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## WEEKEND WEATHER

### Saturday

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**Saturday Night** - Partly cloudy, with a low around 61. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

### Sunday

Mostly sunny, with a high near 87. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

**Sunday Night** - Partly cloudy, with a low around 66. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

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## Youngkin stumps in county with stop at Camrett facility

By MIKE WILLIAMS  
The Patriot

After making campaign stops Saturday in Pulaski County along with the rest of the Republican ticket, gubernatorial candidate Glenn Youngkin returned to the county Tuesday to tour Camrett Logistics' Riverbend operation at the end of Viscoe Road in Fairlawn.

Youngkin, Lt. Governor candidate Winsome Sears and Attorney General candidate Jason Miyares stumped in four locations in the county Saturday, starting with a rally at the Pulaski County GOP Headquarters with 7th District Delegate candidate Marie March at The Barn on Route 11.

Then the candidates met with firefighters at the Dublin firehouse, followed by a stop on Claytor Lake at the Rock House Marina.

Later in the day the trio finished up their visit to the county by dropping by the new Fairlawn location of the Blue Ridge Fudge Lady.

During the visit Tuesday to Camrett, Youngkin toured the 580,000 square foot facility with Camrett's Executive Vice Pres-

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Mike Williams/The Patriot

Republican gubernatorial candidate Glenn Youngkin (center) talks with 12th District Delegate candidate Jason Ballard (left) and Camrett Executive VP Steve Willis during a Tuesday tour of the company's Riverbend facility in what used to be the AT&T plant.

## Patton Logistics Group to expand new facility, add 63 jobs

RICHMOND—Governor Ralph Northam last Thursday announced that The Patton Logistics Group will invest \$11 million to expand its trucking, logistics, and warehousing operation in the New River Valley Commerce Park in Pulaski County.

The company will expand its newly-constructed 250,000-square-foot logistics center by an additional 150,000 square feet.

This expansion will include a trucking operations and maintenance center that will provide the infrastructure to support a future investment in electric trucks.

Virginia successfully competed with Pennsylvania for the expan-

sion project, which will create 63 new jobs. Secretary of Commerce and Trade Brian Ball attended the announcement last Thursday in Dublin.

"The Patton Logistics Group has become a significant employer in Pulaski County and the New River Valley since they came to Virginia two years ago," said Governor Northam. "The Commonwealth's extensive infrastructure networks, business-friendly environment, and dependable and skilled workforce provide companies like Patton with the tools they need to succeed and are just a few of the reasons why Virginia is the best state for business. We are excited to support Patton's growth

in Southwest Virginia."

The Patton Logistics Group is comprised of three affiliate companies employing over 150 people in Virginia, where its Pulaski County facility serves as a critical hub for major clients in the Eastern United States markets. Watson Trucking Company is a family-owned-and-operated asset-based motor carrier founded in 1941.

Nationwide, they operate a fleet of 450 trucks and 1,400 trailers. Patton Logistics, LLC was organized in 2013 as an affiliated entity of Watson Trucking Company to provide transportation brokerage and third-party

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# Virginia War Memorial seeks essay contest entries

(Richmond) The Virginia War Memorial in Richmond is seeking entries for the Virginia War Memorial 2021 Veterans Day Student Essay Contest. The annual competition is open to all Virginia middle and high school age public, private and homeschooled students.

One winner will be selected from among all middle school entries (grades 6-8) and one from high school entries (grades 9-12). The essay topic for the 2021 contest is "An American Who

Served in The Military following the Terrorist Attacks of September 11, 2001 Who Inspires Me." Students may consider a member of their family, of their community, or a famous man or woman who served in any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces as their subject. Essays should be 500-750 words in length and utilize interviews and primary sources whenever possible.

The two students who write the winning essays will each receive a \$250 gift card and each of



## 2021 Veterans Day Student Essay Contest

**"An American Who Served in the Military  
Following the Terrorist Attacks of  
September 11, 2001 Who Inspires Me"**

More info: [vawarmemorial.org/learn/contests-scholarships/essay/](http://vawarmemorial.org/learn/contests-scholarships/essay/)  
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their designated teachers will receive a \$100 gift card to purchase classroom supplies. The student winners will also be invited to come to Richmond to read aloud their essays and participate in the Commonwealth's Veterans Day Ceremony at the Virginia War Memorial on Thursday, November 11, 2021.

The deadline for entries for the Virginia War Memorial 2021 Veterans Day Student Essay Contest to be submitted to the Virginia War Memorial website is 11:59 p.m., Sunday, October 17, 2021. Complete information regarding the essay theme, rules, guidelines and how to enter is available online at <https://vawarmemorial.org/>

learn/contests-scholarships/essay/ or by calling Virginia War Memorial Assistant Education Director Morgan Guyer at 804.786.2060.

### About the Virginia War Memorial

The mission of the Virginia War Memorial is to Honor Veterans, Preserve History, Educate Youth and Inspire Patriotism in All. Dedicated in 1956, the Memorial includes the names of the nearly 12,000 Virginia heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice during World War II, Korea,

Vietnam, the Persian Gulf and the Global War on Terrorism. The Virginia War Memorial is and will always be the Commonwealth's tribute to those who served and most especially, to those

who died defending our freedoms. Every day is truly Memorial Day at the Virginia War Memorial. The Virginia War Memorial is a division of the Virginia Department of Veterans Services and serves as an integral part of its mission in support of all Virginians who have served in our military. It is located at 621 South Belvidere Street, Richmond, Virginia 23220. For more information, please visit [www.vawarmemorial.org](http://www.vawarmemorial.org) or [www.dvs.virginia.gov](http://www.dvs.virginia.gov).

### About the Virginia Department of Veterans Services

The Virginia Department of Veterans Services (VDVS) is a state government agency with

more than 40 locations across the Commonwealth of Virginia. VDVS traces its history to 1928 and the establishment of the Virginia War Service Bureau to assist Virginia's World War I veterans. Today, VDVS assists veterans and their families in filing claims for federal veterans benefits; provides veterans and family members with linkages to services including behavioral healthcare, housing, employment, education and other programs. The agency operates two long-

term care facilities offering in-patient skilled nursing care, Alzheimer's/memory care, and short-

term rehabilitation for veterans; provides an honored final resting place for veterans and their families at three state veterans cemeteries. It also operates the Virginia War Memorial, the Commonwealth's tribute to Virginia's men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice from World War II to the present. For more information, please visit [www.dvs.virginia.gov](http://www.dvs.virginia.gov).



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# Health official reports on latest with COVID-19

The following is the health statement presented Monday by Dr. Noelle Bissell, Director, New River Public Health District:

As you know, the FDA authorized and the CDC recommends a third mRNA vaccine shot — either Moderna or Pfizer only — for moderately to severely immunocompromised individuals. We are actively reaching out and partnering with the medical practices who see these patients, namely our hematology, nephrology and oncology patients. Moderately to severely immunocompromised people have:

- Been receiving active cancer treatment for tumors or cancers of the blood
- Received an organ transplant and are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
- Received a stem cell transplant within the last 2 years or are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
- Moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (such as DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome)
- Advanced or untreated HIV infection
- Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids or other drugs that may suppress your immune response
- Asplenia, which is lack of a spleen, and chronic renal disease.

This is very specific, and it represents a very small percentage of our population – about 2 percent. Our pharmacies and community providers are already being overwhelmed with calls from people wanting a 3rd dose who do not fall under this authorization. If you are not sure if you fall under this authorization, please reach out to your physician to talk about it. We ask everybody else to please refrain from overloading our pharmacies, our community partners or practices, and the health department asking for a 3rd dose. We're still waiting for data and guidance on additional shots for anyone else who received any of the vaccines. Anyone who has been vaccinated with one shot of Johnson and Johnson or two shots of Moderna or Pfizer are very well protected against severe disease, hospitalization, and death amid this Delta surge. So please let the health department focus our resources on the small immunocompromised population and those who are still not yet vaccinated. We're still doing outreach and education to get more of our community vaccinated.

In addition to getting vaccinated we encourage other layered mitigation strategies: wear a mask, avoid crowds and avoid closed, confined spaces. They help with COVID and they're good practices with other communicable disease outbreaks spread by the respiratory route as well.

The Delta variant is surging in our region, as anticipated. We expect cases to rise for the next two weeks before subsiding again in the fall. Our epi curves show that the Delta surge hit this area about the last week of July.

Moving through each of our localities, cases were really low over the summer and then things have started to increase again with the Delta hitting.

