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## WEEKEND WEATHER

### Saturday

Showers and thunderstorms after 2pm. High near 80. Calm wind. Chance of precipitation is 90%.

**Saturday Night** - Showers likely. Low around 66. Chance of precipitation is 80%.

### Sunday

Partly sunny, with a high near 80. Chance of precipitation is 50%.

**Sunday Night** - A chance of showers between 8pm and 2am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 66.

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## County officials express support for school SRO's

By MIKE WILLIAMS  
The Patriot

On July 17, Gov. Ralph Northam announced he planned to call the Virginia General Assembly back into special session on Tuesday, Aug. 18. The reason for the special session, Northam said, was to adopt a budget based on revised revenue forecasts due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, the governor said he wants to work closely with legislative leaders and "advocates" to propose additional criminal justice and policing reform.

In several cities and states across the nation today, "policing reform" often translates into "defunding" or "re-directing" funds from police agencies.

At their meeting Tuesday, the Pulaski County School Board approved a joint resolution with the Board of Supervisors in an effort to get out in front of the "police reform" issue and how it could possibly affect local schools.



According to the resolution, both boards "share concerns that rumors of contemplations being circulated concerning reducing or eliminating SRO's in public schools in Virginia could become proposed legislation, which if passed and signed by the Governor, could restrict or eliminate our ability to fund, utilize, and enjoy the benefits gained from our current SRO program."

"We therefore would oppose any such legislative action should it be presented and would communicate the same to the Governor and our General Assembly representatives," the resolution states.

In reading from the resolution, School Superintendent Dr. Kevin Siers said both the "Pulaski County Board of Supervisors and the Pulaski County School Board recognize the value and importance of School Resource Officers (SRO's) in Pulaski County Public Schools."

"SRO's provide many valuable and necessary functions for our schools."

"SRO's help to promote and maintain a safe learning environment for our students and safe work environment for our faculty and staff in the schools."

"SRO's help solve problems, address issues, give advice and guidance to our students, and are excellent role models for students"

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## Radford Council tables ordinance on face masks

By MIKE WILLIAMS  
The Patriot

In a meeting lasting well over three hours, Radford City Council Monday night tabled discussion on a local ordinance on the use of face coverings.

Council also advanced the McHarg Elementary School renovation and expansion project, threw its support behind a regional wellness commitment, and approved making \$200,000 in CARES Act money available through grants to local businesses.

Mayor David Horton suggested the tabling of Ordinance 1735 governing the wearing of masks and face coverings, and called on council to instead express support for the governor's Executive Order No. 63, issued May 29,

calling for use of face masks indoors and when social distancing is not possible.

Council voted unanimously in favor of Horton's suggestion.

Horton called instead for the city to pursue the promotional and educational aspects of wearing masks and other face coverings, and "that we engage fully in the Be Committed Be Well campaign, and we see how it goes."

Horton noted that council can re-visit a mask ordinance at a lat-

er time if needbe.

He noted as of Monday the city had recorded 54 cases of COVID-19, and that that number had risen from the mid-twenties when discussion on masks began.

Two citizens did come out to speak against the mask ordinance.

Emily Alderman Stoots noted she is a Republican due to her conservative beliefs.

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# Pulaski gains \$2.5 million grant for Hardie sewer project

RICHMOND—Governor Ralph Northam Wednesday announced more than \$2.5 million in Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) for the counties of Buchanan, Lee, and Wise, and the Town of Pulaski. The funding will support water and sewer system improvements to assist low- to moderate-income individuals and households.

“Strong, dependable water infrastructure is essential for creating economic opportunity and enhancing the quality of life for all Virginians,” said Governor Northam. “With this funding from the Community Develop-

ment Block Grant program, we will continue to address critical needs in our rural communities and ensure our most vulnerable populations have access to safe drinking water and reliable sewer systems.”

The federally funded CDBG program has been administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) since 1982. Virginia receives approximately \$18.5 million annually, and funding is allocated among local government applicants through a competitive process using objective scoring criteria developed in consultation with eligible local-

ties. Three projects were awarded funding through the competitive cycle. These applications were reviewed, evaluated, and scored according to the requirements of the program, and award offers are recommended to the highest-ranking proposals based on funding availability. One additional project was funded through an open submission CDBG Community Economic Development Fund.

The following projects will receive CDBG funding:

**Hunt’s Fork Waterline Extension Project**  
\$570,000  
Buchanan County

**Blackwater Phase II Water Project – Letter of Intent**  
\$346,500  
Lee County

**Sewer Improvements at James Hardi Pulaski Facility**  
\$700,000  
Town of Pulaski  
The Town of Pulaski will upgrade a pump station, add additional storage tanks to the system, and replace approximately 1,000 linear feet of sewer line to accommodate the utility needs of the James Hardie Building Products facility. This project will allow James Hardie to retain at least 70 jobs at this facility,

of which at least 36 jobs will be retained at entry-level positions. This upgrade will increase the capacity of the sewer system to better accommodate James Hardie’s operations, as well as any potential future expansions.

**Glamorgan Sewer Project**  
\$885,000  
Wise County

Wise County will provide new public sewer service to 45 households in the Glamorgan community, 33 of which are low- to moderate-income. Construction will include the installation of approximately 13,000 linear feet of gravity sewer line.



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## Election day nears. Now’s the time to register, check status

Election Day (Nov. 3) will be here before you know it.

If you plan to vote in November, you must first be registered. According to Pulaski County Registrar Kathy Webb, you have until Oct. 13 to register to vote.

“If you haven’t yet registered, or you want to check on your registration – or maybe you’ve moved and need to update your registration – now would be a good time to do that so voting goes smoothly in November,” Webb said.

She noted anyone wishing to register may do so at the county Registrar’s Office at 87 Commerce Street in Pulaski. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday.

“Voters who need to check their registration status or update their registration can do that by calling the registrar’s office at 540-980-2111. Or they can go

online to the Virginia Department of Elections at [www.elections.virginia.gov](http://www.elections.virginia.gov),” Webb added.

“The Registrar’s Office welcomes the opportunity to help make sure that this November’s election is a smooth process for our citizens,” she said.

Election related questions or concerns should be sent to the Registrar’s Office at 540-980-2111 or email [kwebb@pulaski-county.org](mailto:kwebb@pulaski-county.org) or [vote@pulaski-county.org](mailto:vote@pulaski-county.org)

## SRO’s

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to learn from and emulate.”

Siers continued that the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors and the School Board both “saw the value that SRO’s provided at Pulaski County High School, which was initially the only school in the county with an SRO, and worked hard to expand the program to provide an SRO for all of our county public schools.”

“The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors and the Pulaski County School Board,” he continued, “gratefully acknowledge the Pulaski County Sheriff’s Office for providing well-trained and highly qualified Sheriff’s deputies to serve as SRO’s in each of our county’s public schools.”

Siers, speaking for both boards

said, “It is the desire and intent of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors and the Pulaski County School Board to continue the SRO program in our public schools as it is currently with no reductions in funding, responsibility, or number of personnel.”

“We are so grateful for our SRO officers,” added School Board Chairman Tim Hurst.

“For years we were concerned about the need for SRO officers and safe schools in Pulaski County and that has not changed.”

Hurst credited the Sheriff’s Office for their assistance with the SRO program and added the school board “wholeheartedly supports the SRO program.”



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# Pulaski DMV to open Monday by appointment

RICHMOND - The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) continues to safely reopen customer service centers for specific services by appointment only. Another five locations will reopen on August 17.

Appointment opportunities are now available at the following locations:

Bedford (1128 E. Lynchburg Salem Turnpike, Suite 950, Bedford, VA 24523) Monday through Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday 8 a.m.-noon

Kilmarnock (110 DMV Drive, Kilmarnock, VA 22482) Monday through Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Lorton (7714 Gunston Plaza, Lorton, VA 22079) Monday through Friday 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday 8 a.m.-noon

Pulaski (1901 Bobwhite Boulevard, Pulaski, VA 24301) Monday through Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday 8 a.m.-noon

West Henrico (9237 Quic-

casin Road, Richmond, VA 23229) Monday through Friday 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday 8 a.m.-noon

For a complete list of customer service centers and DMV Connect visits open to the public, visit [dmvNOW.com](http://dmvNOW.com).

DMV is working hard to equip and safely reopen offices as quickly as possible. Three months of appointments slots are available at any time on the calendar. Each day, throughout the day, additional appointments are added to the end of the available 90-day period. Customers are encouraged to check back regularly to view the updated availability as locations reopen and appointments are added daily.

Road skills testing appointment opportunities are also now available to those eligible. Two months of appointment slots are currently available on the calendar and additional appointments are added dai-

ly. Customers must first pass a knowledge exam before they are eligible to take the road skills test. Additionally, those under age 18 must complete a state-approved driver education program, rather than taking a road skills test at DMV. For more information, visit [dmvNOW.com/skillstest](http://dmvNOW.com/skillstest).

Reopened DMV offices are providing specific services that generally require an in-person visit. These transactions include original driver's licenses and identification cards, original titles, original vehicle registrations, disabled parking permits, and vital records. If a transaction can be conducted by another method, such as online or by mail, customers should use that method. For a complete list of appointment services currently available visit [dmvNOW.com/appt](http://dmvNOW.com/appt).

DMV is reopening offices across the Commonwealth

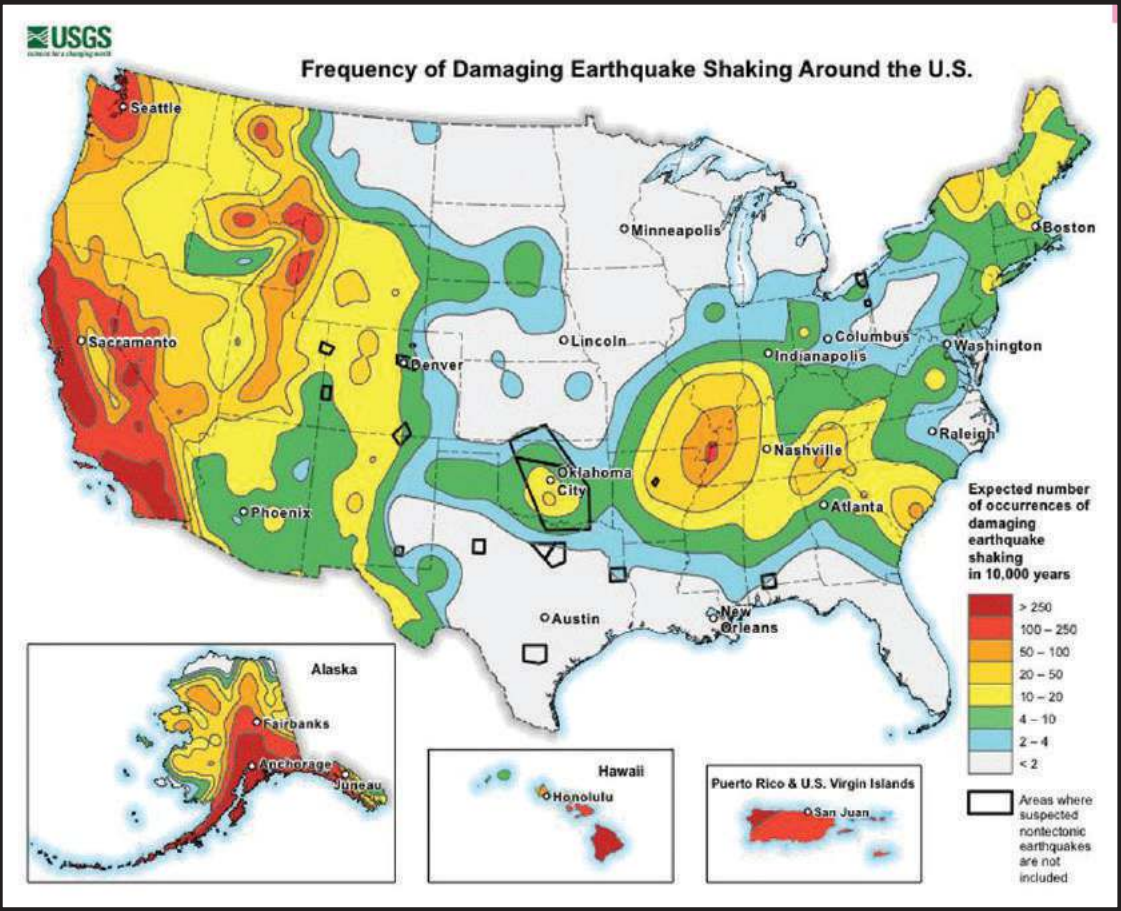
as it is able to put appropriate precautions in place. The phased reopening plan balances DMV's service mission with the need to protect the health and wellbeing of customers and employees by enacting social distancing protocols and other best practices recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Virginia Department of Health. In an effort to combat the spread of COVID-19, per Executive Order Sixty-Three, the Commonwealth of Virginia will require Virginians to wear face coverings in public indoor settings.

As DMV reopens more offices across the Commonwealth, customers with expiring credentials have been assisted by an executive directive put in place by Governor Ralph Northam which extends the validity of some driver's licenses, identification cards, and vehicle registrations.

The validity of driver's li-

censes and identification cards due to expire on or before July 31, 2020, is extended for an additional 90 days, not to exceed October 31, 2020. This extension is in addition to the prior extension of up to 90 days not to exceed August 31, 2020.

This means that a customer whose credential expired between March 15 and April 30 will have an additional 90 days added to the prior 90 days, effectively 180 days, beyond the expiration date to renew. Those with credentials expiring between May 1 and July 31 will have up to 180 days beyond the expiration date, not to exceed October 31, 2020. If a credential expires after July 31, it must be renewed before its expiration date. Vehicle registrations expiring March-July are extended for up to 180 days, not to exceed October 31, 2020. In addition, the federal enforcement date for REAL IDs was moved to October 1, 2021.



