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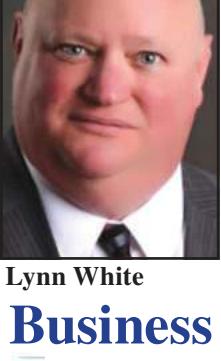
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## County offers non-profit recovery grant funding

*Grants up to \$5,000.00 to Help Pulaski County Non-Profit Organizations Offset the Impacts of the Shutdown and to Assist with their Response to COVID-19*

**From Pulaski County**

It was announced Thursday morning the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors has developed the Pulaski County Non-profit Recovery Grant Program to support non-profit organizations with recovering from the comprehensive impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and to assist with their expenses in response to COVID-19 that are required by the Commonwealth to reopen and

operate safely.

Non-profit Recovery Grants in the amounts ranging from \$1,000.00 to \$5,000.00 will be made available through direct application on a first-come-first-served basis for registered non-profit 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(19) organizations located in Pulaski County and directly serving Pulaski County citizens. Non-profit organizations must also be in good standing with the State Corporation Commission (SCC) and be up to date on all Pulaski County taxes, charges and fees.

"The Board of Supervisors has a desire to affect as many of our county citizens in need as possible with CARES Act monies during these challenging times, and they feel that our non-profit community in addition to our small businesses is one of the best

ways to do that", stated Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator. "The non-profit organizations in our county are part of what makes our community go around and they are extremely close to our people, so it makes good sense to support them and their services to reach individuals who may need assistance right now."

The two-page application is simple and is comprised of only six questions and a written summary of how your organization has been impacted by COVID-19. Approved expenses that have occurred after March 1, 2020 and before December 30, 2020 are items such as: rent/mortgage, payroll, employee benefits, re-opening costs, utilities, marketing, vendor payments, equipment purchases, personal protective

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## Former Volvo exec launches start-up to boost electric trucks

**From Pulaski County**

Patrick Collignon, former chief operating officer for Volvo Trucks North and South America, has launched Trova Commercial Vehicles (TrovaCV). The new company offers customized engineering and manufacturing expertise for commercial vehicles, specifically fully electric trucks.

TrovaCV will focus on the engineering, design and production of fully electric commercial vehicles with the goal of achieving mass production cost-effectively. TrovaCV will offer its industrial model and manufacturing capability to other commercial vehicle OEMs while developing its own fully electric vehicle.

"This is an exciting time as the electric commercial vehicle market is being reshaped," says Collignon, founder and CEO. "While technology and innovation have made it possible to convert fuel-powered commercial vehicles into electric vehicles, we haven't seen a production model capable



**Patrick Collignon**

of producing the required volume of fully electric commercial vehicles to meet the demand.

"We believe that our engineering approach will offer OEMs the opportunity to build a higher volume of electric vehicles at a lower cost. At the same time, we

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**State to add \$300 to jobless benefits**

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Virginians on unemployment will get an extra \$300 on top of what the state pays out.

Gov. Ralph Northam's administration said this week the state is preparing to pay the extra benefit and is exploring ways to provide an additional \$100 allowed under President Donald Trump's executive order.

For months, on top of their state benefit, unemployed Virginians also collected \$600 a week in federal jobless aid. But that expired at the end of July, and negotiations in Congress to extend it have collapsed in rancor.

In response, Trump signed an executive order to provide \$300 to \$400 a week and Virginia is one of several states that will apply for the federal money.

In states that decide to pay out the \$300, the government esti-

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The logo for Collignon's new start-up TrovaCV.

## Launch

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will utilize our chassis design experience to achieve a complete EV build design from the ground up."

TrovaCV is located in a business incubation center in Fairlawn, VA, and has received support from the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors, the Economic Development Authority and the Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP).

"The technology and advanced manufacturing talents in the county and throughout the region continue to attract and support innovative companies like TrovaCV," says Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator, Pulaski County, Virginia. "We are excited to have TrovaCV as the newest member of our business community and we are committed to helping them grow their operations and achieving their goals here in Pulaski County."

Virginia Secretary of Commerce and Trade Brian Ball believes the presence of TrovaCV will help strengthen the Commonwealth's position as one of the nation's premier locations for innovative vehicle design.

"We are excited that Trova Commercial Vehicles will launch its innovative start-up in Pulaski County," said Ball. "This new company will be a strong addition to the booming automotive

cluster in the New River Valley, bringing automotive expertise to the niche market of electric commercial truck design and manufacturing. TrovaCV will benefit from the region's world-class manufacturing workforce and infrastructure that contribute to Virginia's position as a leader in the automotive industry, and we look forward to its future success."

Collignon has more than 30 years international experience in the commercial vehicle industry with General Motors and the Volvo Group. Before launching TrovaCV, he served as senior vice president of operations for the Americas for Volvo Trucks, where he led a strategic initiative to develop and manufacture the new Mack medium duty truck platform.

During his career, Collignon has incubated several companies and held board positions in economic and industry federations. In 2007, he was instrumental in making the Volvo plant in Ghent, Belgium, the first carbon dioxide neutral automotive plant in the world. He has extensive experience in end-to-end value chain management, customer relationship management, product development and operations.

For more information about Pulaski County, visit [www.pulaskicounty.org](http://www.pulaskicounty.org)

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# Pulaski offers COVID recovery grants to town's small businesses

From Town of Pulaski

Following a CARES Act funds allocation of nearly \$3 million dollars to Pulaski County, the Town of Pulaski has received a portion of these funds for uses related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Through part of our received funds, the Town of Pulaski is establishing the Small Business Grant Program.

This program is intended to help our small business community navigate the financial hardships faced in recent months, as well as allow them to prepare for another situation where businesses may be impacted by restrictions in the future.

Applications opened Monday, August 17th, when small businesses located within the Town of Pulaski were able to apply for a grant



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of up to \$5,000 to assist with various costs associated with the operating expenses of their business.

Our hope is that these funds will offset the impact of the recent shutdown.

The funds may be used for critical expenses including, but not limited to payroll, supplies and employee benefits.

Pulaski County has also implemented their own Small Business Recovery Grant Program. For

small businesses located within the Town, you may apply for both our grant and the County's for a possible combined payout of \$10,000.

The application is available online at [www.pulaskitown.org](http://www.pulaskitown.org). Hard copies are also available at the Municipal Building in the Town Manager's office.

Online applications may be submitted to Jordan Whitt, Social Media Manager at [jwhitt@pulaskitown.org](mailto:jwhitt@pulaskitown.org).

If you have any questions regarding the program or application, please contact the Town Manager's office by phone at 540-994-8600 or by emailing Darlene Burcham, Interim Town Manager at [dburcham@pulaskitown.org](mailto:dburcham@pulaskitown.org) or Jordan Whitt at [jwhitt@pulaskitown.org](mailto:jwhitt@pulaskitown.org).

## Fire destroys vacant house in Pulaski

A vacant house at 636 Sixth Street N.E. was deemed a total loss this week after an early morning fire Tuesday.

According to Pulaski Fire Chief Robbie Kiser, the house had just recently become vacant.

Kiser said the fire department received the call just 27 minutes past midnight and was on the scene within four minutes.

"First arriving units found the house to be fully involved with fire and was threatening the neighbor's

house, which received damage as well including melted siding and a cracked window as result from the high heat," Kiser said.

Fire department personnel worked quickly to extinguish the exposure fire threatening the neighbor's house and then protected it for the duration of the fire.

Pulaski Fire Department responded with 2 Engines and 26 firefighters and was assisted by Dublin Fire Department with an Engine and 11 firefighters and Newbern

Fire Department responded with the County Air Truck and 2 firefighters. Fire Medic 1, REMSI Personnel and the Pulaski Police Department also assisted with the incident.

Kiser said it took firefighters roughly 1 1/2 hours to have the scene under control.

He said American Electric Power personnel also responded to assist with a downed power line as a result of the fire.

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## Grants

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equipment (PPE) and supplies, and new software. A W-9 must be completed and attached to all applications.

"It is important that we help our citizens the best we can right now and also support the foundational elements of our community such as small businesses and non-profits, so we can better make it through these tough times together," stated Joe Guthrie, Chair of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors. "The local government cannot do it alone, we need our non-profits throughout the county more than ever to continue to step up and help the community navigate through these unprecedented and difficult times."

The County of Pulaski will administer this new program. Forms can be downloaded from the Pulaski County website at: [www.pulaskicounty.org](http://www.pulaskicounty.org). Applications will be accepted on a first-come

first-served basis starting on August 31, 2020. The entirety of the program is funded at a level of \$350,000.00 through a CARES Act appropriation to Pulaski County, Virginia. The Pulaski County Non-profit Recovery Grant Program will conclude on October 30, 2020 or at which time the funds for the program have been depleted.

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# Virginia panel approves sweeping police reform bill

By ALAN SUDERMAN  
and DENISE LAVOIE  
Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — A sweeping police reform bill that would eliminate the use of no-knock warrants, limit the use of chokeholds and make it easier to decertify officers for misconduct won approval from a key Virginia legislative committee Tuesday amid widespread calls for change sparked by the police killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis.

The omnibus reform bill advanced by the Senate Judiciary Committee would also require officers to intervene if they witness another officer attempting to use unlawful force and prohibit police from shooting at or into a moving vehicle unless it is necessary to protect an officer's life or the life of someone else.

The bill was heard by the committee on the first day of a special legislative session focused on addressing both the economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic and calls for police and criminal justice reforms following Floyd's death and months of protests around the country.

The bill won praise from both law enforcement officials and Black activists who testified re-

motely as members of the com-

mittee met at the Science Muse-

um of Virginia, wearing masks

and sitting at tables more than

six feet apart to comply with

COVID-19 social distancing re-

quirements.

Emanuel Harris, a Black Bap-

tist minister from Richmond,

told the committee the bill is

"a positive step in the right di-

rection." He said police officers

need improved training and

need to be held accountable for

misconduct.

"The trust just needs to be

enhanced, the accountability

needs to be enhanced," Harris

said. "What we want stopped is

the murder of innocent civilians,

particularly African Americans

that are often on the end end of

stops."

John Jones, executive director

of the Virginia Sheriffs' Associa-

tion, said the group's leadership

voted overwhelmingly in favor

of the bill.

The bill, sponsored by chief

patron Sen. Mamie Locke,

D-Hampton, would also autho-

ize a board to create statewide

standards of conduct for officers

and decertify officers who vio-

late those rules, give prosecutors

access to police disciplinary re-

cords, and set up safeguards to

prevent officers with records of

misconduct from moving on to

jobs at other police departments.

Sen. John Edwards, chairman

of the committee, called the bill

"a landmark piece of legisla-

tion." It will now move on to the

Senate Finance Committee.

Before getting down to

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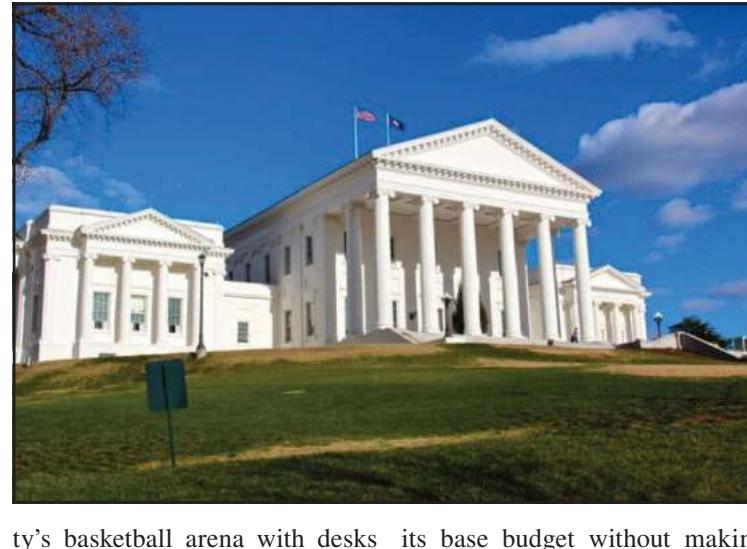
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Last week, Northam's administration announced that it's projecting a drop of \$2.7 billion in revenues because of the pandemic. Northam officials believe the state has enough money to keep

its base budget without making draconian cuts like in other states. But the Democratic governor believes the state will have to postpone spending for new initiatives or ongoing expenses like state employee and teacher pay raises or free community college for certain students.

"We feared worse. But this still requires serious and thoughtful budgeting and planning," Northam said.

Northam wants to make one-time spending on expanding broadband internet access and boosting funds for affordable housing. He's also seeking to extend a moratorium on evictions until next May.

Northam's voting-security pro-

posals come amid public backlash over mail disruptions and after President Donald Trump acknowledged that he's starving the U.S. Postal Service of money to make it harder to process an expected surge of mail-in ballots, which he worries could cost him the election.

Democratic lawmakers have promised broad action on criminal justice reforms, including banning no-knock warrants, giving prosecutors unrestricted access to all reports and disciplinary records of police officers and downgrading the charge of assault on a police officer from a felony to a misdemeanor in cases where the officer is not injured.

Virginia is one of several states to push for such reforms after the May death of George Floyd, a Black man who died after struggling to breathe under the knee of a white Minneapolis police officer.

There were several protesters who stood outside where lawmakers gathered Tuesday. Some advocated for greater school funding and a rent relief, others — carrying assault rifles and wearing camouflage — advocated for gun rights.

