long warned that the economic benefits of allowing businesses to reopen would prove short-lived if the virus wasn't brought under control. Until most Americans feel confident enough to dine out, travel, shop or congregate in groups without fear of infection, restaurants, hotels and retailers will lack enough customer demand to justify rehiring all their previous workers.

Still, some bright spots in the economy have emerged in recent weeks. Manufacturers expanded in June after three months of shrinking, the Institute for Supply Management, a trade group, said Wednesday. New orders are flowing in, and factories are adding more jobs, the ISM said.

sion to keep stricter rules on bars was made because of a spike in virus cases in other states that have reopened earlier than Virginia. Over the past few days, states such as Florida, Arizona, Texas and California have closed or otherwise clamped down on bars, shut beaches, rolled back restaurant capacity, and put limits on crowds at pools.

"I am watching what is happening in other states — we are taking a cautious approach as we enter Phase 3 and maintaining the current restrictions on bar areas," Northam said in a statement.

Eric Terry, president of the Virginia, Lodging and Travel Association, said bars are a major profit maker for restaurants and keeping them closed longer will hurt the industry's bottom

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| ROANOKE COUNTY | 8.2 | 48 |
| SHENANDOAH COUNTY | 8.2 | 48 |
| WASHINGTON COUNTY | 8.2 | 48 |
| FLOYD COUNTY | 8.3 | 53 |
| NELSON COUNTY | 8.3 | 53 |
| ORANGE COUNTY | 8.3 | 53 |
| CAMPBELL COUNTY | 8.4 | 56 |
| CRAIG COUNTY | 8.4 | 56 |
| LOUDOUN COUNTY | 8.4 | 56 |
| STAFFORD COUNTY | 8.4 | 56 |
| DINWIDDIE COUNTY | 8.5 | 60 |
| YORK COUNTY | 8.5 | 60 |
| HALIFAX COUNTY | 8.6 | 62 |
| RUSSELL COUNTY | 8.6 | 62 |
| GREENSVILLE COUNTY | 8.7 | 64 |
| ALEXANDRIA CITY | 8.7 | 64 |
| FAIRFAX CITY | 8.7 | 64 |
| CHESTERFIELD COUNTY | 8.8 | 67 |
| FAIRFAX COUNTY | 8.8 | 67 |
| LEE COUNTY | 8.8 | 67 |
| PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY | 8.8 | 67 |
| PATRICK COUNTY | 8.9 | 71 |
| CHESAPEAKE CITY | 8.9 | 71 |
| LEXINGTON CITY | 8.9 | 71 |
| ALLEGHANY COUNTY | 9.0 | 74 |
| WARREN COUNTY | 9.0 | 74 |
| SUFFOLK CITY | 9.0 | 74 |
| LANCASTER COUNTY | 9.1 | 77 |
| PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY | 9.1 | 77 |
| SMYTH COUNTY | 9.1 | 77 |
| WISE COUNTY | 9.1 | 77 |
| SALEM CITY | 9.1 | 77 |
| ACCOMACK COUNTY | 9.2 | 82 |
| MECKLENBURG COUNTY | 9.2 | 82 |
| SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY | 9.2 | 82 |
| VIRGINIA | 9.2 | -- |
| CHARLES CITY COUNTY | 9.3 | 85 |
| BUCKINGHAM COUNTY | 9.4 | 86 |
| CAROLINE COUNTY | 9.4 | 86 |
| DICKENSON COUNTY | 9.4 | 86 |
| STAUNTON CITY | 9.4 | 86 |
| WINCHESTER CITY | 9.4 | 86 |
| ESSEX COUNTY | 9.5 | 91 |

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| HENRICO COUNTY | 9.5 | 91 |
| CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY | 9.5 | 91 |
| FRANKLIN CITY | 9.5 | 91 |
| WAYNESBORO CITY | 9.6 | 95 |
| COLONIAL HEIGHTS CITY | 9.7 | 96 |
| VIRGINIA BEACH CITY | 9.7 | 96 |
| MANASSAS CITY | 9.8 | 98 |
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| TAZEWELL COUNTY | 9.9 | 100 |
| BLUEFIELD, WV-VA MICRO | 9.9 | 100 |
| BRUNSWICK COUNTY | 10.0 | 102 |
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| PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY | 10.1 | 104 |
| LYNCHBURG CITY | 10.2 | 105 |
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| FREDERICKSBURG CITY | 10.5 | 106 |
| GALAX CITY | 10.5 | 106 |
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| JAMES CITY COUNTY | 11.1 | 116 |
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| HOPEWELL CITY | 13.9 | 130 |
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Volvo recognized for waste reduction efforts

Volvo Group North America recently received a U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Better Plants Better Practice Award for preventing and reducing waste at several North American facilities. The Volvo Group was chosen among a record number of applicants to receive the honor.

The Better Practice Award is presented to partners for innovative and industry-leading accomplishments in implementing and promoting practices, principles and procedures of energy management.

The Volvo Group implemented several initiatives at its facilities to help the company work toward landfill-free status. Currently, four U.S. manufacturing facilities are certified landfill-free, including the New River Valley facility in Dublin, Virginia, where all Volvo truck models for North America are assembled; Lehigh Valley Operations in Macungie, Pennsylvania, where all Mack heavy-duty models for North America and export are assembled; Middletown Remanufacturing, Middletown, Pennsylvania; and the Volvo Construction Equipment facility in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania.

"Reducing and eliminating landfill waste is imperative to helping protect our greatest resource – the environment," said Rick Robinson, Volvo Group North America director of Health, Safety and Environment. "We are pleased that our efforts were recognized by the DOE's Better Buildings, Better Plants program, and we hope to continue moving toward landfill-free at all of the Volvo Group's North American facilities."

In addition to the facilities already certified, the Volvo Group has three other sites that are in the 12-month certification process for landfill-free status. They include the Central Distribution Center, Memphis, Tennessee; Volvo Group Powertrain Operations, Hagerstown, Maryland; and the Charlotte Remanufacturing facility in Charlotte, North Carolina.

The Volvo Group began working toward landfill-free status at its North American sites by conducting multiple studies to identify reduction opportunities and developed plant-level initiatives to facilitate waste reduction, reuse and recycling.

The Volvo Group also bench-

marked itself against peer companies in the manufacturing industry to determine best practices and created the Landfill-Free Facilities Operational Waste Directive to establish a definition for landfill-free (less than 1% of operational waste sent to landfill) and create a process for facilities to achieve Volvo Group landfill-free certification.

The certification process includes the documentation and mapping of all waste types, implementation of waste reduction, reuse and recycling program and sustaining landfill-free status for a minimum of 12 months. Certified sites must apply to the Volvo Group Environmental Committee for re-certification every three years.

"Better Plants partners are implementing innovative energy efficiency solutions in the industrial space that are cutting costs and energy use, and the Better Practice and Better Project awards honor their leadership," said Valri Lightner, deputy director, Advanced Manufacturing Office, DOE.

The Volvo Group participates in the DOE's Better Buildings, Better Plants Challenge, which

asks companies to commit to reducing energy consumption by 25% in 10 years. Since re-pledging the challenge in 2015, the Volvo Group has improved energy performance at 14 of its U.S. facilities by 23.4% versus a 2014 baseline. The Volvo Group has improved its performance by more than 50% since joining the challenge in 2012.

The Volvo Group drives prosperity through transport solutions, offering trucks, buses, financing and services that

increase customer uptime and productivity. Founded in 1927, the Volvo Group is committed to shaping the future landscape of sustainable transport and infrastructure solutions. The Volvo Group is headquartered in Gothenburg, Sweden, employs 104,000 people and serves customers in more than 190 markets. In 2019, net sales amounted to about \$45.7 billion. Volvo shares are listed on Nasdaq Stockholm. For more information, please visit www.volvogroup.com.

PULSE

Public Service Authority Announcement

All large items drop-sites will be closed on Saturday, July 4th.

On going:

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

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

Northam

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line. The late notice will also hurt, he said, as restaurants will now have to scramble to adjust their staff and inventory.

"I don't understand why it was done so late," Terry said.