In the New River Valley currently, we have 26 people hospitalized with COVID, with 2 additional cases under investigation. The HCA system reports that none of their NRV COVID patients are vaccinated, and that's what we're seeing nationally—that more than 95% of hospitalizations and deaths are in unvaccinated people. I will note, as we said before, that this is becoming a pandemic of the unvaccinated. We are seeing case numbers rise in children because they are a significant portion of the unvaccinated. Our younger children, those under 12, are not yet eligible to be vaccinated. Just following the numbers, as more children get sick, you will have more children in the hospital and then more at risk of long-term consequences, and unfortunately even death. The best way to protect your children is to make sure those adults around them are vaccinated—whether it's siblings, parents, teachers, caregiv-

## COVID-19 Data

As reported to VDH, by date of lab report. May differ from other sources, due to reporting lags. Totals are cumulative since March 2020. *(Negative values reflect data corrections.)*

	New cases, since last report*	New cases, weekly avg.*	Total cases	Total hospitalizations	Total deaths	Total vaccines given	% fully vaccinated
Floyd County	2	4	980	32	22	12,388	41.5%
Giles County	1	5	1,420	57	24	14,468	43.0%
Montgomery County	16	18	9,713	197	81	86,645	44.5%
Pulaski County	17	11	2,972	145	70	28,535	42.4%
Radford City	8	4	2,361	42	29	14,621	40.1%
<b>New River Health District</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>17,446</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>156,483</b>	<b>43.1%</b>
<b>Virginia</b>	<b>2,552</b>	<b>2,190</b>	<b>728,523</b>	<b>32,493</b>	<b>11,632</b>	<b>9,708,029</b>	<b>55.3%</b>

**\* Cases are now reported weekdays only, creating a cumulative number (3-day total) each Monday. The weekly case average (3rd column of the table) most accurately reflects local trends.**

ers — all of the people around the children.

We'd like to remind you that COVID testing is widely available. Testing and quarantining appropriately is going to help control the spread. If you have been exposed and certainly if you are symptomatic and you test positive, we have to follow those infection-control precautions. Antigen testing is available at Walgreens in Dublin and Pulaski, CVS stores offer PCR testing throughout the region, MedExpress, and Alliance Express. Our pediatricians' offices are also offering testing. The health dept is offering testing as well. We offer community testing, and we also coordinate testing as part of our case investigation and contact tracing. Please contact the health department if you have any questions about testing, we are adjusting our testing schedule during the surge.

The best way to protect your loved ones, however, is to get a vaccine.

We have fully vaccinated more than 79,077 individuals in the New River Health District, which is 48.3% of those eligible. I am using fully vaccinated numbers because with the Delta variant, full vaccination matters, and one dose is not sufficient to add that protection.

Vaccination continues to be the best defense against COVID, and the vaccines are working well. Significant vaccine side effects are extremely rare and we know from 50 years of vaccination history that they will occur within the first 8 weeks. Vaccination stimulates the immune response, but then the vaccine itself breaks down and then the body gets rid of it. A virus, however, can hang around and the body doesn't always clear it. It can cause long-lasting symptoms months and even years later. Vaccination has even been shown to improve long COVID symptoms for some

people. This makes sense because the boost of the immune response through vaccination can actually clear the virus. Breakthrough infections are rare. Ninety-five per-

cent (95%+) of hospitalizations and deaths are among unvaccinated people.


Vaccinated people can have viral loads initially comparable to

unvaccinated people and being able to transmit the virus just as quickly and just as easily. New data from Singapore is showing

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## Pulaski County Christmas Store

### 2021 Intake Schedule



*All intakes will be held at the **Central Gym in Pulaski**. Applications can be obtained online at [www.pulaskicountychristmasstore.com](http://www.pulaskicountychristmasstore.com), at your local library, or at the Pulaski County Department of Social Services*

September

25

10:00am – 1:00pm

September

30

6:00pm -8:00pm

October

7

6:00pm – 8:00pm

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16

10:00am – 1:00pm

October

23

10:00am – 1:00pm

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# Area Obituaries

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**BUFORD JASON EDWARDS**  
Buford Jason Edwards, 85 of Hillsville, passed away on Monday, August 16, 2021 at his home. Mr. Edwards was born in Carroll County to the late Curtis Jefferson and Elva Alverta Harmon Edwards. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by a sister, Dorothy Bedsaul.

Survivors include his wife, Jeanne Edwards; daughter, Vanessa Dobbins; sons, Sam Riffey (Rachael) and Robert Riffey; grandchildren, Amber Clark (Brian), Justin Dobbins (Katrina), Lee Riffey (Kim), Nick Riffey (Jessica), Samantha Riffey, and Joseph Lowe; great-grandchildren, Andrew Clark, Landon Clark, Ethan Clark, Hailey Dobbins, Gracie Dobbins, Ahliyah Riffey, Cooper Riffey, Lexi, Lucy and Harper Schoolcraft, and Roxie Lowe; sister, Helen Golding (Dickie); brother, Clayton Edwards; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, August 19, 2021 at Vaughan-Guynn-McGrady Chapel with Rev. Russell Payne and Rev. Harold Boyd officiating. Burial followed in the James Robinson Cemetery. The family request no flowers and suggest in lieu of flowers, a donation be made to Coulson Church c/o Norma Newman, Treasurer, 4272 Coulson Church Road, Hillsville, VA 24343. Vaughan-Guynn-McGrady Chapel is serving the family.



**CURTIS FLOYD WYATT**  
Curtis Floyd Wyatt, age 45 of Wytheville, Virginia passed away Friday, August 13, 2021 at his home. Born July 2, 1976 in Dublin he was the son of Harrison Floyd Wyatt and Alice Lawson Wyatt.

He is survived by his Children – Christy Wyatt, Heaven Wyatt and Hunter Wyatt  
Parents – Harrison Floyd Wyatt and Alice Lawson Wyatt  
Wytheville

Brothers & Sisters – Yolanda Wyatt – Pulaski, Jason (Travana) Wyatt – Missouri, Amanda (Jamie) Lester – Dublin, Samantha Wyatt – Dublin

Nieces & Nephews – Abigale Cain, Andrew Atkinson, Dante Reid, Whitney Lester, Jared Wyatt and Kara Wyatt

Great Niece – Addison Cain

Grandbaby on the way  
Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Eddie Brady & Zack Krug officiating. Interment followed at the Memorial Christian Church Cemetery, Draper.

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

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**VIOLET LOUISE O'DELL JONAS**

Violet Louise O'Dell Jonas, age 82 of Dublin passed away Monday, August 16, 2021 at her home.

Born April 26, 1939 in Pulaski County, she was the daughter of the late David Daniel Ward & Sally Eva Simmons Ward. She was also preceded in death by two husbands, Junior Ray O'Dell and James Roscoe Jonas, two brothers Charlie Ward and Melvin Ward.

She is survived by her

Children – Sandra (Dr. Robert) Stough – NC, Karen (Brad) Martens – Blacksburg, Charlotte Laverne (Keith) Rotenizer – Pulaski, Nancy (Ronald) Lawson & family – Draper, Pam Howard & family – Draper, Tim (Janet) Jonas – Pulaski

Grandchildren – Brandy (GYSGT Derek) Elwart, Shelby (Robert) Gilbo, David Martens, Katie Martens, Jonah Stough

Great Grandsons – Colt & Gage Elwart, Khoda Gilbo  
Brother – Billy (Bessie) Ward – Draper

Sisters – Bonnie (Dan) French – Dublin, Marie Evelyn Ward – Dublin

In-laws – Francis Thompson & family – SC, Eunice Marshall & family – Radford, Elbert O'Dell & family – Pulaski

Many nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends

Funeral services will be held 2:00 PM – Friday, August 20, 2021 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Rev. Marcus Harrison officiating. Interment will follow at the Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin.

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

To sign Violet's online guestbook, visit [www.bowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.bowerfuneralhome.com)

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**THEODORE HEZEL, JR.**

Theodore Hezel, Jr., age 59 of Pulaski passed away Saturday, August 14, 2021 at his home.

Born October 11, 1961 in Hackettstown, N.J., he was the son of Betty Groover Hezel and the late Theodore Hezel.

He was a supervisor employed by Northrop Grumman Innovation Systems in Radford.

He is survived by

His wife– Nadeen Smith Hezel-Pulaski

Mother– Betty Groover Hezel-N.J.

Sister

Lori Hezel-N.J.

Brothers

Kevin (Debbie) Hezel-N.J.

Jeff (Hope) Hezel-N.J.

Funeral services were held Thursday, August 19, 2021 in the Bower Funeral Home Chapel,

Pulaski with nephew, Bob Langston officiating. Burial followed in Oakwood Cemetery, Pulaski

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

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



**TRACY MARIE BARRETT REED**

Tracy Marie Barrett Reed, 43, of Pulaski, went to be with her Lord on August 11, 2021. She was employed with Volvo Trucks. Tracy was preceded in death by her stepfather, Ronnie L. Lytton.

Tracy was a mom that put her children before anyone or anything. Whether biological, adopted, or a child through love, Tracy's life revolved around her children and those she cared for. Not afraid to try new things, she had a spontaneous nature about her. She never backed down from a challenge, whether tangible or not. She found a way to always get the job done.