## COVID-19 CASES IN THE NRV AREA (As of Aug. 20)

Locality	Total Cases	Hospitalizations	Deaths
Pulaski County	99	10	3
Radford City	75	3	0
Montgomery Co.	341	16	3
Floyd County	118	5	2
Carroll County	358	31	16
Giles County	34	2	0
Wythe County	131	15	3

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Source: Virginia Department of Health

## American Legion Post 58 seeks volunteers, location for WWII Army Jeep restoration project

The American Legion Post #58 of Dublin, VA is restoring a 1942 WWII Army Jeep that has been donated to the post by Robert Lamp, a WWII veteran and Post member.

The Jeep needs a lot of restoration work and the A.L. Post is seeking a location where it can be worked on out of the elements. The Post is also seeking volunteers with mechanical expertise to help in the restoration project. Both veterans and non-veterans are invited to participate in this project.

Interested parties may contact project coordinator, Emil Molodovyan by phone or Email. His contact information is: (540) 674-0684 or emilmol@gmail.com.



## PET OF THE WEEK



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# Area Obituaries

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## HAROLD MONROE KIDD

Harold Monroe Kidd, age 81 of Pulaski, died early Friday morning, April 10, 2020 at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital. He was born on July 7, 1938 and was the son of the late Olivia Elswick Kidd and Harold Everett Kidd. He was retired from Jefferson Mills with over 20 years of service. Harold then began his truck driving career, which he enjoyed up until his retirement. Early on, he was a volunteer for New River Valley Emergency Squad in the 1980's. His son H.M., followed his father's interest and is winding down a career with R.E.M.S.I. in Pulaski County.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by: step children; Mary Draper and Debbie Donez. He is survived by his loving wife: Frances Ellen Rogers Kidd of Pulaski; son and daughter-in-law; H.M. and Tammy Kidd of Pulaski; step children; James Malone of WVa, Michael Malone and his wife Karen of Pulaski, Jerry Mullins of Draper, and Brenda Gray and her husband Kelby of Pulaski; a brother; James Kidd and his wife Marta of FL; sisters; Ann Simpson and her husband Skip of FL, and Kitty Talbert of FL. Also survived by many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and many life-long friends.

## MEMORIAL SERVICES WILL BE HELD SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M.

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## RETTA TURPIN MONTGOMERY

Retta Turpin Montgomery, 103 of Dublin, passed away Wednesday, August 12, 2020.

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

## CAROL JEAN Q. BULLERMAN

Carol Jean Quesenberry Bullerman, 77, of Dublin, passed away Friday, August 14, 2020.

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

## BETTY JO LESTER

Betty Jo Lester, 84, of Belpointe, passed away Tuesday, August 18.

The Lester family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory in Radford.

## DAISY EVANS HOLT

Daisy Evans Holt, 74, of Dublin, passed away Saturday, August 15, 2020. She was of the Baptist faith and loved working in her flower beds. She worked as a floral designer for several years in Pulaski County. Daisy was preceded in death by her parents, Watt and Elizabeth Evans; and her sisters, Linda McAlpine and Betty Holmes.

Survivors include her loving husband of 53 years, Delbert Holt of Dublin; sons and daughters-in-law, Gregory and Penny Holt of Wytheville, and Patrick and Sarah Holt of Pilot; grandchildren, Devin Turner and fiancé Haley Worrell, and Ashley Holt, all of Radford; step-grandson, Samuel Cooper of Wytheville; great-granddaughter, Melania Holt; great-grandson, Timothy Othey; and numerous other family members and friends.

The family would like to thank the staff at Blue Ridge Cancer Center in Blacksburg, and all of the doctors and nurses at Carilion Medical Center and Carilion Hospice for their dedicated care of Daisy.

Per Daisy's wishes, there will be no services.

The Holt family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory. [www.mullinsfuneral-home.com](http://www.mullinsfuneral-home.com)

## STUART GLENN DALTON

Stuart Glenn Dalton, 77, of Dugspur, Virginia passed away Wednesday, August 12, 2020 in Carilion New River Valley Hospital. Stuart was born in Carroll County, Virginia on September 17, 1942 to the late Edgar Glenn and Bertha Hollandsworth Dalton.

Stuart is survived by his wife Yvonne W. Dalton of the home; children Jack Dalton, Sharon Dalton, Ellen Dalton-Ward and Jimmy, Kenneth and Jessica Hurt, Robert and Lauren Hurt, Robin and Travis Akers; sister Claralyn and Ken Reece and brother Clark and Carol Dalton. Fourteen grandchildren and five great grandchildren also survive.

The funeral service were held Sunday, August 16, 2020 at Hillsville Pentecostal Holiness Church with Pastor Jeff Pickett and Rev. Harvey Carico officiating. Interment followed in the Dalton Cemetery, Sutphintown Road, Dugspur, Virginia.

Military rites will be conducted by Grover King Post 1115. A guestbook is available online by visiting [www.vaughanguynnamcgrady.com](http://www.vaughanguynnamcgrady.com). Vaughan-Guynn-McGrady Chapel is serving the family.

## VIVIAN MARIE FRAZIER MCCROSKEY

Vivian Marie Frazier McCroskey, age 79 of Dublin passed away Monday, August 17, 2020 at the Roanoke Memorial Hospital.

Born September 9, 1940 in Trigg, Virginia, she was the daughter of the late James William Frazier and Thelma Irene Riddle Frazier. She was also preceded in death by one daughter, Dreama Kaye McCroskey; one granddaughter, Heather Marie Cummings; sister, Shelia Jean Williams; brother, James Frazier and sister in-law, Patricia Frazier.

She is survived by Her husband of Sixty years Walter Cleveland McCroskey-Dublin

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Trena Darlene McCroskey Thorne – Pulaski

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Johnny Frazier – Eggleston, VA

Sister Peggy Havens – Pearisburg

Funeral services will be held

11:00 AM – Friday, August

21, 2020 at the Bower Funeral

Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Tawana Grubb officiating.

Interment will follow at the High-

land Memory Gardens, Dublin.

The family will receive friends

one hour before service time Friday at the Funeral Home.

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is handling the arrangements for

the family.

## GERRY WAYNE COX

Gerry Wayne Cox, 72, of Pulaski, passed away peacefully in his home on the morning of August 19, 2020. He was born on September 2, 1947 to the late Willie Howard Cox and Louise Graham Cox. Gerry was a Vietnam veteran who served in the United States Army from 1967 to 1970. After his discharge from the army he served as Captain of the Manassas Park V.F.D. in the early 1970's, and later retired from Volvo in 2006 after 30 years as a repair mechanic. He is preceded in death by his beloved daughter Angelique Lynette Cox-Hill and Brothers Ray, Mac, and Victor Cox.

Survivors include his son, Michael Cox, daughter Sandra (Roger) Crowder, and special son-in-law Shane Hill, grandchildren Josh (Mary) Cole, Wayne Cole, Tyler Sipe, Kayla Crowder, Jared Crowder, Walker Sharp, Marty Martin, Breanna Blevins, Rose Hill, Maggie Hill, Shandi Hill, Bridgette Kidd, and

6 great grandchildren, four siblings and many other relatives and friends. The family would like to extend a special thank you to Michelle Blevins and the staff of Carilion Hospice for their time and support.

The family will receive friends

on Monday August 24th at 11:30 a.m. followed by a service at

12:30 PM from the Stevens Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Tony Hart officiating. Burial will

follow in the Southwest Virginia

Veterans Cemetery, Dublin, VA, with full military honors.

Arrangements by Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski, VA.

## LAYLA MARIE DALTON

Layla Marie Dalton, formerly Lois Dalton Gunn, 85, of Pulaski, VA died Monday evening, August 17, 2020 in the Lewis-Gale Hospital Pulaski. She was born in Newbern, VA on April 7, 1935 and was the daughter of the late Charlie A. Dalton and Mary Ellen Horton Dalton. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Julian Clyde Gunn and by her son, Joseph C. Gunn.

Surviving are:

Grandson – Jason M. Gunn

Two Great-Grandchildren

A graveside service will be

held Friday, August 21st at 11:00

AM in Oakwood Cemetery, Pulaski with Rev. Don Sizemore officiating. There will be no visitation.

Arrangements by Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski, VA.

## 'Be Committed. Be Well' launched

The New River Valley Public Health Task Force is urging all residents to help take care of each other and prevent the spread of COVID-19. In support of that effort, the task force has launched a high-visibility, regional communications campaign titled "Be Committed. Be Well."

The campaign tagline, hashtag (#weareinthis together) and related messaging are prominently featured in a variety of products and outreach methods, including:

- Nearly 120,000 cloth face coverings (masks), to be distributed to designated locations, including local government offices, courthouses, libraries, aquatic and recreation centers, stores, restaurants, farmer's markets, police, fire and rescue agencies, hospitals and health/medical providers and schools (K-12 and colleges and universities).

- Display advertising on local public transit system buses

- Targeted digital video display advertisements

- Social media posts from partner agencies

other stay well."

"Early on, we did a good job of protecting our medical and public safety infrastructure. We avoided the outbreaks that could have compromised our emergency rooms and first responders, while establishing a mobile, flexible and effective testing engine," said Blacksburg Police Chief Anthony Wilson. "Now we're pivoting to a focus on working together to stay safe as our community grows and moves about in greater numbers, as it does each year at this time. We must commit to caring for each other by simply following the expert medical guidance, and doing the right thing."

"Though there is keen interest in locations and details of cases, that's misguided," continued Dr.

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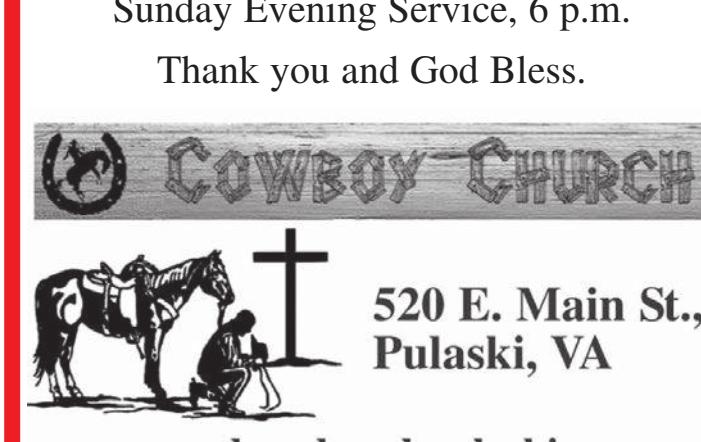
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# When is it safe to open schools? States have varying answers

By COLLIN BINKLEY  
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Associate Press

As schools across the U.S. decide whether to reopen this fall, many are left wondering how to know if it's safe. Public health experts say virus rates in the community should be low, but there's little agreement on a specific threshold or even a measurement.

The federal government has largely left it to state and local governments to decide when it's safe to bring students back to the classroom. The result is a patchwork of policies that vary widely by state and county. Minnesota, for example, suggests fully in-person classes if a county's two-week case rate is no higher than 10 per 10,000 people. In Pennsylvania, it's considered safe if a county's positive virus tests average lower than 5% for a week.

The uncertainty has become a source of tension among school leaders who say they are being pressured to reopen without clear guidelines on how to do it safely. Some school leaders say they're left making decisions that should be made by health officials.

Parents, too, often say they're being left to fend for themselves amid the void, scrolling through health department dashboards to scrutinize virus statistics and make decisions about whether they should send their children back to school in-person or virtually.

In Houston, a group of school district leaders pushed back this week against local officials who recommended that classes remain virtual until hospitalization rates and the trend of new confirmed cases flatten, along with a 14-day average of 5% positive tests.

The superintendents called the plan "not attainable" and said district officials have moved forward with their own plans.

Sarah Davidson was among the parents who supported her school superintendent, convinced that local authorities set the bar too high for a return to in-school classes. She looked up data on local hospitalization rates and spoke to neighbors who work as pediat-

cians before deciding her 5- and 7-year-old kids will be better off inside a classroom than with virtual lessons.

The district is starting the year with two weeks of virtual learning, and parents can decide to continue or send their kids back in person.

"What really sealed it for me was to see how broken my 7-year-old was when I told him we had to do online to start the year," she said. "He just sat there and you could tell on his face he was upset. Then he went alone to his room and he was just inconsolable."

Here is some of the guidance that schools and families are navigating at the start of the school year:

#### FEDERAL GUIDANCE

Amid President Donald Trump's calls to reopen schools, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Aug. 1 issued new guidelines urging schools to open unless there is "substantial, uncontrolled transmission" of the virus in their areas. But the guidance did not define what constitutes uncontrolled spread, saying only that schools should work with local health officials on any decision.

Pressed on the question later, the CDC's chief said exceptions should be made only for schools in "hot spots," which he defined as places where the rate of positive virus tests is above 5%.

The White House separately issued its own guidance urging all schools to reopen, saying prolonged closures "inflict massive harm on children." It said distance learning should be considered only for high-risk students or those with high-risk family members.

Earlier guidance from a White House task force laid out a phased reopening for businesses and schools. That plan said schools could reopen in phase two, after two consecutive 14-day periods with a decrease in documented cases.

#### STATE AND LOCAL ORDERS

Governors and mayors have issued a range of benchmarks to decide when it's safe for schools to

open. Many tell schools to consider the area's rate of positive virus tests, but the threshold deemed safe for classroom instruction ranges from 3% to 15%.