Under Phase 3, restaurants and nonessential retail stores no longer have to limit indoor capacity to 50% of what their space can hold but would still have to keep customers 6 feet (2 meters) apart.

Gyms can go from 30% capacity to 75%, and social gatherings of up to 250 people are allowed. Outdoor swimming pools can operate with fewer restrictions at 75% their normal capacity.

The Virginia Department of Health on Tuesday reported nearly 63,000 total cases of COVID-19, with just over 6,200 total hospitalizations and 1,760

deaths.

In explaining his decision to move forward with reopening, Northam said recently the state's percent of positive tests was declining and cited a falling number of people hospitalized with positive or pending cases of COVID-19. He also said Virginia's testing, contact tracing and supply of personal protective equipment were adequate, and that hospitals have sufficient bed capacity.

For most people, the new coronavirus causes mild or moderate symptoms that clear up within weeks. For some, especially older adults and those with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness and even be fatal.

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No minor league ball this summer

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball's minor leagues canceled their seasons Tuesday because of the coronavirus pandemic, and the head of their governing body said more than half of the 160 teams were in danger of failing without government assistance or private equity injections.

The National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, the minor league governing body founded in September 1901, made the long-expected announcement. The minors had never missed a season.

"We are a fans-in-the-stands business. We don't have national TV revenues," National Association president Pat O'Conner said during a digital news conference. "There was a conversation at one point: Well, can we play without fans? And that was one of the shortest conversations in the last six months. It just doesn't make any sense."

O'Conner estimated 85-90% of revenue was related to ticket money, concessions, parking and ballpark advertising. The minors drew 41.5 million fans last year for 176 teams in 15 leagues, averaging 4,044 fans

per game.

MLB teams are planning for a 60-game regular season and most of their revenue will derive from broadcast money.

"I had a conversation with the commissioner, and we weren't able to find a path that allowed us to play games," O'Conner said. "It wasn't an acrimonious decision on our part."

O'Conner said many minor league teams had received money through the federal Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act.

"That was a Band-Aid on a hemorrhaging industry," he said. "Many of our clubs have gone through one, two, maybe three rounds of furloughs. In our office here, we've had varying levels of pay cuts between senior management, staff, and we've furloughed some individuals, as well, and are just about to enter in a second round of furloughs."

He hopes for passage of H.R. 7023, which would provide \$1 billion in 15-year federal loans from the Federal Reserve to businesses that had 2019 revenue of \$35 million or

less and "have contractual obligations for making lease, rent, or bond payments for publicly owned sports facilities, museums, and community theaters."

In addition, the Professional Baseball Agreement between the majors and minors expires Sept. 30, and MLB has proposed reducing the minimum affiliates from 160 to 120.

"There's no question that what the pandemic has done is made us somewhat weaker economically," O'Conner said. "I don't think it's challenged our resolve. I don't think it's impacted our desire to stick together and get a good deal."

There have not been substantive talks for about six weeks.

"There are very many teams that are not liquid, not solvent, not able to proceed under normal circumstances, and these are anything but normal circumstances given the PBA and the uncertainty of the future for some of these ballclubs," O'Conner said. "So I think the coronavirus has really cut

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Ratcliff named to lead girls basketball at PCHS

Pulaski County High School is pleased to announce the hiring of Scott Ratcliff as the new varsity girls basketball coach.

Ratcliff has led the highly successful Pulaski County Wolves AAU program for the last 16 years.

Ratcliff takes over a program that is coming off a State Runner-Up finish in 2019 and a Region Championship this past season.

"We are excited to have Scott Ratcliff leading our girls basketball program, Scott has worked with many of the girls currently on our middle school and high school teams, we feel this will help to make for a smooth transition" says Scott Vest, PCHS Athletic Director.

Coach Ratcliff is a lifelong resident of Pulaski County where his wife Jennifer is a teacher at Critzer Elementary.

Calfee Park Baseball has summer fun in store

Following the Appalachian League's announcement regarding an indefinite delay to the 2020 season, Calfee Park Baseball, Inc. released the following preliminary events schedule for the summer.

Event times will vary. Fans are encouraged to visit the Pulaski Yankees Facebook page for specific information about each event, including times and ticketing information. All tickets will be General Admission.

July 2-5: NET Elite youth baseball tournament

July 3: Independence Day fireworks celebration presented by A-1 Heating & Cooling

July 9-12: NET Elite youth baseball tournament

July 13-16: Radford Highlander youth baseball camp

July 17: A League of Their Own Movie Night presented by Star Country 94.9, Q99, and K92

July 19: First Responders Cookout and fireworks show presented by Shively Electric (open to the public)

July 23: Beach Bash w/ live music presented by Member One FCU

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Rhubarbs on the Diamond

The legionary Red Barber was a radio broadcaster for the Brooklyn Dodgers and later the New York Yankees that first used rhubarbs in describing fights. I had in a previous column stated that there would not likely be MLB this year. It appears that it may in fact be a reality after all. There have been some rule changes for a proposed 60-game format and one rule that stood out to me was there was to be no fighting. This is to no doubt to keep the social distancing in effect on account of the ongoing pandemic. I played sports in high school and college and have seen fights often break out about as fast as you hear thunder and the lighting bolt has already occurred (the speed of light is much faster than the

speed of sound). I have always enjoyed the game of baseball both as a participant and a fan. I feel it is wishful thinking to see a ban on fighting in baseball or any other sport for that matter.

In my youth growing up and through the teen age years and into young adulthood, I loved the game of baseball. It was then as American as in the TV commercial, "baseball, hotdogs, apple pie and Chevrolet." Today, I like to watch the game and miss being able to turn on the TV or go to see them as the Yankees at Calfee Park. I related in the column a couple weeks back to tell of some of the summer leagues that I watched the game and later participated in. One stood out in particular in which a fight broke out.



Woods, Water & Wildlife

W.A. "Doc" Davis

Back then there were teams at about every "Wide Place in the Road" that most likely had an area post office. At the intersection of VA 100 and Rte. 42 was a country store and the US Post Office that was in Giles County, but served the people of Little Walker Creek. On down the road (VA 100) was Staffordsville. Going up 42 toward Bland were Mechanicsburg; Cranston; Hollybrook and No Business. On 42 was also the BCF (Bland Correctional Farm) where minor offensive inmates were kept. We played them occasionally but only on their home field as they were not allowed to travel to an area where escape was possible.

I played for more than one team during this time and names of players and managers are not given their real identify. The manager of the team I was playing for had a son become of age at a local high school and was their catcher and became ours as well on the weekends when we played other area teams. He tried to talk our present catcher (call him Clarence) to play second and he tried but soon quit as he

argued that he could not play this position. We were at BCF just starting a game with the inmates and Clarence came on the scene and started an argument with our manager (call him Raymond) and was a little on the tipsy side as the smell of liquor was in the air. He (Clarence) grabbed a bat and with a glancing blow caused a cut over Raymond's left eye. They were some blows of retaliation by Raymond before others pulled them apart. The Captain of BCF was soon on the scene being a spectator there as well. He admonished the inebriated intruder and said, "You had best leave this place as we have special places for people like you." He, (Clarence) and his brother left and they later formed another team that I may give in a later column. I hope to continue with other occasional baseball stories of "area baseball leagues along with "Woods, Water and Wildlife" episodes.

From the above story, in life's game we, (as a Christians,) may see ourselves involved in a battle without our own choosing. Ephesians 6:12(KJV) relates, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." I Peter 5:8(KJV), "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour."

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Applications can be picked up at the Town Hall building employee entrance around back of building at any time. Any questions, please call 540-674-4731 between the hours of 8am and 5pm Monday – Friday. Applications will be accepted until position is filled.

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Calfee Park to host 6-week co-ed adult softball league



The Pulaski Yankees today announced they will be hosting a co-ed adult softball league at Motor Mile Field at Calfee Park this summer. The league, sponsored by Collision Plus, will begin on July 20 and run for six weeks with games played each Monday evening at the Minor League Baseball ballpark.

“As we continue to await a final decision regarding our 2020 season, we know hosting Minor League Baseball this summer is increasingly unlikely,” said Pulaski Yankees General Manager Betsy Haugh. “We remain committed to being a great entertainment venue for our fans, and this softball league is a fun way for us to engage our community this summer.”

the top four teams advancing to the championship tournament to be held on August 31, 2020. Admission to the games is free for fans, and the Calfee Park concession stands (“Calf-E’s Kitchen”) will be open to serve a limited menu, including beer.