## 5.1-magnitude quake hits North Carolina, causes minor damage

SPARTA, N.C. (AP) — The most powerful earthquake to hit North Carolina in more than 100 years shook much of the state early Sunday, rattling homes, businesses and residents.

The National Weather Service in Greenville said the 5.1-magnitude temblor struck at 8:07 a.m., following a much smaller quake several hours earlier.

There were no reports of serious injuries, but some minor structural damage was reported in Sparta, as well as cracks in roads. Images on social media also showed items knocked off of grocery store shelves.

The U.S. Geological Survey said on its website that there are chances for one or more aftershocks in the next week, forecasting a 45% chance for earthquakes of magnitude 3 or greater. The chances of another quake as strong as the one on Sunday or greater was about 1%, the geological survey said.

Backer said. "Well, sadly, nothing surprises me in 2020, but a hurricane and an earthquake in the same week is crazy."

It was the largest earthquake to hit the state since 1916, when a magnitude 5.5 quake occurred near Skyland, the weather service said.

The quake's epicenter was about 2.5 miles (four kilometers) southeast of Sparta, just south of the Virginia-North Carolina border, the geological survey said. The USGS said the population in the affected region resides in structures "that are resistant to earthquake shaking, though vulnerable structures exist."

The quake was felt in nearby states including Virginia, South Carolina and Tennessee.

Alleghany County, which includes Sparta, declared a state of emergency Sunday afternoon.

Michael Hull was standing in his driveway at his home in Sparta when he noticed a group of deer running.

"Not even a minute passed and the side-to-side motion started," Hull said. "It takes you a minute to realize what's happening, and you just can't believe it. Then it was over. It was loud, like God was shaking a mountain at you, literally."

Karen Backer was in her Greensboro apartment when she heard initially mistook banging in her kitchen for her roommate.

"Nope, it was the cabinet doors 'clinking' open and closed! My neighbors on the other hand said they felt our apartment building shaking,"

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# Area Obituaries

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**ROSE MARIE HANDY  
KEGLEY**

Rose Marie Handy Kegley, age 75 of Pulaski passed away Friday, August 7, 2020 at the Roanoke Memorial Hospital. Born January 13, 1945 in Virginia, she was the daughter of the late Mattie Isabelle Dalton Handy.

She is preceded in death by Fiance, Albert "Shorty" Patton; Daughter, Mary Ruth Kegley; grandson, Dale Wayne Edward Albert; granddaughter, Stacy Elizabeth Marie Albert; sister, Edith Dickerson and nephew, Joe Tolbert.

She is survived by her Daughter Sherylwood "Sherry" Albert & fiancé, Pedro Castro – Pulaski

Grandchildren Daniel Albert, Danielle Nicole Albert and Leshio Ryan Castro

Great Grandchildren Julian Edward Akers, Domingo Saban, Rose Akers, Chloe Duncan,

Brooke Akers, Bradley Shumate, Alaisha Alley and Harley Albert.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 12, 2020 in the Bower Funeral Home Chapel with Derick Burton officiating. Interment followed at Memorial Christian Church, Draper.

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

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



**ELEANOR LOUISE  
HAYNES RUTHERFORD**

Eleanor Louise Haynes Rutherford, age 79 of Pulaski passed away Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at the Highland Ridge Rehab Center, Dublin.

Born October 29, 1940 in Jonesville, Virginia she was the daughter of the late James Arthur Haynes & Sally Pendergraft Haynes. Her great granddaughter, Leila Hamad, brothers, Charles "Tom" Pendergraft, Bob Haynes, Hobart "PeeWee" Haynes, sisters, Hattie Treadway, Thelma Sword, Ruth Green and Barbara Gioscio also preceded her in death.

She was a long time member of the New Hope Baptist Chapel and currently a member of the First Baptist Church, Pulaski

She is survived by her Husband of Fifty -nine years- William Franklin "Bill" Rutherford – Pulaski

Son William "Kelly" & Vanessa Rutherford – Pulaski

Grandchildren Savanna (Chad) Funkhouser, Samantha (Amir) Hamad and Shauna Rutherford

Great Grandchildren Scarlett Funkhouser, Atticus Funkhouser and Hazen Hamad

Sister– Judy Hines- Indianapolis, Indiana

Many o Nieces ,Nephews and Cousins

Funeral services will be held 2:00 PM – Saturday, August 15, 2020 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Dr. Henry Fiske officiating. Interment will follow at the Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin.

The family will receive friends one hour before service time Saturday at the Funeral Home.

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

Bower Funeral Homes, Pulaski is handling the arrangements.

**THOMAS JEFFERSON  
LINVILLE**

Thomas Jefferson Linville, age 74 of Pulaski passed away Monday, August 10, 2020 at Lewis Gale-Salem Hospital.

Born December 3, 1945 in Pulaski, he is the son of Willie Silbert Linville and the late Bessie Gertrude Jones Linville. He was also preceded in death by a Daughter, Charlene Linville.

He is survived by his

Father

Willie Silbert Linville – Pulaski

Children

Dean Linville – Pulaski

Susan Linville – MD

Grandchildren

Bridgett Linville, Cheyenne Linville, Justin Linville, Joshua Linville, Kylee and Kelsee Solt-Linville

Brother & wife

Eddie & Shelia Linville – Allisonia

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Guida "Betty" Linville – Dublin

The family will hold a private memorial service at a later date.

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

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

**FRANCES HARRISON  
SUTPHIN**

Frances Harrison Sutphin, 80, of Pulaski died early Friday morning, August 7, 2020 in the Lewis Gale Hospital Salem. She was born in Radford, VA on March 18, 1940 and was the daughter of the late Willis Harrison and Lissie Ellen McPeak Harrison.

Surviving are:

Son – Edward Allen Harrison

Sisters – Doris Harrison Wood

Ruby Jean Harrison Buckner

Brother – Joseph Edward Harrison, Sr.

Nieces and Nephews

Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 11th from the Stevens Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Don Sizemore officiating. Burial followed in Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin.

Arrangements by Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski, VA.

## PULASKI COUNTY PULSE

September 6

### Beasley 47th Family Reunion planned

The Beasley Reunion will be held September 6, 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. All heirs of Floyd Heath and Joana Ellen Cochran Beasley are invited to the 47th family reunion. Both come from Carroll County. Mother of Heath is Francis Beasley Carpenter. The reunion will be held at Bissett Park, Radford in Shelter 1. Bring enough food for your family and drinks. Other items will be provided. For more information call 540-250-1677 or 540-922-9618.

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**EDNA FRANCES  
BUCKNER STILWELL**

Our Dear Mawmaw, Edna Frances Buckner Stilwell, age 80 of Pulaski Co., walked faithfully into the arms of Jesus August 8th, 2020. Mawmaw was a homemaker, a caregiver to her loved ones, but her biggest contribution was that she was a babysitter. She was and will always be Mawmaw to many children raised up in Allisonia.

Mawmaw, from Allisonia was preceded in death by her husband Ivan J. Stilwell, her sons in love Lewis Hancock, Hank Lane and Samuel (Bo) Ryan; her parents, James (Jim) and Vera Mae (Granny) Buckner, brothers Homer Moore, Curtis Buckner, and her sister and brother in love, Colleen and Charley Thomas.

Surviving are her daughters Jean S Hancock, Pulaski, Sharon Renee Ryan, Snowville, and Robin Lynn Edwards, and son in love Marvin T Edwards, Sr., Pulaski. Grandchildren, Mandy Rae Ryan, and her fiance Branden Quesenberry, Dublin, Jared Lane, Dublin, Travis Lane and grand daughter n love Misty Neel Lane, Pulaski. Her special blessings, her great grandchildren, Lacy Ray, Renesmae, (Maemae) and Christopher Bransen. Brothers Connie Buckner & Sister n love Stella, Pulaski, Luther Buckner & sister n love Patsy, Dublin, sister n love Irene Moore, Grafton Ohio, and Janie Turman, Greensboro NC. Special daughters Wanda Stilwell, Allisonia and Jean Anderson, Dublin. God daughters, Jamie Seagle, Trista Trail, Alyson and Shauna Stilwell. Caregiver, Amber McCormick, Pulaski. Special step grandchildren Devon and Emma Edwards. Many step grand and great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A memorial service was held Thursday, August 13th from the Stevens Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Carson Linkous officiating.

Arrangements by Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski, VA.

**RALPH PRESTON  
LAMBERT**

Ralph Preston Lambert, age 79, of Little Creek, passed away Saturday, August 8, 2020. He was the son of the late Irvin Kelly & Florence Gray Lambert. Ralph is survived by his wife of 53 years, Sally King Lambert of Little Creek; sister, Carolyn Meadow of Spur Branch; special friend Donnie Wilson of Little Creek; Mother-in-law, Louise Caldwell of Pearisburg; several nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral service will be private. In lieu of flowers the family request donation can be made to Hidden Valley Cemetery #2 C/O Milton Davis, 8476 Little Creek Hwy. Dublin, VA 24084. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at [www.grubbfuneralhome.com](http://www.grubbfuneralhome.com)

Grubb Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

**SANDERS PRESTON  
RATCLIFFE**

Sanders Preston Ratcliffe, age 64 of Pulaski passed away Thursday, August 6, 2020 at the Wythe County Hospital.

Born May 10, 1956 in Wytheville he was the son of the late Sanders Edgar Ratcliffe & Carrie Elizabeth Dalton Ratcliffe McGraw. His four brothers, Ray, Tommy, Toby and Ed Ratcliffe and three sisters, Jenny Collins, Louise Burton and Dreama Hancock also preceded him in death.

He is survived by his

Wife

Brenda Ratcliffe – Pulaski

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A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date.

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

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# Radford

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“One of those beliefs is taking care of others. In the midst of the coronavirus, if that means wearing a mask, then I’ll wear a mask. I don’t like wearing a mask. I don’t like looking around my hometown and seeing it become more and more socialist and more and more under dictator type of roles, but I will wear a mask,” she stated.

Stoots said tensions among Radford citizens isn’t about masks, but “is about the lack of transparency, again, with our city council.”

Alluding to an earlier meeting in which council approved an ordinance governing the size of gatherings allowed in the city, Stoots questioned the need for an “emergency meeting” when council knew when Radford University students would be arriving back in Radford.

She charged the emergency meeting was called “to push through ordinances without public comment, because some of these ordinances are absurd. And you know that.”

She questioned putting more pressure on police to enforce additional ordinances, especially when the governor has already mandated masks. “Isn’t that enough,” she asked.

Stoots also questioned putting more mandates on the city’s citizens and businesses, which she said are barely surviving already.

Jody Pyles contrasted council’s consideration of a mask mandate with its position during the 2nd Amendment Sanctuary movement last fall.

“Let me remind this council that it was your stance during the 2A Sanctuary Movement, that it wasn’t your job to create, to combat, or even decide the validity of any law passed down from the state. However, the state has determined that we are at stage three of COVID restrictions and now you all are trying to implement stronger restrictions with ordinances, and even fines,” Pyles said.

“This overstep by local government directly goes against the orders already in place on state and even federal levels,” Pyles continued.

Pyles also charged that through additional ordinances “we’re trying to hurt businesses in Radford.”

In response to Pyles’ comments, Horton said he agreed the city didn’t need to be hurting businesses.

“One of the reasons we’re doing the things we’re doing is to keep from hurting our local businesses in that if we were to have a tremendous spiking of cases if we were to have hospitalizations at a much higher level we may have to shut our local businesses down, and we don’t want to see that happen. The time to take preventative action is before we have the issue arise at a higher level,” he said.

In response to Stoots, Horton said, “As far as calling a special meeting to do it ... I understand. I don’t like to do that either, but at times when there’s an emergency that needs to be addressed quickly. This is the third meeting at which

we’ve addressed a portion of this. So, it wasn’t all undertaken at one single meeting. We’ve had discussion, we took action where we could find action, we’ve deferred where we’ve needed to receive more information. If we had waited until tonight to begin, it could be two weeks from now before we were finishing up, and we could be potentially losing opportunities during that time.”

Horton also disagreed with Stoots on the issue of transparency.

“I do challenge the point that we have not been transparent. I feel like we’ve been extremely transparent. Certainly the more time we have, the more opportunity we have to do things and we’ll continue to do so.”

Prior to tabling the mask ordinance, council approved a resolution in support of the regional Be Committed Be Well initiative laid out by the New River Valley Public Health Task Force.

The resolution echoes the task force’s call to citizens of the NRV to commit to 10 strategies to bolster health and well-being, including wearing face coverings / masks in public areas, practicing social distancing and to practice good hygiene including frequent hand washing and covering coughs and sneezes.

The task force’s wellness commitment was timed to coincide with the opening of schools in the valley and the return of students to the area’s three colleges and universities.

Also, during Monday’s meeting, council advanced the McHarg Elementary renovation and expansion project.

The project – already two years in the making – calls for a renovation of the 49,200 square foot school along with a 26,000 square foot addition.

A contractor is working now to remove possible hazardous material from the school, and bids for the actual construction work are due this week.

Radford’s School Board and City Council anticipate funding the project with \$16.8 million in General Obligation School Bonds.

Monday night, city council voted to move forward administratively on the project to advance a financing application to the Virginia Public School Authority for consideration in its Fall bond pool.

Horton noted Monday’s vote does not commit the city on the project, as final bid numbers have not been seen and a public hearing has yet to be held. Council voted to hold that public hearing on Sept. 28.

Additionally Monday, council voted unanimously to divert \$200,000 in CARES Act funding received by the city to a small business grant program. Businesses in the city can apply for grants of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 which they can use to get back to work following COVID-19 shut-downs.

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## Radford Council approves gathering ordinance, but Rehak says he won’t prosecute

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

Radford City Council last week adopted a temporary emergency ordinance banning gatherings of more than 50 people in the city.

The ordinance comes as Radford University welcomes students back to campus for fall classes.

Proponents of the ordinance see it as a way to slow the potential spread of COVID-19 among those RU students who typically attend college parties.