In New York, Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo has said schools can reopen in areas where the average rate of positive tests is below 5% during a two-week period. But in New York City, Mayor Bill de Blasio has said schools can open only if the rate is below 3%.

Republican Gov. Kim Reynolds of Iowa, meanwhile, has ordered all schools to provide at least half of their instruction in-person unless they are granted a waiver from the state. Under her policy, schools are exempt from classroom instruction only if their county's test rate is 15% or higher, and if at least 10% of students are absent.

Many other states fall somewhere between New York and Iowa. Pennsylvania's Department of Education suggests classroom instruction when tested virus rates are 5% or below, and it recommends fully remote learning when the rate exceeds 10%. In between, it calls for a hybrid approach or fully online instruction.

In Arizona, schools are being told to delay classroom teaching until their counties see a two-week decline in new cases, and until their counties go two weeks with testing rates below 7% and coronavirus hospitalization rates below 10%.

#### OUTSIDE SUGGESTIONS

A range of other groups have issued their own advice on a reopening threshold. The World Health Organization advises schools to reopen only if positive test rates remain below 5% for two weeks, a metric that has been endorsed by many health officials.

Researchers at Harvard University's Global Health Institute have suggested a cutoff of 25 new daily cases per 100,000 people. The American Federation of Teachers, one of the nation's largest education unions, has issued its own list of conditions schools should meet before reopening. It said average daily test rates must be below 5%, with a transmission rate below 1%.



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## Prepping for a successful school year

(StatePoint) Whether heading back to the classroom or back to a digital device this fall, it is important to be prepared. Get your children set up for academic success with the following resources and gear:

- Headphones: With so many distractions that can derail a student's attention, a good set of noise-canceling headphones can make all the difference.

- Comfortable workstation: A few considerations will improve ergonomics and comfort, for better focus when working at home. Consider a height-adjustable table or desk as well as an adjustable chair in order to accommodate your growing child's needs.

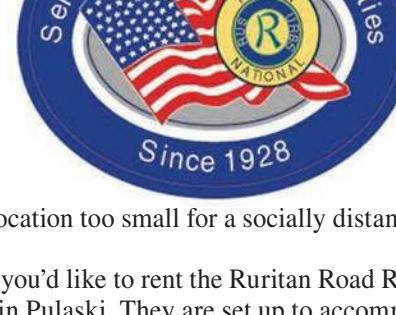
If possible, select an area for your child to work that gets plenty of natural light. A good desk lamp is also essential.

- Music instruction: Give kids the tools they need to play music wherever and whenever they'd like. With the ultra-compact LK-S250 keyboard, novices can easily learn to play favorite songs using the instrument's Key Lighting system and library of built-in songs.

By connecting to the free Chordana Play app, they can take lessons further by mastering favorite tunes from downloaded MIDI files. The class-compliant USB port connects to any Mac, PC, iOS or Android device with no drivers needed.

- Functional fashion: The best accessories also serve a purpose. Look for a watch that has a range of features that help students stay on task. Check out the Pro Trek line of watches. Its different alarm settings can be used to keep a schedule.

Be sure kids are equipped for a successful school year, no matter where or how their learning takes place.



Is your location too small for a socially distant gathering?

Perhaps you'd like to rent the Ruritan Road Ruritan Club building in Pulaski. They are set up to accommodate up to 25 people at tables with a good social distance of 6 feet between each seat.

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

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Bissell. "Knowing those things does nothing to help keep you safe. Only your personal behavior can do that. COVID is here, and it has been since early spring. And what we do individually matters collectively, so personal behavior is the key to personal protection, everywhere and all the time. We're in this together. Let's take care of each other. Let's 'Be Committed' and 'Be Well' together."

The campaign is produced by the New River Valley Public Health Task Force, a consortium of local agencies which banded together in early March and continues to work together daily to mitigate and minimize the regional impacts of the global

COVID-19 pandemic. Task force partners include the New River Health District (Virginia Department of Health), LewisGale and Carilion hospitals and healthcare systems, New River Community College, Radford University, Virginia Tech, the Counties of Floyd, Giles, Montgomery and Pulaski, City of Radford, Towns of Blacksburg and Christiansburg, local law enforcement and first responder agencies, New River Valley Community Services, New River Valley Regional Commission, local public school divisions and area merchants' associations and chambers of commerce.

The campaign was initially conceived by the Town of Blacksburg and Virginia Tech and, be-

cause of strong community partnerships, has rapidly grown to include and complement similar outreach efforts in the City of Radford, at Radford University ("Slow the Spread. Do the Five.") and in advertising and messaging from local municipalities, healthcare providers and other partners.

For more information, visit [www.NRVRoadtoWellness.com](http://www.NRVRoadtoWellness.com) and [www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus](http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus). Or call the New River Health District COVID-19 public health call center at 540-267-8240.

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# Coronavirus Relief

The coronavirus pandemic continues to affect our country and Virginia's Ninth District. Its impacts on the health and livelihood of our citizens are still being felt.

Congress has passed and President Trump has signed several relief measures. Negotiations about a new round of legislation, however, have stalled, primarily due to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's (D-CA) unreasonable demands on items unrelated to the coronavirus.

She wants to use the crisis to force actions that otherwise would have no chance of becoming law. Her agenda items, such as the Green New Deal and voting issues, are wrongheaded at any time. To prioritize them at a time when many Americans are hurting rubs salt into the wounds the coronavirus has inflicted.

Real issues should be addressed in a new round of legislation. For example, I believe children should go back to school if local conditions and science permit them. The schools that reopen may need federal help,



**Morgan  
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Representative

and we should provide it. As long as Speaker Pelosi continues to hold up negotiations, they will get no support.

Seeing little

progress, President Trump issued several executive actions to provide relief. I believe he acted within the authority given by Congress to the executive branch. My preference is to take back authority from the executive branch and restore it to Congress, but I cannot fault the President for using authority the legislative branch previously gave him, even if that original decision by Congress to delegate its power was unwise.

As I write this column, Speaker Pelosi has called back the House to vote – on legislation related to the U.S. Postal Service (USPS).

I support USPS and believe postal reform is necessary. Further, I am happy to return to Washington to vote. But we should address outstanding coronavirus relief before the longstanding financial challenges of the Post Office. Speaker Pelosi has held the speaker's gavel for over a year and a half, but only recently has USPS become her top priority.

We have urgent matters to address – reopening schools with federal assistance, another round of direct payments, etc. – and I am ready to address them. Once that is done, if the Speaker wants to keep us in D.C. to work on postal issues, it would be understandable.

## Middle East

On August 13, President Trump announced a deal brokered by his administration between Israel and the United Arab Emirates (UAE), two American allies in the Middle East. The two countries will normalize relations, with ambassadors to be exchanged and the door to cooperation opened on many issues.

This agreement is historic. Before the UAE entered this agreement, no major Arab state has recognized Israel since the Israel-Jordan Peace Treaty of 1994.

Better ties between Israel and the Arab countries of the Middle East ensure Israel's security, promote economic and political partnerships in the region, and isolate those nearby countries, such as Iran, that threaten the interests of our country and our allies.

When Israel was established in 1948, neighboring countries attacked it within hours. Unfortunately, this set a pattern for events in the decades to come.

Now that the UAE becomes the third Arab state and the first Gulf Arab state to recognize Israel, more countries may follow suit, and a more enduring peace may be built. The statesmanship of the Israeli and UAE diplomats and the Trump Administration officials who negotiated the deal should be commended.

## Women's Suffrage

This August marks 100 years since women were guaranteed the right to vote nationwide.

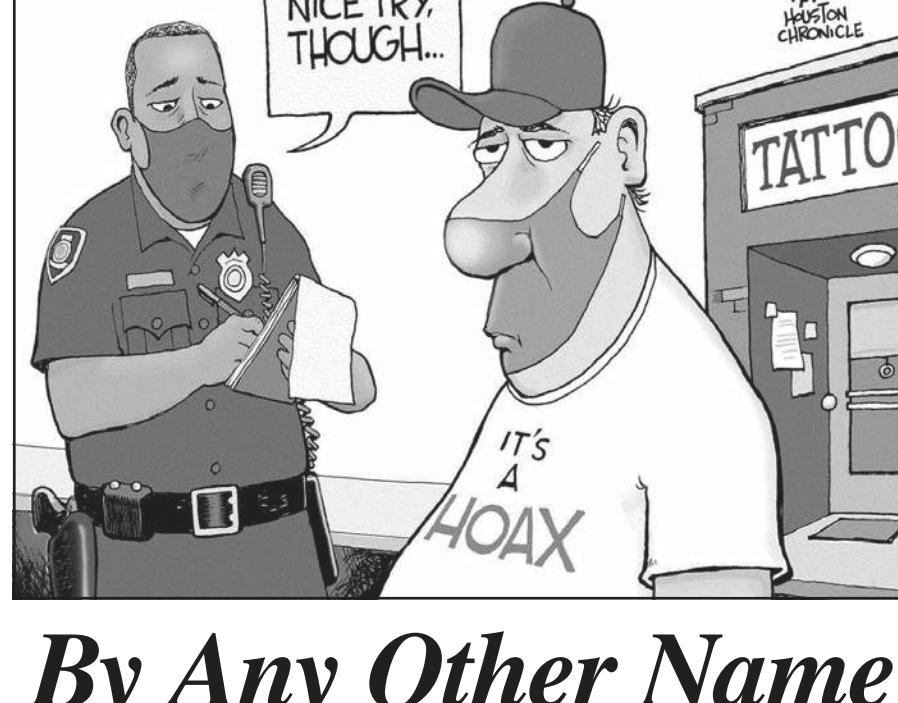
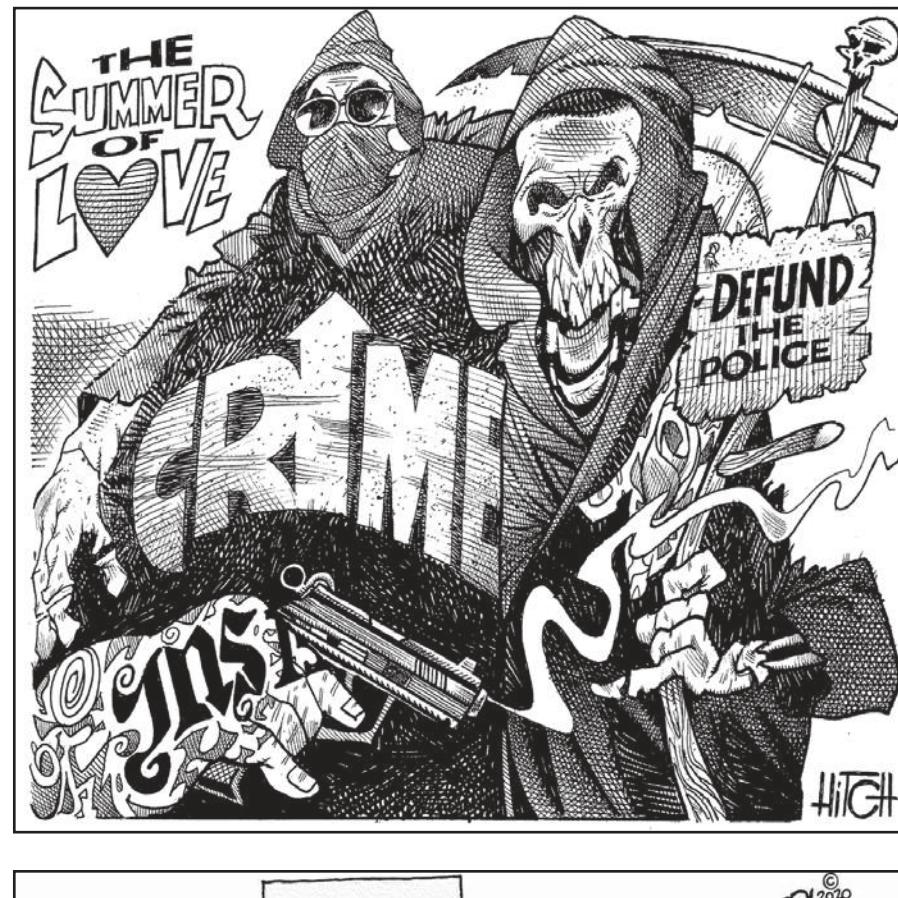
On June 4, 1919, Congress passed a proposed amendment to the Constitution stating, "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex."

On August 18, 1920, the Tennessee House of Representatives met to consider the amendment. Thirty-five states had ratified it by that point, so only one more state out of the 48 at the time was needed for the amendment to go into effect. The state Senate had already passed it.

The House had been evenly divided, but an East Tennessee representative named Harry Burn, who had opposed the amendment, changed his stance after receiving a note from his mother Phoebe beginning, "Hurrah, and vote for suffrage!"

His mother's direction shifted Burn to support for the amendment. With Tennessee, the required three-fourths of the states ratified the amendment. On August 26, 1920, it was certified by the U.S. Secretary of State, and the right to vote would not be denied to women any longer. It was a great and important advance for our country.

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).



## By Any Other Name

BY CAL THOMAS,  
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Politicians and various social justice groups have long used labels that have nothing to do with the real intent of legislation, or an organization, to dupe the public. But, to paraphrase Shakespeare, a rose by any other name is still a rose. Numerous "civil rights" bills have been passed by Congress over the years that have nothing to do with civil rights, but how many members are brave enough to point that out and vote against them?