To view the complete list of rules and to register for the Calfee Park Adult Softball League presented by Collision Plus, teams can click here or visit pulaskiyankees.net.

League Schedule:
Games played at 5:30p, 6:45p, and 8p each Monday
Regular season: July 20, July 27, August 10, August 17, and August 24
Championship tournament: August 31

LEGAL NOTICES

VIRGINIA:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF PULASKI

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,)
v.) **Case No. CL19-000683**
1 – Smith & Wesson SWVE Pistol (SN #DWN8291))
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1 – Smith & Wesson MP-15 .223 (SN #SM25810))
1 – Romarm 1985 Rifle (SN #PX0941))
1 – Antique Black Powder Pistol)
AND)
SANDRO BERMUDA GASTRON)
A.K.A. Jorge Humberto Martinez-Estrada)
AND)
OMAR ROMERO)

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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

Omar Romero

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

**1723 Stradford Street
Galax, Virginia 24333**

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

ENTERED this 19th day of May, 2020.

TESTE: MAETTA H. CREWE

By [Signature]
Deputy Clerk

Prepared by:
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Calfee

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July 30 - August 2: NET Elite youth baseball tournament (open to the public)

August 3-5: Impact Baseball youth tournament

August 7: Jared Stout concert presented by Star Country 94.9, Q99, and K92

August 7-9: Radford Highlander team baseball camp

August 11-13: Virginia Cardinals youth baseball tournament

August 14-16: Dynamic Baseball youth tournament

August 15: Second Annual Pulaski Yankees 5K presented by Shelor Toyota

August 20: Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce Business Expo w/ One Eyed Jack concert

August 21-23: Radford Highlander team baseball camp

August 28: Movie Night presented by Collision Plus

August 29-30: Radford Highlander prospect camp

September 6-7: Radford Highlander prospect camp

September 12-13: NET Elite youth baseball tournament

September 19-20: SWVA Elite youth baseball tournament

October 3-4: SWVA Elite youth baseball tournament

Note: The event schedule is subject to change and additional events may be added.

Minors

Continued from Page B1

into many clubs' ability to make it. And I think that we're looking at without some government intervention, without doing something to take on equity partners, you might be looking at half of the 160 who are going to have serious problems."

MLB already has told clubs to retain expanded 60-player pools, of which 30 players can be active during the first two weeks of the season starting in late July.

Conner said the financial impact of the pathogen might extend until 2023.

"As serious as the threat from Major League Baseball was," O'Conner said, "this threat from the coronavirus, it transcends any list that anybody wants to make with respect to the possibility of teams not being around in the future."

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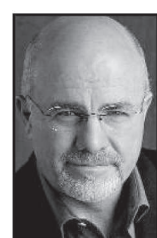
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Christian

Dear Christian,

Well, you probably don't need the full 10 to 12 times your income like I recommend for most people. The only dependent you have is also dependent upon his dad. And from what you said, his father seems perfectly able to take care of him.

I'd get a good term life policy equal to the amount that you'd like to supplement your son's care. The good news is you can get a couple hundred thousand in life insurance at your age for practically nothing.

If you get life insurance, make sure his dad—your ex—is not the beneficiary. The beneficiary should be a family trust, formed upon your death, and the money would go into that trust for the benefit of your child. You set the terms of the trust. It should not be controlled by your ex. In a divorce situation, I would never name someone I'm not willing to be married to the trustee of my money on behalf of my child.

I'm so glad you're thinking about these things, Christian. It shows you're an intentional lady, a fine mom, and a good planner. Those traits will serve you and

See DAVE, page B8

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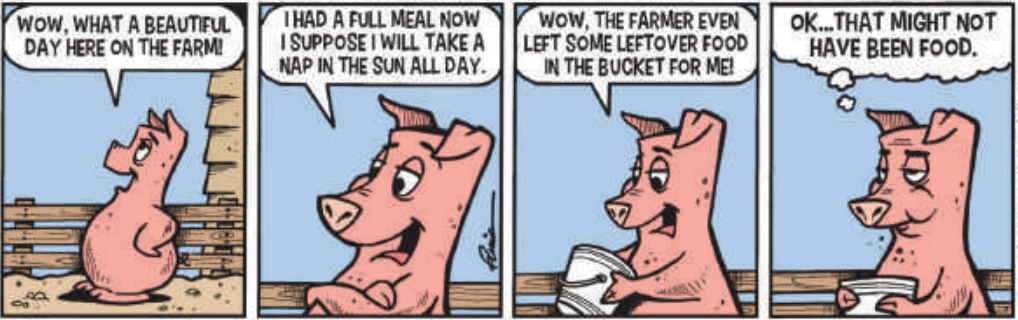
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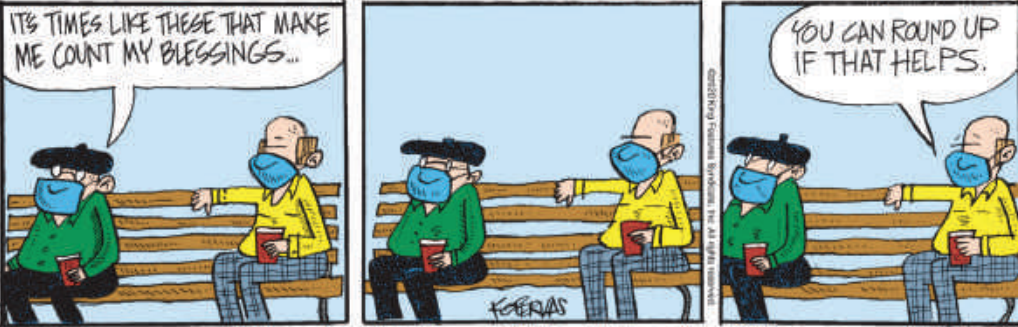
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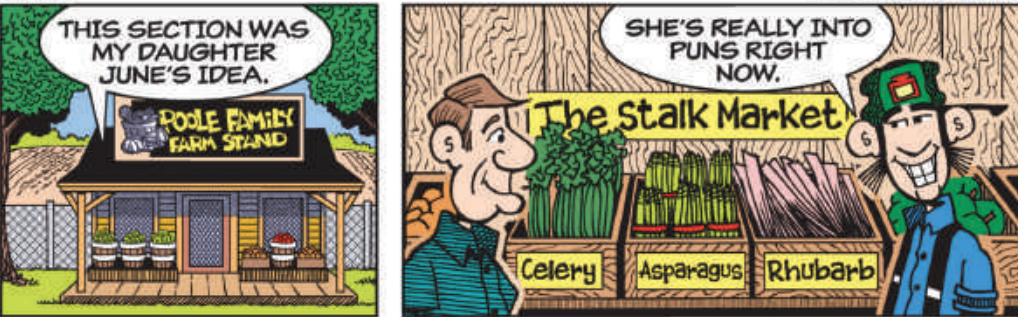
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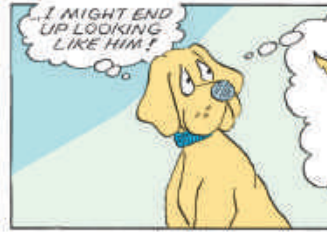
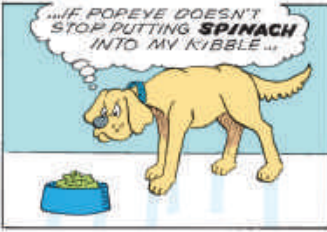
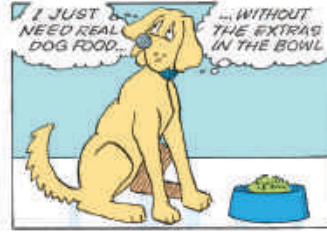
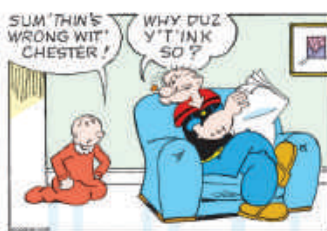
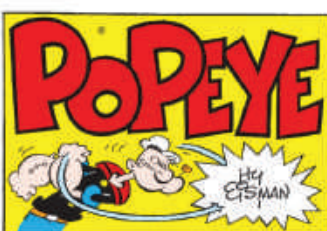