Violators, according to the ordinance, would be subject to a civil fine of \$300 for those hosting gatherings of more than

50 people, and \$150 for those attending if they ignore police officers’ orders to disperse.

The ordinance goes into effect tonight at midnight and will continue through August.

However, late last Thursday afternoon The Patriot learned the city’s Commonwealth’s Attorney, Chris Rehak, has informed city officials his office will not be prosecuting any COVID-19 “emergency” ordinances.

In a letter to city officials, Rehak begins by saying, “As you may know, my office is not obligated to prosecute misdemeanor crimes,” and quoted two sections of the State Code pertaining to the duties of attorneys for the

Commonwealth and their assistants.

In closing, Rehak said, “for twenty-plus years I have prosecuted misdemeanor cases and will continue to participate assisting police and representing victims of these crimes. However, for a variety of reasons my office will not be prosecuting any COVID-19 ‘emergency’ Radford City ordinances.”

Rehak continued, “The Radford City Attorney should be consulted about planning, logistics, scheduling court dates and policy questions about warnings, enforcement, liability concerns, citations, etc.”

## Sixty students named to President’s, Dean’s lists at New River CC

In recognition of their academic excellence during the summer 2020 session, 60 New River Community College students have been placed on the President’s List and Dean’s List. Certificates will be mailed to the recipients in the coming weeks.

To be placed on the President’s List, a student must have taken 12 college-level semester hours or more, attained a grade point average of 3.5 for any one semester, and earned a minimum of 20 semester hours at New River Community College.

A Dean’s List student is one who has taken 12 college-level semester hours of credit or more and attained a grade point aver-

age of 3.2 for any one semester.

Those named to the President’s List are: Melissa Akers; Alexander Baird; Blake Conner; Nina Cundiff; Shametrias Gullion; Samantha Haines; Kendall Harris; Mena Allah Mahmoud Hassan Orabi; Alyssa Marchon; Melynda Nguyen; Emma Nichols; Matthew Noller; Sareh Ostadhosseinkhayyat; Alexandra Rhodes; Ranya Ridha; Logan Robertson; Chastity Royal; Anna Shelor; Jessica Shelor; Sarah Smith; Farah Sorokin; Garrett Sturgill; Cody Trenar; Kaylee Tucker; Germaine Valentine; Maichal Valentine; Jessica Villanueva; Brandon Wall; and Kaitlyn Weddle.

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# Early voting and debates

Debating holds a storied place in the American political tradition.

The Lincoln-Douglas debates between two Senate candidates in Illinois in 1858 made a household name out of a one-term congressman, putting Abraham Lincoln on the path to the presidency two years later.

Americans have come to expect their presidential candidates to debate, with three different events the norm in recent elections. Candidates can use them to display their preparedness, their capacity to think on their feet, and their ability to remember opposition.

Some debate moments are remembered long after the campaigns conclude, and a few debate performances are seen now as decisive to a presidential election's outcome.

In 1960, during the tightly-contested race between Vice President Richard Nixon and the less experienced Senator John F. Kennedy, Kennedy's polished style and



**Morgan Griffith**  
9th District Representative

presidential appearance in the first general election presidential debate ever televised handed him a win in the eyes of most television viewers

(radio listeners were more likely to think the debate a draw or even a win for Nixon).

During a 1976 presidential debate between incumbent President Gerald Ford and former Georgia Governor Jimmy Carter, Ford said, "There is no Soviet domination of Eastern Europe and there never will be under a Ford administration." At a time when much of Eastern Europe was behind the Iron Curtain, Ford's statement seemed to be a major gaffe. Carter went on to win the election narrowly.

Four years later, Carter faced former California Governor Ronald Reagan in a single debate the week before the election. Their contest was seen as close, with Carter attempting to paint Reagan as too extreme. Reagan effectively used the encounter to put these notions to rest, famously parrying a Carter attack with "There you go again." A close race became a Reagan landslide.

Presidential debates matter, but they can only have an impact if a voter has yet to cast his or her ballot. However many debates the candidates take part in this year, their meaning will be diminished by early voting.

The Virginia General Assembly changed the Commonwealth's voting laws earlier this year. Early voting is now allowed within 45 days of the election.

If this law had been in effect in previous years, a voter could have cast a ballot before the Kennedy-Nixon debates (the first took place on September 26, 1960), before Ford said "There is no Soviet domination of Eastern Europe" (October 6, 1976), and before Reagan told Carter, "There you go again" (October 28, 1980).

Moments that apparently changed many minds, perhaps enough minds to alter the outcome of the election, occurred within the 45-day window. More broadly, campaigns are debates between candidates and platforms, and voting so far ahead of time is like shutting off a debate with a long list of questions yet to be asked.

Compounding the effect of this change is the encouragement to vote by absentee ballot or vote early to avoid the effects of the coronavirus.

The coronavirus has thoroughly upended many typical practices and behaviors in all parts of life, and we should not suppose that voting would be an exception. Especially for those most endangered by the coronavirus, I encourage appropriate precautions to safely exercise the right to vote.

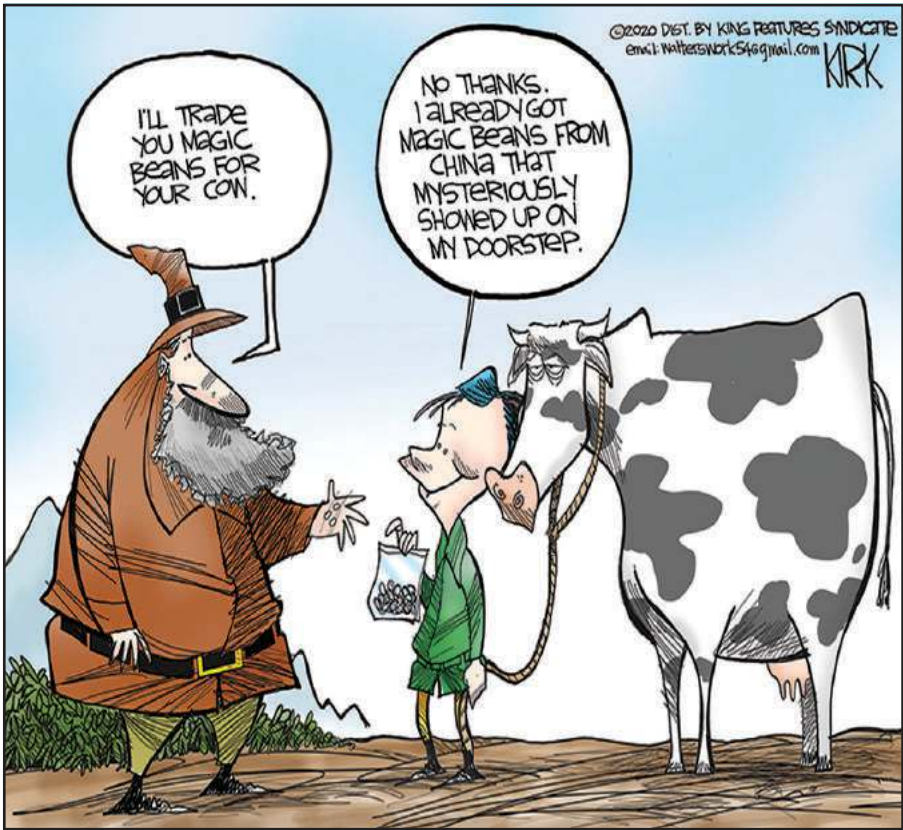
I know that many residents of the Ninth District, however, want to vote in person on Election Day. Casting a ballot is an important civic responsibility, and the citizens of our region are no shirkers.

Debates have proven to be decisive before, and they have been incorporated into the political customs of our republic. Considering the value of debates, voters should not feel pressured to vote before they have all the information they need to make a considered decision.

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

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# Trump is right about mail-in ballots

By Cal Thomas, Tribune Content Agency

I begin with a personal story to make a greater point.

Two weeks ago, I mailed an 8-by-10-inch envelope from a Miami post office to an address in New York State. The postage was correct, as was the address and ZIP code.

One week passed and the recipient emailed to say the envelope had not arrived, so I mailed another one. Last week, he wrote to say that the second one had arrived. A few days after that he wrote again to say the one mailed earlier had finally been delivered after a 10-day delay. Normally, a first-class mailing would not have taken more than three business days.

Multiply my experience by the 100 million that could be expected from an all-mail-in election and the problem should be obvious.

President Trump has said the potential for fraud with all mail-in voting is enormous. While he has said absentee ballots are safer, The New York Daily News reported "Systematic failures at the state Board of Elections and U.S. Postal Service resulted in nearly one in 10 absentee ballots cast in the June 23 primary being invalidated." That comes out to 84,000 out of nearly 319,000 ballots cast.

Many Democrats claim the fear over mail-in ballots is misplaced, but the evidence proves otherwise and in close elections, especially presidential elections, a few votes either way in key states can decide the winner.

In the 2018 congressional election, officials in Broward County, Florida, had trouble finding 2,040 ballots. The South Florida Sun-Sentinel reported, "The county's eternally beleaguered Supervisor of Elections, Brenda Snipes, said they either misplaced, misfiled, or mixed in with another stack."

The Associated Press recently reported: "Hundreds of thousands of applications for mail-in ballots that a voter-advocacy group sent to voters in Virginia had the wrong return addresses, adding another complication for state election officials who are already hard-pressed to pull off a smooth election in a pandemic."

In Clark County, Nevada, which includes Las Vegas, the Public Interest Legal Foundation, a conservative election integrity watchdog firm, reports, according to the Western Journal, "universal mail-in balloting resulted in one out of every six ballots being 'undeliverable' in a recent primary...over 223,000 ballots bounced because the addresses were incorrect or outdated."

"CBS This Morning" ran a small test on mail-in ballots. The program set up a P.O. box and sent 100 mock ballots to it. A few days later the show sent 100 more. Only 97 percent of the first batch arrived after a week and 21 percent of the second batch had not arrived after four days. The show stated the obvious that in close elections such incidents could make a difference.

Then there is the possibility of fraud. During the 2018 election campaign, The New York Post reported, "Homeless people on Los Angeles' Skid Row were bribed with cash or cigarettes in exchange for bogus and forged signatures in a 'large-scale voter fraud scheme,'" according to state prosecutors.

There are many other examples of voting problems in several states. Republicans are mostly opposed to universal vote-by-mail. The Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank based in Washington, D.C., claims the process invites fraud and cite over a thousand voter fraud convictions and a study showing that 28 million mail-in ballots are unaccounted for over the last decade.

For these reasons mail-in balloting should be limited and thoroughly checked. Voters can practice all the things medical experts tell us to do and vote in person. It is a civic duty and a privilege. It will also help reduce errors and fraud and improve the credibility and acceptance of the results.

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



**Rich Lowery**

Editor, National Review

# Shame on America's teachers unions

No other group has shown as much contempt for its own work during the coronavirus crisis as teachers.

Their unions are actively fighting to keep kids out of the classroom, and also to limit remote instruction, lest it require too much time and attention from people who are supposed to be wholly devoted to educating our children.

This has been a wrenching time in the U.S. labor market, with tens of millions thrown out of work, and also an inspiring one. Not only have doctors and health-care workers put themselves on the line, cops and firefighters have done the same. Workers we never before would have thought of as essential -- grocery store employees, delivery guys, meat-packing workers -- have kept absolutely necessary parts of the economy operating.

Then, there are the teachers unions.

Theirs has been a diametrically opposed approach to the everyday heroes of America. Their first and last thought has been of their own interests. They have sought to limit their labor while still getting paid -- at the ultimate cost of the education of kids who may never fully make up the gaps in their learning during their time out of the classroom.

Obviously, any gathering of people has its risks, and school districts should make every reasonable accommodation to the realities of the pandemic. There are many teachers who are better than their unions -- or not members of a union at all -- and some are truly at high risk from the virus. Yet the unions have represented institutional laziness and selfishness at a time of incredible strain for parents across the country.

The unions have a handy foil in President Donald Trump, but it shouldn't require wearing a MAGA hat to acknowledge the benefits of in-person instruction, and the experience of other advanced countries suggests it carries low risks.

The American Academy of Pediatrics released a statement in June saying that it "strongly advocates that all policy considerations for the coming school year should start with a goal of having students physically present in school."

The New York Times has cited research suggesting that the cancellation of classes in the spring cost students a significant portion of their learning for the year, and they might be seven months behind the curve. Online learning, especially for younger kids, is a poor substitute for being in the classroom, and many districts didn't even offer that.

As states and localities try to avoid a repeat of that debacle, many unions are throwing every obstacle in the way. In California, the unions pushed to delay students coming back to the classroom, and in Los Angeles, the union has been negotiating to limit the time teachers spend on online instruction, too.

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# Summer jobs for young people vanishing with virus

By **BEN FINLEY**  
Associated Press

Sara Buie lined up a summer lifeguard job to help pay for a new laptop, textbooks and a backpack for her freshman year at Virginia’s James Madison University. But the coronavirus pandemic closed her community pool.

She tried offering online tutoring to middle school and high school students. But only one parent responded before disappearing.

“Having that money would be saving me from even more future stress,” said Buie, 18, who lives in northern Virginia. “I didn’t want to take out more student loans than I had to.”

The iconic summer job for high school and college students has been on the wane for nearly 20 years. But the pandemic is squeezing even more young people out of the workforce.

Some are borrowing more money. Others have turned to pick-up jobs like Instacart, only to compete with older people who are similarly sidelined.

“They’re at the very bottom of the labor queue. And when things get tough, they get pushed out very quickly,” said Paul Harrington, a Drexel University education professor and director of the Center for Labor Markets and Policy. “And that’s why we expect a historically low unemployment summer jobs rate.”

The unemployment rate for people ages 16 to 24 was 18.5% in July compared with 9.1% the same month last year, accord-

ing to Bureau of Labor Statistics numbers released Friday.