Which brings me to the Black Lives Matter movement. How many mainstream reporters have bothered to delve into the background and founding principles of the rapidly spreading organization to which even white CEOs are contributing gobs of money in what appears to be an attempt to protect themselves and their businesses from any potential charge of racism?

The Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty, which self-describes as "an ecumenical, nonprofit research organization that promotes the benefits of free enterprise to religious communities, business people, students and educators," has exposed the ideology of Black Lives Matter (BLM).

According to Acton, the founding principles of BLM include a guaranteed minimum income for all black people, free health care, free schooling, free food, free real estate, gender reassignment surgery, free abortion (already disproportionately high among African-American women, "27.1 per 1,000 women compared with 10 per 1,000 for white women," but apparently unborn black lives don't matter to BLM).

Washington, D.C.'s local BLM chapter has even called for "no new jails" (which would likely guarantee an increase in crime, much of it perpetrated in black communities - see the District's crime stats, see Chicago, see Los Angeles). BLM also demands reparations and wants to create a "global liberation movement" that will "overturn U.S. imperialism (and) capitalism."

According to The New York Post, "Black Lives Matter co-founder Patrisse Cullors said in a newly surfaced video from 2015 that she and her fellow organiz-

ers are 'trained Marxists.'

Breitbart News, a conservative syndicated news website, reported that "Cullors, 36, was the protege of Eric Mann, former agitator of the Weather Underground domestic terror organization, and spent years absorbing the Marxist-Leninist ideology that shaped her worldview."

Driving through what appeared to be a mostly white neighborhood in Washington, D.C., last weekend I was surprised, though I probably shouldn't have been, to see quite a few "Black Lives Matter" signs on front lawns and on cars. A few friends have posted the BLM sign on their social media pages. I wonder if any of these people know the background and goals of the movement, or the radical ideology behind it.

There are a growing number, especially among the young, who have been "educated" in our once-great universities by some professors who support the BLM movement and promote similar or identical ideologies. Part of what they are taught is that America began as a white, slave-owning patriarchy and that slaves actually built America. They quickly absorb this, then come home to tell their parents they are part of the problem.

This is a major reason school choice is important if the nation is to be preserved. It should also be obvious that parents must be more selective in where they allow - and in many cases pay for - their children to attend colleges and universities and choose one where their values are strengthened and the nation not undermined.

Black lives matter because like all lives, everyone is endowed with unalienable rights. But the BLM movement might be more harmful than helpful to African Americans. BLM's foundational principles and goals seem closer to those of China and the former Soviet Union. If more people understood that, they might wake up and realize that the United States, as Ronald Reagan used to say, is only one generation from losing it all.

(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  
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## The Immortal Indianapolis

This summer marks the 75th anniversary of the worst disaster in the history of the United States Navy -- the sinking of the USS Indianapolis.

Three hundred men died in the initial catastrophe on July 30, 1945, then the survivors cast into the sea suffered unimaginable horrors, abandoned for days without food or water in shark-infested waters.

As long as tales of the sea move human hearts, the story of the Indianapolis will shock and inspire.

She was a heavy cruiser, in between a larger battleship and smaller destroyer. Sleek, fast and elegant, she bristled with firepower -- her 8-inch guns could fire a 250-pound shell 18 miles. Franklin Roosevelt made her his ship of state, and she became the flagship of the Navy's 5th Fleet.

During World War II, she saw significant action and suffered a debilitating kamikaze strike at Okinawa. Quickly repaired, she embarked on a secret mission to deliver components of the atom bomb dropped on Hiroshima. She then proceeded unaccompanied to Leyte in the Philippines.

A Japanese submarine stumbled upon her on a dark night. It fired six torpedoes, two of which struck the ship in quick succession right after midnight. The ship sank in 12 horrifying minutes.

Nine hundred men made it off, suddenly in the middle of the Philippine Sea at night with their home, their weapon, their mistress gone. Only about half had a life jacket or life vest. They were spread over miles. Many were wounded.

At first, they were hopeful about a rescue that didn't come for four excruciating days. The ship's SOS call was picked up at three places, but the message was ignored. A failure in the Navy's tracking system meant no one noticed when the Indianapolis didn't show up at Leyte. Day by day, hundreds more men died.

During the day, the sun tortured them. The salt water weakened them. Thirst agonized them. Their life jackets began to give out.

They died of exposure and exhaustion. They died from the nightmarish attacks of circling sharks. They died from the terrible temptation of drinking salt water. They died from madness. They died from sheer despair, giving up and sinking beneath the waves.

Still, somehow, at the extreme edge of human endurance, 317 men survived when a plane on a surveillance mission finally came across them.

For Capt. Charles McVay, a new agony began. As the Indianapolis sank, he had considered going down with the ship before getting swept away by a wave. At first separated from his men, he had the horrifying thought that he alone might have survived.

The Navy court-martialed him for not having zigzagged to evade attack, even though his orders only made it mandatory during the day, even though the maneuver was of dubious effectiveness, even though the

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Pulaski County Schools photo

## Social Distancing At Pulaski County Middle School

A look at one of the classrooms at Pulaski County Middle School, with seats arranged to conform with social distancing in response to COVID-19. The photo was part of a monthly report presented to the Pulaski County School Board updating the board of the new school's construction.

## NRCC to offer truck driving course

**From NRCC**

Registration is open for New River Community College's short-term professional truck driving course. During the training, participants will learn truck driving skills and take the Virginia DMV's Class A Commercial Driver's test to obtain a CDL credential.

Weekend sessions will be held Saturdays and Sundays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with several offerings throughout the fall. One session begins Aug. 22 and runs through Dec. 13 (class ID #17836), with another one beginning Oct. 3 and running through Jan. 31 (class ID #17840), and

another one begins Nov. 7 and runs through March 7 (class ID #17844).

Several weekday sessions will be offered this fall. The weekday sessions will be offered with one beginning Sept. 14 and running through Oct. 23 (class ID #17838). Another weekday session begins Oct. 12 and runs through Nov. 20 (class ID #17842), and an additional one begins Nov. 23 and runs through Jan. 8 (class ID #17846). The sessions will be held Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. 5 p.m.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of truck drivers is projected to grow five percent from 2018 to

2028. The average annual wage for truck drivers in Virginia is \$44,140. At the start of 2018, just one truck was available for every 12 loads needing to be shipped, according to an industry analysis by DAT Solutions.

The regular price for the program is \$4,500; but, with special state funding the discounted price is \$1,500. Additional financial assistance may also be available.

This course is one of eleven NRCC FastForward programs that provide affordable and short-term training through the Office of Workforce Development.

To register for one of the sessions, visit [www.nr.edu/workforce](http://www.nr.edu/workforce), Classes & Programs, Non-Credit Course Offerings and search with the class ID number; call 540-674-3613 or email [WFTraining@nr.edu](mailto:WFTraining@nr.edu).

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captain of the Japanese sub said he assuredly would have sunk the Indianapolis anyway.

There was a much stronger case that McVay had been let down by the Navy, since he wasn't apprised of reports of Japanese subs operating in his vicinity and the Navy, shockingly, lost track of his ship. Yet McVay was found guilty.

A broken man, he took his own life in 1968, and the Navy didn't expunge his record of wrongdoing until 2001.

It's another tragedy associated with a ship whose drama, heartbreaking and astonishing, will never leave us.

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

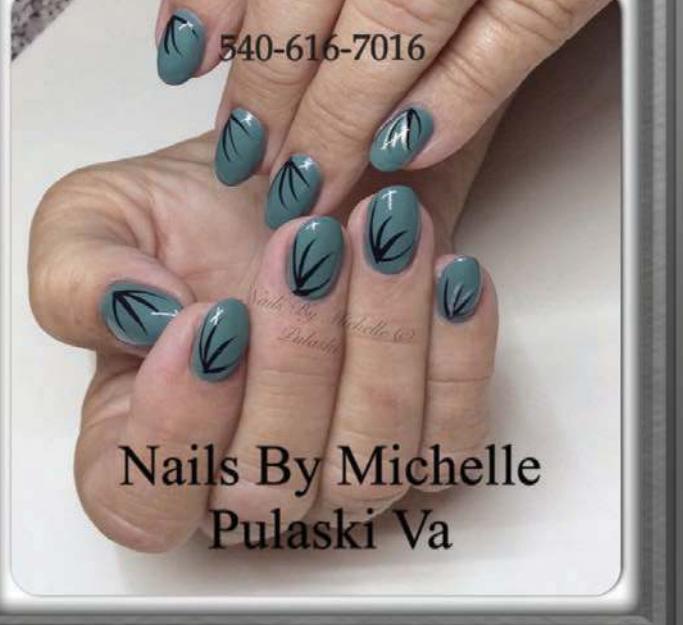
## ANIMAL CARE SPECIALIST

The Pulaski County Animal Shelter is accepting applications for a part-time Animal Care Specialist. This position performs routine semi-skilled custodial work involving the care and cleaning of the animal shelter and ensures that proper cleaning protocol is adhered to by all those participating in cleaning of kennels and cages. Applicants should have good knowledge of cleaning methods, materials and equipment. Requires a high school diploma or GED. Experience working with animals is desirable. Rate of pay is \$11 per hour. Working hours will be determined but will be set at no less than 4 hours per day or no more than 5 hours per day beginning at 8:00 a.m., Monday-Friday.

Interested individuals may apply at the appropriate Virginia Employment Commission Office or download an application from [www.pulaskicounty.org](http://www.pulaskicounty.org) and submit it to [tsafwright@pulaskicounty.org](mailto:tsafwright@pulaskicounty.org) or mail it to Tammy Safewright, Human Resources Director, 143 Third Street, NW, Suite 1, Pulaski, VA 24301.

Position is open until filled.

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## Charlotte couple pleads guilty to conspiracy to distribute prescription opioids in western Va.

ABINGDON, Virginia — A Charlotte, North Carolina-based doctor and his wife pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court in Abingdon, Virginia, to charges that they conspired to illegally distribute prescription opioids in the Western District of Virginia and then made a false statement about the conduct, United States Attorney Thomas T. Cullen announced today.

David Francis Lelio, 57, and Nadja Siiri Kujanson-Lelio, 50, both of Charlotte, N.C., each pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to distribute prescription opioids, specifically oxycodone. David Lelio also pleaded guilty to an additional count of making a false statement. Both will be sentenced on December 10, 2020.

The pair admitted that between 2016 and 2019, Dr. David Lelio wrote more than 60 prescriptions for oxycodone to patients, some of who resided in Wythe County, Virginia, without a legitimate medical purpose. As part of the conspiracy, Dr. Lelio wrote opioid prescriptions in his patients' names, with the understanding that some or all of the prescriptions would be shared with his wife, Nadja Kujanson-Lelio. Dr.

Lelio and his wife then reimbursed the patients for the cost of filling the prescriptions. When asked by law enforcement about the conspiracy, David Lelio falsely stated there was no agreement with any of his patients to return or share the prescription opioids with his wife.

The investigation of the case was conducted by the Wythe County Sheriff's Office, the Virginia State Police, and the Drug Enforcement Administration. Assistant United States Attorneys Lena Busscher and Randy Ramseyer are prosecuting the case for the United States.

According to Major Anthony Cline of the Wythe County Sheriff's Office, on February 14, 2019, the Wythe County Sheriff's Office responded to 142 Ridgeland Drive Max Meadows, Virginia about a deceased male. Upon our arrival, deputies found the deceased male to be Michael Miles (age 63) of Charlotte, North Carolina. Deputies obtained a search warrant for the residence and found multiple prescriptions that were prescribed to the deceased by Doctor David Legio of Charlotte, North Carolina. Deputies found prescriptions for pain medication Oxycodone. While deputies were searching the residence Dr. Legio and his wife arrived at the residence in Max Meadows. Investigators found Dr. Legio was a psychiatrist in Charlotte and that it is not common for a psychiatrist to prescribe medication. This sparked an investigation between the Wythe County Sheriff's Office, State, and Federal Agencies.

The Wythe County Sheriff's Office investigated this case along with the Virginia State Police, Drug Enforcement Agency, and the U.S. Attorney's Office (Western District).

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# Caught in the Act



by Freddy Groves

The Department of Veterans Affairs Office of the Inspector General has been extremely busy. What's astonishing is the criminals who actually think they're going to get away with their crimes.

A gun store thief claimed, in court in front of a judge, that he had been awarded two Purple Hearts. He was trying to get a lower sentence on a couple of other firearms offenses, including stealing 87 guns from a store and then being a felon in possession of guns. Among other things, he claimed Iraq service and said he got the medals for saving another soldier. He showed photos of his (fake) Purple Heart certificates. Nobody was fooled.

Then there was the idiot who defrauded cemetery services customers out of a half million dollars by taking the payments and using them for personal gain and gambling.

Let's not forget the fool who shot up the inside of a VA hospital with a gun he had tucked in his wheelchair. He won't see daylight for a long time.

Sometimes, though, the OIG handles emotionally tough cases, like the VA hospital nursing as-

sistant that murdered seven hospitalized veterans and was planning to kill an eighth by injecting them all with lethal doses of insulin. In one case medical staff discovered the patient's blood sugar level and were able to revive him ... until the nursing assistant came back and injected him again, killing him. Nursing assistants are not allowed (or trained to) administer medication.