Survivors include her mother, Debra R. Lytton; father, Michael W. Barrett, Sr.; fiancée, Ann Madigan; son, Chase Elder-Raper; stepdaughters, Whitney Saul and her wife, and Catilyn Raper; her children through love, Jah Jah, A.J, Lee Lee, Timmy and Jericho; brother, Michael W. (Aman-

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**SHARON ANN SAYERS**

Sharon Ann Sayers, 55, of Pulaski, passed away Friday, August 13, 2021. She was the daughter of the late Fred and Okie Martin.

She became a full time Me-Maw when the light of her life, grandson Maddox was born. Sharon loved helping Matt in the garage, and reading, especially Harry Potter.

Survivors include her husband, Matt Sayers; son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Ashley Foutz; grandson, Maddox; her dog who was like her child, Trixie; her grand-dog, Max; and many other relatives and friends.

To honor Sharon's wishes, a private family service of remembrance will be held at a later date.

The Sayers family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory. [www.mullinsfuneralhome.com](http://www.mullinsfuneralhome.com)



**Jack Donald Via aka Cowboy Jack**, 87, passed away on Saturday 13th of March, 2021 in Kernersville, NC. He was born November 10th, 1933 in Pulaski, Va. He was the son of the late Robert James Via and Hazel Kane Via.

He was married to the late Shirley Shomaker Via for 60 years. Cowboy Jack was a member of First Christian Church Pulaski, Va and a lifetime member of the NRV Horse Association. He worked for Xaloy and retired after 38 years of service.

He is survived by son, Perry Via and wife Joann Via of Kernersville, NC. Three sisters: Marie Keesling of Roxboro, NC; Betty Bratton of Coshocton, Ohio, Bonnie Matherly of Colonial Beach, Va and brother Herman Via of Tucson, Az. Cowboy Jack was preceded in death by his brother Doug Via of Pulaski and sister Doris Via of Colonial Beach, Va. Four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

The memorial service is scheduled for August 22nd – Sunday, 3:00 pm at First Christian Church 524 Jefferson Ave North, Pulaski, Va.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to NRV Horse Association PO BOX 521, Dublin, Va 24084.

## In Memory of Janet Pauline King Gregory

In remembrance of our sister, Janet Pauline King Gregory of Ohio on her birthday - Aug. 25th who passed away on June 25, 2021.

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# Deaths

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da) Barrett, Jr., Lee (Jessica) Lytton, and Nick Barrett; and was loved by several special and close aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and other family members and friends.

Funeral services were held Monday, Aug. 16, 2021 at Mullins Funeral Home in Radford with Pastor Perry Slaughter officiating. Interment followed in Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Christiansburg.

The Reed family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford. [www.mullinsfuneralhome.com](http://www.mullinsfuneralhome.com)



**ALANNA GRAYCE MADDOCK CROWDER**

Alanna Grayce Maddock Crowder, age 91 of Dublin passed away Wednesday morning August 11, 2021 at the Wadell Nursing Home in Galax, Virginia. Born June 10, 1930 in Jackson, Michigan she was the daughter of the late Donald Lester Maddock and Anna May VanSickle Maddock. She was also preceded in death by her husband, William Carrington Crowder and her brother, Dallas Richard Maddock.

Alanna was a veteran of the United States Air Force where she was stationed in Germany and later at the Pentagon. She was also a proud member of the V.F.W. Post #1184 and the American Legion & still serving in the V. F. W. 1184 Honor Guard at the age of 90.

She is survived by her Children – David (Joyce) Crowder – South Carolina, William “Trey” Crowder – Dublin, Kim (Eddie) Grindstaff – North Carolina

Granddaughters – Alanna “Beth” (Joseph) Jones, Ashley Grindstaff

Great Grandchildren – Teagan, Tanner and Tinley Jones

Sisters – Barbara Joan Straight – Texas, Sharon Lee Gerry – Michigan

Several nieces, nephews & her V.F.W. Post #1184 and American Legion families

Graveside memorial services will be held 11:00 AM – Friday, August 27, 2021 at the South-

west Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Dublin where she will receive military honors and officiated by the Post Chaplain, Bobby Ward.

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

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



**BRENDA KAYE THOMPSON JONES**

Brenda Kaye Thompson Jones, age 76 of Dublin, died Friday, August 13, 2021 at her residence. She was born in Pulaski County on October 27, 1944, and was the daughter of the late Gladys Compton Thompson and Roy C. Thompson. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by a sister: Zona Gail Lucado.

She is survived by her husband: Rex Jones of Dublin: daughters; Renee and her husband Delmer East of Dublin, and Karen J. Bond of Dublin: brothers; Garry Wayne Thompson of Marion, Ronald C. and his wife Connie Thompson of Snowville, and Michael L. and his wife Patricia Thompson of Pulaski: Grandchildren; Dusty and his wife Dalisha East Pulaski, and their child Kyler East and Celia and her husband Zach Harvey of Roanoke.

Funeral Services were held Sunday, August 15, 2021 at Seagle Funeral Home with Pastor Tony Johnson officiating. Interment was private at Memorial Christian Church Cemetery in Draper.

*Beloved wife, mom, grandma and sister, Kaye Jones moved away early Friday morning to her Heavenly home. God didn't "take" her. (He doesn't do that, you know). He received her.*

*There was rejoicing as she entered His gates! We didn't "lose her". We know exactly where she is.*

*She isn't an angel. (Did you know that people don't turn into angels when they die?) She is still the same person – Just living in a gloriously different place!*

*She is seeing her oldest child, a son, for the first time! He moved there almost immediately after being born and she never even got to see him or hold him! He will love her as we did.*

*She is reunited with her precious Momma and Daddy. Just*

*imagine her face light up when she sees them!*

*And, she gets to meet – up close and in person – her Saviour, Jesus!*

*Favorite memories we have of her here on earth were the times that she was laughing. She did that a lot. Those are the times we will cherish...because we know she is feeling like laughing again right now. And that's a truly precious thing.*

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.seaglefuneralhome.com](http://www.seaglefuneralhome.com) Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski.

**SANDRA KAY (SANDY) GRAVELY BLEVINS**

In the early morning of August 16, 2021, in her home holding her husband, Brady Blevins hand as she went to sleep here on earth for the last time, Sandra Kay (Sandy) Gravelly Blevins, 47, of Pulaski, VA gained her wings and went home to be with the Lord. She was born in Pulaski on March 19, 1974 and was the daughter of the late James and Peggy Cox Gravelly of Pulaski

Surviving are:  
Husband – Brady Blevins, Pulaski

Son – James Michael (Jamie) Dowell, Pulaski

Daughter – Casie Marie Martin, Barren Springs

Grandchildren – Brooklynn Renee Duncan

Emily Grace Martin

Aliyah Inzema Miller

Aidan James Dowell

Noah Zander Dowell

Corey Zayne Dowell

Brothers & Sisters – Linda Wright – Bobby Sevy, Pulaski

Lee & Mary Walls, Austinville

Rocky Wall & Kathy King, Barren Springs

Jimmy Walls, Pulaski

Many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and a very special friend, Pat Dodson, Pulaski.

Sandy was so very loved and will be so dearly missed!!

A graveside service will be held Saturday, August 21, 2021, at 2:00 PM from the Shiloh Cemetery, Pulaski County with Rev. Mike Hall officiating. There will be no visitation.

Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski, VA is serving the Blevins family. Online condolences may be made through [www.stevensfuneralhomepulaski.com](http://www.stevensfuneralhomepulaski.com).



**ROBERT FRANK MCNALLY**

Robert Frank McNally passed away August 17, 2021 at English Meadows in Blacksburg VA. He was 94 years old. Robert was born in June 3, 1927 in Waterloo, Iowa, the son of the late Mary Billings and Nicholas John McNally. He grew up in Winter Park, FL and Bristol VA. He attended Bristol Virginia High School and was a member of the All-City football team. Before graduating in 1947, Robert served two years in the US Navy and was stationed in Peleliu Island in the South Pacific.

Robert graduated from Emory and Henry College in 1951 with a degree in Chemistry. That same year, he married his wife of 68 years, the late Joan Sturgill McNally. Upon graduating with a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the Medical College of Virginia in 1955, Robert established his dental practice in Pulaski, VA and served the community for 34 years. During this time, he served on the Pulaski County Planning Commission, and participated in the Y's Men club. He and Joan were also active members of the First United Methodist Church of Pulaski. Upon retirement, Joan and Robert moved to Mt. Dora, FL in 1990. After moving back to Roanoke in 2001, they joined and were very active with Windsor

Hills United Methodist Church.

Robert enjoyed reading, hunting, fishing, airplanes (he earned his pilot license in 1967) and was an avid golfer. In retirement, he learned to make customized golf clubs.