A fuller picture will emerge on Aug. 18 when the bureau releases figures on 2020 summer youth employment. But it’s already clear that many jobs have vanished.

With the downturn, Mark Kantrowitz, publisher of the website Savingforcollege.com, said the number of students appealing for more financial aid this fall could double or triple.

Kantrowitz added that, “more than a million parents of college-age children will have lost their jobs or experienced a pay cut or furlough.”

Grad students haven’t escaped the pandemic, either. Megan Foster, 24, was unable to get a paid internship or summer job in her field of communications.

She completed a master’s degree this spring from the University of North Carolina-Charlotte and starts a Ph.D. program this fall at UNC-Chapel Hill.

“I was reaching out to people and the response was just: ‘We don’t know what’s going on right now,’” Foster said.

Foster worked as a nanny for kids whose parents have essential jobs. She’s also done portrait photography, video editing and put some money on her credit card.

“It’s really forced me to figure out what skills I have that I can survive on,” she said.

Some young people have turned to the gig economy, said UNC-Chapel Hill professor Alexandra Ravenelle, who received a National Science Foundation grant to examine the pandemic’s

impact on New York City’s gig workers.

One is a City University of New York student who struggled when classes went online, Ravenelle said. The woman withdrew from classes only to lose her summer lifeguard job. She then tried Instacart but received zero food-pickup requests over three days.

“College students are competing against all of the other unemployed and underemployed individuals who are scurrying to make ends meet,” Ravenelle said.

Summer jobs have been declining since the early 2000s recession as younger people compete with older adults for jobs that typically require little training or education, said Harrington, the Drexel professor.

But summer work -- and employment in general -- remains crucial for young people’s development, often leading to higher earnings and higher levels of edu-

cation, Harrington said.

For some who’ve lost summer jobs, the pandemic has led to unexpectedly revelatory — if not transformative — experiences.

Zach Gershman, a rising Penn State sophomore, lost a paid internship as a studio host for the Northwoods League, a summer college baseball league based in the Midwest.

So he began contacting sports broadcasters for virtual interviews on his personal YouTube channel, knowing that many were stuck at home.

Gershman scored nearly 23 minutes with one of the most famous: Bob Costas. The former NBC broadcaster spoke from his kitchen about his infamous interview with Jerry Sandusky, the former Penn State coach and convicted pedophile.

“I kind of have this as my own unpaid internship,” Gershman, 18, of Philadelphia, said of his YouTube channel, ZachOnSports.

“Down the road, I know it’ll pay off.”

Kristi Ryan unexpectedly found herself looking after her grandparents, a role that included hospice care for her grandfather. He died in early July.

A rising junior at Indiana’s Purdue University, she planned on serving at a Skyline Chili. But the pandemic shut down the restaurant and then limited its capacity.

Ryan’s mother made her an offer: She could cook, clean and grocery shop for her grandparents at \$10 an hour.

“It’s definitely not what I signed up for, helping my grandpa get to the bathroom and giving him baths,” said Ryan, who is a general management major.

“But I became so close with them,” she said. “Time is precious. And I value my relationships far more than I value money. If that means I have to take out a loan, that’s fine.”

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have offered endless excuses why they can’t even do a simulacrum of their job. Teachers might be abashed about their appearance teaching by video from home. The privacy of teachers might be violated if video instruction is recorded for use by parents and their kids at a convenient time. Teachers can’t

handle simultaneous classroom and video instruction.

If the teachers unions get their way, teachers’ letter grade during this crisis will be a shameful “incomplete.”

**Rich Lowry** is editor of the **National Review**.

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# NRCC holds first Virtual Health Science Camp

New River Community College recently held the first NRCC Virtual Health Science Camp for local high school students. More than 40 rising eighth through twelfth grade students participated in the camp, held virtually on Zoom.

The camp is typically held during the summer on NRCC's campus in Dublin; however, this year NRCC faculty and staff got creative and worked to bring the camp online. The camp was held July 20-24, under the direction of NRCC Career Coach Stephanie Addikis, Jean Cintron, NRCC adjunct instructor of nursing, and Sharon Edwards, NRCC instructor of administrative support technology and health information management.

"When everything started shutting down back in March, we thought we would have to cancel the camp. Fortunately, we were encouraged to think about creating a virtual camp. The thought was daunting at first, but the challenge of figuring out to how to bring this to life through virtual means has been so rewarding," said Addikis. "I am thrilled with the outcome and really feel like our campers benefitted from the experience. I loved getting to know all of the campers through our communication prior to camp and their participation the week of camp. I'm also so grateful for all of our community partners and presenters who gave so generously of their time and talent to encourage the next generation of health care workers."

"Although this virtual summer camp stretched my abilities, I am thankful for this opportunity to bring to life various health science professions for our future health care professionals through presentations, hands-on simulation, and research," said Cintron. "It was a pleasure to meet and guide area high school students in discovery of various health care professions. I am thankful to the vast amount of community professionals who contributed to the success of this virtual camp."

Camp topics included learn-



(Above) Lulu Dembele (She is a local high school student who participated in the camp. We have a photo release form to use the image).



(At left) Example of suture supplies provided by VCOM for the camp students.

NRCC photos

ing about careers in nursing, nurse anesthetist, hygiene and public health, as well as mental health and self-care, which included a yoga lesson from NRCC instructor Manisha Sharma. Students were also able to explore career overviews from various local professionals including a respiratory therapist, pharmacist, medical coder, medical laboratory technician, and occupational and speech rehabilitation therapists.

Carilion Clinic Flight Team member, Adam Berger, flight nurse with Carilion Clinic Life-Guard, shared information about his career as both

a paramedic and a registered nurse.

Activities also included suture simulation where students learned to suture wounds with the help of Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM) faculty and students. Watson Edwards, VCOM Director of Manikin Simulation and Clinical Procedural Skills, held a session from VCOM's simulation lab that included a hands-on suturing activity. Each camper received a packet

of supplies prior to the camp for the activity, with the materials donated by VCOM.

The final day of camp wrapped with students hearing from a team of human resources professionals who shared interview advice and job search tips. Each day, the students met in small groups virtually to put a final presentation together. Friday concluded the camp, with students showing off the small group presentations they had worked on during the week.



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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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# NRCC faculty participate in CARES Act Summer Institute

New River Community College faculty have spent the summer participating in virtual trainings about alternative delivery modes for classes as part of the CARES Act Summer Institute. Eleven training sessions were created by eight full-time faculty, one adjunct faculty and four staff members to help their peers prepare for different instructional options in the fall semester. The training sessions included topics such as introduction to Canvas, digital resources/copyright information, communication strategies, introduction to OneNote, Panopto, and Zoom, embedding quizzes in Panopto and adding to Canvas, heavy technology lectures, accessibility/universal design/closed captioning, heavy technology lab demonstrations (GoPro), creating and using videos, low tech options/courses, and active learning in Canvas: creating enhanced discussions in Canvas, which is NRCC's learning management platform. Sixty-two faculty members, 29

adjunct faculty and 33 full-time faculty, participated in at least one of the training sessions in preparation for the fall. An additional aspect of the Summer Institute included a curriculum development grant opportunity to work on improving courses for remote delivery in the fall semester. Forty-four faculty members applied for a curriculum development grant and were approved. Their projects include learning to use all features of Canvas efficiently, recording lectures using Zoom technology, creating instructional videos using Panopto, using a GoPro camera to demonstrate lab assignments, incorporating active learning strategies and enhanced interaction activities into existing online courses, creating interactive online class environments, re-organizing and developing course content more suitable for online instruction, incorporating guest speakers using Zoom, preparing interactive assessments and video lectures,

and identifying ways to support students with limited access to technology. NRCC's fall semester courses begin August 24 and will be offered majority online with the exception of some career/technical and workforce development programs that require hands-on or clinical experiences. Staff are available online at [www.nr.edu/](http://www.nr.edu/) advising and by telephone at 540-674-3609 to assist with registration or other matters. Fall course class listings will include identifiers so students may readily determine the format in which they are offered. Funding for the CARES Act Summer Institute was made available through the federal CARES Act that is providing payments to state, local, and tribal governments navigating the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak. Funds provided by this legislation also supported direct payments to NRCC students to help offset expenses related to the pandemic.

# NRCC Announces Short-term Training Programs for Fall

New River Community College is offering several FastForward programs this fall, short-term training courses offered through Virginia's Community Colleges to help students fast-track to a career. The FastForward short-term programs being offered entirely online this semester include Lean Six Sigma Green Belt, Lean Six Sigma Yellow Belt, and Pharmacy Technician. Green Belt is a 14-week course that presents the ASQ Lean Six Sigma Green Belt body of knowledge that includes a project simulation taking participants through the define, measure, analyze, improve and control (DMAIC) process improvement methodology. Participants interested in Green Belt certification are required to have three years of industry experience. Yellow Belt is an eight-week course for entry-level employees

seeking to improve their role in the company by using the concepts and methodologies of Six Sigma. The train-and-do process uses classroom activities, combining lecture and simulation exercises. The Pharmacy Technician course teaches students information, techniques and procedures needed to assist the pharmacist in the delivery of pharmaceutical products and services. The main objective is to provide students with a working knowledge of most aspects of pharmacy in community and institutional practice settings. Upon completion, graduates will be eligible to apply for registration as a Pharmacy Technician in Virginia and be prepared to take the national Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) exam. Other programs can be completed partially online, with the lecture portion online and the

skills labs to be held in person. Those programs include EKG/Phlebotomy and Clinical Medical Assistant. One new FastForward program will be offered this fall, Apartment Maintenance Technician. Truck driver training (CDL) courses will also be offered. Additionally, NRCC is offering multiple online classes this fall in Microsoft Excel and Customer Service, designed for individuals looking to enhance job skills or for employers interested in on-the-job training for current employees. To enroll in any of the FastForward programs or other courses, or for more information, call (540)674-3613 or email [WF-Dtraining@nr.edu](mailto:WF-Dtraining@nr.edu). Available programs and registration information are also available online at [www.nr.edu/workforce](http://www.nr.edu/workforce).

# Arrest made in Shawsville exposure case

On Tuesday (August 11) the suspect was arrested in relation to the investigation of the indecent exposure case that occurred

in Shawsville on August 5. Investigators from our office along with US Marshals took him into custody without incident in Roanoke. Walter Franklin Morgan, 35 years old, of Elliston has been charged with one count of Petit Larceny and two counts of Indecent Exposure to a Minor.

He is being held in Montgomery County Jail with no bond. Montgomery County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the public for their assistance and the information they provided to our office by various means. This information led to his arrest.



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— Weekly SUDOKU —

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# RU Foundation introduces plans for Indigo Hotel

By MIKE WILLIAMS  
The Patriot

At Monday night's meeting of Radford City Council, Radford University Foundation officials laid out plans for its \$30 million hotel and conference center project planned for foundation property off Tyler Avenue.

The foundation's Chad Reed led the presentation which was part of a public hearing by council as the university's foundation is seeking a change in zoning from R-4 multi-family residential to B-2 business for a triangular shaped property owned by the university and bounded by Tyler Avenue, Calhoun Street and Lawrence Street.

The property in question along Tyler currently holds two vacant houses and Calhoun Hall, which is a university administrative office building housing roughly 10 employees. Behind that, between Calhoun and Lawrence is a 100-space gravel parking area and a 54-bed apartment complex which is leased from the foundation.

In that area RU's Foundation plans to construct a 125-room full-service hotel that will feature five stories, a rooftop lounge and fitness center that will be for university and community use. On street level, the hotel will feature a three-meal-a-day restaurant, lounge and coffee shop, also for university and community

use.

Beside the hotel will be a 5,000 square foot conference and meeting space with business center and a visitor center.

The project completion date is expected in late 2023.

Reed said the full-service hotel would attract a new segment to the market in Radford.

"There's not a full-service hotel in the region any longer," Reed stated. "There were some in the past, but not any longer. So, we're looking to attract outside groups to the Radford community that we are losing to Blacksburg and Christiansburg. Oftentimes we have visitors to the university, whether it be traveling athletic teams or contractors – anyone we do business with and oftentimes they stay in Blacksburg and Christiansburg because they look for something of a higher quality than we have."

Reed said the hotel's average daily room rate for the first year would be about \$147 and would increase by year five – adjusted for inflation – to \$174.

The hotel will include 88,000 square feet besides the 5,000 square foot conference center. The foundation anticipates 45,000 hotel guests annually and creation of 35 full-time equivalent hotel jobs.

While the property currently generates no tax revenue for the city, Reed said the foundation estimates that in year one the city



Artist's rendering of the planned Indigo Hotel off Tyler Avenue in Radford.

will receive nearly \$300,000 in room and meal taxes, and by year five that number would grow to about \$380,000.

For the anticipated 50-year life of the project, Reed said it is estimated the city would receive nearly \$30 million in room and meals taxes.

The planned hotel is part of the Intercontinental Hospitality Group (IHG) which features the Kimpton brand, their flagship brand Intercontinental, the Holi-

day Inn chain down to the Holiday Inn Express and the Hotel Indigo brand which is planned for Radford.

It was mentioned during the presentation that Hotel Indigo officials are excited about the project as it is the only Hotel Indigo that will be under development for at least the next 24 months.

Reed said the company's Hotel Indigo brand resonates with the Radford community as an up-

scale boutique brand full-service hotel that he said would include a reflection of the local community.

"It would be the highest quality hotel in the region outside of Roanoke," Reed added.

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# Losing college football stings across America

By PAUL NEWBERRY  
Associaterd Press

Michigan’s Big House will be sitting empty when the leaves start to change this fall.

Southern Cal’s famed white horse, Traveler, won’t be galloping triumphantly after a Trojans touchdown.

No one at Ole Miss knows for sure if partying fans will be belting out a well-lubricated “Hotty Toddy” in The Grove.