Multiple law enforcement agencies cooperated, leaving no stone unturned to rein in the killer, conducting 350 interviews, serving 60 subpoenas and so much more. Still, there are many unanswered questions, such as why wasn't the insulin locked up to keep unauthorized people out of it? Why didn't anyone notice a pattern that went on for over a year? But the biggest question might never be answered: Why? Why on earth did she do this?

## DEPUTY SHERIFF

The Pulaski County Sheriff's Department is now accepting applications for a hiring pool for the upcoming Law Enforcement Academy Class starting in January. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age and possess a valid Virginia driver's license. Prefer applicants with State Law Enforcement Certification and two years of college credits. Extensive background investigation and medical examination is required. Applicants must have 20/20 corrected vision and have proportionate height and weight. Preference will be given to applicants who are a resident of Pulaski County.

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by Linda Thistle

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# Radford Tourism receives \$10,000 marketing grant

The Radford Tourism department has received \$10,000 from the Virginia Tourism Corporation (VTC) DMO WanderLove Recovery Grant Program, a new grant made available to Virginia's Destination Marketing Organizations (DMOs) that have been heavily impacted by the novel coronavirus pandemic. Marketing funds totaling \$866,504 have been awarded to 90 organizations statewide.

The funds will be used for several initiatives, including the installation of a digital kiosk at the new location of the Radford Info & Welcome Center, 701A West Main Street at the corner of Main and Robertson streets. "With this new location we'll be able to help visitors find local businesses and things to do 24 hours/day," said Deborah Cooney, tourism director. "In addition, these monies will fund the development of video content to showcase Radford's accessibility to New River recreation and complete a LOVEworks sculpture project in one of our commercial districts."

Outdoor recreation draws many visitors to Radford and Cooney says "Bisset Park, our boat launches and access to the New River are some of our most popular assets, and we're eager to showcase the New River Water Trail, a regional marketing initiative that will promote New River recreation in the NRV."

As Virginia begins reopening, there is a lot of pent-up demand for leisure travel and people are seeking safe, close-to-home des-

tinations that allow for social distancing and access to open spaces. With this in mind, the WanderLove campaign provides travel inspiration for road trips, outdoor recreation, hidden gems, small towns and Virginia's signature LOVEworks program.

"Virginia tourism is a critical sector of our economy and has been heavily impacted by the coronavirus pandemic," said Governor Ralph Northam. "Getting travelers back on the road and spending money in our cities and towns is one of the fastest ways to inject dollars back into our economy and our communities."

The Virginia Tourism Corporation's DMO WanderLove Recovery Grants give localities the ability to market their destination as safe and welcoming when visitors are ready to resume travel."

Tourism is one of the Commonwealth's largest economic engines, with visitors in Radford spending more than \$16,450,729 in 2018, supporting more than 135 work opportunities and contributing over \$1.8 million in local and state tax revenue. The tourism and hospitality industries have also been among the hardest-hit by the pandemic, experiencing decreased revenue and job loss, along with the temporary closure of many tourism-related businesses.

A revived tourism economy can help spur new economic activity and inject critical funds back into Virginia communities.

The Radford Tourism & Cultural Arts Commission promotes the city and its assets to people

outside of Radford. Successful recent projects include the installation of the Mary Draper Ingles statue and the New River Train Observatory as new tourism products. Websites launched include VisitRadford.com, MaryDraperInglesTrail.com and VisitRadford.com/ArtTrail. Popular special events organized include the Rollin on the River Food Truck Rodeo, the Native American Heritage Festival and the Radford Highlanders Festival.

## Lean Six Sigma training offered online through NRCC

New River Community College has an upcoming online Lean Six Sigma training session that can help businesses reduce costs and increase productivity. According to ASQ (American Society for Quality), one corporation reported \$1.6 million in savings within the first year of implementing a Six Sigma initiative.

NRCC, in partnership with the Manufacturing Technology Center (MTC), is offering training in Six Sigma Green Belt beginning on September 8.

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. Each Green Belt participant will be required to have a job-related and sponsor-approved project which should be selected prior to the start of the class. The course agenda is intended to teach the Six Sigma body of knowledge while leading participants through completion of their individual projects.

The training will be held virtually on Tuesdays, beginning September 8, from 8 a.m. to noon (Class ID #16679). The regular price for the program is \$2,400, but with special state funding, the discounted price is \$800. Additional financial assistance may also be available.

To register, visit [www.nr.edu/workforce](http://www.nr.edu/workforce), Classes & Programs, Non-Credit Course Offerings and search with the class ID number; call 540-674-3613 or email WF-Dtraining@nr.edu.

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# Coronavirus Scammers

## SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Scammers have come up with even more ways to defraud us, this time using the coronavirus. Contact tracers are people who make calls when someone you know has tested positive for the coronavirus. Their job is to trace the possible path the virus has taken from person to person. They only need health information and the places you've been, not financial or personal information. If someone calls you who insists on knowing additional information as part of the contact tracing, hang up.

If you get emails or calls from someone saying they have a cure for the virus, or a sure-fire method of being certain you don't get it, hang up. Their next questions will likely be to ask for your personal or financial information, or a credit card number so you can pay for shipping. Don't fall for it. There are no approved test kits or cures that can be handed out to the general public.

If you get email that's supposedly from the government asking about where to send your stimulus relief check, ignore it. The go-

ernment is not going to contact you about that. They'll send your check (if you're eligible for one) in the mail or they'll deposit it directly into your account, the same one where they deposit your Social Security benefit. Scammers also will pretend to be people from your bank.

If you get a robocall saying you qualify for low-cost coronavirus insurance, hang up.

If you get suspicious email that looks like it might be from the government with information about coronavirus, don't open it, and especially don't click on any links. Those can put a virus or tracer on your computer.

To stay up on the news about the virus, use a legitimate source: [www.ftc.gov/coronavirus](http://www.ftc.gov/coronavirus). On that site you'll find more information about avoiding coronavirus scams. Beware ... and stay safe.

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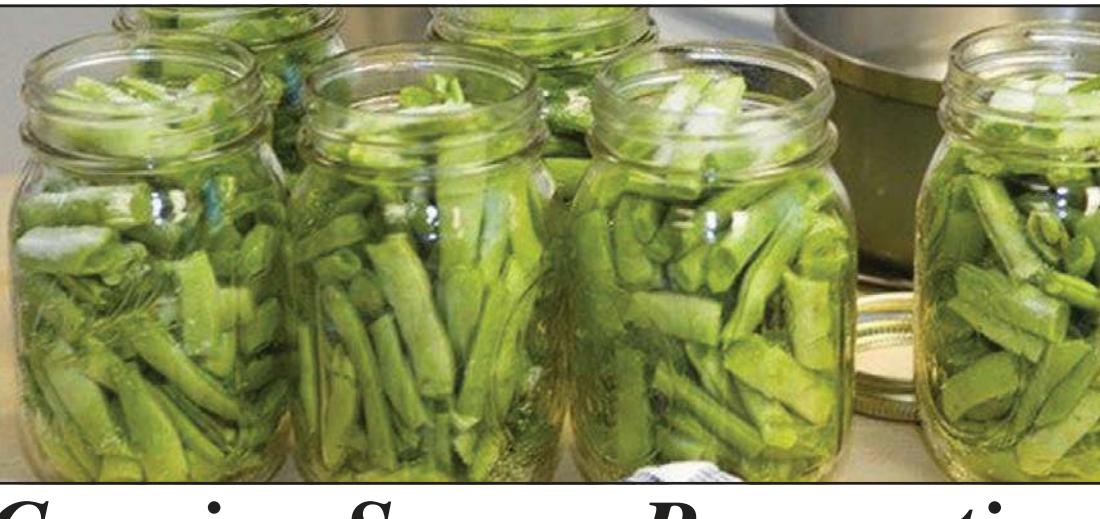
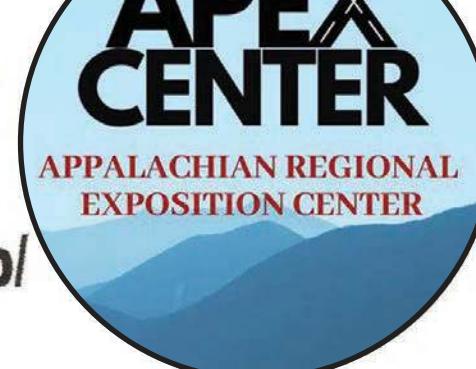
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## Canning Season Preparation

The harvesting season is upon us and many of us are dusting off canners. If you are planning on canning fruits and vegetables from your garden, now is the time to get those canners inspected – especially your pressure canner. Pressure canning is the only recommended method for canning meat, poultry, seafood, and vegetables that are not pickled or acidified. These foods are called low acid foods because there is not enough acid to keep harmful bacteria from growing. Extremely high temperatures are needed to kill the bacteria in these low acid foods, therefore it is necessary to use a pressure canner. Using boiling water canners for canning low or no acid foods poses a potentially deadly risk of botulism poisoning. Botulism is caused by a toxin produced by bacteria called Clostridium botulinum. These bacteria are not destroyed at boiling-water temperatures. Safe home pressure canning recommendations are based on processing food at 240°F which can only be achieved in a pressure canner. Not only is it important to use a pressure canner for canning these types of foods, it is also extremely important to ensure that your pressure canner is working properly so that the food is processed safely and there are no dangers of botulism.

A pressure canner is a specifically designed metal kettle with a lockable lid used for heat processing low-acid canned food. Those made before the 1970s were heavy-walled kettles with clamp-on or turn-on lids; they continue to be popular today as people use the one passed down through the family or as they find them at yard sales or antique stores. Redesigns of pressure canners since the 1970s have resulted in lightweight sturdy, thin-walled kettles, with turn and lock lids. All pressure canners have a jar rack, a vent port (steam vent) and a safety fuse. Pressure is measured by either a weighted gauge (a weight that jiggles when the correct pressure has been reached) or a dial gauge that has a printed numbered scale. Many pressure canners have gaskets or sealing rings made of rubber or a similar material to prevent steam from escaping between the lid and the kettle rim. Others form a tight metal-to-metal seal with the use of clamping mechanisms.

Every year all parts of a pressure canner should be carefully inspected to ensure proper working order for your safety as well as for the safety of the food you are processing. The USDA Complete Guide to Home Canning recommends that dial pressure gauges be checked for accuracy each year to ensure that the food is processed safely. Accuracy of the gauge can make the difference between over or under processed jars in your canner. Under processing could mean that the finished product is not safe to eat. Gauges that are cracked or have excessive water inside should be replaced.

Weighted gauges do not need to be checked by a gauge tester but should be inspected by the user before each use to check for damage. The weighted gauge relies on the proper weight of the gauge in order to determine the pressure of the canner. If the weight of the gauge is changed, the gauge

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# NCAA to vote on free year of eligibility

By RALPH D. RUSSO  
Associated Press

College athletes who play fall sports, including football, will be given a free year of eligibility no matter how much they compete over the next 10 months if an NCAA recommendation is approved later this week.

The NCAA Division I Council voted Wednesday to recommend all athletes whose fall seasons are being altered by the pandemic should get the year of eligibility back. The council also recommended the NCAA should pursue staging fall sports championships during the spring. No recommendation was made for the size of the fields and how they should be picked, which will ultimately

determine whether conferences choose to participate.

"We continue to be committed to providing opportunities wherever possible," said Council chairwoman M. Grace Calhoun, the athletic director at Penn.

Other fall sports include men's and women's soccer, volleyball, field hockey and cross country.

And the council approved the Football Oversight Committee's plan to allow teams not playing in the fall to have 12 hours per week of mandatory activities that include strength and conditioning, meetings and noncontact, unpadded practices.

The proposals need approval by the Division I Board of Directors, which

meets Friday. If the board signs off — which is likely — all athletes, whether they play or opt out because of concerns about COVID-19 at any point during the 2020-21 academic year, will not be docked one of their four years of eligibility.

The NCAA made a similar decision earlier in the year when spring sports had their seasons cut short by the pandemic. All of those athletes were permitted to get an extra year of eligibility, with seniors who wanted to return not counting against roster or scholarship limits for the 2021 seasons.

The same thing will happen for fall sport athletes in 2021-22.

Underclassmen will be guaranteed a waiver to get back the year of eligibili-

ty if they want during their careers, but they will count against roster and scholarship limits.

COVID-19 concerns have led all but six Division I leagues to postpone fall sports, with the hope of making them up in the spring semester.

But even those conferences that are moving toward a fall sports season — including the Southeastern Conference, Big 12 and Atlantic Coast Conference — have decreased the number of games scheduled to be played and built in extra time in anticipation of disruptions caused by COVID-19.

The Big Ten and Pac-12 are among the conferences looking into an alternative

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## Continuity could give an edge

By JOSH DUBOW and DAVE CAMPBELL  
Associated Press

An offseason centered around Zoom meetings, an abbreviated training camp and the absence of exhibition games made continuity more vital than usual in this year of the coronavirus in the NFL.

The joy San Francisco 49ers coach Kyle Shanahan experienced last January when trusty defensive coordinator Robert Saleh was passed over for the head job in Cleveland has become even more pronounced. Similar feelings have reverberated around the league among coaches with the benefit of stability on their rosters and staffs after the COVID-19 pandemic made the process of installing systems and building chemistry more

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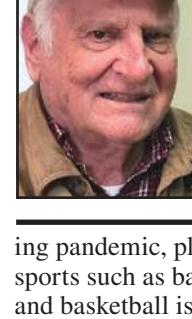
### Young Life Tourney Champs

First place winners from the Edna Loftus Memorial Young Life Golf Tournament are (from left) Mike Burton, Joe Bower, Jason Dalton and Mike Pickett. The tournament was held recently at Thorn Spring Golf Course.