Surviving family members include son Stephen and daughter-in-law Debra Brunson McNally; daughter Valerie and son-in-law, Jabe Monroe; granddaughter Amanda Monroe; and three great grandchildren (Julian, Chloe and Kylie).

Funeral services will be held at the Dublin United Methodist Church of Dublin, Va on Sunday August 22 at 2:00 PM. Family will receive friends from 1:00 until 2:00 prior to services at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Dublin United Methodist Church – Dublin Elementary School Cares Fund.

Stevens Funeral Home in Pulaski, Va. is serving the McNally family. Online condolences may be made at [www.stevensfuneralhomepulaski.com](http://www.stevensfuneralhomepulaski.com)

**FREDERICK “FRED” D. MITCHELL**

Frederick “Fred” D. Mitchell, was born in New River, Virginia on August 20, 1932 and left this earthly world on August 8, 2021 peacefully at his home in Philadelphia, Penn.

The Mitchell family is in the care of the Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory of Radford, Virginia. [www.mullinsfuneralhome.com](http://www.mullinsfuneralhome.com)



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# Neurodegenerative Diseases

My last column addressed legislation I have supported to better overall health care. This week, I want to focus on neurodegenerative diseases. The most notable of these diseases are Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), Huntington's, Alzheimer's, and Parkinson's.

On July 29, the House Energy and Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "The Path Forward: Advancing Treatments and Cures for Neurodegenerative Diseases."

During this hearing, my colleagues and I questioned a panel of agency administrators from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Food & Drug Administration (FDA). We had a second panel, which consisted of physicians and patient advocates. The two panels discussed the complexities of these diseases and the government's role in providing resources and developing treatments.

My lines of questioning to the panels focused on ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, and Huntington's disease. Though these diseases are relatively rare, they affect several people I know or knew personally. Consequently, I have a special interest in furthering and perfecting research in these areas.

Neurodegenerative diseases cause nerve cells to break down over time. ALS primarily impacts physical function through deterioration of the muscles, leaving the mind intact. Huntington's disease, on the other hand, affects physical and mental abilities by attacking the brain as well as the body. Both eventually lead to the loss of movement and speaking capacity, meaning patients require round-the-clock care.

Even after decades of investigation, no cure has been found for either ALS or Huntington's disease, and there



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are very few treatment options. While unique challenges accompany the study of diseases that occur

infrequently, I believe the government can do more to advance this research.

A swimming friend of mine has been battling ALS for several years. Desiring to support efforts to learn about the disease, he enrolled in an NIH study. It was a study requiring only 25 participants. And yet, recruiting a mere 25 people took nearly a year. This is unacceptable, particularly given that the average life expectancy for folks with ALS is 3-5 years. I pushed Dr. Walter Koroshetz, director at the NIH, to increase recruitment process efficiency.

Further, because medical studies rely on participants from a wide variety of backgrounds, I emphasized the need to recruit patients from all geographic areas. Patients from certain ethnic groups and those who reside in rural areas are traditionally underrepresented in research studies. But telehealth technology is allowing that to change. I was encouraged to learn NIH is beginning to use this tool.

To offer my support for expanding research for ALS, I have co-sponsored HR 3537, the Accelerating Access to Critical Therapies for ALS Act. This bill would award grants to help facilitate patients' access to investigational medications and fund further research and development of drugs used to treat ALS.

ALS is supposed to be a rare disease, but I have known a number of people who have had this malady. Among those who lost their battle were Mike Aheron, Julie Mullins, and my friend, former Delegate Ray Robrecht. These numbers seem high based on national averages, so I wanted to know if there is any evidence of geographic outbreaks. Or if environmental exposure could be a component of diagnosis.

Dr. Jinsy Andrews, of Columbia University, responded that exposure to environmental issues might be a contributing factor, but there is not yet enough research to prove a direct correlation.

While the cause of ALS is unknown, experts have proved that Huntington's disease is genetically transmitted.

Another friend of mine from Salem died from Huntington's disease. I asked Kala Booth, a Huntington's disease caregiver and patient, about the medications currently being prescribed to treat Huntington's. She replied, "There is nothing to treat it right now, but they (current drugs) are to slow the progression of it."

She also shared that the lack of treatment and deterioration of their brains often leads to feelings of hopelessness, putting many at risk of suicide. I commend Miss Booth's courage and resilience and the courage of all battling this disease.

In response to her testimony, I was happy to sign on to HR 2050, the Huntington's Disease Disability Insurance Access Act. This bill would accelerate payment of Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits and Medicare eligibility for those with Huntington's.

Current treatment practices do little to actually cure these diseases and provide minimal physical changes for the patients. As someone who has witnessed the devastating impacts of some of these neurodegenerative diseases, I will continue to support legislation promoting research for treatments and cures.

If you have questions, concerns, or comments, feel free to contact my office. You can call my Christiansburg office at 540-381-5671. To reach my office via email, please visit my website at [www.morgangriffith.com](http://www.morgangriffith.com).

# The Wisdom of The Founders

Benjamin Franklin once wrote, that in this world nothing is certain except death and taxes. I would like to add another certainty...history repeats itself...and we in America are witnessing some of the events that lead up to our Revolution in 1776. Although there are different players in this drama, the scenarios are very similar.

The brilliant men who wrote our Declaration of Independence and our U.S. Constitution shared their wisdom and foresight in order to help our generation remain free and not repeat historic mistakes.

**Advice on Freedom**  
James Madison: "I believe there are more instances of the abridgment of the freedom of the people by gradual and silent encroachments of those in power than by violent and sudden usurpations."

Benjamin Franklin: "In those wretched countries where a man cannot call his tongue his own, he can scarce call anything his own. Whoever would overthrow the liberty of a nation must begin by subduing the freeness of speech."

George Mason – August 22, 1787: "Every master of slaves is born a petty tyrant. They bring the judgement of heaven upon a country. As nations

# One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

cannot be rewarded or punished in the next world, they must be in this. By an inevitable chain of causes and effects, Providence punishes the national sins, by national calamities." Does this apply to abortion as well as slavery?

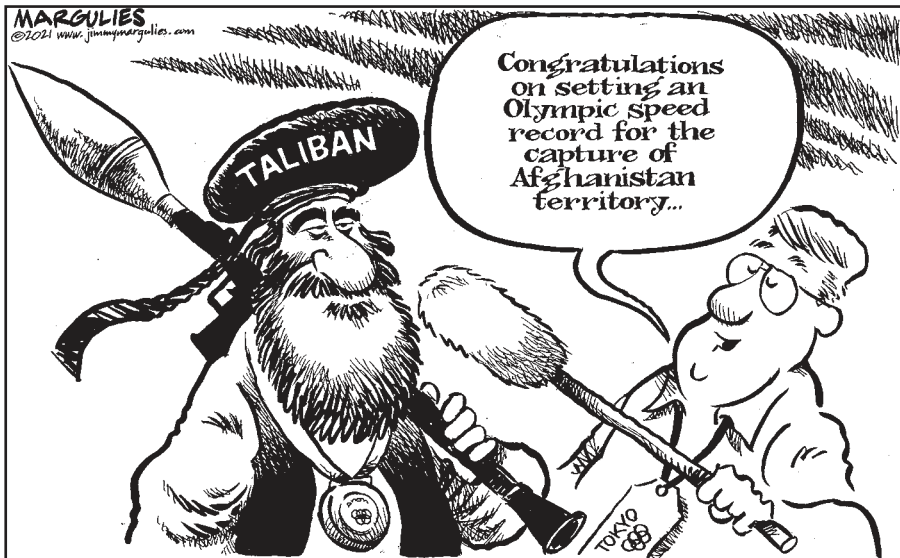
Benjamin Franklin: "Democracy is two wolves and a lamb voting on what to have for lunch. Liberty is a well-armed lamb contesting the vote."

John Adams: "There are two ways to conquer a country. One is by the sword. The other is by debt." Our national debt is now \$28,429,656,489,916... or \$86,047 of debt for every single person in America.

Benjamin Franklin: "Freedom is not a gift bestowed upon us by other men, but a right that belongs to us by the laws of God and nature."

George Washington in a speech to his

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# Biden's surrender

By Cal Thomas, Tribune Content Agency

After searing criticism from Democrats and Republicans about how he has mis-handled the withdrawal of the remaining American forces, diplomats, their families and contractors from Afghanistan, President Biden interrupted his Camp David retreat to return to the White House for a speech in which he blamed the Trump administration for its failed policies relating to Afghanistan.

The only time he came close to admitting culpability for the scenes playing out on American TV screens was when he paraphrased Harry Truman's iconic line "the buck stops with me." Except that for Biden, the "buck" never arrives in the Oval Office. Any failure -- whether at our southern border, or in Afghanistan -- is someone else's fault.

In his address, he blamed Afghan forces for not fighting hard enough. What morale and fighting spirit that remained surely evaporated when they realized Biden would no longer have their back. It didn't help that the government was corrupt, which the Taliban used to persuade many to come to their side. The consequences for Afghan girls and women will be enormous; likewise for Afghan interpreters who helped Americans. Reports of Taliban fighters going door to door searching for them does not bode well for their future.