From Ann Arbor to Los Angeles to Oxford, that most American of pursuits — college football — has either given up hope of getting in a traditional season or is flinging what amounts to a Hail Mary pass in a desperate attempt to hang on in the age of Covid-19.

Even if some schools manage to take the field in the next month or so, it will be a different looking game.

Chances are, Saturdays will never be quite the same again.

“Our lives are changing forever right before our eyes,” Arizona offensive lineman Donovan Laie said.

While every aspect of society has been jarred by a worldwide

pandemic that has claimed more than 160,000 American lives, the potential loss of college football feels like another collective punch to the national psyche.

For all the ills of big-time college athletics, it might be the closest thing to a national religion.

“Since the virus hit, we’ve all lost a sense of our normal lives,” said Charles Reagan Wilson, professor emeritus at the Center for the Study of Southern Culture at the University of Mississippi — better known to college football fans as Ole Miss.

“College football could be the balm for our spirit because it’s such a part of our familiar autumn life,” he added. “I think to not have it would up the ante on that sense of abnormality we’re all living through.”

That reality has already arrived for fans in two of the country’s most prominent conferences. On Tuesday, the Big Ten and the Pac-12 both called off their attempts to play this fall, saying they might try to play in the spring if the virus subsides.

The remaining Power Five conferences — the Southeastern, Atlantic Coast and Big

12 — are pressing on with their attempts to kick off the season next month, though all are quick to acknowledge that the virus could force the to cancel.

Ohio State fan Jason Streeter finds it difficult to grasp the concept of a fall without football.

“Devastation,” said Streeter, sounding as though a tornado had just swept through town. “It’s just a way of life in Columbus, honestly. It really is. You look forward to those fall Saturdays on the banks of the Olentangy.”

He talked longingly of traditions that are unique to his school, such as the band’s famed script spelling of “Ohio” during its halftime shows in the center of a nearly 103,000-seat stadium known as “The Horseshoe” — capped ff by a lone member high-stepping across the field to “Dot The I.”

“It’s a part of life here, it really is,” Streeter said.

Further down the college football food chain, smaller leagues have pulled the plug on their seasons as well.

The sting is especially painful at historically Black colleges and universities such as North

Carolina A&T, where one of the highlights of football season — really, the entire year — is a week-long homecoming celebration that draws tens of thousands to Greensboro.

“It’s been an insular community for so long, by necessity,” said Earl Hilton, the athletic director at North Carolina A&T. “These are places of retreat, places of sanctuary, places of protection. There’s a feeling that we are in a safe place where we can celebrate and enjoy and appreciate each other in ways that are genuine and authentic.”

Not this year. There’s no football, no homecoming, no chance to watch the school’s famed band perform one of its dazzling halftime shows.

“The leaves change, it gets a little cooler, and it’s just what you do on a Saturday afternoon,” mused Hilton, sadness clear in his voice. “I’m at a loss for words to describe what it’s going to be like.”

For a country already in the midst of a devastating economic downturn, the loss of college football will have a crushing impact on bars, restaurants and other businesses that rely on

football fans.

That is especially true of college towns like Oxford, Mississippi and Clemson, South Carolina and State College, Pennsylvania.

“I was talking to a restaurant owner here in Oxford who said 50 percent of his yearly profit comes from college football season,” said Wilson, the Ole Miss professor. “Even if people are able to come back next year, it won’t be the same. Some of the restaurants they loved won’t be here. Some of the clothing stores, some of the bars, they won’t be here.”

Oxford has a tax base of about 25,000 residents, and the population grows closer to 60,000 when classes are in session.

But on a big football weekend, the town can be swamped by nearly 200,000 people. Those people spend money, lots of money. About a third of Oxford’s operating budget comes from sales taxes.

“We count on those six to seven weekends a year,” Mayor Robyn Tannehill said. “There

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# Virus-proofing NFL facilities is a tall, masked task

By DAVE CAMPBELL  
AP Pro Football Writer

The captivation and celebration of the NFL have long stemmed from the speed, strategy, strength and teamwork that make the game go.

Football is just as much a sport of pattern and detail, too, never more than at training camps around the league in the time of COVID-19.

Like the defense stiffening at the goal line late in the fourth quarter, the NFL has implemented a wide array of health protocols designed to keep the virus from wrecking the 2020 season for this cultural institution that was a \$16 billion business before the pandemic.

“There are so many steps along the way. You’ve got to fill out your questionnaire on our app when you wake up in the morning,” Minnesota Vikings tight end Kyle Rudolph said. “Then when you come in, you sanitize your hands, do your temperature check, get

your COVID tests, put on your lanyard, grab your tracker. So there’s just a lot of things that have now been added to your routine.”

Daily testing, naturally, is the fulcrum of this aggressive virus-proofing around team facilities. NFL Network reported that, of 109,075 coronavirus tests conducted on players, coaches and team employees through Tuesday, the rate of positive tests has been 0.46% overall and 0.81% for players.

Since training camps began three weeks ago, 108 players have been placed on COVID-19 reserve lists by their respective teams — according to an Associated Press review of the league’s daily transaction logs — and 81 of those players were subsequently returned to active status on the roster. There are more than 2,600 players currently employed across the 32 clubs.

Landing on the COVID-19 reserve list does not mean a player has the virus. The category was created for a player who either

tests positive for COVID-19 or who has been quarantined after having been in close contact with an infected person or persons. By agreement between the NFL and the NFL Players Association, clubs are not permitted to disclose whether a player is positive for COVID-19 or simply in preventative quarantine.

Wearing masks, of course, is a vital part of the equation.

After leaving the testing trailer and entering the building, players and staffers must pass the temperature check. The tablet-like device won’t even perform the thermal scan if the person is not wearing a face covering.

“It’s an adjustment. You used to check phone, key, wallet. Now it’s phone, key, wallet, mask, proximity locator,” Vikings linebacker Eric Kendricks said. “But they explained to us the reason behind it. If someone is to get infected, heaven forbid, if we’re close to those people for a certain amount of time, those devices will allow us to quaran-

tine effectively if that’s the case. So there’s a reason behind the madness.”

Passing the symptom questionnaire and the temperature check, with the nasal swab performed in between, then takes the employee to another level of high-tech: the proximity tracker.

The device, which resembles a smart watch, produces audible and visual warnings to help maximize social distancing and keep employees not required to interact with players apart from those who must. The tracker can also provide instant reports for contact tracing in case of a positive test. The devices are worn during practice but turned in at the end of the work day before employees depart the building.

“It’s weird when someone tells you you’ve been too close for too long,” Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes said, “but it’s necessary. We’re going to try to do our part for the community and make sure we can keep playing the game we love.”

The bulk of the virus-proofing protocols are uniform across the league, with each team applying its own twists to fit the facility.

The Miami Dolphins installed

new air purification devices throughout their facility. The Tennessee Titans had 4-foot-long dividers placed between each player’s cubicle in the locker room, making the spaces look a little like voting booths. Vikings players can order meals via smart phone app to reduce time spent in the cafeteria.

The Carolina Panthers have made clever use of Bank of America Stadium to their virus-fighting advantage. All of the 80-plus players have their own temporary luxury suite at the 73,000-seat venue, expected to retreat there alone for lunch or during the down time between practices and meetings in the name of social distancing.

There’s almost no end to the precautions that can be taken. Narrow hallways have become one-way paths. Couches have been removed. Even shower heads in the locker room have been taken out to increase spacing. Electric static sprayers are being used for surface disinfecting. Seating capacity in meeting rooms has been significantly reduced.

“We’re so spaced out that it

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# Nature Out of Kilter

Last Saturday I awoke to a seeing a foggy morning. This reminds me of the many times over the years that I have been in the woods on such mornings for the opening of squirrel season. There appears to be a good crop of acorns but I wonder how the hickory mast is going to be. When you go into the woods in the middle of summer months, the squirrels will most likely be cutting pine cones and you can almost always track them where they stop on a stump or log to eat them on the way back to their den trees. They then do the same for hickory nuts. There are cases where there are no hickories or oaks living where they once were. On my place on Little Creek, I had five beautiful white oaks over two hundred years old and two shaggy-bark hickories growing near the base of Big Walker Mountain. They died and no doubt fell victim to the gypsy moth.

I have written in the past about the dying off of a number of the different species of trees. The gypsy moth, other insects and diseases have killed a number of trees. The great American chestnut was about gone before I was born. As a youngster growing up, there were many chinquapins bushes found on my place and other areas on the CREEK. The smaller burs

and leaves are similar to those found on chestnut small saplings that come up and die off. I feel they are of the same tree family as the larger chestnut tree itself. The same disease most likely whipped out chinquapins as well. Other trees such as hickory, white ash, hemlock, yellow and black locust are dying off and their dead skeleton trunks and limbs can be seen in the woods and fields.

The animal kingdom is all out of kilter or balance as well. The abundance of deer and turkey has seen a decrease in snakes. Deer can possibly kill snakes but the turkeys have really reduced them in numbers. It is said a mother turkey hen with a brood can espy a snake family of smaller ones that her young turkeys can gobble up. I can't recall the last time as to when I last saw a copperhead or rattlesnake on the Creek; but I do see the occasional black snake that likes to stay around barns and out buildings. In years past, when the dry weather came about this time of the year and some mountain branches dried up, copperheads and rattlesnakes could be sighted crossing the Little Creek Road to reach the Creek itself for water.

The Department of Game and Inland Fisheries is a needed law enforcement agency to see the hunting and fishing rules



## Woods, Water & Wildlife

W.A. "Doc" Davis

and regulations are adhered to. But other people believe as I do as well that he DGIF has in a number of ways caused the balance of wildlife to be out of kilter. A few years ago, I learned from a reliable source, that the State of Virginia traded North Carolina a number of turkeys for several different kinds of snakes. This was to offset the dwindling number of snakes being killed off by turkeys. I myself like the smaller number of snakes as it lessons the chances of people getting snake bit. Deer over population has been a growing concern and some people believe that other animals of prey have been placed here by the DGIF to thin them out as hunting seasons do not accomplish this. Coyotes may have been one of these or they could have migrated down from Canada. There are large numbers of bears that could have been placed here as well as mountain lions. The DGIF deny

there are any mountain lions but reliable sightings have been verified up close.

I have read that the insect population has been decreasing and this has led to many species of birds that are in decline and fewer insects could be a contributing factor. It seems there is an increase of the undesired type of insects rather than the good kinds. The over population of deer are carriers of a tick which causes Lyme disease. People can easily get this by mowing or weed eating their yard.

There is good hunting and fishing that is still to be enjoyed but I miss the old days when we did not have all of the problems we are now experiencing. "In the beginning God created heaven and earth." (Genesis 1:1KJV). After six days, "And God saw everything that he had made, and behold it was very good." (Genesis 1:31aKVV). From a beautiful green earth created along with its inhabitants of mankind and the animal kingdoms, we have an out of whack one today. 2 Peter 2:13(KJV) state: "Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness." I'm looking forward to that day. I hope you are well.

Until next time

## College

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are businesses in this town that can weather a slow winter or spring because because they know football's coming."

The SEC has already cut back on its normal 12-game schedule, hoping the league can complete that a 10-game slate of conference games. Even the games that are played will surely be in stadiums that are empty or let in only a fraction of their normal capacity.

The universities will likely crack down on popular tailgating spots such as The Grove.

"The Grove, the weather, the tailgating, the feel of a big Saturday morning game day," Tannehill said. "I can't imagine Oxford without it."

Even in a larger city such as Columbus, the loss of a Buckeyes season is a huge blow to a sports bar such as the Varsity Club, which opened in 1959 about two blocks from Ohio Stadium.

On a football Saturday, the place is overrun with crowds that spill out the door before the game, during the game and long into the night.

"Those are eight massive days a year for us," said R.J. Oberle, a manager at the Varsity Club. "We really thrive on those events."

If it wasn't apparent before, it surely is now.

Life is not returning to normal anytime soon.

Not without college football.

## NFL

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can feel like you're not all in the same room together, even more than a Zoom, even though you are sitting in the same room," Titans quarterback Ryan Tannehill said.

In an intense contact sport in which participants are bound to breathe on each other often, the work has to be done in the building during the day and at home at night.

"Everyone is going to do the absolute best they can do, knowing that it's impossible to totally eliminate the risk," said Vikings head athletic trainer and vice president of sports medicine Eric Sugarman, who is the team's infection control officer. He tested positive for COVID-19 last month.

As far as the tall task of making it through a full season, well, the fiercely competitive nature of its participants ought to work in pro football's favor.

"It's going to come down to whoever handles the situation the best. That's who's going to be at the top at the end, and I feel like we're taking all the right steps," Green Bay Packers defensive tackle Kenny Clark said. "You walk in here, you get tested, there's sanitizers everywhere. You know, the masks, everything that we're doing, they're serious about getting us ready to be able to play and keeping us healthy."

# Daytona Road Course welcomes the NASCAR Cup Series

From NASCAR

For the first time in NASCAR Cup Series history the series will compete on the Daytona International Speedway Road Course for the inaugural Go Bowling 235 this Sunday at 3 p.m. ET on NBC, MRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio.

The Daytona International Speedway Road Course has been measured at 3.61-miles and the competitors will have to navigate through 14 turns; including the newly added chicane on the Frontstretch between Turn 4 and Tri-Oval. This weekend's Go Bowling 235 will be 65 laps (231.465 miles) and will be broken up into three stages. The first two stages will be 15 laps each and the final stage will be 35 laps.

Over the course of its 71-year history (1949-2020) the NASCAR Cup Series has held 129 road course races among 11 different tracks, the Daytona Road Course will be 12th different road course the series has competed on. Riverside International Raceway has hosted

the series-most road course events at 48; followed by Watkins Glen International with 37 and Sonoma Raceway with 31.

The 129 NASCAR Cup Series road course races have produced 52 different winners, led by NASCAR Hall of Famers Jeff Gordon with nine victories (Sonoma: five wins, Watkins Glen: four) and Tony Stewart with eight (Sonoma: three, Watkins Glen: five). NASCAR Hall of Famer Bobby Allison holds NASCAR Cup Series record for the most wins on a single road course with six victories at Riverside International Speedway (1971, 1973, 1975, 1979, 1981 sweep).