## Got Your Number

I am like Joe Namath lately doing his commercial for Medicare by staying close home a lot and being safe. I read whenever I get a chance and sometimes go back and reread some of my old books. I prefer nonfiction and reread a book recently that was near the area of my mother's birthplace of West Jefferson, North Carolina. It told of the times from the early nineteen-hundreds up through fifties. People then did not have the modern conveniences and entertainment that we enjoy today. The book reflected many of ways

that people found enjoyment on the weekends. They did not have NASCAR or college and professional sports such as baseball, football or basketball on the level as we have today. Local baseball games were one of these that was played there on or both Saturday and Sundays and as I experienced in my later teenage years in this part of Southwest Virginia. There were teams throughout this part of our country that were something for local people to participate in or come out and observe. It seems that with this ongoing



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ing pandemic, playing the major sports such as baseball, football and basketball is going to be a difficult one to pursue. High school, college and the pros are

at odds to doing this. Many high schools and colleges are not having football this fall. The NFL is soon to try to go with a schedule but may see as major league baseball now being played that some players come down testing positive for the virus. I thought I would digress for the second time and relate a baseball story in lieu of the normal things I have contributed to this Woods, Water & Wildlife column and appreciate Mike and The Patriot staff allowing me to do so.

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# NCAA

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football season, starting maybe as soon as January.

"It's hard to penalize a guy a season of eligibility for things that aren't in his control," California coach Justin Wilcox said before the council's recommendation was handed down.

"You put him in a difficult spot if you say, 'OK, are you going to choose to play spring for this many games and that'll cost you a year.' Because then guys are going to say, if it's four games or three or six or whatever they're going to do, then they're going to say, 'Well, maybe I want to save it and play an entire season in '21.'

The Mid-American Conference and Mountain West have also postponed fall sports among those in the NCAA's highest-tier of football. In the second tier of Division I known as FCS, which has an NCAA playoff, all the conferences have postponed fall sports season. A few schools are scheduled to play nonconference football games.

## Shields

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Hull and NanoSafe to test the shield's ability to block small droplets. In spray tests, the two-part visor blocked more than 99.9 percent of droplets smaller than 300 nm. N95 masks, commonly recommended for frontline workers during the pandemic, are required to block at least 95 percent of particles this size.

"This research represents the dedication and hard work of experts across the university, who came together to develop and test new equipment on a tight timeline," said Duma. "Ongoing cross-disciplinary collaborations helped us mobilize quickly to develop a solution we're proud to offer to our

players."

The shields are easy to assemble from commercially available components, which come pre-treated to prevent fogging. The research team is producing shields for any Virginia Tech football players who want them, and is working with other organizations to make the design more widely available.

"We need as many good ideas in the ecosystem as possible, so we wanted to make sure that whatever we designed would be easy for other schools or organizations to replicate. We used readily available materials that are easy to assemble and compatible with equipment players are already using," said Duma.

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"I don't agree at all with the 12 hours," Penn State Franklin said before it was approved. "That makes no sense that other teams are going to be having a season, and we're only going to get to work with our guys for 12 hours. You've got voting from basically all the different conferences, and right now, the only people voting in the best interests of the Big Ten are the people from the Big Ten."

After several days of public outcry from players and their parents, Big Ten Commissioner Kevin Warren said in an open letter that a fall season will not be revisited and the conference is evaluating winter/spring models for football.

"We are actively planning for the winter and spring seasons for all sports, including the return of football," Ohio State athletic director Gene Smith said.

## Edge

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challenging than usual.

No club has as much continuity this season as Shanahan's defending NFC champion Niners.

Their coordinators and key assistants are all back, as well as most of the contributing players who anchored last year's turnaround season. According to a study by SportRadar, the 49ers return the highest percentage of overall snaps played last season (81.6%). The defense also has a league-high 87.2% of snaps returning.

"It's definitely a lot more easy on your anxiety when you can't go in and you can't meet with the players except on Zooms," Shanahan said, reflecting on the offseason program that largely took place behind a screen. "We've added a few different guys player-wise and we have added a couple of different coaches, but the foundation of our team and especially our defense and our defensive coordinator, that hasn't changed. I do think that helps a lot, especially where we left off."

The 49ers are one of three teams bringing back players who participated in more than 80% of snaps last season. Buffalo (81.5%) and Indianapolis (80.3%) are just behind. Though the Colts acquired a new quarterback, Philip Rivers, the Bills brought in big-play wide receiver Stefon Diggs, and left tackle Trent Williams stepped in for the Niners, Rivers and Williams at least have previous experience with their new coaching staffs, easing the transition.

New Carolina Panthers coach Matt Rhule and his staff have faced quite the opposite this summer. Rhule is one of five coaches taking over a team. He also is transitioning from college to the pros, with the only club that has a new head coach, projected starting quarterback and coordinators.

The concept of continuity can be viewed through different lenses, of course. In Minnesota, the defense that has been the backbone of coach Mike Zimmer's seven-season tenure ranks only 19th in stability this

year with 62.6% of snaps returning. The Vikings have five starters to replace.

But for young players such as cornerbacks Mike Hughes and Holton Hill elevated to bigger roles after the veteran departures, the philosophy and terminology of the system has stayed the same.

"There will be ups and downs going forward, but we have a lot of talent. We have a lot of confidence in the guys coming up. We have a lot of confidence in the coaches," safety Harrison Smith said.

So why is so much value placed on continuity across the league? Well, turnover is one of the names of the game. Players have short careers and non-guaranteed contracts. Competitive pressures keep the hiring-and-firing cycle for head coaches and their assistants spinning steadily.

Raiders coach Jon Gruden can relate. While the Raiders have the largest share of offensive players (94%) returning from last season, with rookie Henry Ruggs III the only new projected starter on that side of the ball, defense is a different story. The Raiders figure to have at least five new starters there, all while adjusting to new surroundings after the offseason move from Oakland to Las Vegas across the California-Nevada border.

"We are not the lone ranger. Everybody in the league is going through this," Gruden said. "It'll be a challenge, and we're going to try our best to put them under as much pressure as possible with formations and different tempos to try and get them ready."

The Patriots have the second lowest percentage of snaps returning (56.9%), but that's not about to bother the longest-tenured coach in the league.

"That's what college teams do every year," coach Bill Belichick said, adding: "That's the way it's been. You go to camp for three weeks, then you start the season."

In 2011, the stable Patriots lost the Super Bowl to another team that brought back many key pieces, the New York Giants.

## Davis

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The Little Creek community, where I grew up, was near to area baseball leagues. Mail from Little Creek was carried across the Pulaski/Giles County line to the Poplar Hill a combination of country store and the local post office. Its location was at the intersection of VA Routes 100 and 42. This was where I first played for a one of our area teams. Other teams were at area post offices or small settlements throughout Pulaski, Giles and Bland Counties. Staffordsville, Mechanicsburg, Hollybrook and Shiloh were a few of them. We also played Bland Correctional and Camp

One that inmates from local jails were taken and housed. Camp One between Dublin and Radford was closed a few years ago as was the above-named post offices and settlements that could field a baseball team. The games with the correctional facilities required us to play at their field since there was the risk of escape. We rotated with other teams by playing on our home field and visiting theirs.

We played a game once at Camp One where they had a pitcher that threw an underhand or "submarine" pitch that was probably in the nineties. He was striking out all of our players with the exception of me as I batted third and did not get around all the way and the ball was hit to right field. They led the game 3-0 when my turn came around again and our manager, Russell had gotten on base with a single. I was up and swung at and missed a hard-fast ball right down the middle of the plate. The pitcher, no doubt feeling pretty good at this time with a "shutout" going remarked to me, "I've got your number." He brought another one right over the plate but I was a pretty good fast ball hitter and the ball

sailed over the left field fence. Everybody got a kick out of this and his own players and fellow inmates in the bleachers yelled, "Yeah, you've got his number all right." The score was then 3-2, in their favor and remained so until the end of the sixth inning when they called the game. The guards lined up the inmates and marched them back behind into their facility. I often wondered if this hadn't been done on purpose as I was scheduled to bat the next inning and may have been fortunate enough to hit another home run to tie the game or go ahead if we had a base runner on.

Did you know that the Good Lord has the hairs of your head numbered? Jesus stated in Luke 12:7 KJV: "But even the very hairs of your head are numbered." Also, Hebrews 9:27a KJV states: "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." You can repent, if you are a sinner, and ask Jesus into your life as Lord and Savior and become a redeemed and numbered one in the Kingdom of God.

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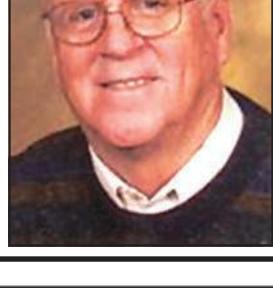
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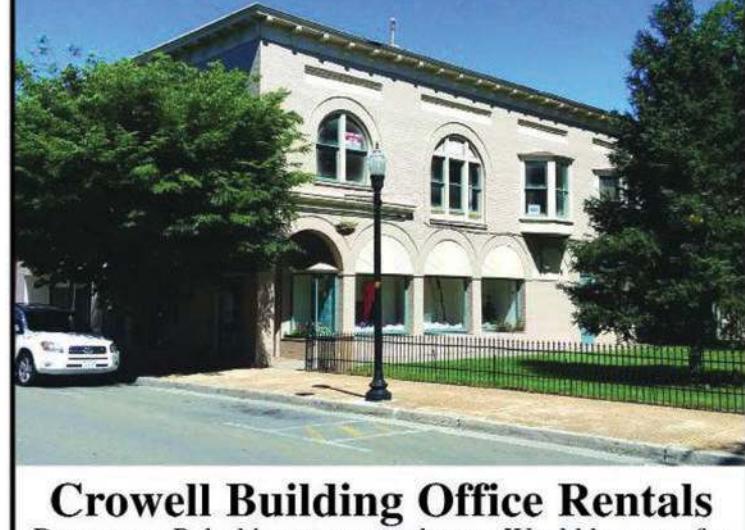
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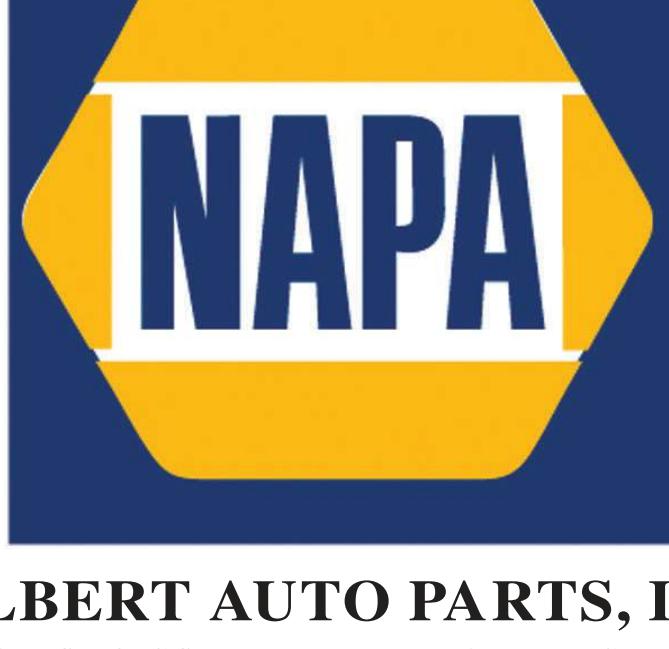
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## LEGAL NOTICES

### DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

#### Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations for Pulaski County, Virginia and Incorporated Areas

The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency has issued a preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), and where applicable, Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report, reflecting proposed flood hazard determinations within Pulaski County, Virginia and Incorporated Areas. These flood hazard determinations may include the addition or modification of Base Flood Elevations, base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area boundaries or zone designations, or the regulatory floodway. Technical information or comments are solicited on the proposed flood hazard determinations shown on the preliminary FIRM and/or FIS report for Pulaski County, Virginia and Incorporated Areas. These flood hazard determinations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community is required to either adopt or show evidence of being already in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. However, before these determinations are effective for floodplain management purposes, you will be provided an opportunity to appeal the proposed information. For information on the statutory 90-day period provided for appeals, as well as a complete listing of the communities affected and the locations where copies of the FIRM are available for review, please visit FEMA's website at ([https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/BFE\\_Status/bfe\\_main.asp](https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/BFE_Status/bfe_main.asp)), or call the FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors intends to hold a public hearing beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 24, 2020, in the Supervisors Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, N.W., Suite 1 in the Town of Pulaski to receive citizens' comments on the following matters:

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).

If you are a disabled individual and would like special auxiliary aids or services, please contact the County's ADA Compliance Officer at (540) 980-7800 (TDD accessible) or (540) 980-7705, ten (10) days prior to the above meeting date.

**CLASSIFIEDS WORK. CALL 540-808-3949. DEADLINE WEDNESDAY NOON.**

# 100 dead, sick animals found in home

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (AP) — A Virginia woman accused of having more than 100 dead and sick animals in her home has been convicted of multiple animal cruelty charges.

Lisa Hokaj-Ross, 53, pleaded guilty Tuesday to the 24 counts — one for each of the sick cats and one dog found in her house in March 2019, The Virginian Pilot reported.