Military leaders had recommended at least 2,500 troops remain in Afghanistan, along with support from intelligence personnel and contractors to keep the Taliban at bay. As recently as July 8, Biden twisted their advice: "Our military commanders advised me that once I made the decision to end the war, we needed to move swiftly to conduct the main elements of the draw-down. And in this context, speed is safety."

Clearly, speed has been the opposite of safety. "Walk, don't run to the nearest exit" is good advice in a movie theater fire, and it should have been our strategy for withdrawal from Afghanistan.

Biden was not alone in his rosy scenarios about his failed exit plan. Only last week, White House press secretary Jen Psaki said, "Our view is that the Afghan National Security Defense Forces has [sic]

the equipment, numbers, and training to fight back, which will strengthen their position at the negotiating table." Increasingly, Psaki resembles Ron Ziegler, Richard Nixon's press secretary, who was tasked with defending Nixon's policies and indefensible actions surrounding Watergate.

That there was a complete intelligence breakdown is beyond dispute. As recently as June, "intelligence briefings suggested it would be at least a year and a half before Kabul was threatened." The Washington Post reported about the same time: "Kabul could be overrun in six to 12 months." By last week, said the Post, "the intelligence assessment had shifted to within 90 days and possibly as few as 30." It turned out one weekend was enough.

When a politician says "honestly," or "the truth is," it suggests what was said before may not have been as truthful or honest. Biden said, "The truth is this did unfold more quickly than we had anticipated." Only weeks earlier he was exuding confidence. On Monday, he said: "Afghanistan political leaders gave up and fled the country. The Afghan military collapsed, sometimes without trying to fight."

Afghan troops apparently concluded Biden was not in it to win it.

We need to rethink not only our foreign policy, but how to respond to threats of terrorism in a rapidly changing world. We are still approaching these threats with strategies modeled after World War II.

A quote from former Secretary of State Colin Powell seems relevant: "Don't be buffaloed by experts and elites. Experts often possess more data than judgment."

At the end of his speech, President Biden immediately left the White House without taking questions. He returned to Camp David. It seemed a metaphor for his shameful and rapid retreat from Afghanistan.

Surrender will encourage our enemies who see America as increasingly weak and led by a president who appears even weaker.

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



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Editor, National Review

# Biden Blowout Is Just Beginning

A trillion dollars used to be a lot of money, even in Washington.

Now, a trillion-dollar spending bill is a trifle barely worth arguing over and the stuff of bipartisan consensus.

Oscar Wilde famously said that nothing succeeds like excess, but even he might blanch at the shameless profligacy that is America's new normal.

In their wisdom, Senate Republicans decided to help President Joe Biden pass a portion of his blow-out fiscal agenda, a \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill that is a prelude to an even bigger, vastly more consequential \$3.5 trillion reconciliation bill.

The infrastructure bill itself is, as fiscal analyst Brian Riedl of the Manhattan Institute notes, "one of the largest non-emergency spending bills of the past 50 years."

Republicans told themselves that only about half, \$550 billion, is new spending, and that by going along they can take the heat off of Democratic moderates Kyrsten Sinema and Joe Manchin, who are being constantly pressured to ditch the filibuster.

Perhaps, but there's no doubt that the GOP has blessed, and lent a bipartisan imprimatur, to a portion of the president's hoped-for historic spending spree. In so doing, they have taken at least a little ownership of an agenda they should want no part of.

Republicans will have much less influence, and perhaps none, on the next spate of spending, which is the so-called "soft" infrastructure (aka, a wish list of progressive social programs) after the "hard" infrastructure in the bipartisan bill (roads, bridges, rail).

Under the reconciliation process, tax and spending bills evade the filibuster in the Senate, so Democrats can pass whatever they want so long as they hold all 50 of their senators.

The sheer numbers here are jaw dropping. Including the \$1.9 trillion so-called COVID-19 relief bill from earlier this year, Biden wants to spend nearly \$6 trillion in three measures passed within months of each other. In 2019, by point of comparison, the entire federal budget was \$4.4 trillion (and at the time, President Trump wasn't exactly tightening the country's fiscal belt).

The tide of new spending will add to already extraordinary levels of red ink.

The White House projects that the U.S. debt will reach 109.7% of GDP this year, higher than at the end of World War II when we had abandoned all fiscal restraint to win an existential struggle against two expansionistic totalitarian empires.

The Senate instructions for the reconciliation bill say that only half of it has to be paid for. Democrats will claim a dog's breakfast of purported savings and painless revenue increases, but the bulk of the new dollars will have to come from a tax increase that easily could rank

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# Nation

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army on August 16, 1776: “The time is now near at hand, which must probably determine whether Americans are to be free men or slaves; whether they are to have any property they can call their own; whether their houses and farms are to be pillaged and destroyed, and themselves consigned to a state of wretchedness from which no human efforts will deliver them. The fate of unborn millions will now depend, under God, on the courage and conduct of this army.”

**Advice for Personal Growth**  
Benjamin Franklin: “Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.”

Thomas Jefferson: “Whenever you do something, act as if all the world were watching.”

John Adams: “I have come to the conclusion that one useless man is a disgrace, that two become a lawfirm, and that three or more become a congress.”

Benjamin Franklin: “To succeed, jump as quickly at opportunities as you do at conclusions.”

George Washington: “It is better to offer no excuse than a bad one.”

Benjamin Franklin: “An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.”

Thomas Paine: “It is surprising to see how rapidly a panic will sometimes run through a country. All nations and ages have been subject to them...But their peculiar advantage is that they are the touchstones of sincerity and hypocrisy, and bring things and men to light, which might otherwise have lain forever undiscovered...They sift out the hidden thoughts of man and hold them up in public to the world.”

John Adams: “Facts are stubborn things; and whatever may be our wishes, our inclinations, or the dictates of our passions, they cannot alter the state of facts and evidence.”

**Advice on Government**  
Thomas Jefferson: “A government big enough to give you everything you want is strong enough to take everything you have.”

Benjamin Franklin: “Any society that will give up a little liberty to gain a little security will deserve neither and lose both.”

John Adams in a letter to his

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as one of the biggest ever. The parameters of the reconciliation bill were crafted by the socialist chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, Bernie Sanders, and it shows. The priorities read like crib notes from his old presidential campaigns. The bill would add new government programs for the young and the old, from universal pre-K to tuition-free community college, to family and medical leave, to expansions of Obamacare and Medicare. It would make a big nod to the Green New Deal with a slew of new clean energy initiatives, including “smart agriculture” and “environmental justice,” and the creation of a Civilian Climate Corps, a climate-alarmist hom-

wife, Abigail 1800. Adams was the first President to live in the White House. “I pray Heaven to bestow the Best of Blessing on THIS HOUSE and on ALL that shall hereafter inhabit it. May none but Honest and Wise Men ever rule under This Roof!

William Penn in 1668: “Those who will not be governed by God will be ruled by tyrants.”

Thomas Jefferson: “The two enemies of the people are criminals and government, so let us tie the second down with the chains of the Constitution so the second will not become the legalized version of the first.”

Alexander Hamilton: “It is not tyranny we desire – just limited federal government.”

John Quincy Adams was the son of Founding Father John Adams and the 6th President of the United States: “In the chain of human events, the birthday of the nation is indissolubly linked with the birthday of the Savior. The Declaration of Independence laid the cornerstone of human government upon the first precepts of Christianity.”

**Thoughts on Bearing Arms**  
Richard Henry Lee: “To preserve liberty, it is essential that the whole body of people always possess arms, and be taught alike especially when young, how to use them.”

George Mason: “To disarm the people is the best and most effectual way to enslave them...”

Benjamin Franklin: “Never trust a government that doesn’t trust its own citizens with guns.”

Elbridge Gerry, August 1789 during debate about the Second Amendment: “Whenever governments mean to invade the rights and liberties of the people, they always attempt to destroy the militia, in order to raise an army upon their ruins.”

James Monroe: “The right of self-defense never ceases. It is among the most sacred, and alike necessary to nations and to individuals.”

Patrick Henry: “Are we at last brought to such a humiliating and debasing degradation, that we cannot be trusted with arms for our own defense? Where is the difference between having our own arms in our possession and under our own direction, and having them under the management of Congress? If our defense be the real object of having those arms, in whose hands can they be trusted with more propriety, or equal safety to use, as in our own hands?”

age to FDR. It is a sign of the insane ambition of Biden’s Democrats that they hope as well to include a sweeping amnesty for illegal immigrants in the bill, a measure that is sure to be struck by the Senate parliamentarian on procedural grounds. Relatively moderate Democrats in the Senate and the House, where the party also has little margin for error, have grumbled about the size of the reconciliation bill. It will be up to them to decide whether the party steps back from the precipice or goes all-in on Biden-Sanders fiscal radicalism.