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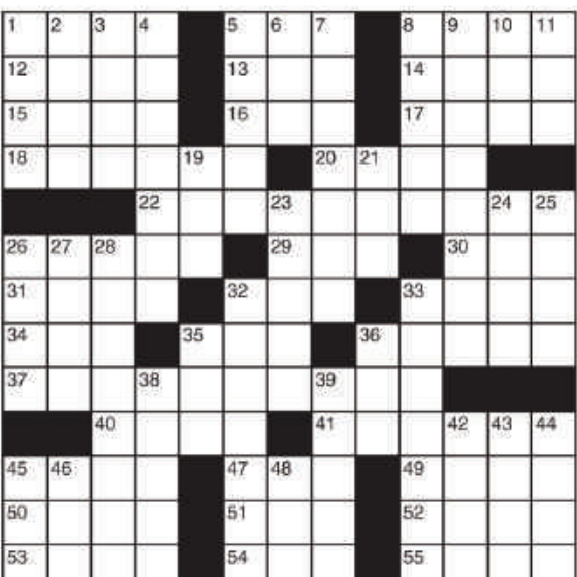
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ACROSS

- 1 — and call
- 5 Promptly
- 8 Despot
- 12 Verve
- 13 Rd.
- 14 Regulation
- 15 Not yet final, in law
- 16 — -relief
- 17 Blind as —
- 18 Body art
- 20 Pack down
- 22 Half a fluid ounce
- 26 Short
- 29 Swiss canton
- 30 Tokyo, once
- 31 Bergman, in "Casablanca"
- 32 Action star Diesel
- 33 One
- 34 Mel of Cooperstown
- 35 Programmer's woe
- 36 Foolish
- 37 Skiers' carriages
- 40 Summertime pest
- 41 Starry
- 45 Honeycomb compartment
- 47 Web address
- 49 Wander
- 50 Met melody
- 51 Dos' neighbors
- 52 Yemeni port



- 53 Helen's home
- 54 Previous night
- 55 Saucy
- 10 — carte
- 11 Pensioned (Abbr.)
- 19 LummoX
- 21 "— was saying ..."
- 23 Playwright Pirandello
- 24 Valhalla VIP
- 25 Memo
- 26 United nations
- 27 Naomi's daughter-in-law
- 28 Incised printing method
- 32 Predatory sort
- 33 Remove a seat belt
- 35 Underwear with underwire
- 36 "Monty Python" opener
- 38 Dental filling
- 39 Untrue
- 42 Took the bus
- 43 State with certainty
- 44 Gave temporarily
- 45 Garfield or Heathcliff
- 46 Blunder
- 48 Gun the engine

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top ten

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- 1. Hawaii
- 2. Massachusetts
- 3. California
- 4. Arizona
- 5. Vermont
- 6. New Jersey
- 7. Connecticut
- 8. Nevada
- 9. Rhode Island
- 10. Maryland

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Source: Energy Institute at Haas

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. GEOGRAPHY: What was the former name of the Hawaiian Islands?
- 2. MOVIES Which Elvis Presley movie features the theme song "Can't Help Falling in Love"?
- 3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What color is fuchsia?
- 4. TELEVISION: What was the real name of the Skipper's character on "Gilligan's Island"?
- 5. GEOLOGY: What kind of rock is sandstone?
- 6. FOOD & DRINK: Which country has a wine-producing region called the Rapel Valley?
- 7. MEDICAL: What kind of insect can transmit diseases such as cholera and typhoid fever?
- 8. MEASUREMENTS: How many standard bottles are contained in a magnum of champagne?
- 9. LITERARY: Who was the first official poet laureate of England?
- 10. HISTORY: Which treaty ended the American Revolution?

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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTHOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Table is different 2. Picture has moved 3. Fish is missing 4. Water level is higher 5. Woman's hair has changed 6. Boy's neckline is different

Answers

- 1. The Sandwich Islands
- 2. "Blue Hawaii"
- 3. Purplish red
- 4. Jonas Grumby
- 5. Sedimentary
- 6. Chile
- 7. Houseflies
- 8. Two
- 9. John Dryden
- 10. The Treaty of Paris

King Crossword

Americanisms

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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: N equals L

HJEXBV ERWE ZAWETMAH W ZWVJNQ

ZTNN BZ JNN-VWDDAMAC XRJNCMAD:

"ERA FMWEEQ FTOXR."

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Today's Word

1. Endow 2. Herald: solution

3. Splice 4. Rattle

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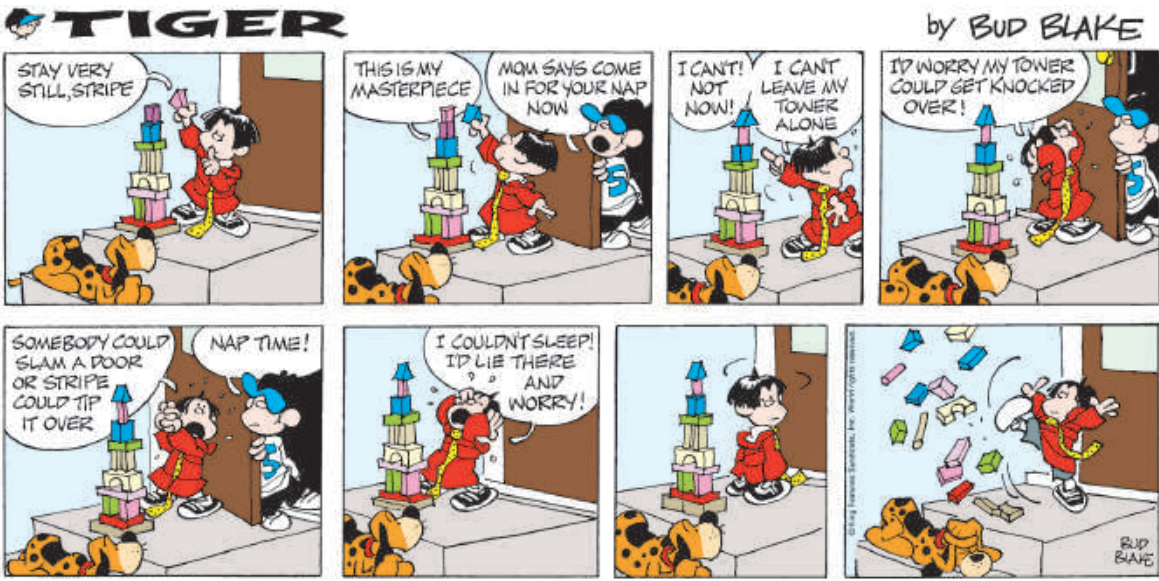
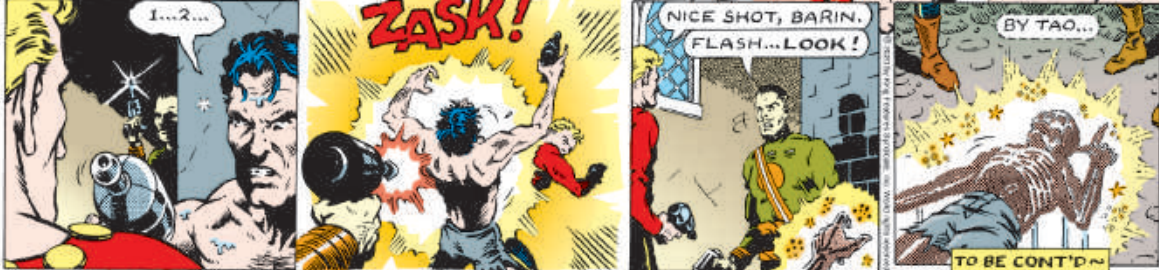
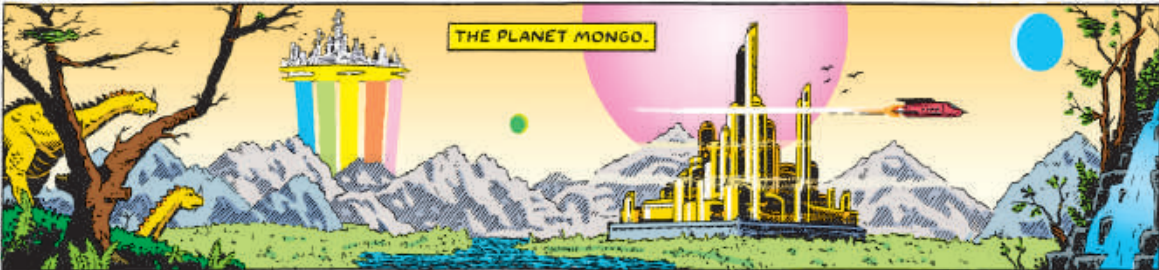
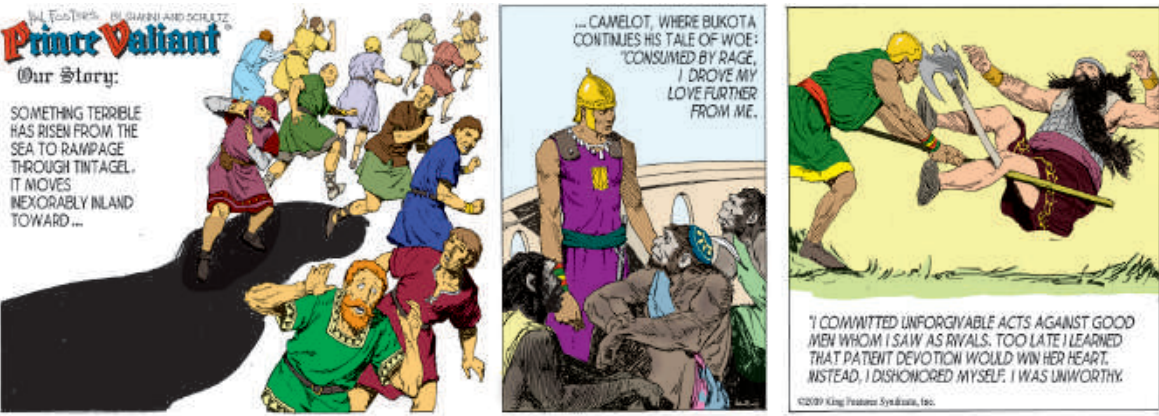
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A Y W R U E A O P A E T U R P