She also agreed to undergo mental health treatment, not to own any pets for 10 years and to allow Animal Control officers to make unannounced visits to her home, among other restrictions, the newspaper said.

Animal Control officers executed a search warrant at Hokaj-Ross' Virginia Beach home last spring, where they had conducted similar searches and discovered dead and live animals in the past, according to court documents entered Tuesday.

In the most recent case, 23 cats had to be euthanized because they had a contagious virus, the documents said. Dozens of other dead animals, including kittens, squirrels, possums, rabbits and a duck were found in her garage.

In 2015, Hokaj-Ross was also accused of trying to break into a Virginia Beach Animal Control building to take cats, officials said at the time.

Her defense attorney said Tuesday that Hokaj-Ross "loves animals" and never intended to harm them.

She could face up to one year in jail and a \$2,500 fine for each count when sentenced in November.

## Truth or Dare

Dare you threaten me with a muzzle?  
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Dare you take away my life just to prove you're in control?  
You can't fight fire with fire if you haven't lit the torch.  
You don't know what freedom is.  
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Sign your name on the borders. I will walk them, flag in hand.  
Watch as I show you true equality represented with the symbol of a fish and a single piece of bread.  
We must take care of each other, not praise one or a few men.  
Dare you send the dogs after me? Dare you sentence me to the hell you made?

How dare you try to turn this country into a monarchy?  
How dare you underestimate your victims? We are rising.  
We are taking back our homeland.  
And if you dare think you can stop us — think again.  
The revolution is coming, and you're all a part of it.

**Written by Molly Sullivan, 17, Draper, Va.**

## Don't Give Up'

Tough times don't last always, tough people do,  
Don't ever give up because God will see you through.  
At the end of the tunnel there is always light, making the situation better and even bright.  
Many storms will come in our lives today.  
Trust the Lord, keep the faith, and continue to pray.  
There is going to be days when the road seems mighty rough.  
Remember we are God's children and we are tough.  
The Lord is my light and my salvation  
whom shall I fear. (Psalms 27:  
When things seem out of our reach, He is yet so near.  
so grasp the rope with both hands and hang on tight.  
Help is on the way and everything will be alright.

**Written by Naomi Davidson, Pulaski, Va.**



Museum Welcomes New Director, Morgan Herbert.

## Dog Is Freaking Out Over Face Masks

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:**  
Every time I put on a medical face mask, my dog "Artie" starts barking like mad. When I speak to him, he will stop barking, but he looks restless and whines. He doesn't bark at strangers that we pass on our walks -- just me and my husband. What is going on? -- Sarah S., Burlington, Vermont



DEAR SARAH: Artie is freaking out because he is familiar with you and your husband's faces, and suddenly, without warning, those faces are gone! He may rely on your faces for visual cues, like a smile or frown. The sudden change is unnerving him.

Taking off the mask isn't an option right now, especially in areas that mandate face mask use whenever you're outside due to the pandemic.

Instead, the American Kennel Club recommends both desensitizing dogs to the face mask and helping them associate positive things with it. Before putting on the mask, show it to Artie and let him sniff it. Carry a mask around the house, but don't wear it; let it hang off of one ear, or wear it un-

der your chin, so that Artie sees you with it regularly. The AKC even suggests taping a mask on the wall next to Artie's food bowl, although if he shows signs of stress having it there, take it down and try something else.

Try using hand signals that correspond to the command or praise you want to give. This can help redirect his attention from your face and help him make the connection that you are still there and providing guidance.

Make sure that Artie is in a comfortable state before training sessions. Ease off if he begins to act concerned or stressed.

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## Bolling Wilson Museum names Herbert director

The Edith Bolling Wilson Birthplace Foundation is pleased to announce the addition of Morgan Herbert as the museum's new Executive Director effective August 5, 2020. Morgan most recently served as the Associate Director of Downtown Wytheville Incorporated where she gained valuable insight into non-profit administration. She also has a professional background in content writing, marketing, and literacy programming. Morgan holds a degree in English from Radford University.

The Edith Bolling Wilson Birthplace Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. The Foundation seeks to preserve the birthplace and childhood home of First Lady Edith Bolling Wilson and share her story, From Wytheville to the White House. The museum and Bolling Home are located at 145 E. Main Street, Wytheville, VA. For more information, "like" the museum on Facebook and visit the website at: www.edithbollingwilson.org.

"I am excited to be part of such a passionate team of staff, board members, volunteers, and supporters. I look forward to working with this group to tell Edith Bolling Wilson's story and share her legacy in innovative ways," Morgan notes.

As Executive Director, Morgan will work with the museum's board of directors and staff to increase awareness of the historic site, improve the visitor experience, and strategically plan for the museum's growth. She will provide guidance as the Museum creates new educational programs and undergoes an organizational assessment to determine goals for the upcoming year. Morgan can be reached at morganherbert@edithbollingwilson.org or at 276-22E-DITH (276-223-3484).

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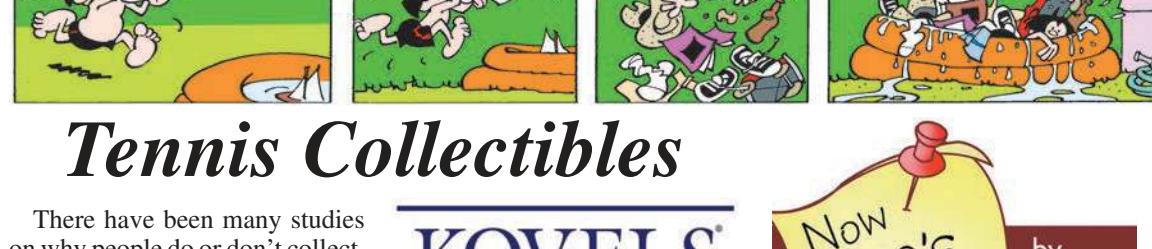
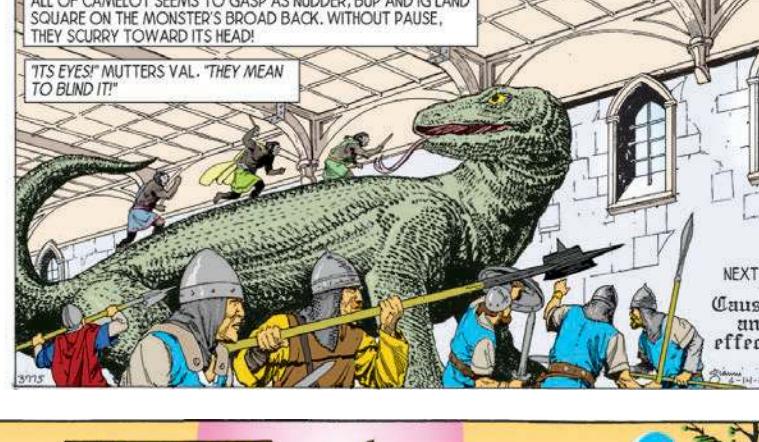
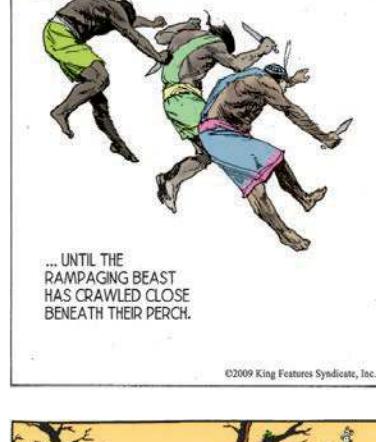
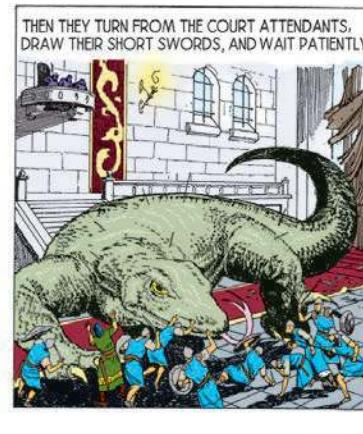
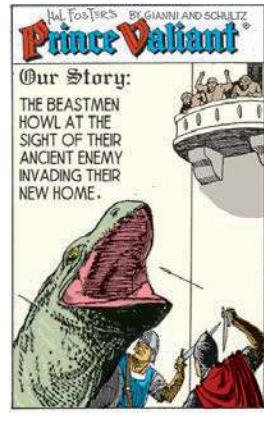
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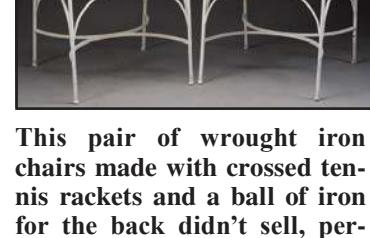
## Tennis Collectibles

There have been many studies on why people do or don't collect. Do they hoard to replace something that was missing in their life -- a loving parent, perhaps? Is it an obsession, like gambling? Or is it interest in research on history or art and the emotions they create? Many decorators in the 1950s and '60s included a cabinet in the living room or dining room to hold a collection of ceramics, glass or miniatures. Today, fashionable rooms are often decorated with only a few large paintings or wall hangings and one large colorful work of art or antiques on a large table. Does that mean we are too busy to want to search for and buy special collectibles?

Many collectors search for reminders of their earlier lives -- a sport, a color, a love of gardening. A memorable sale by Morphy Auctions included a collection that belonged to a famous woman, a tennis historian and author. She had cameo pins picturing a woman with a tennis racket, wicker chairs with the backs woven in the shape of crossed rackets, dishes picturing tennis-playing rabbits, and of course, old tennis balls, gut-strung rackets and even a skirt lifter shaped like rackets, used to hold a woman's skirt up while playing in the 1890s. The sale proved there were others who like both tennis and collecting enough to buy unopened cans of 1930s tennis balls for \$1,200 and a tennis player weathervane for \$11,000.

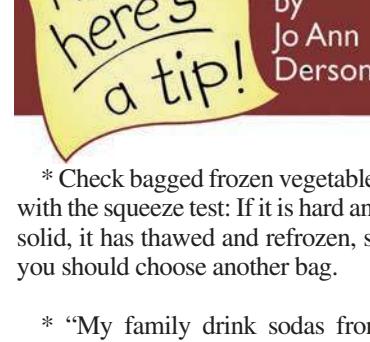
**KOVELS**  
Antiques & Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel



This pair of wrought iron chairs made with crossed tennis rackets and a ball of iron for the back didn't sell, perhaps because they were old but repainted. They had been estimated at \$1,200 to \$1,800.

TIP: Don't store paper collectibles in the trunk or glove compartment of your car. The heat may harm them. If you are on a long buying trip, don't keep putting the papers you buy in the trunk. Mail them to your home or office and avoid exposing them to prolonged heat.



\* Check bagged frozen vegetables with the squeeze test: If it is hard and solid, it has thawed and refrozen, so you should choose another bag.

\* "My family drink sodas from the plastic bottles. At the beginning of storm season, I fill a dozen or so about three-quarters full and put them in the freezer. They are good in coolers and such, but mostly they fill space, making the freezer not have to work so hard. And if we lose power, they help to keep frozen foods frozen longer." -- T.R. in Georgia

\* "My family has always used mayonnaise as a salve on minor burns. I heard you can use toothpaste, too." -- Sam P. via e-mail

\* "I love to put photos of family on the fridge. I found that the photos were getting ruined from grease and moisture in the air. To get around that I cleaned and laminated them. Afterward, I hot-glued little magnets to the backs, and now I can move them around to accommodate new photos. There are so many, and it gives me pleasure to look at them." -- C.R. in Oklahoma

\* Use a paper plate as a splatter guard in the microwave. It will not sag down into your food, and will not get dragged off to the side by any rotation.

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

## THINGS WITH MAGIC MAZE ● ELECTRIC MOTORS

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.  
Unlisted clue hint: WASHER AND —

Air conditioner	Compressor	Heater	Pumps
Band saw	Computer	Lawn mower	Shredder
Blender	Drills	Locomotives	Trimmer
Cars	Garage door	Mixer	

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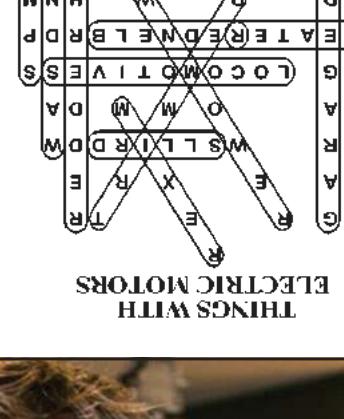
## CryptoQuote

**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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The mountain is voiceless and  
and imperceptible; and  
it's very loftiness and  
serenity sometimes make  
us the more lonely.  
— Henry Van Dyke

Answer:

**CryptoQuote**

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Terry McCraw

## Caleb, a Great Man of God

Moses sent Caleb, Joshua and 10 other men on a mission to spy out the Canaan Land. Caleb was a great man of God. His life is an example for us to follow. He was a man who wholly followed the Lord God. Caleb believed God when the majority in the camp doubted God.

Twelve spies were selected from the 12 tribes of Israel, each one representing his tribe. Caleb represented the tribe of Judah.