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

**Advice on Religion**  
George Washington: “Begin and end each day by a season of communion with God, and by a solemn and hearty commitment of yourself and all your interest, temporal and eternal, to His guidance, care and disposal.”

Patrick Henry: “It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ! For this very reason people of other faiths have been afforded asylum, prosperity, and freedom of worship here.”

Benjamin Rush: “By removing the Bible from schools we would be wasting so much time and money in punishing criminals and so little pains to prevent crime. Take the Bible out of our schools and there would be an explosion in crime.”

George Washington: “Look habitually to Jesus Christ. Let your whole sould be imbued with His Spirit and manifest it in all your actions.”

Benjamin Franklin, 1790: “Here is my Creed. I believe in one God, the Creator of the Universe. That He governs it by His Providence. That He ought to be worshipped. That the most acceptable service we render to Him is in doing good to His other Children. That the sould of Man is immortal and will be treated with Justice in another Life respecting its conduct in this. These I take to be the fundamental points in all sound Religion, and I regard them as you do in whatever Sect I meet with them. As to Jesus of Nazareth, my Opinion of whom you particularly desire, I think the System of Morals and his Religion, as he left them to us, is the best the world ever saw, or is likely to see.”

As wise as our Founders were, our best advice comes from God, the Creator - the God our Founding Fathers sought in times of trouble. Here are some words of God’s wisdom to help keep us on the right path.

Psalm 37: 3-6 Do not fret because of evil men or be envious

of those who do wrong...Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him and He will do this; He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn,

# Jobless claims hit low

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of people seeking unemployment benefits fell last week for a fourth straight time to a pandemic low, the latest sign that America’s job market is rebounding from the pandemic recession as employers boost hiring to meet a surge in consumer demand.

The Labor Department reported Thursday that jobless claims fell by 29,000 to 348,000. The four-week average of claims, which smooths out week-to-week volatility, also fell — by 19,000, to just below 378,000, also a pandemic low.

The weekly pace of applications for unemployment aid has fallen more or less steadily since topping 900,000 in early January. The dwindling number of first-time jobless claims has coincided with the widespread administering

the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.

Proverbs 9:9 Instruct a wise man and he will be wiser still; teach a righteous man and he will add to his learning. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

of vaccines, which has led businesses to reopen or expand their hours and drawn consumers back to shops, restaurants, airports and entertainment venues.

Still, the number of applications remains high by historic standards: Before the pandemic tore through the economy in March 2020, the weekly pace amounted to around 220,000 a week. And now there is growing concern that the highly contagious delta variant could disrupt the economy’s recovery from last year’s brief but intense recession. Some economists have already begun to mark down their estimates for growth this quarter as some measures of economic activity, like air travel, have started to weaken.



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# Patton

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logistics services for its expanding customer base. Patton Warehousing, LLC was formed in 2015 and currently manages 2.5 million square feet of warehouse space in Pennsylvania, Ohio, New Jersey, and Virginia. The Patton Logistics Group management team has over 200 years of combined transportation and logistics knowledge and provides integrated supply chain solutions ranging from motor carrier transportation, warehousing, distribution services, logistics, and brokerage sourcing.

“Patton Logistics Group’s substantial investment to expand its operation in the New River Valley is welcome news for Southwest Virginia,” said Congressman Morgan Griffith. “I applaud the efforts of all those involved to make this possibility a reality, resulting in more jobs and a boost to Pulaski’s economy.”

“The Patton Logistics Group’s second major expansion to its Pulaski County facility after only four months in operation demonstrates how highly companies value Virginia’s strategic location and sophisticated transportation infrastructure,” said Secretary of Commerce and Trade Brian Ball. “Patton’s reinvestment solidifies the Commonwealth’s position as a premier supply chain destination and is a testament to the New River Valley’s strengths in this sector. We look forward to continuing our partnership with the company as they grow in the region.”

“Our major expansion into Pulaski County in 2020 was the re-



Patton Logistics Group photo

**Patton plans second major expansion to its Pulaski County facility after only four months in operation.**

sult of our confidence in the people of Southwest Virginia to perform various supply chain solutions for our clients at a new logistics center,” said Steve Patton, President of The Patton Logistics Group. “That confidence has only grown, and just four months into this endeavor, we have decided to expand. I thank my coworkers in Dublin for their hard work in getting this operation off the ground. The close proximity to major Interstates 81 and 77 has proven invaluable to our trucking company and has spurred this significant investment for a new trucking operations center. We are excit-

ed about our future in Southwest Virginia.”

The Virginia Economic Development Partnership worked with Pulaski County, Virginia’s First Regional Industrial Facility Authority, and Onward New River Valley to secure this project for Virginia. Governor Northam approved a \$225,000 grant from the Commonwealth’s Opportunity Fund to assist Pulaski County with the project. Patton Logistics is eligible to receive state benefits from the Virginia Enterprise Zone Program, administered by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development.

Funding and services to support the company’s job creation will be provided through the Virginia Jobs Investment Program.

“Patton Logistics is one of the newest members of our esteemed business community, so to see the company rapidly expand operations in Pulaski County gives us great confidence in its strong commitment to serve the logistics needs of the region,” said Joseph Guthrie, Chairman of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors. “We are honored to be the home of the New River Valley Commerce Park within the County, and will continue to work with the Commonwealth and our fellow member jurisdictions to help shape the New River Valley into a premier manufacturing and distribution region by supporting the expansion plans of key industrial partners like Patton Logistics.”

“On behalf of the 11 localities that participate in Virginia’s First Regional Industrial Facility Authority, we want to once again welcome Patton as they embark on their second expansion in two years,” said Mary Biggs, Chair of Virginia’s First Regional Industrial Facility Authority. “We believe that there is no better place in the world to build and expand than the New River Valley Commerce

Park. Patton, in a short amount of time, has become an important part of the industrial infrastructure of our region.”

“Patton Logistics Group’s continued investment in the New River Valley signifies the confidence companies have in our region’s workforce, business climate, and infrastructure,” said Scott Blankenship, Chairman of Onward NRV. “The substantial investment and job creation will not only positively impact Pulaski County, it will ripple throughout the regional economy. We look forward to Patton Logistics’ continued growth and success.”

“This expansion by Patton Logistics Group is great news for Pulaski County, and a tremendous example of the competitive value that Southwest Virginia offers to new and existing companies,” said Senator Travis Hackworth. “I congratulate the company on their investment and wish them great success.”

“The Patton Logistics Group’s expansion in Pulaski is not just an investment in the New River Valley, but an investment in Southwest Virginia,” said Delegate Nick Rush. “I extend my personal well-wishes to their entire team and look forward to the Group’s continued success.”

## Spongebob Squarepants: The Musical brings students back to Little Theatre

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Because students only had the chance to do one live show this year (Mamma Mia in the school parking lot), their director wanted to show off the brand new renovations to their Little Theatre during the Covid shutdowns. The Pulaski Coun-

ty School Board installed new LED lighting, updating sound equipment, and all new technical equipment that will be showcased in the production. Videos, sound effects, live musicians, bright and colorful costuming will take the audience to Bikini Bottom.

The play features songs from over 20 different pop and contemporary artists including: John Legend, Steven Tyler, Cyndi Lauper, Yolanda Adams, Panic! at the Disco, Sara Bareilles, and David Bowie among others.

The storyline follows Spongebob, Patrick, and Sandy as they try to save Bikini Bottom from the impending doom of the volcano Mount Humongous as it gets ready to erupt. Plus, Plank-

ton and Mr. Crabs are busy with making sure that things may not come to a happy ending. Over 30 high school and middle schoolers are onstage.

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# Youngkin

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ident and Chief Operating Officer Steve Willis. Accompanying them were Camrett’s Melissa Dempsey, Director of Human Resources and Compliance, and Derek Poff, General Manager of the Riverbend facility.

Also, along for the tour were Jason Ballard, 12th District candidate for House of Delegates, Pulaski County Board of Supervisors Chairman Joe Guthrie and Supervisors Laura Walters (Ingles District) and Dirk Compton (Draper District).

While touring the facility, Youngkin learned that the Riverbend operation is but one of Camrett’s several facilities with others being in Dublin, Bagging Plant Road, Wytheville, Rural Retreat, Atkins, Roanoke and Beaver, W.Va. near Beckley.

Founded by Chief Executive Officer Collin Peel, Camrett is celebrating its 25th anniversary.

The Riverbend operation warehouses products for several companies, primarily Volvo and Gatorade.

During the campaign stop, Youngkin held an impromptu “meet and greet” with several Camrett employees, talked about issues facing voters in the fall in his race for governor and posed for photos.

Following the visit, the enthusiastic Youngkin discussed his campaign and prospects for victory in November.

“The campaign is going great,” Youngkin said.