N I J H E B G R F Y H P R U M

F D B K Z T U O X T T V T T R

Q O M N (H O S P I T A L) K I H

F D B U F Z Y Y W V E L T R Q

O N L B K I H F O D F C P A Z

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: A PULL-DOWN BED

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| Bunk | Hospital | River | Trundle |
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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.

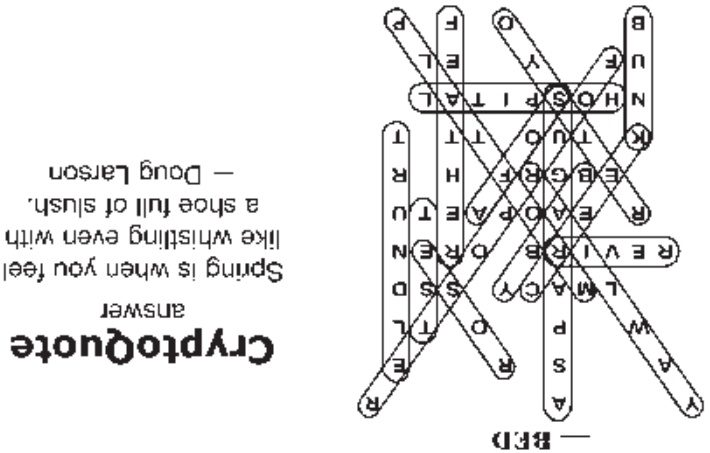
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Advertising Art

Advertising art is very popular today and prices keep rising. Collectors want old examples with good graphics, recognized products and great condition. A small amount of restoration is OK. Anything that mentions a product for sale is considered "advertising," even labels on bottles and cans. Most companies keep the look of their ads the same for many years. Hires Root Beer used a small child in a bib and a distinctive type-style for the word Hires. In 1915, they used the googly-eyed man called Josh Slinger, the soda jerk. He was indeed googly-eyed. But most of Hires ads had few pictures, just descriptions of its health values or the good shape.

This tin sign, probably made in the 1920s, features an attractive flapper girl. She is enjoying a glass of Hires Root Beer. If you look closely, you can read the tiny word "good" before the slogan, "and it's always pure. Hires in bottles." Hires was developed by pharmacist Charles Hires in 1876, but root beer was already a known drink. He improved the taste of a health drink that was made with many herbs including sassafras oil, a plant root extract. In 1960, sassafras was banned because it contained a carcinogen. Later, they found a way to remove the harmful chemical and still preserve the flavor, so it was still used.

Hires Root Beer was a leading drink, but the company has been bought and sold so often, the drink is now almost out of production. Old Hires advertising is hard to find today, but beware of the pottery mug with a baby wearing a

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By Terry and Kim Kovel



This Hires tin sign, 21 x 15 inches, was originally made without a frame. It sold recently at a Morphy auction for \$960.

bib. Reproductions are easy to find.

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Sandwich press, rectangular, square side handles and front top handle, flat plates, footed, 1930s, \$10.

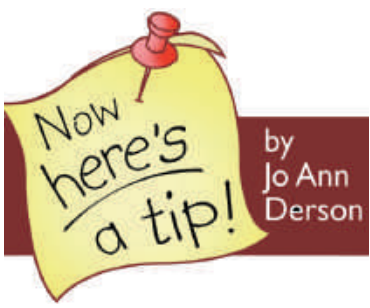
Garden table, rectangular glass top, scrolling concrete bases, iron mounts, 80 x 46 inches, \$120.

Vase, Celadon, bottle shape, lobed, cranes, 10 x 4 inches, \$300.

Apache, basket, coiled, stepped geometric pattern, checkerboard pattern, central circle, 15 inches, \$640.

TIP: Don't wear jewelry when gardening, playing sports or working with tools. You may damage a stone or lose it. Even diamonds can chip or crack.

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* Items in the freezer are more likely to get freezer burn if there's water present, so make sure you pat down or otherwise carefully drain meats, fruits and veggies before popping them in the freezer.

* "Nothing is more soothing -- and delicious -- than plain yogurt on a sunburn. Slather it on thickly to sunburned skin, wait for about 15 minutes, and rinse off in room-temperature water. It feels much better afterward, and it gives immediate relief when it goes on cold." -- C.L. in Texas

* Save your tuna cans. You can use them to cook an egg over a campfire, or you can put one under the legs of your camp table and add water. Ants won't be able to climb up the legs of the table to get to your food.

* "If you've never used Skin-So-Soft to repel mosquitoes, you should. It does an excellent job at that task and smells so good my whole family uses it. I also use it to wipe down the outside of my door to keep bugs from buzzing all over the entrance." -- A.A. in Florida

* If barbecue is on the menu,

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try putting out a few small bowls of water with a lemon slice. You can use it to rinse off your fingers as you eat or when you are done eating. It leaves hands with a nice smell, not a sticky smoky mess!

* "I love to spice up a simple dip by serving it in a green pepper. I just wash it and cut off the top. Then, I core it and spoon in the dip. The top can be set next to it and filled with extra dip, or just used as a garnish. It's fun and makes an attractive presentation." -- J.L. in New Mexico

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Terry McCraw

Covenant Psalm

Each Chapter in the Book of Psalms is an independent composition and is placed in the Book in no particular order that can be ascertained with any degree of specificity.

Studies show that the Book of Psalms is the most widely read Book of the Bible. The Psalms were written over an estimated time period of about 1,000 years. The Psalms set the standard for praise unto God.

Psalm 81:8-10. "Hear O My People, and I will testify unto thee: O Israel, if thou wilt hearken unto Me. There shall no strange god be in thee: neither shalt thou worship any strange god. I am the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide and I will fill it."

God commands His people to hear Him because He has something of great importance for them to hear. In order to make sure that someone hears us, we must first get their attention.