While this will be the NASCAR Cup Series' first visit on the road course, the iconic layout that has been the home of the Rolex 24 At DAYTONA, North America's premier sports car race, since 1962. Most of the NASCAR Cup Series field will be making their track debuts this weekend, but 10 active drivers entered this week have some experience competing in the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship events at the Daytona Road Course - the Rolex

24 at Daytona and the Paul Revere 250.

Hendrick Motorsport's driver and seven-time NASCAR Cup Series champion Jimmie Johnson has made seven Rolex 24 starts posting a career-best finish of runner-up in 2005 and 2008.

"It's a fun track," said Johnson. "It might seem like a surprise to some, but in my mind, I felt like it would be a good option. It's fun just doing different things, new things and this year has brought a lot of that. There's silver lining moments we're all experiencing with this pandemic. You look at the schedule and races moving around and Daytona being an example of that with the road course, it's nice to have something a little different, especially where I sit with my career and looking for new experiences."

The only other driver with that much experience on the Daytona Road Course is Front Row Motorsport's Michael McDowell who also made seven starts in the Rolex 24 posting a best finish of third in 2012.

But of the 10 active NASCAR drivers

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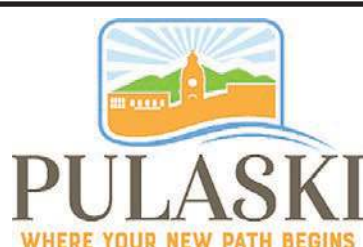
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a) To consider granting a 25' ingress and egress easement for the benefit of Tax Map No. 039-1-107 across Tax Map No. 039-1-42, which is owned by the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors;

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

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Bidding documents may be examined and obtained at the following location(s):

**Joshua Tolbert**  
**General Services Director**  
**County of Pulaski**  
**143 3rd Street NW, Suite 1**  
**Pulaski, VA 24301**  
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By: **Joshua Tolbert**  
**General Services Director**

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Interested parties should respond with a written proposal before 3:00 p.m., September 2, 2020 however the Commission may receive proposals or proposal modifications after this date as well. The Commission reserves the right to consider proposals submitted thereafter. The Airport Commission reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, and/or divide any project into sections. The New River Valley Airport Commission is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

Inquiries and be addressed to:  
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[kpskmanager@gmail.com](mailto:kpskmanager@gmail.com)

*Classified Deadline Is Noon Wednesday*

## NASCAR

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with Daytona Road Course starts only one has ever won at the famed track – Brendan Gaughan finished 12th overall and won the Rolex 24 in the Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge class in 2011.

Reigning NASCAR Cup Series champion Kyle Busch is the most recent to compete on the road course. He drove a GTD-class Toyota Lexus-RCF in the 2020 Rolex 24, finishing 26th overall, ninth in class.

The 10 active NASCAR Cup Series drivers entered this weekend with previous starts on the Daytona Road Course in other series:

- Jimmie Johnson – Rolex 24 (2004, '05, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11); Paul Revere (2007)
- Michael McDowell – Rolex 24 (2005, '06, '07, '08, '09, '11, '12); Paul Revere (2005, '06)
- James Davison – Rolex 24 (2014, '15, '16) Qualified on GTD class pole for 2015 Rolex 24
- Kyle Busch – Paul Revere (2009), Rolex 24 (2020)
- Kurt Busch – Rolex 24 (2005, '08)
- Kevin Harvick – Rolex 24 (2002)
- Clint Bowyer – Rolex 24 (2013)
- Matt Kenseth – Rolex 24 (2005)
- Timmy Hill – Rolex 24 (2012)
- Brendan Gaughan – Rolex 24 (2011 – won the event in the Porsche GT3 class)

While most of the NASCAR Cup Series races on the 2020 schedule focus on turning just left, this weekend the competitors will have to overcome not only turning left and right but also while making their first laps ever on the famous 3.61-mile, 14-turn Daytona International Speedway Road Course.

Of the drivers entered this weekend, 10 have previous NASCAR Cup Series wins on road courses. Joe Gibbs Racing teammates Kyle Busch (Sonoma: two wins, Watkins Glen: two) and Martin Truex Jr. (Sonoma: three wins, Watkins Glen: one) lead all active drivers in road course wins with four each.

Hendrick Motorsport's driver Chase Elliott is the most recent Cup Series winner on a road course taking the checkered flags at two of the three road courses on the 2019 schedule – Watkins Glen International and the Charlotte Motor Speedway ROVAL.

#### Playoff Bubble: Four races left to make the postseason

With only four races remaining in the NASCAR Cup Series regular season time is running out for the competitors vying for the final six Playoff transfer spots.

A total of 10 drivers have clinched their spot in the post season on wins – Kevin Harvick (six wins), Denny Hamlin (five), Brad Keselowski (three), Joey Logano (two), Ryan Blaney (one), Chase Elliott (one), Martin Truex Jr. (one), Alex Bowman (one), Austin Dillon (one), Cole Custer (one).

Possible to Clinch at Next Race (sorted by points) at Daytona:

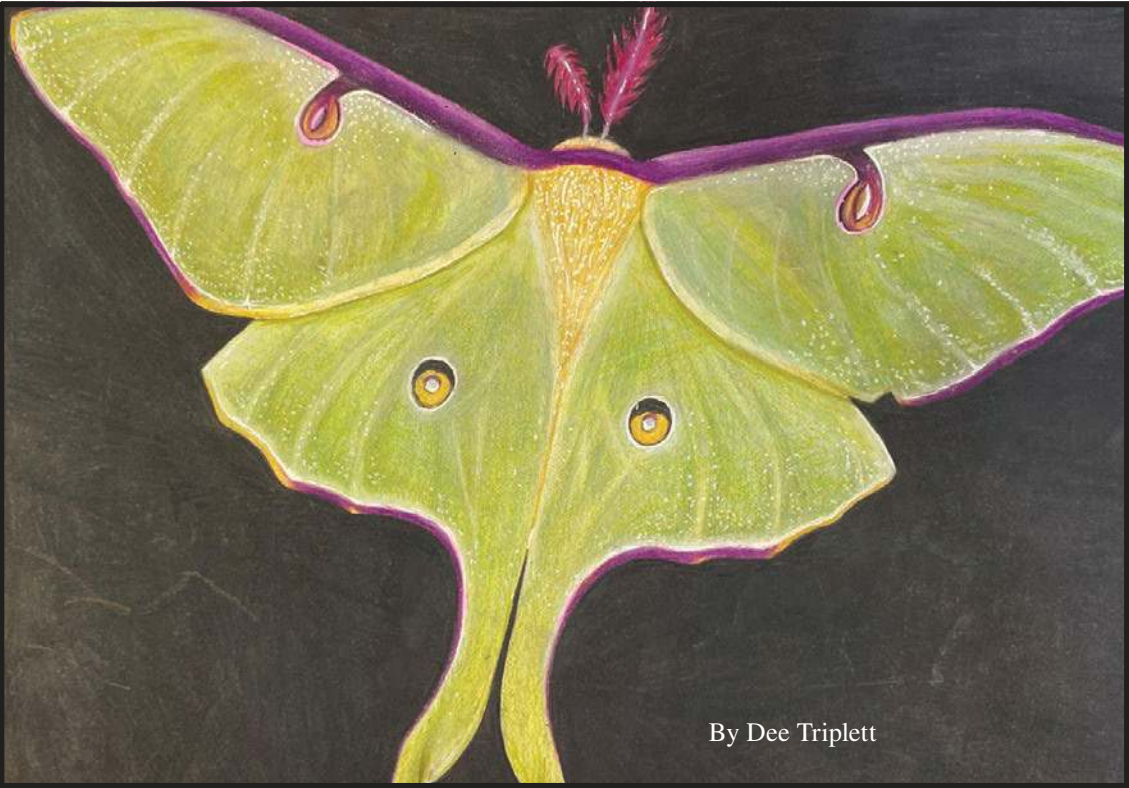
#### Clinch On Wins

The following nine drivers have already clinched a top 30 spot in the points and with a win this weekend, they could clinch a Playoff spot on wins:

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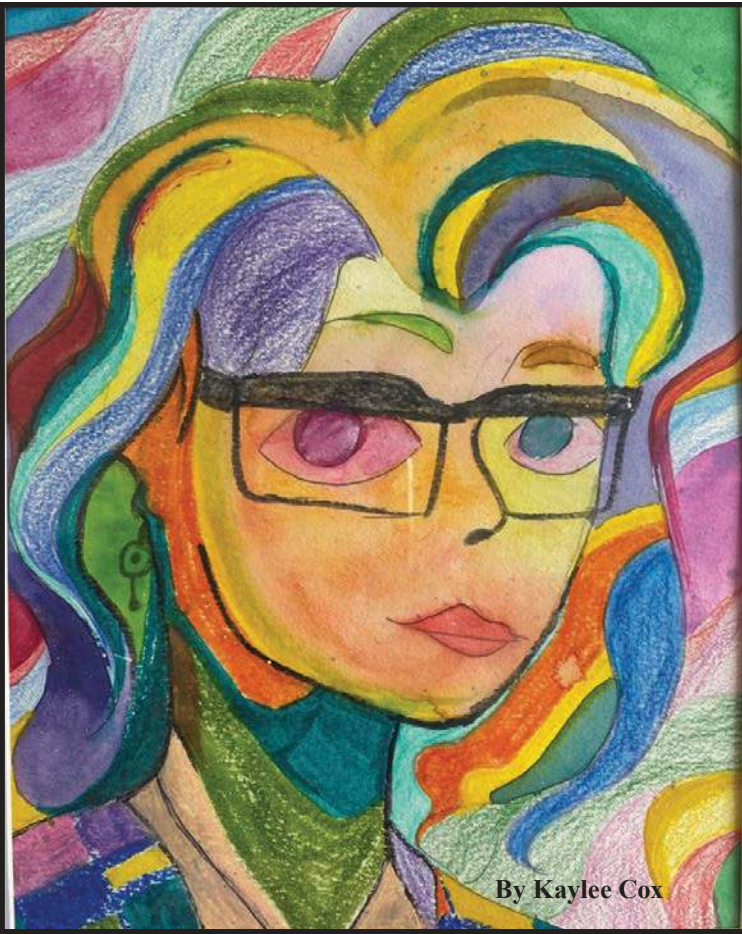




## Cox, Triplett take home art honors

The VSBA Regional Art Contest was started in 1989 to promote the artistic talents of Virginia’s public school students. For each of the nine VSBA regions, a winner is chosen for the elementary, middle and high school levels. The winning art will be displayed on the VSBA website and at the 2020 VSBA Annual Convention.

Pulaski County Public Schools would like to congratulate Kaylee Cox, Dublin Middle School for winning 3rd place for the middle school level and Dee Dee Triplett, Pulaski County High School for winning 1st place for the high school level.



# Sneaky ways to get kids moving throughout the day

Now that the children are at home, you can help them get physical activity throughout the day. There are some “sneaky” ways to incorporate movement to get kids up and moving! Below are simple strategies that can help get additional steps in during the day.

- Dance while getting dressed
- Get the kids energized in the

morning! Play some upbeat music while they are getting dressed for the day.

- Engage in stretch breaks

Help re-energize the kids by doing mid-morning and mid-afternoon stretches. Encourage the kids to standup periodically throughout the day, especially if they have been sitting for long periods of time.

- Move while waiting

There may be times throughout the day that the kids will need to be patient for things. While the children are waiting, have them do some type of movement; this can include: swaying side to side, doing arm circles, or walking in place.

- Making doing chores fun

Make doing chores fun for the

kids! The children can listen to music and dance while they clean their room or do other household chores.

- Take the stairs

Whenever possible, try to take the stairs to get additional steps in during the day.

- Take the long way around

Get out and get some fresh air! If you are going for a walk in this wonderful spring weather, take the kids on the longest route.

These are just some simple tips for you to incorporate into your kid’s daily routine. Ask your

children for fun and creative suggestions! Remember, children ages 3-5 years old should have many opportunities during the day to move, while children ages six to 17 should be getting at least one hour of daily physical activity. Let’s get them up and moving!

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# Eat well to strengthen from within

**Andrea K. Wann, MPH  
FCS, SNAP-Ed Agent  
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Extension**

Eat well to strengthen from within

Did you know that a large portion of your immune system is found in the gastrointestinal tract? According to the journal of Clinical and Experimental Immunology, about 70% of our immune system is located in the ‘gut’, also known as the GI tract. So, does this mean that we can strengthen and help improve our immune systems by the foods we eat? YES, it does! While certain foods are known for their immune boosting properties, having an overall, balanced intake of foods from the five food groups can help keep us healthy from the inside-out. According to the USDA’s MyPlate, the five food groups include: low-fat dairy, grain, lean proteins, vegetables and fruits. Fruits and veggies certainly bring home the gold with immune fighting properties and are known to be very

nutrient-dense food groups. Nutrient dense foods are those that are low in calories but very high in vitamins and minerals, hence all the greatness of veggies and fruits! Getting even more specific, foods that are high in vitamin A, vitamin C and zinc (mineral) can positively affect our immune systems with their phytochemical properties. According to the National Institute for Health, the following foods are considered excellent choices for consumption based on their specific nutrient content.