“This race is neck and neck right now. The polls basically have us statistically tied. As we head into what really is a 2 1/2-month sprint, we feel really good. We’ve got a groundswell of enthusiasm across the Commonwealth. Northern Virginia is tightening up, we’re doing super well in Hampton Roads. Richmond has tightened up. And across our Republican counties that are always so strong we’ve got great support.

“We feel really, really good about it,” he said.

Youngkin, making his first foray into state politics, is opposed by former Democratic Governor Terry McAuliffe.

Youngkin said the “big thing” that’s happened to his campaign in the past 24 hours had been the endorsement of his candidacy by 50 sheriff’s from across the Commonwealth.

“When sheriffs speak with that loud a voice, people listen,” Youngkin said.

“We’ve got a problem in Virginia right now. We’re at a 20-year high in murder rate. When Terry McAuliffe was governor, the murder rate went up 43 percent, and the rape rate went up every year.

“He didn’t even go to the Police Benevolent Association’s meeting that represents 7,000 law enforcement members. He just blew it off. This is what you get with Terry McAuliffe.

“Virginia doesn’t want that back, and that’s why we’ve got this great groundswell of support.

“We’re going to win our statewide races and we’re going to win back our House this year.

“We’ve got great candidates this year, like Jason (Ballard). We really do,” he continued.

Much of Youngkin’s message to the electorate centers around his opposition to the “progressive philosophy.”

“This is no longer just Republicans against Democrats. It’s Virginians coming together against this left, liberal, progressive philosophy that’s trying to drag Virginia into becoming California east.

“What Terry McAuliffe stands for is mask mandates and school closures and closing your business because he wants government to dictate to Virginians what we’re doing.

“And I fully believe that we, as individuals, should make those choices.

“There will be no shutdowns when I am governor. We can take care of both lives and livelihoods. And actually, get Virginia moving. And, yes, I encourage everybody to get the vaccine. I’ve gotten it. But people need to make that decision themselves. It can’t be a government-imposed thing.



Mike Williams/The Patriot

**GOP gubernatorial candidate Glenn Youngkin (center) poses with Camrett employees and Delegate candidate Jason Ballard.**

“This is the difference. Terry McAuliffe likes centralized government telling everyone what to do, and actually making people dependent on government. I believe individuals actually have choices. They need to be able to make decisions for themselves.”

Youngkin said, “We can rebuild the Commonwealth and get Virginia moving forward like we’ve never been moving before. It’s just going to take a different kind of leader.”

Debates have been a minor issue in the race recently. But for Youngkin’s part, he said he was eager to debate his Democratic opponent.

“I can’t wait. We have a debate scheduled for September 16th at the Appalachian Law School in Grundy, and I can’t wait for that. I actually accepted three debates and we accepted one at the end of this month at one of our great historically black colleges and universities – Hampton University – with all the students in a town hall manner and Terry wouldn’t go,” Youngkin charged.

“Here he is saying he wants to debate, so, let’s go debate. I look forward to Virginians seeing the clear difference between the two of us. A recycled, tired ol’ politician, as one of his own Democrats called him during their own nomination process, and really what Virginia could be and should be under my leadership.

“This is about the future of our Commonwealth. I think Virginians will see I have a real plan for the best jobs and the best schools and the safest communities, and my opponent Terry McAuliffe just wants to take us into lockdowns and impose government on us all.

“Virginians are going to choose Glenn Youngkin and Winsome Sears and Jason Miyares, and that’s why we see so much support across this Commonwealth.

“[When we win in November]

It will send a very clear message across the country. We’ve got the whole country paying attention to us right now. There’s only two statewide races – New Jersey and Virginia – and all eyes are on Virginia right now. I sure hope the Republican in N.J. can win, but all eyes are on Virginia right now because it’s not only Virginians voting on the future of the Commonwealth, but on the future of our country.

“This is why there’s so much at stake. It’s why I get up in the morning with no alarm clock needed. Let’s go run. Literally, the crowds are huge everywhere we go, and I can’t wait to go to work for all Virginians.

“This is not about a house. This is not about a title. It’s about wanting to work for Virginians.

“My opponent – he wants to run for president or something. He doesn’t really care about Virginia.

“As a homegrown Virginian I’m ready to go to work for Virginians,” Youngkin said.



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**Glenn Youngkin poses here with Board of Supervisors members and Camrett officials. From left, Supervisors Dirk Compton and Laura Walters, 12th District Delegate candidate Jason Ballard, Youngkin, Derek Poff of Camrett, Supervisors Chairman Joe Guthrie and Camrett VP Steve Willis.**



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# Landlords look for an exit amid federal eviction moratorium

NEW YORK (AP) — When Ryan David bought three rental properties back in 2017, he expected the \$1,000-a-month he was pocketing after expenses would be regular sources of income well into his retirement years.

He also was counting on the rent money from the properties in Dupont, Pennsylvania, to help with the cash flow of his busi-

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that while that may be true, viral loads decrease much more quickly in vaccinated people, which makes sense because the immune response will kick in. This means that vaccinated people are less likely to transmit the virus overall than unvaccinated people. We can't overestimate the benefits of being vaccinated.

Our hospitals in Virginia and across the country continue to be under strain. Ballad Health to our south has put elective overnight procedures on hold because of their surge coming out of Tennessee and southwest Virginia. The Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association daily dashboard this morning reported 1,137 cases hospitalized with COVID. Their trend graph shows those numbers have been increasing since late July. This is reflective of the Delta surge, and we know that hospitalizations and deaths are always going to be a few weeks behind.

Our hospital staff and public health workers have been on the frontlines for 18 straight months in this elevated response mode. There's a lot now coming out about people who have burnt out, and they sometimes wonder if the community is behind them.

There was a quote shared recently about the growing sense of fatigue and discouragement, and I'm going to read this quote from a hospital physician:

"From the beginning of the pandemic, we got up every day and risked ours and our families' safety because we were trained to care for the humans who needed us... we did our part, week after week, month after month. Then, with the vaccine, science brought us a solution and we could finally see the end of all those months of fear, exhaustion and sacrifice.

ness buying and selling distressed properties, launched early last year.

But then the pandemic hit and federal and state authorities imposed moratoriums on evictions. The unpaid rent began to mount. Then, just when he thought the worst was over, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced a new moratorium, lasting until Oct. 3. A federal

But that's not what happened. Delta has taken hold and hospitals are filling up again.

Healthcare workers are again strained to the max. This time the suffering is different because it's avoidable. We are holding up our end of the bargain, but is society holding up theirs? There are some people who cannot or have very good reasons for not getting the vaccine. But most people refusing the vaccine do not seem to be acting based on data or science. These are the very people who reject science right up until they can't breathe and then show up at our door feeling entitled to our help, which we can provide because of training based on science. Doing this work is harder when some of one's faith in humanity is lost. And we are burning through our most irreplaceable healthcare resource: hope. We used to unite, take care of each other and overcome adversity together, but many of us are left wondering if we really can come together as a society to put an end to this?"

By doing your part — by getting a vaccine, you're showing our healthcare community that hope and reassuring them that they're not in this alone.

This pandemic has been taxing both physically and emotionally. I have an appeal from our mental health professionals. If you or somebody you know is suffering, please seek help before it becomes a crisis. We have a new crisis intervention center in Radford through New River Community Services that can provide great support to treat people locally.

The number for New River Community Services is 540-961-8300 and the crisis hotline is 540-961-8400. That's all I have for you today.

judge dismissed a legal challenge to the order last week.

David, the father of a 2 1/2-year-old who is expecting another child, fears the \$2,000 he's owed in back rent will quickly climb to thousands more.

The latest moratorium "was the final gut punch," said the 39-year-old, adding that he now plans to sell the apartments. "I have had this internal struggle going back and forth. I have lost sleep at night, and I have now come up with a decision to sell and walk away."

Most evictions for unpaid rent have been halted since the early days of the pandemic and there are now more than 15 million people living in households that owe as much as \$20 billion in back rent, according to the Aspen Institute.

A majority of single-family rental home owners have been impacted, according to a survey from the National Rental Home Council, and 50% say they have tenants who have missed rent during the pandemic.

Smaller landlords with fewer than four units, who often don't have the financing of larger property owners, were hit especially hard, with as many as 58% having

tenants behind on rent, according to the National Association of Realtors. More than half of back rent is owed to smaller landlords.

Landlords, big and small, are most angry about the moratoriums, which they consider illegal. Many believe some tenants could have paid rent, if not for the moratorium. And the \$47 billion in federal rental assistance that was supposed to make landlords whole has been slow to materialize. By July, only \$3 billion of the first tranche of \$25 billion had been distributed.

David points to two tenants who received paychecks throughout

the pandemic but didn't pay rent or bother to file for rental assistance. Others singled out delinquent tenants who they claimed still managed to drive a luxury car, get food deliveries or go on vacation.