Basically What God was saying to them here that was so important, was the second of the Ten Commandments. "Thou shalt have no other gods before Me."

There's only One God. Jehovah God. And Him only shall we serve. Any and all other so called gods, little g, are phonies made by the hands of reckless men.

Man in his foolishness has created for himself, false gods, who will not give him any commandments to obey.

Paul wrote in 1 Cor. 8:6, "But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him."

God said to Israel, open thy mouth wide and I will fill it. Meaning, I will give you what you ask Me for. Ask and ye shall receive. God also gives us spiritual insight so we can minister correctly to others.

Here, God reminds them of His omnipotence. "I am the Lord thy God Which brought thee out of the land of Egypt."

They owed God their allegiance! Just like you and I owe God our allegiance for bringing us out of the bondage of sin and giving us new lives, worth living.

To not serve God after He has created us, and kept us alive all these days of our lives, is to be ungrateful, and thankless.

We all have a responsibility to love, serve and praise the God of Creation, Who is also the God of mercy, and the God of Grace. If it wasn't for God, just where would we be today?

When we see someone living in sin and the misery it brings, we should say, as John Bradford said when he watched a group of prisoners headed for execution, "There, but for the grace of God, goes I."

Our very fate is in God's hands. He could call our number at any time and our lives on earth would be over. We owe God our very lives. All that we are, and all that we have, comes from above, from the Father of Lights.

God demands our fidelity. God demands our exclusive worship. He will not share His glory with any other.

Verses 11. "But My people would not hearken to My voice; and Israel would have none of me." Israel wouldn't listen to God or submit to Him. They would not have Him as their One and Only God.

Verse 12. "So I gave them up

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www.drapervalleybaptist.org

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674-1762
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11 a.m. Sunday worship
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Wednesday Night 7 to 8 p.m.
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Wednesday Night, 7 p.m.
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3080 Greenbriar Road
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Pastor: Mark Asbury
Primary Service Times:
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Worship, 11 a.m.
Phone: 540-392-8016

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

Christ Episcopal Church

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

Jordan's Chapel UMC

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

Cecil's Chapel United Methodist Church

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

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5155 Wilderness Road
Exit 98 off I-81 Newbern
Rev. Paige Wimberly
674-6111
Worship Services: 9:45 a.m.
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Valley Harvest Ministries

1 Harvest Place
P.O. Box 458
Dublin, VA 24084
Senior Pastor Steve Willis
Associate Pastors:
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Wednesday School 7 p.m.
www.vhmdublin.org
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Mountain View United Methodist Church

6648 Wilderness Road
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mountainviewumc.yolasite.com/
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Adult Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Morning Worship with Children's Church at 11 a.m.

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

First United Methodist Church

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

Belspring Baptist Church

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

Memorial Baptist Church

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

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deltoncogop@gmail.com (276) 620-3191
Service Times
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Sunday Morning Worship - 11 am - 12 pm
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Dinner - 5:45 pm - 6:45 pm
2nd Wed Each Month - Missions service
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Pastor Mike Pierce
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Sundays, 10 a.m.
(540) 674-9220
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(540) 639-5331
email: fmbc1872@verizon.net
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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 &
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P.O. Box 577
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Pastors Don Hanshaw & Don Shelor
(540) 674-5128
office@dublinumc.com
Early Worship - 8:45 am
Sunday School - 9:45 am
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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

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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
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Contact Info:
Phone - 540-994-9015
e-mail - drapers.valley@dvpca.org
website - www.dvpca.org

Trinity Lutheran Church ELCA

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

Trinity United Methodist

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

Snowville Baptist Church

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

Fairlawn United Methodist Church

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

1021 Macgill Street
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Bus Ministry: 540-385-9972
www.pulaskigracemin.com
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Pastor Mike Williams
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Children's Church 10:30 a.m.
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110 LaGrange Street, Pulaski, VA 24301
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Associate Pastor: T.J. Cox
540-980-5433
www.facebook.com/faithbiblechurch
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday Children's Church: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m.
Children's Meal: 6:30 p.m.
Children's and Youth's Group Classes: 7 p.m.

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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.

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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.
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Pastor: Rev. Teresa Tolbert
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Worship Service: 11 a.m.
Phone: (540) 980-2927

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

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

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

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

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www.maxcreek.org
www.facebook.com/maxcreekbaptist
Senior Pastor: Mike Coleman
Youth Minister: Charlie Prince
Director of Visitation: Ersel Alderman
Sunday Services
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
Teen Social and Class: 5 p.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study & Classes:7 p.m.

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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
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Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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Worship Service: 11:00am

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Wednesday Bible Study: 6 p.m.

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Sunday Worship - 11 a.m.
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Hiwassee, VA 24347
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Sunday Worship Service: 11 a.m.
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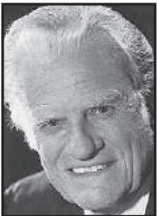
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Answer

Billy Graham

*Only
Jesus Christ
is truth*

**Q: Some say that God is
truth. What exactly does that
mean? - T.S.**

A: Jesus said, "You shall know
the truth, and the truth shall
make you free" (John 8:32).
Why did He say this? Because
He also said, "I am... the truth"
(John 14:6). What a marvelous
statement this is. Scripture warns
that many will come claiming
to have the truth but only Jesus
Christ is Truth.

Jesus told the truth about sin.
"For from within, out of the heart
of men, proceed evil thoughts....
All these evil things come from
within and defile a man" (Mark
7:21-23).

Jesus told the truth about love.
"For God so loved the world
that He gave His only begotten
Son, that whoever believes in
Him should not perish but have
everlasting life" (John 3:16).

Jesus told the truth about
judgment. "He who rejects Me...
the word that I have spoken will
judge him in the last day" (John
12:48). He warned people to flee
the wrath to come. If we believe
a warning and act on it, it can
save our lives.

Judgment's coming and Jesus
has given us ample warning, but
some don't believe. Many people
rest on the fact that they're liked
by others, that they do good
deeds, and that they have con-
tributed to society. But it doesn't
change the fact that mankind
must repent of sin and receive
Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

Jesus told the truth about
repentance. The word repentance
means change - to change our
minds, to change our way of
living. He said, "Unless you re-
pent you will all likewise perish"
(Luke 13:3). But we can't do that
on our own. Only God can help
us.

Jesus told the truth about
salvation. "For the Son of Man
has come to seek and save that
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unto their own hearts' lust:
and they walked in their own
counsels.”

God withdrew His presence
from them, and turned them
over to the wickedness of their
own hearts. To walk in their
own devices. To pursue their
own imaginations.

And when God turns some-
one over to their own devices,
they will end up doing the most
degrading things imaginable.

If people reject God and
rebel against Him, God turns
them over to a depraved mind
to do those things which are
unseemly.

Romans 1:28-32. “And even
as they did not like to retain
God in their knowledge, God
gave them over to a reprobate
mind, to do those things which
are not convenient; Being
filled with all unrighteousness,
fornication, wickedness, cov-

etousness, maliciousness; full
of envy, murder, debate, deceit,
malignity; Backbiters, haters
of God, spiteful, proud, and
boastful. Without understand-
ing, covenant breakers, without
natural affection, implacable,
unmerciful: inventors of evil
things, disobedient to parents,
Who knowing the judgment of
God, that they which com-
mit such things are worthy of
death, not only do the same,
but have pleasure in them that
do them.”

If someone will not hearken
to the voice of God calling
them out of sin and to repen-
tance, God will allow them to
continue to sin, and to reap the
dire consequences of sin.

Sin has consequences that
must be paid. It will cost a
person much more than they’ll
ever want to pay.

When Northern Israel turned

their backs on God and went
whoring after idol gods, God
removed His hand of protection
from them. He allowed the As-
syrians to come in and utterly
defeat them and carry them
off to be disbursed all across
the world. When Judah, the
Southern Kingdom of Israel,
turned to idolatry, God took
His hand of protection from
them and allowed them to be
conquered by the Babylonians
and carried away into captivity
for 70 years.