Vitamin A rich foods

- Mango
- Sweet potato
- Turnip & collard greens
- Spinach
- Pumpkin
- Squash (winter and summer)
- Eggs
- Liver
- Milk

Foods rich in Vitamin C

- Kiwi
- Citrus
- Red bell peppers
- Broccoli

- Tomatoes
- Pineapple
- Foods rich in Zinc
- Lean beef
- Seafood (oysters, crab)
- Lean pork
- Cashews
- Almonds
- Whole grains
- Pinto, Black and Navy beans
- Chickpeas

Some other positive actions we can do to keep our bodies strong and healthy include, staying hydrated and getting adequate sleep every night. When it comes to hydration, a good way to measure how much water to drink is to take your body weight; divide by 2; and that is how many ounces you should drink in a day. For example, a 200 lb. individual would aim to reach approximately 100 ounces of water daily. We all strive to feel our best daily, and these are all the more reasons to make healthy choice and take care of our bodies. For recipes, information on farmers markets and other resources, visit <https://eatsmartmovemoreva.org>

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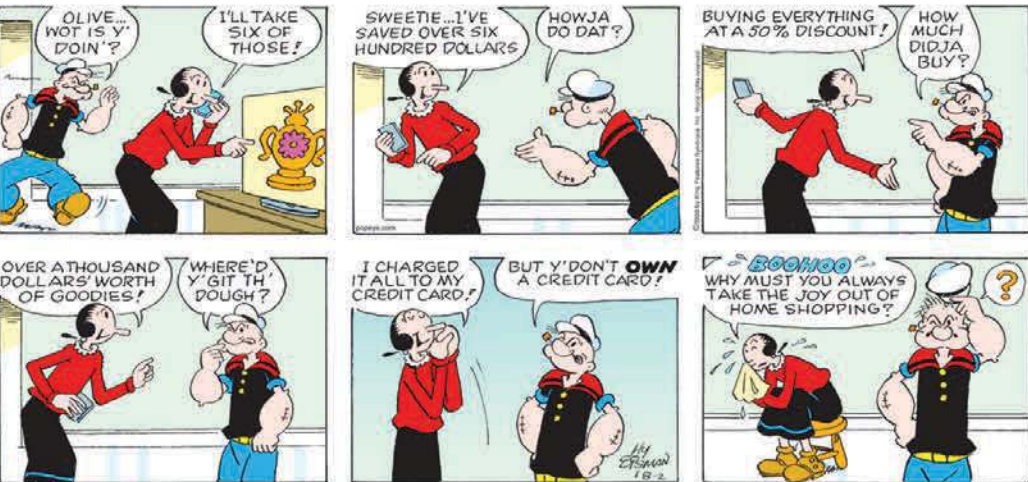
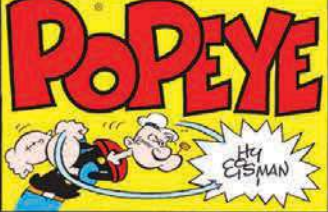
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**SCRAMBLERS**

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

Attack  
**CHEATS**

Incline  
**POLES**

Drape  
**WASHET**

Echo  
**PARTEE**

TODAY'S WORD

by Dave T. Phipps

by Gary Kopervas

by Mike Marland

by Jeff Pickering

King Crossword

**ACROSS**

1 Height of fashion?  
4 First victim  
8 Expansive  
12 Retirement plan acronym  
13 Sushi bar soup  
14 Grooving on  
15 Plaid garment  
17 Greek vowels  
18 Small barrel  
19 Irish overcoats  
21 Wunderkind  
24 Thither  
25 Atmosphere  
26 — sauce  
28 Florida city  
32 Mid-month date  
34 Chow down  
36 Painter  
37 Chagall  
39 Archaeologist's find  
41 Cushion  
42 Opposed  
44 Plaything  
46 Malign  
48 Young child  
50 Mongrel  
51 Hodgepodge  
52 Yankee  
56 Huff and puff  
57 "Zounds!"  
58 Erstwhile

**DOWN**

1 That guy  
2 Mound stat  
3 Holy fish?  
4 Pedro's pals  
5 Recycling receptacle  
6 Jacob's brother  
7 Humble  
8 "Platoon"

acorn  
59 Knitting need  
60 Scruff  
61 "Science Guy" Bill

locale  
9 Initial stake  
10 Celebrity  
11 Pitch  
16 Barbie's companion  
20 Drunkard  
21 Twosome  
22 Stash  
23 Curly's brother  
27 Shrill bark  
29 Coconut cookie  
30 Senior moment?  
31 Zits

33 Take a chair  
35 Slight amount  
38 Army rank (Abbr.)  
40 Ten-year period  
43 Sanaa's land  
45 Bear hair  
46 Country singer Keith  
47 — podrida  
48 A-line designer  
49 Sitarist's rendition  
53 Upper limit  
54 Aye rival  
55 Mamie's man

**top ten**

**Cosmetic Surgeries**

1. Breast augmentation  
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4. Nose reshaping  
5. Facelift  
6. Tummy tuck  
7. Breast lift  
8. Dermabrasion  
9. Neck lift  
10. Breast reduction

Source: American Society of Plastic Surgeons

**Trivia test** by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: Which country is the only one whose name ends with the letter "Q"?  
2. COMICS: What was the name of Dennis the Menace's dog?  
3. GOVERNMENT: Which Cabinet department oversees the National Park Service?  
4. ANATOMY: What is a common name for metacarpophalangeal joint?  
5. SCIENCE: What is absolute zero?  
6. MUSIC: Which famous musician's nickname was Bocephus?  
7. MOVIES: What was the setting for Alfred Hitchcock's film "The Birds"?  
8. ASTRONOMY: Which moon is the largest in our solar system?  
9. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin word "veritas" mean?  
10. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the only U.S. president who also served later as chief justice of the Supreme Court?

**HOCUS-FOCUS** BY HENRY BOLTINGOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

**Answers**

1. Iraq  
2. Ruff  
3. Interior  
4. Knuckle  
5. The lowest temperature theoretically possible, -273.15 Centigrade or -459.67 Fahrenheit  
6. Hank Williams Jr.  
7. Bodega Bay, California  
8. Jupiter's Canymede  
9. Truth  
10. William Howard Taft

**CryptoQuip**

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

Clue: C equals E

Y ICCF PRIWF IQV KYVKWH  
CFCGMPZOH. RC PFF NZQR OMC  
GQVY KVCPOWVCH RQVN IQV  
GCPZWOH.

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**Americanisms**

"It's easier to fool people than to convince them that they have been fooled."

— Mark Twain

**SCRAMBLERS**

Today's Word

1. Scathe 2. Slope; 3. Swathe; 4. Repeat

**CryptoQuip**

answer  
I feel awful for circus elephants. We all know the poor creatures work for peanuts.

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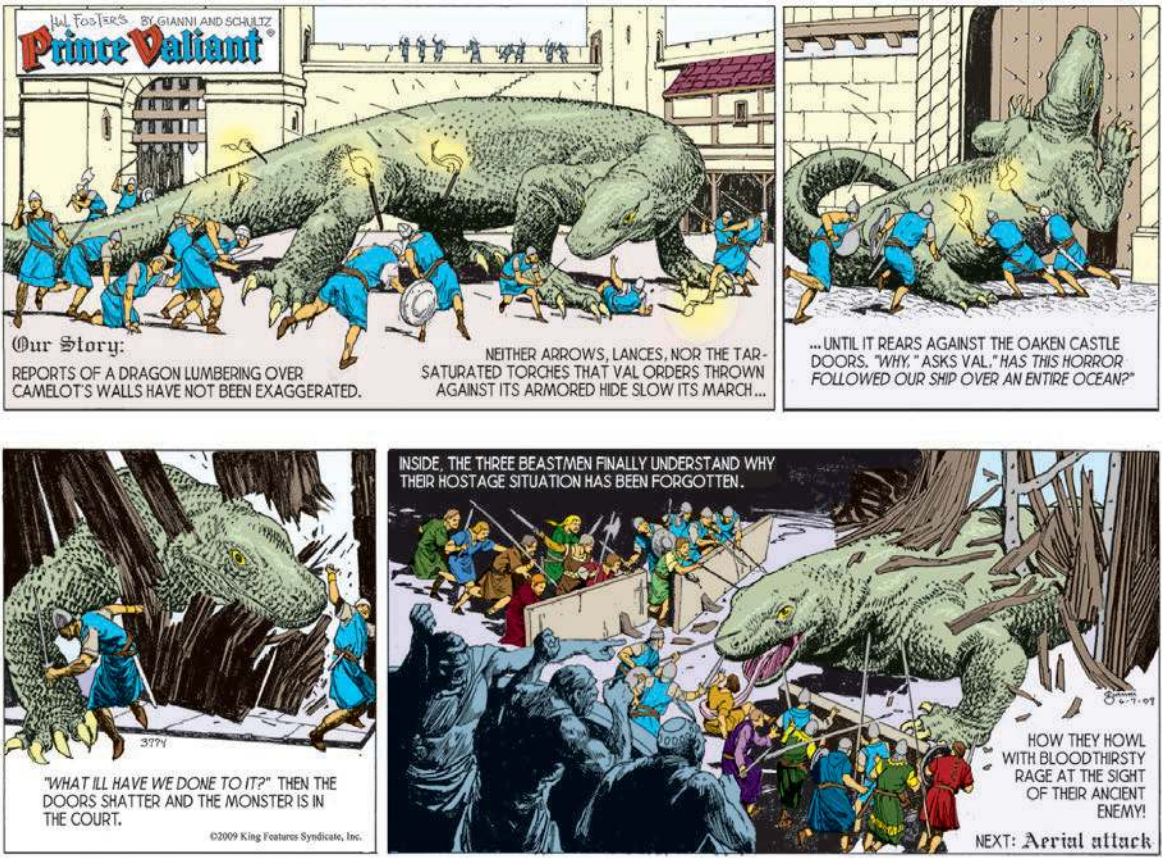
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## Popcorn Wagon

Popcorn wasn't a popular snack food until the 1890s, when Charles Cretors created a steam-powered machine to roast peanuts, coffee and popcorn to sell from a wagon on the street near his Chicago candy store. He kept improving the machinery and the product, and in 1885, he started C. Cretors and Co. In 1893, he took his popcorn wagon to the Chicago Columbian Exposition to sell his new product -- popped corn. He made individual horse-drawn popcorn wagons for customers, and by 1900, he made the first electric popcorn wagon. He made more changes as the popcorn-eating public went to the movies. Cretors changed his business to make things for the war effort in the 1940s. His machines were modernized by the 1950s, but the company still made old-fashioned popcorn wagons for use and display.

Today, you may find a popcorn wagon, horse-drawn or motorized, at an antiques auction. A 15-foot-long horse-drawn Cretors 1910 wagon recently sold at a Kamelot auction in Philadelphia for \$34,000. It even has a custom-made travel trailer for long trips. Back in style again are modern food trucks that can go where the crowd is, and the popcorn wagon is still one of the most popular.

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Q: One of the drawer pulls to my wife's Clark's O.N.T. spool cabinet is missing. I'm trying to locate one like it. The backplates are embossed "O.N.T." Can you help?

## KOVELS' Antiques & Collecting

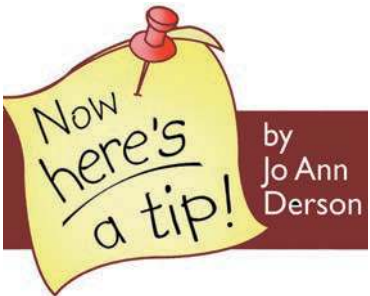
By Terry and Kim Kovel



The smell of the popcorn draws customers to a traveling popcorn machine. This modernized wagon, which looks on the outside like it did in 1910, sold at an antiques auction for \$34,000. Did you know it needs a special type of popping corn to get the best results?

A: Some online sites offer similar replacement drawer pulls. Although they aren't marked "O.N.T.," the style is very similar, and they might be an acceptable substitute. Some sites that sell similar drawer pulls are hardwareofthepast.com and robinson-santiques.com, and there are other sites that sell all sorts of used hardware for antiques.

CURRENT PRICES  
Commode, 2 doors, 2 shelves, mirrored, brass trim, shaped top, conforming body, Art Deco, 39 x 60 inches, \$130.  
Sevres vase, swan handles, gilt, diamond pattern, flowers, pink, purple, white, 34 inches, \$250.



\* A tip from our good friend A.S.M.: "When buying berries packed in a basket, check the bottom to see if there's a juice stain. This means that the strawberries at the bottom are crushed."

\* "Here's a great tip for use at bath time with baby: I have a sippy cup that changes color when the drink is hot. Oddly enough, it changes at the perfect temperature for baby's bath. So, I fill the tub and toss in the cup. When the cup starts to change back to its original color (blue), I know the bathwater is not too hot. I always swish the water around and check with my wrist also, but it is a good visual clue to check." -- P.B. in Idaho

\* "To remove muffins or rolls from a pan, set it on an old, damp towel for a minute. The steam must loosen the bottoms because they just slide right out. I thank my mom for this tip." -- J.R. via e-mail

\* Do you find yourself throwing away unused and spoiled fruits and veggies at the end of the week? Try setting aside time after you come home from the grocery store for prepping fruits and vegetables. Pre-bag snack sizes of carrots, celery, strawberries, grapes, cantaloupe and apples. Pre-cut veggies for meals to make later in the week. Slice tomatoes and onions for sandwiches, and tear and separate lettuce for salads. They all make great, healthy treats, and having them ready to go makes it easier to get that five a day!

## MAGIC MAZE • ISMS

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

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
Unlisted clue hint: Favoritism Shown to Relatives

Altruism	Cynicism	Embolism	Organism
Autism	Daoism	Fascism	Racism
Cronyism	Dualism	Heroism	Tourism
Cubism	Egotism	Humanism	

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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.