Caleb and Joshua were the only two of the twelve who believed God and wanted the Israelites to go into the Canaan Land and take the land as God commanded. When the 12 spies came back after 40 days of scouting out the land, Caleb said vocally, "Let us go up at once to possess it, for we are well able to overcome it." He and Joshua encouraged the people to go in and possess the land. However, the other ten spies were faithless cowards. They brought back an evil report, and advocated that the taking of the land would be impossible, due to the strong fortified nations who occupied it and the evidence of giants living there.

God had promised the land to Abraham and his descendants. He could do that because God created it all and owns it all. God commanded Israel to go in and claim the land as their God given right.

The ten cowardly spies were afraid to trust God and go in and possess the land. Not so with Caleb. Caleb believed God. Caleb knew that God would give His people victory over all who opposed them.

Caleb believed like Paul believed later on who said, "If God be for us, who can be against us?" Romans 8:31.

The twelve spies spied out the land for 40 days and returned to report to Moses. Caleb said to Moses, "We should go up and take possession of the land. We can do it."

But the cowardly ten spies said "NO." We can't defeat these people. They are stronger than we are. The land that we saw devours the people in it. The giants made us feel like we were grasshoppers compared to them.

The ten cowards exaggerated the report, so as to convince the Israelites to turn back. But to turn back was to disobey God, Who had commanded them to go in and take the land.

In a Democracy the majority rules whether the majority is right or not. In our lesson today, there were ten against two. And sad to say, in this case, the majority won out and the Israelites listened to the majority and refused to go in and claim the land. As a result of their disobedience the Israelites had to journey through the wilderness for 40 years. They believed the bad report because it was what they wanted to believe.

The truth is, the Majority is not always right. All we have to do is to look at the majority of Americans favoring godless things to know that the majority is wrong in many cases. Abortion is wrong, but the majority of the Supreme Court ruled wrongly, and made it the law of the land. So the majori-

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### 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](http://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](mailto:christ24301@gmail.com)  
[www.christpulaski.dioswva.org](http://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/cecilscapel.umc](http://www.facebook.com/cecilscapel.umc)

### Newbern United Methodist Church

5155 Wilderness Road  
Exit 98 off I-81 Newbern  
Rev. Paige Wimberly  
674-6111

Worship Services: 9:45 a.m.

Sunday School: 11 a.m.

### Valley Harvest Ministries

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

### Mountain View United Methodist Church

6648 Wilderness Road  
Dublin, VA 24084  
Phone: 540-674-6111

[mountainviewumc.yolasite.com/](http://mountainviewumc.yolasite.com/)

Pastor: Paige Wimberly

Adult Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Morning Worship with Children's Church at 11 a.m.

### Dublin Baptist Church

100 Hawkins Street  
Dublin, VA 24084  
540-674-6061

[secretary@dublinbaptistva.org](mailto:secretary@dublinbaptistva.org)

Website: [dublinbaptistva.org](http://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](mailto:office@fumcpulask.org)  
website: [www.fumcpulask.org](http://www.fumcpulask.org)

### Belspring Baptist Church

6887 Depot Street  
Belpoint, 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  
[belpointbaptistchurch@gmail.com](mailto:belpointbaptistchurch@gmail.com)

### Memorial Baptist Church

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

### River of Life Church

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

### Delton Church of God of Prophecy

4570 Boyd Road, Draper, VA 24324  
Pastor Vickie Lee Viars  
[deltoncogop@gmail.com](mailto:deltoncogop@gmail.com) (276) 620-3191  
Service Times  
Sunday school - 10 am - 11 am  
Sunday Morning Worship - 11 am - 12 pm  
Sunday Evenings - Devoted to  
Evangelistic Outreach  
Wednesday- 6 pm

2nd Wed Each Month - Free Community  
Dinner - 5:45 pm - 6:45 pm

2nd Wed Each Month - Missions service  
6:45 pm - 7:30 pm

### Heritage Church

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

### Fairlawn Baptist

6758 Oxford Avenue  
Fairlawn, VA 24141

### First Missionary Baptist Church

7318 Manns Drive / P.O. Box 90  
New River, Virginia 24129  
(540) 639-5331  
email: [fmbc1872@verizon.net](mailto:fmbc1872@verizon.net)

Pastor: Rev. Richard A. Goodman, Sr.  
Associate Minister:  
Rev. Annette Cheek

Clerk: Mrs. Carlotta Lewis

Sundays:

Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
The Lord's Supper - Each First Sunday

Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting &

Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

### Dublin United Methodist Church

PO. Box 577  
424 East Main Street  
Pastors Don Hanshew & Don Shelor  
(540) 674-5128  
[office@dublinumc.com](mailto:office@dublinumc.com)

Early Worship - 8:45 am

Sunday School - 9:45 am

Praise & Worship Small Group - 10:00 am

Worship - 10:55 am

### Freedom Fellowship Church

1730 West Street  
Radford, VA 24141  
Sr. Pastor: Jerry W. Collins  
(540) 577-5780  
[jcollinsfreedomfellowship@yahoo.com](mailto:jcollinsfreedomfellowship@yahoo.com)

Sunday Service: 10 a.m.

11 a.m. Children's Church

Wednesday - 7 p.m. Service

7 p.m. Youth Service

### Draper's Valley Presbyterian (PCA)

2755 Old Baltimore Road, Draper, VA 24324  
Mailing address: Same as above  
Pastor's Name: Rev. Robert E. Davis  
Associate Pastor: Rev. Roland Mathews  
Primary Service Times:  
Sunday Morning Worship Service  
8:30 and 11:00

Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:15 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening (5:45 Supper in the  
Fellowship Hall (Sept thru May) - Youth Groups  
and Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m.)

Contact Info:  
Phone - 540-994-9015  
e-mail - [drapers.valley@dvpca.org](mailto:drapers.valley@dvpca.org)  
website - [www.dvpca.org](http://www.dvpca.org)

### Trinity Lutheran Church ELCA

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

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

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

**Fairlawn United Methodist Church**  
7584 Brandon Road, Fairlawn, Va. 24141  
Pastor Mark A. Miller  
[markmiller.psalm1@gmail.com](mailto:markmiller.psalm1@gmail.com)  
Cell) 540-320-2431

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship (with children's message):  
11 a.m.  
Bible Study, Wednesday: 7 p.m.  
Youth Ministry

[Facebook.com/Fairlawn.United-Methodist-Church](http://Fairlawn.United-Methodist-Church)

### Grace Ministries Church of God of Prophecy

1021 Macgill Street  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
Church: 540-980-2118  
Cell: 276-233-8083  
Bus Ministry: 540-385-9972  
[www.pulaskigracemin.com](http://www.pulaskigracemin.com)  
Email: [pulaskigracemin@hotmail.com](mailto:pulaskigracemin@hotmail.com)

Pastor Mike Williams  
Children's Ministry  
Aaron & Becky Sampson  
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.<br

**Thornspring United Methodist Church**

5670 Thornspring Church Rd.

Dublin, VA 24084

Pastor: Rev. Teresa Tolbert

Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Worship Service: 11 a.m.

Phone: (540) 980-2927

**First Baptist Church**

5473 Baskerville Street

Dublin, VA 24084

Pastor Wallis Brown

540-674-2677

Service: 11 a.m.

**New Dublin Presbyterian Church**

5331 New Dublin Church Road

Dublin, VA 24084

Pastor: Sara Jane Nixon

Website: newdublinpres.org

540-674-6147

Services 11:00 AM Sundays

**Community Christian Church**

Jason Allmon, Pastor

5382 Grace Street

Dublin VA, 24084

540-674-4308

**First Dublin Presbyterian Church (ECO)**

409 Church Street, Dublin, Va. 24084

P.O. Box 2027, Dublin, Va. 24084

first-dublin-presbyterian-church-eco.com

Minister:

The Rev. Dr. Olin Marsh Whitener, Jr.

**Max Creek Baptist Church**

3000 Old Route 100 Road, Draper, Va. 24324

www.maxcreek.org

www.facebook.com/maxcreekbaptist

Senior Pastor: Mike Coleman

Youth Minister: Charlie Prince

Director of Visitation: Ersel Alderman

Sunday Services

Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Morning Worship: 11 a.m.

Teen Social and Class: 5 p.m.

Evening Worship: 6 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study &amp; Classes: 7 p.m.

**Pulaski Church of God**

1621 Bob White Boulevard

Pulaski, VA 24301

Pastor Donald Jones

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Sunday Services

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1946 Medallion Drive

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(540) 980-1349

Pastor Becky Wheeler

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

**First Baptist Church**

220 Magazine Street

Pulaski, VA 24301

540-980-3336

Email: firstbaptist220@gmail.com

Pastor: Rev. Douglas Patterson

Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Monday's Child Youth Group, Monday

Evening 6 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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(PCA)

975 Memorial Drive

Pulaski, VA 24301

Office Phone: 980-2631

Email: pastor@pulaskipca.org

Website: www.pulaskipca.org

Stated Supply: Rev. John Gess

Sunday School: 10:00am

Worship Service: 11:00am

**Sure Foundation Christian Fellowship**

6598 Annie Akers Road

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(540) 639-3443

Pastor Steve Phillips

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:00 am

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Wednesday Night

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1555 Case Knife Road

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Service Times:

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1749 Newbern Road

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Pastor Frank Peters

Sunday School: 9:45

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980-3798

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3050 Lee Highway

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email: pastorjuls@verizon.net

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Sunday School (all ages) 9:30 a.m.

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Wednesday Bible Study: 6 p.m.

**Trinity Baptist Church**

4008 Robinson Tract Road

Pulaski, VA 24301

Telephone: 980-8186

Pastor Johnny Howlett

Minister of Education Rev. Steve Taylor

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship - 11 a.m.

Sunday Bible Study - 6 p.m.

Wednesday - Adult Bible Study and Youth

Group - 7 p.m.

**Grace Fellowship Baptist Church**

2640 Max Creek Road

P.O. Box 326

Hiwassee, VA 24347

Pastor: Jason N. Aker

Phone: 276-699-3176

pastorjasonaker@gmail.com

Sunday School: 10 a.m.

# Take time to enjoy what the county has to offer

From our guest writer, Curtis Crowder, Your host for Curtis in the Morning on PSK

Hello everyone. My name is Curtis Crowder. I do the morning show on 107 Country PSK.

Being from Pulaski County my entire life, I know that we have exactly everything we need for a vacation right here in our own backyard. Recently I took advantage of one of those spots.

Just like everyone else, when life gets hectic, I just want to put everything on hold and have a little time for myself. That's exactly what I did this past Saturday.

I took off on a hike on the New River Trail. Just me.

I chose to start my walk on the Trail in Draper, the town where I grew up. As a kid I would walk the "trail" before it was a trail. Yep, I'm old enough to remember the train rolling through the town. And I walked to Hiwassee and back.

I always knew that our area was beautiful, but what I didn't know was just how beautiful it is. Maybe it's because I'm older now, and I chose to take it slow and look at everything around me, but wow, Mother Nature sure took her time in our area: The Mountains; The New River; and on this particular day, the bluest sky you've ever seen.

The only things I took with me was my cell phone, which I only turned on to take a couple of pictures, and a bottle of water. The walk was so relaxing.

Of course, I wasn't the only one on the trail. I saw others walking, riding bikes, and I even saw a couple of horseback riders. What I loved most was that every single person smiled and said (hello).

I met a couple from South Carolina. They were traveling up In-

## Celebrity

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anything since she got married. Is she still acting? -- P.M.

A: Diaz, star of hit films like "There's Something About Mary" and "The Mask," married rocker Benji Madden in 2015, and their daughter was born late last year. After filming the movie "Annie," Diaz decided to walk away from the spotlight.

She recently told fellow movie star Gwyneth Paltrow that she is at peace with her decision. She also added that she hasn't ruled out a return to acting someday. Coincidentally, it was recently announced that Warner Bros. plans to film two more "Mask" movies. The original starring Jim Carrey and Diaz was a hit back in 1994. If the studio approaches the retired star to reprise her role, then this might be the perfect opportunity for a comeback.

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Alex

Dear Alex,

If I were you, I'd get really good at the whole marketing thing. At this stage of the game, you are your best investment. You're a go-getter, so just keep on going and getting it.

If you continue on this path, and by that I mean working, going to school, and piling up cash, you're going to be able to put that marketing know-how to work in a big way. You'll be able to use some of the cash you've got stored away to set yourself up in your new life. What you're doing right now, in your situation, will give you a better return mathematically than a mutual fund.

Do you get what I'm saying? An education that is usable is more valuable to you at this stage of the game than investing. Now, when you finish school and start living life in your new ca-

reer, good growth stock mutual funds are what I'd recommend for retirement. And at that point, if you've got an extra \$30,000 or \$40,000 sitting there, that's even better.

Great start, Alex. Well done!

—Dave

Dear Dave,

I'll be 72 in October, and I have a Roth IRA I haven't done anything with in a while. I've got about \$30,000 in it, and I believe I read where the government said there will be a mandatory withdrawal at age 72. If this is true, what should I do with that money?

Danny

Dear Danny,  
I'm not positive there are mandatory withdrawals on a Roth IRA. I think that applies to traditional IRAs, but double-check with your investment advisor to make sure.

If it does apply to Roths, I'd take the required minimum distribution and move that amount to other investments. Or, since it's only \$30,000, if you've got another nest egg you plan to live on, you could just have some fun with the money.

In any case, talk to your investment professional before taking action. If he has the heart of a teacher and cares about your best interests, he'll look at your overall financial situation and guide you in making the right decision.

—Dave

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

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