Again, sin has consequences
which must be paid. The only
remedy for sin is the blood of
Jesus and it applied. His blood
washes away every sin. “Come
now, and let us reason togeth-
er,” saith the Lord, though your
sins are like scarlet, They shall
be as white as snow; Though
they are red like crimson, They
shall be as wool.” Isaiah 1:18.



2020 Champion, Hodge Insurance: Zane Lambert, Mike Pickett, Andrew Crowder, Shari Fricker and Mike Fricker (not pictured)

Chamber hosts 20th annual Networking on the Green Golf Tournament

Hodge Insurance, third-time champion, wins 20th annual Networking on the Green at the Pete Dye River Course hosted by the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce on June 25, 2020. The golfing event consisted of a lunch, tee time and awards with both sponsors and participants.

Networking on the Green contenders included previous defending champions, such as New River Community College, Electroplate-Rite, Lewis Gale Hospital – Pulaski and Hodge Insurance.

Other contenders included cart sponsor and 2020 champion, Hodge Insurance, and lunch sponsor, Ethos Technologies, as well as State Farm, Webb Donald Appalachian Power, Community Health Center for the NRV, Eleven West, H.T. Bowling, National Bank of Blacksburg Pulaski County, SERVPRO of Montgomery and Pulaski and Virginia Ea-



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Denny Hamlin, driver of the #11 FedEx Ground Toyota, celebrates with his teammates in victory lane after winning the NASCAR Cup Series Pocono 350 at Pocono Raceway on June 28, 2020 in Long Pond, Pennsylvania.

NASCAR to celebrate Fourth at Indianapolis

From NASCAR

For the first time in NASCAR Cup Series history, the series will compete at Indianapolis Motor Speedway on Independence Day weekend, Sunday, July 5 ,at 4 p.m. ET on NBC, IMS Radio and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio in the Big Machine Hand Sanitizer 400 Powered by Big Machine Records.

This weekend's race will be 400 miles (160 laps) and broken up into three stages. The first two stages will be 50 laps each and the final stage will be 60 laps.

This weekend will mark the 27th running of a NASCAR Cup Series race at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. The first Cup race at Indianapolis Motor Speedway took place on August 6, 1994; Rick Mast won the pole with a speed of 172.414 mph and NASCAR Hall of Famer Jeff Gordon took home the checkered flag.

The 26 NASCAR Cup Series races at Indianapolis Motor Speedway have produced 19 different pole winners and 15 different race winners. Jeff Gordon and Kevin Harvick lead the series in poles at Indianapolis with three each. Gordon also leads the series in wins at the Brickyard with five victories (1994, 1998, 2001, 2004, 2014).

Five former Indianapolis race winners are entered this weekend, led by seven-time series champion Jimmie Johnson with four wins (2006, 2008, 2009, 2012); followed by Kevin Harvick (2003, 2019), Kyle Busch (2015, 2016), Brad Keselowski (2018) and Ryan Newman (2013).

The pole position is the most proficient starting positions in the field, producing five wins. The most recent driver to accomplish

the feat was Kevin Harvick last season. In 2016, Kyle Busch became the first driver in history to sweep both the NASCAR Xfinity Series race from the pole and the NASCAR Cup Series race from the pole in the same weekend at Indianapolis.

The deepest in the field that a race winner has started at Indy is 27th, by Jeff Gordon in 2001.

Driver To Beat: Denny Hamlin keeps adding up victories

Joe Gibbs Racing's Denny Hamlin leads the NASCAR Cup Series in wins this season with four victories in 15 races - a winning percentage of 26.7%.

The Chesterfield, Virginia, native is on pace to tie or better his career-best season (2010); where he started the year with five wins in 15 races and finished the season runner-up in points and a career-high in wins (eight). In 2020, Hamlin has four wins, including his third-career Daytona 500, Darlington, Homestead and Pocono, nine top fives (series-most) and 10 top 10s. He has also spent the third-most time out front leading laps this season with 436 laps led.

Of NASCAR's four 'crown jewel' events on the NASCAR Cup Series schedule (Daytona 500, Coca-Cola 600, Southern 500 and the Brickyard 400) Hamlin has conquered two of them (Daytona, Darlington), but this weekend he could get his third. Hamlin has made 14 series starts at Indianapolis Motor Speedway posting five top fives and eight top 10s; including three third-place finishes. He finished sixth in this race last season.

Kevin Harvick looks for back-

to-back wins at Indianapolis

Only two drivers have been able to win back-to-back races at Indianapolis Motor Speedway – Jimmie Johnson (2008, 2009) and Kyle Busch (2015, 2016) – and this weekend Stewart-Haas Racing's Kevin Harvick will look to add his name to the list and defend his 2019 NASCAR Cup Series Indianapolis Motor Speedway victory.

Year-in and year-out Kevin Harvick continues to be a force to reckon with in the NASCAR Cup Series and the 2020 season is no different. Harvick sits atop the series driver standings, 52 points up on second place Ryan Blaney following the double header last weekend at Pocono Raceway. Harvick snatched the top spot in the points following the race at Phoenix back on March 8 and has not relinquished it since.

In 15 starts this season Harvick has collected three wins (Darlington, Atlanta, Pocono), eight top fives and 12 top 10s (series-most). Historically, Indianapolis has been a great track for Harvick, in 19 starts he has put up three poles, two wins (2003, 2019), seven top fives and 13 top 10s. His average finish is a stout 8.9 (series-best).

Dave

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your son well!

—Dave

Dear Dave,

I just received a formal job offer in law enforcement. I'm debt-free, single, and I'd like to move out of a roommate situation and into my own apartment. I'll be starting out at \$34,000 a year, then moving up to \$38,000 after my probationary period. You have a rule that says to make sure rent or house payments are 25% or less of your take home pay. If I can find a place where utilities are included, do they figure into that amount?

Josh

Dear Josh,

It's really more of a guideline than a rule. The point of not letting your housing cost eat up more than 25% of your take home pay is to make sure you have money left over for other important things. It's hard to save and invest for the future when a huge chunk of your money is eaten up by rent or a mortgage payment each month. But no, utilities are not part of the one-fourth of your take home pay guideline.

At this point, it doesn't sound like you need anything fancy. Try to find a safe, quiet place to call home—somewhere you can relax and decompress when you're off duty. And thanks for entering law enforcement. A lot of folks are leaving your line of work, and we need good men and women in that profession right now.

—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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NRCC students complete AEP apprenticeship

From NRCC

Four New River Community College students recently finished their apprenticeship through Apex Systems with American Electric Power (AEP) Transmission Operations. Eric Coalson, Winston Derham, Tyler Frazier and Robert Fread are all recent graduates of NRCC and were part of a new 18-month dispatcher apprenticeship program that began in January 2019.

The program is designed for students who are enrolled in the second semester of NRCC's electrical engineering technology program. The selected students work and train with AEP Transmission Operations Control Center in Roanoke for 20 hours a week while completing an associate degree. The four NRCC students completed a training program developed by AEP while shadowing the dispatchers. Training opportunity offered by AEP included books, online modules, field visits, and specialized training sessions from third parties.

Coalson, from Pulaski, says he was encouraged by his electrical engineering technology instructor, Robert Bopp, to pursue the internship because Coalson had been previously contracted with AEP from 2014-2018 as a utility forester.

"The experience with AEP has been good overall," said Coalson. "The AEP personnel that we interact with day to day at the AEP



NRCC photo

From L to R: Tyler Frazier, Robert Fread, Winston Derham, Eric Coalson

TDC in Roanoke are awesome. They are very nice, helpful, and ready to teach us at any chance they get."

Fread, from Accomack, says the apprenticeship has been a fantastic opportunity and that he was able to study under skilled transmission dispatchers who mentored the students in the ways of monitoring and maintaining the electric grid.

"The interesting thing about this job is that there is always something new to learn," said Fread. "You are constantly having to adapt to new and unforeseen circumstances to effectively perform your duties as a transmission dispatcher. I have learned a great deal about our electric system through this ap-

prenticeship."

"Studying the transmission aspect of our power system has allowed me to gain insight on all of the other parts of the electric system from generation to distribution," said Fread. "I plan to use the knowledge I have gained from this experience to seek employment in the electrical industry in the following years."