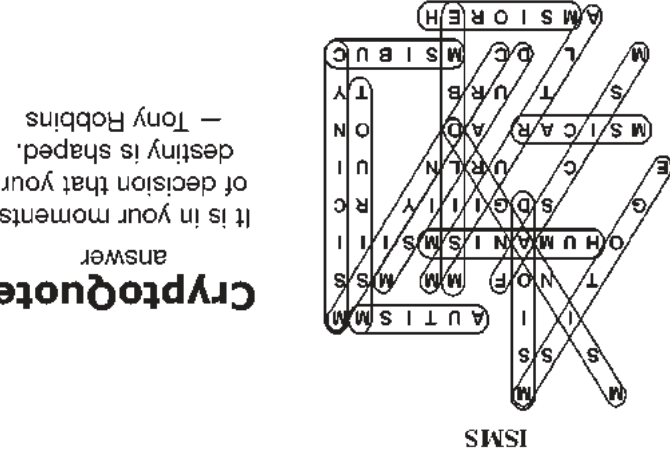
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Cryptoquote  
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## Teach Me Your Word O Lord

Terry McCraw

## Hosea

The name Hosea means salvation. God spoke to Hosea and told him to take a Prostitute for a wife. God said she will be unfaithful to you, but you will be faithful to her. God wanted to teach the Israelites an object lesson using Hosea and his unfaithful wife, Gomer.

Hosea obeyed God and married Gomer. While they were married, three children were born. Each child was given a divinely chosen name, and each name was symbolic.

Their first son was named Jezreel. This son was the son of Hosea. His name meant "The Lord will scatter."

The second child was a daughter who God named Lo-Ruhamah, which meant, "Not loved." This child was the child of one of Gomer's lover.

The third child born to Gomer was a son named Lo-Ammi, which meant "Not My people." This son was also the son of one of Gomer's lovers. His name represented apostate Israel.

The Israelites had turned away from the God Who had loved them and turned to Idolatry, which since Israel was God's betrothed, they committed spiritual adultery. And as Woodrow Kroll said, "When adultery walks in, everything worth having, walks out."

God asked the children of Gomer to plead earnestly with their mother, to abandon her sinful adulterous lifestyle. Gomer represented backslidden Israel in the story.

God had said, "Let her therefore put away her whoredoms out of her sight and her adulteries from between her breasts lest I strip her naked and set her as in the day she was born, and make her a wilderness and set her like a dry land and slay her with thirst."

God was offering His betrothed people Israel, time and space to repent and be reconciled back to Him. If they failed to do that, then a time of great judgment from God would come upon them. He would allow Israel to be conquered by her enemies and leave her in a desolate condition.

He could have abandoned Israel forever and completely but rather chose to discipline them instead. He chose to give them another chance. He chose to chastise them instead of destroying them. They would learn in their fiery trials, that true peace and happiness comes only from God.

Sinners may search for contentment by practicing a sinful lifestyle, but the pleasure they receive is only for a season, and they will never know true happiness and peace as long as they are in a revolt against God. The only way to achieve true peace is for a person to receive the Peace Speaker, Jesus, into their hearts and lives. Jesus is the Prince of Peace. He brings peace to the troubled soul.

Even though God takes no pleasure in punishing those who turn away from Him, He will not keep back even the most painful chastisement, if He can guide His beloved, to come back home to Him and abide with Him.

Hosea 2: 14, 19. "Therefore behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfortably unto her." Verse 19. "And I will betroth thee unto Me forever; yea I will betroth thee unto Me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in loving kindness, and in mercies."

If backslidden Israel would repent and turn back to God, He would thrill her with a taste of joy beyond any earthly joy she might experience. He would lead her out of the wilderness of sin and

See MCCRAW, page B7

### Draper Valley Baptist Church

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

### Grace Baptist Church

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

### Open Door Baptist Church

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

### Draper United Methodist Church

3080 Greenbriar Road  
Draper, VA 24324  
Pastor: Mark Asbury  
Primary Service Times:  
Sunday School, 10 a.m.  
Worship, 11 a.m.  
Phone: 276-477-3835

### Newbern Christian Church

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

### Christ Episcopal Church

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

### Jordan's Chapel UMC

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

### Cecil's Chapel United Methodist Church

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

### Newbern United Methodist Church

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

### Valley Harvest Ministries

1 Harvest Place  
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Dublin, VA 24084  
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Associate Pastors:  
Perry Slaughter, Elaine Wood, Derick Burton  
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Wednesday School 7 p.m.  
www.vhmdublin.org  
540-674-4729

### Mountain View United Methodist Church

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

### Dublin Baptist Church

100 Hawkins Street  
Dublin, VA 24084  
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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  
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Pastor: Michael S. Jones  
Sunday  
9:45 am - Sunday School  
11:00 am - Worship  
Wednesday  
6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting  
(540) 980-4731  
Email: dfarley3@verizon.net

### River of Life Church

5311 Black Hollow Road, Dublin, Va. 24084  
Shawn Burchett, Pastor  
Sunday School 9:15 AM  
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 AM  
Wednesday Evening Life  
Building Service 7:00 PM  
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### Delton Church of God of Prophecy

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

### Heritage Church

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

6758 Oxford Avenue  
Fairlawn, VA 24141

### First Missionary Baptist Church

7318 Manns Drive / P.O. Box 90  
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email: fmbc1872@verizon.net  
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Associate Minister:  
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Clerk: Mrs. Carlotta Lewis  
Sundays:  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
The Lord's Supper - Each First Sunday  
Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting &  
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

### Dublin United Methodist Church

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Pastors Don Hanshaw & Don Shelor  
(540) 674-5128  
office@dublinumc.com  
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Sunday School - 9:45 am  
Praise & Worship Small Group - 10:00 am  
Worship - 10:55 am

### 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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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  
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(Sept. - May)  
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.  
(June - Aug.)  
Bible Study: Wednesday, 12:30  
www.trinitypulaski.org

### Trinity United Methodist

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Sunday Worship - 9:45 a.m.  
Bible Study - Wednesday, 7 p.m.  
528 5th Street, S.E.  
Pulaski, Va.  
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### Snowville Baptist Church

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

### Fairlawn United Methodist Church

7584 Brandon Road, Fairlawn, Va. 24141  
Pastor Mark A. Miller  
markmiller.psalm1@gmail.com  
Cell) 540-320-2431  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship (with children's message):  
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Youth Ministry  
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### Grace Ministries

### Church of God of Prophecy

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Bus Ministry: 540-385-9972  
www.pulaskigracemin.com  
Email: pulaskigracemin@hotmail.com  
Pastor Mike Williams  
Children's Ministry  
Aaron & Becky Sampson  
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Children's Church 10:30 a.m.  
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Ages 5-12  
Men's & Women's Ministry Wed. 6:30

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Associate Pastor: T.J. Cox  
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Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.  
Sunday Children's Church: 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m.  
Children's Meal: 6:30 p.m.  
Children's and Youth's Group Classes: 7 p.m.

### Dublin Christian Church

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

### First Presbyterian Church

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



**Thornspring United Methodist Church**  
5670 Thornspring Church Rd.  
Dublin, VA 24084  
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Sunday Worship Service: 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 7 p.m.

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# McCraw

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separate her from her lovers so they couldn't influence her badly anymore.

As Gomer aged she lost her looks, her lovers deserted her and she ended up on the auction block to be sold as a slave. And God told Hosea to go and buy her back, to bring her home, and to bind up her wounds that she has received while living with her lovers who had mistreated her. God told Hosea to take her back and love her as if she had never left. And Hosea did just that.

Gomer hadn't known it but while she was out committing adultery, Hosea has secretly been providing for her. Leaving her food and other gifts of substance. Gomer had thought it was her lovers who had been providing for her, but it wasn't her lovers. It was Hosea who still loved her.

One of the great problems of today is when some decide to turn away from God and turn back to the world, so they can be like the world. This is crazy. There is nothing out in the world that is any good for the child of God. There's only tribulation.

Although God had dealt kindly with the Israelites, they stubbornly continued to worship idols. They refused to turn back to God. This resulted in God allowing them to be taken into the Assyrian captivity.

Israel had committed spiritual adultery on God. Yet God said, I cannot give up on you. Justice demands judgment upon sin, and yet in God's heart, He'd much rather show mercy than judgment. He will not give up on those who are guilty because of His great love for them, and has sent Jesus to be given up in their place.


Hosea is a book of the bible that shows God's undying love, faithfulness, longsuffering; and forgiveness. God is merciful, always willing to forgive. As He forgives us, He commands that we too forgive those who have done us wrong. We must forgive others as God has forgiven us. "And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Ephesians 4:32

Following the example given to us by God, we are to take the lead in showing forgiveness. Hosea learned to forgive and to redeem his wife as he saw God forgive and redeem His people Israel.

"The story of Hosea and Gomer is the second most powerful picture of God's love in the Bible. Other than Christ's death there is no greater picture of love." Jud Wilhite.

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# Two kinds of wisdom in the world

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: Many people in the world brag on the knowledge that mankind has accumulated, and it seems that arrogance of what has been accomplished through education has been idolized. What is the difference between man's wisdom and God's wisdom? - T.W.

A: There is more knowledge in the world today than ever before. Computers can transmit information in a millisecond to

any part of the globe by satellite. More information has been processed, more facts discovered in this century, than in all of the other centuries of human history combined.

Yet man has never been further from solving his basic problems, the basis of which is alienation from others. It is this alienation which produces wars, crime, and all of the other social ills. The United Nations was supposed to be a forum in which people could resolve their differences. Instead, it has been



## My Answer

Billy Graham

a forum for magnifying them.

The Bible says there are two kinds of wisdom in the world. First, there is wisdom that is given by God, a wisdom which, after the mind of Christ, views life in terms of eternity. Of this

wisdom, the Scripture says, "But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy" (James 3:17).

The second is the "wisdom of the world" which, God says, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise" (1 Corinthians 1:19).

The troubles and problems of the human race have stemmed from the fact that it has followed the wisdom of the world rather than the wisdom of the

Lord. Each person has the equal opportunity of choosing which kind of wisdom they will choose. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Psalm 111:10).

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

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# Pulaski County Staycation 'a blast'

From our guest writer, Pulaski County Tourism Intern, Shelby Vandergriff:

I've always been drawn to open spaces. Ever since I was a little girl, I loved the ideas of freedom, possibility, and simplicity that came from barefoot summer nights in the Appalachian Mountains. Interning this summer for Pulaski County Tourism has reminded me of my love for openness, community, and small-towns. While I love promoting Pulaski County and staycations, over a recent weekend I got to experience a Pulaski escape of my own with some close friends of mine. It was a blast and a much needed weekend of rest! Whether you are a local resident or from just a few counties down the road -- I highly recommend a getaway in Pulaski. (I mean, I know it's my job to promote staycations... but really, coming from personal experience, you should totally do it.)

My friends and I kicked off our Friday night at Tom's Drive In and CRUSHED some burgers. We sat outside at the patio tables and then drove around town and watched the color of the sky change. We stayed at the cutest cottage just outside of Dublin and spent the rest of our night on the porch swing enjoying beautiful sights and sounds. On Saturday, we headed out to the beach at Claytor Lake for some sun. It was a hot one, but the lake was the perfect temperature to cool us down. After some relaxation time, we went back with sun-kissed skin to our place and washed up.

Once we were all cleaned and perfectly pampered, we went out to Rockhouse Marina to catch some live music and to sip on something sweet by the water. We listened to the band



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on the upper deck and watched boats filled with happy faces come in and out of the Marina. On our way home, we stopped at Food City to grab some ingredients for a delicious dinner that we ate on the back deck of our cottage.

After dinner, we walked out our front door to beautiful, scenic views perfect for picture taking. The night was filled with giggles, lightning bugs, and quality time. On Sunday, after we thought the weekend couldn't get any better, we went to the Draper Mercantile to eat lunch and shop at the cutest and quaintest boutiques. My friends were very impressed with all of the adorable, trendy Pulaski gear, and the staff was just the sweetest. It was the best!

My goodness! Now that I look back on all that we did in just one weekend, we are definitely going to have to come back for more. Luckily, I get to travel to sweet Pulaski every weekday for my internship! For those who live here and for those who visit, Pulaski County is...truly special. My fun weekend, my summer internship experience, and this community make me want to stay in Pulaski forever. Perhaps my love of open spaces was leading me here all along. Stay safe, stay local, and staycation in Pulaski!

With love,  
Shelby Vandergriff

# A very generous offer

**Dear Dave,**  
My in-laws have very generously offered my wife and I \$250,000 to help with a down payment on a home. I know the amount exceeds the IRS's yearly gift allowance, but they want to structure it as a family loan and have already told us they don't care if we pay it back. If we accept, we technically owe them a lot of money. If we say no, they may be offended. What do you think about this and how it might impact the relationship?

James

**Dear James,**  
Well, it makes sense your wife would be onboard with the whole thing. It's her dad making the offer, so of course she would be a lot more comfortable with the idea than you are.

This is a big deal, and it's something you two should have a very serious conversation about. Get on the same page in every regard. Also, I'd recommend making sure you get everything in writing. See to it, as well, that it can be forgiven at the maximum allowable annual gift rate.

In addition, in the event of death make sure it's included in the estate, it's forgiven, and there will be zero call on the note. In effect, that would make it an advance on your inheri-



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tance instead of debt. Under no circumstances should they, or any other heirs, have grounds to call the note.

That's a good question, James. And a nice gift!

—Dave

**Dear Dave,**  
I have a full-time job, but I also have a side job providing firewood to help pay off debt. I make \$600 to \$1,000 a month with this project. My log splitter went down recently when a hydraulic line burst, and the machine caught on fire. I'm not sure how much it will cost to get it going again. Should I invest in a new one that will increase my

productivity and help me pay off debt faster?

Chris

**Dear Chris,**  
If I'm in your shoes, I'm going to fix the old one. Even it means duct tape and glue, I'm going to try to find a way to repair it instead of spending a bunch of money or going deeper into debt.

If you can't do that at a reasonable price out of pocket, I'd be in the market for a decent, used log splitter. And pay cash! I get your line of thinking when it comes to increasing productivity. Splitting wood is real work. But don't try to justify buying an expensive, new piece of equipment when it's just not necessary.

If you're making that much with a side hustle, you can make your money back on a used splitter in a month or two—three at the most. Be smart about it, Chris!

—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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