"One of the greatest benefits they have offered us is the opportunity to train, study, test and become a NERC (North American Electric Reliability Corporation) certified system operator," said Coalson. "This certification, if earned, is ours to keep outside of Apex or AEP. This is vital certification for a transmission dispatcher in the utility indus-

try with any company in North America and is required before you can work the desk independently (normally 3-5 years after becoming an in-house employee). AEP also provided us the opportunity to take the SOPD test (System Operator Power Dispatcher). This is also required with many utility companies in the U.S. before employment as a transmission dispatcher."

"Congratulations to Robert, Winston, Eric and Tyler for being our first class to complete the AEP Transmission Dispatcher Apprentice Program," said Darrell Guill with AEP. "We really didn't know what to expect, but each of these four highly motivated students have demonstrated exactly what we

hoped to gain from the apprenticeship program. Through hard work and dedication, all four were able to meet the demands of working and study in an AEP Transmission Operations Center while also completing their challenging college courses. Delightfully, Robert and Eric were also able to obtain their System Operator Certification from the NERC during this time. These 18 months have provided ample time to ensure that this type of work is a good fit for their career aspirations and gives our supervisors and employees an opportunity to observe and work with the apprentices to ensure they are a good fit for the job. In January, the second class of five new apprentices began their journey and the early signs are that they have the ability to live up to the high standards set by Robert, Winston, Eric and Tyler."

Five new NRCC electrical engineering technology students began their 18-month apprenticeship with AEP on January 13, 2020.

For more information about the electrical engineering technology program at NRCC, visit NRCC online at www.nr.edu.

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Agritourism in Virginia

By Emily Nolen
Virginia Cooperative
Extension Intern

Next time you are taking a trip along Interstate 81 throughout the Appalachian Mountains, cruising the Blue Ridge Parkway taking in the scenic views, or heading north on Interstate 64 towards the Nation's Capital, you will run into some of the most intriguing farms, wineries, and historical attractions. Agritourism is the largest industry in Virginia that is continuously growing and creating a positive outlook for the agriculture industry in Virginia. Before you start thinking about your next spontaneous summer trip, let's take a look at why agritourism is so beneficial and how it plays such an important role in today's society.

- Agritourism portrays

a learning environment for all ages, creating experiences that oftentimes just won't be found learning in a classroom or watching videos on hand-held devices. Fun yet educational experiences in the agriculture industry sounds like a win-win opportunity!

- Aside from the economic benefits, agritourism provides other benefits such as maximization of resources on the farm, preservation of the heritage connected to the industry, and creating thousands of job opportunities in an industry that is constantly working to meet everyday needs.

- Lastly, regardless of where you are located in Virginia, you will run into different aspects of agritourism helping to recognize the agriculture heritage within the community, leav-

ing a mark through the creativity we call agritourism.

Clearly we recognize here just a few of the many benefits of agritourism, but if you are wanting to dig deeper click on the link below pertaining to the geographic analysis of agritourism in Virginia. Learn about the factors that go into agritourism that allow us to receive all of these benefits and opportunities.

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There are some days you wonder when you wake up, "Why even bother to get up? Everything seems to be working against me. Why should I keep going?" You feel the weight of the world on your shoulders, and you feel frustrated because nothing seems to go together. Your day starts "With the attitude of what new hell awaits me today?" You realize that you have responsibilities and bills to pay, so you try to change the one thing you have absolute control over and that is your attitude. Knowing that there is nothing that works faster than to change your attitude is having a little sense of HOPE. You remind yourself that you have no right to complain or feel bad because there is always someone worse off than you are. Recognizing that, you feel an immediate sense of gratitude, and that leads to feelings of HOPE.



Down To Business

Peggy White
Pulaski Co.
Chamber of
Commerce

Ok, but how does that apply to business? You remember the old adage: It takes more than hope to be successful; it takes action. There is truth to that, but having HOPE in the workplace is still a major component to success. In a study published online by the Journal of Positive Psychology in 2013, researchers compared the relationship between hope and productivity by analyzing 45 studies that looked at more than

11,000 employees, across various workplace conditions. At the end of the study, They concluded that hope accounts for 14% of the productivity in the workplace. This percentage amounts to more than intelligence, optimism, or self-efficacy.

"Basically, a hopeful person does one day a week more work than a less hopeful person in a seven-day work week," the researchers say. "It's quite a big chunk of the pie."

In today's business world more than ever we need to feel HOPE. I'm reminded of this every day when I reach out to businesses during COVID that have lost 98% of their business. They are in situations where they can't pay the rent, they can't afford to bring employees back to work, but yet despite their seemingly insurmountable odds they know that there is another business worse off than theirs which gives them a sense of gratitude and HOPE. Time and time again, I have heard from them, "If there is someone else that needs help more please help them." When I hear their optimism and willingness to help out other businesses despite their odds, it restores my faith in the fact that small business truly is the backbone of our economic system.

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

It's canning season!

By Sandy Stoneman
Area Food Safety Extension
Agent

Gardens are growing and farmers markets are open! We all enjoy the fresh, local produce while it is in season but that season is short. No one wants to think about those cold, dark days of winter but imagine how wonderful and satisfying it would be to open a jar of green beans or bright yellow peaches that you canned yourself and remember those warm, sunny days picking ripe produce from your garden or farmers market.

If you have not tried it before, canning may seem a bit intimidating. There have been headline news stories of botulism outbreaks due to improper home canning as well as horror stories of pressure canners exploding. However, if you are using up to date, tested recipes and the proper equipment, canning is a safe and rewarding way to preserve the fresh, local foods you would like to have all year long.

Here are a few tips:

- Follow Up To Date Canning Instructions: Make sure your food preservation information is always current with scientifically tested guidelines. Don't use outdated publications, unverified recipes from the internet, or old cookbooks, even if they were handed down to you from trusted family cooks. Canning instructions and equipment have changed over the years. Following up-to-date canning instructions from a reliable source such as USDA, The National Center for Home Food Preservation, or your local Extension Office is essential for food safety and

the prevention of botulism. Botulism is a rare, but serious illness caused by a germ called Clostridium botulinum. This germ is found in soil and can survive, grow, and produce toxin in a sealed jar of food. This toxin can affect your nerves, paralyze you, and even cause death.

- Have the Proper Canner for the Food You Want to Preserve: Always use a properly sized pressure canner that meets USDA recommendations for pressure canning when canning low-acid vegetables (like green beans, potatoes and corn), meat, seafood and poultry. Pressure canning is the only recommended method for canning low-acid foods. Do not use boiling water canners for low-acid foods because they will not protect against botulism poisoning. It is also recommended that you have your canner lid inspected and your pressure gage tested annually. Contact your local Extension Office to get this done. Water bath canners are safe for high acid foods such as apples, peaches, berries, acidified tomatoes, pickles, etc.

- Don't always rely on look, smell or taste: If there is any doubt that approved home-canning methods were followed, throw the food out! Also, inspect canned food and discard if the container lid is leaking or bulging, the jar is cracked, or the food is moldy.

- If you have specific canning questions or would like to schedule your pressure canner lid inspection, contact your Area Food Safety Extension Agent, Sandy Stoneman at 276-223-6040 or sandyst@vt.edu.

'Sheffey' film to be aired this weekend

Robert Sheffey, namesake of Robert Sheffey Memorial Camp Meeting, will be having his 200th birthday July 4th.

In celebration of his 200th birthday, VCY America will be offering the just remastered HD version of the film Sheffey for free streaming on the smart TV and phone apps, and will be broadcasting Sheffey on air (WVCY-TV 30) and online (vcyamerica.tv) at the following times: Sunday, July 5th at 3PM ET; Monday, July 6th at 3AM ET; Friday, July 10th at 9PM ET; and Saturday, July 11th at 6AM ET.

Sheffey is based on the true

story of a nineteenth century circuit-riding preacher, who as a young man follows his rowdy friends to a revival meeting and there finds the Lord. A man of prayer, tireless service, and great compassion, "Brother Sheffey" rides through the Appalachian Mountains spreading the gospel.

Although he suffers the loss of his two greatest treasures in one day, Sheffey still finds forgiveness in his heart for the person who causes his sorrow. This film captures the warmth and compassion of a man whose soul is on fire for the Lord.

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