"Without rent, we're out of business," said Gary Zaremba, who sold 40 of his properties in Ohio due to the moratorium and still has a quarter of his tenants in the remaining 100 buildings struggling to pay rent. He has helped some apply for rental assistance, he said.

"It's like a restaurant that doesn't have patrons," he said.

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# Chasing Tide: Bama is No. 1 in preseason AP Top 25 again

By RALPH D. RUSSO  
AP College Football Writer

Another college football season will start with everyone chasing the Tide. Alabama is No. 1 in The Associated Press Top 25 preseason poll for fourth time in the past six seasons. Coming off its sixth national championship under Nick Saban, the Crimson Tide enters the season loaded with potential replacements for the record-breakers and NFL draft picks who have moved on, including Heisman Trophy winner DeVonta Smith. Alabama received 47 of 63 first-place votes from the panel

of sports writers and broadcasters in the poll presented by Regions Bank. Oklahoma is No. 2, just ahead of No. 3 Clemson (each received six first-place votes). Ohio State, which lost to the Tide in last season's championship game, is No. 4 after receiving a first-place vote. Georgia received three first-place votes and rounds out the top five. The 2020 Buckeyes were emblematic of a bizarre season played through the pandemic, suiting up for only eight games after the Big Ten didn't kickoff until late October. The season was riddled with postponements, cancellations, and players and coaches missing games across the

country because of COVID-19. There was little nonconference play and none among Power Five conference teams. Amid all the chaos and frustration was a familiar ending: The season came to a close with Alabama on top. Last year's Tide staked a claim as the greatest team of the Saban dynasty. Alabama went 13-0, facing 11 Southeastern Conference teams and playoff showdowns with Notre Dame and Ohio State. The most powerful offense in the country lost Smith, quarterback Mac Jones and running back Najee Harris, all first-round NFL draft picks this year. The next wave of blue-chippers stepping

into bigger roles includes running back Brian Robinson, receiver John Metchie and quarterback Bryce Young, a former five-star recruit from California. Since the AP started the preseason poll in 1950, only 11 teams that started No. 1 also ended the season as No. 1. Alabama was the last to do it, in 2017, the middle season of three straight in which the Crimson Tide took the preseason top spot. Alabama finished second in 2016 and '18. No program faces higher expectations than Alabama going into any season: The Crimson Tide is the only team in the country to start each of the last 13 seasons ranked in the top five.

And no program has been better at meeting those expectations: Along with the six national titles, the Tide has three more top-four finishes over the previous 12 years and has never ended a season ranked lower than 10th. **POLL POINTS** — Alabama is now tied with Ohio State for the second-most preseason No. 1 rankings with eight. Oklahoma has the most with 10. — Only two teams have gone wire-to-wire during the No. 1 team in the country as the season Southern California was the last in 2004, with Heisman Trophy

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## Cougars Scrimmage Tonight

Pulaski County Cougars defender Keyontae Kennedy (7) makes a hit on a Christiansburg ball carrier during last week's scrimmage at PCHS. The Cougars return to scrimmage action again this Friday when they travel to Lord Botetourt for a scrimmage. The action begins at 6 p.m. The Cougars open their season for real next Friday when they travel to always tough Northside. That game gets underway at 7 p.m. We'll have a preview on the Cougars' upcoming season in next Friday's edition, including players photos, schedules and more.

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From NASCAR

The penultimate NASCAR Cup Series regular season race has arrived, and Michigan International Speedway has set the stage for the FireKeepers Casino 400, this Sunday, August 22 at 3 p.m. ET on NBCSN, MRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio (Channel 90). With just two races remaining in the regular season, the Playoffs loom and the competitors know time is running out to secure their spot in the postseason, making these 400 miles at Michigan that much more pivotal. Michigan International Speedway sits on more than 1,400 acres in the "Irish Hills" of Southeastern Michigan. Ground-breaking for the facility took place on September 28, 1967 and the 2-mile asphalt paved track with 18 degrees of banking in the turns was created – the only track with those dimensions on the schedule. The first NASCAR Cup Series race at Michigan was held on June 15, 1969 and the event was won by NASCAR Hall of Famer Cale Yarborough in the Wood Brothers' No. 21 Mercury at a speed of 139.254 mph. The first NASCAR Cup Series race at Michigan was 500 miles in length; the second was scheduled for 600. The track was re-measured to 2.04 miles for the last race in 1970 and both races in 1971 – with the race distance being 402 miles. All other races have been scheduled for 400 miles, except for last season's races that were 312 miles each and run on consecutive days. Michigan International Speedway has hosted a total of 103 NASCAR Cup Series races. Other than 1973, which had just one race, there have been two races each season since 1969. The 2021 season is just the second NASCAR (1973) to host just one NASCAR Cup Series event at Michigan International Speedway since the track joined the schedule in 1969. A total of 38 different drivers have won in the NASCAR Cup Series at Michigan International Speedway. NASCAR Hall of Famer David Pearson leads the series in wins at Michigan with nine victories (1969, 1972 sweep, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976 sweep, 1978). Kevin Harvick (2010, 2018, 2019, 2020-1, 2020-2) leads all active series drivers in wins at Michigan with five victories. Seven of the 38 NASCAR Cup Series race winners at Michigan are active this weekend.

Rank	Active Winners	Wins
1	Kevin Harvick	5
2	Joey Logano	3
3	Kurt Busch	3
4	Kyle Larson	3
5	Denny Hamlin	2
6	Ryan Newman	2
7	Kyle Busch	1

A total of 50 different drivers have qualified on the pole at Michigan International Speedway in the NASCAR Cup Series. NASCAR Hall of Famer David Pearson leads the NASCAR Cup

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## Yard Sales

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**Yard sale**  
Friday, Aug 27 and Saturday Aug 28  
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## Music courses at NRCC offered this fall

New River Community College is offering several music classes with online and in person options for the fall semester that begins Monday, August 23.

Music in Society (MUS 121) is being offered as a 14-week course beginning Aug. 23 in Dublin, Christiansburg and online, and as a 10-week course that begins online Sept. 22. The course is transferrable to four-year colleges/universities and explores the language of music through an introduction to basic elements, forms and styles across time. Students will become acquainted with composers' lives and influential creative individualities, while discovering representative

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History of Western Music Prior to 1750 (MUS 221) and History of Jazz (MUS 225) will also be offered as 14-week courses that begin online Aug. 23.

The music courses are taught by Dr. Louise Billaud, NRCC professor of music and concert pianist in residence, who trained in the United States and France. In 2014, she received the Out-

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## LEGAL NOTICE

### NOTICE OF NON-JUDICIAL SALE August 25, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. Online and at the Historic Train Station TAX DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 58.1-3975, the following properties will be offered for sale at a simulcast live and online public auction. The auction will begin online and will close with in-person and online bidding on August 25, 2021, at 11:00 a.m., live at the Historic Train Station (20 S. Washington Avenue, Pulaski, Virginia 24301). Please visit [bid.forsaleatauction.biz](http://bid.forsaleatauction.biz), or call (540) 899-1776, for more information and to bid online. If interested bidders are unable to participate online, please call for assistance in placing your bids.

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William Harris & Mary H. Mudd	Lot 3, Block 124 Maple St.	081-002-0124-0003
John Patterson	325 Maple St.	081-002-0124-0004
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Imperial Valley Properties, Inc.	216 Russell St.	081-016-0000-0037
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N. Reid Broughton, Esq.  
Special Commissioner  
Sands Anderson PC  
P. O. Box 2009  
Christiansburg, Virginia 24068-2009

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Applications received by 7:00 PM on Friday September 24, 2021 may be eligible for a mobilization bonus. See the EVA posting for additional information, including contract requirements.

Questions can be directed to the Christiansburg Residency from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday – Friday. Phone: 540-381-7201  
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## LEGAL NOTICE



## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors intends to hold a Public Hearing beginning at 7:00 p.m., or soon thereafter as can be heard, on Monday, August 23, 2021, in the Supervisors Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, N.W., Suite 1, in the Town of Pulaski to receive citizens' comments on the following matter:

1) Transfer of the former Pulaski Middle School property, located at 500 Pico Terrace (Tax Parcel 072-51-247A-18) from the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors to the Pulaski County Economic Development Authority.

Comments may be presented orally or in writing via mail to above address, fax (540-980-7717), or e-mail to [bos@pulaskicounty.org](mailto:bos@pulaskicounty.org). A copy of the plat is available for public inspection from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, in the Town of Pulaski or by phoning (540) 980-7705.

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.



# Poll

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winner Matt Leinart. The first was undefeated Florida State in 1999, possibly the best team of the Bobby Bowden era. Bowden died earlier this month at 91.

— No. 8 Cincinnati of the American Athletic Conference is the first team from outside the Power Five leagues to be ranked in the preseason top 10 since Louisville started ninth in 2012. That was the Cardinals' final season as a member of the AAC before joining the Atlantic Coast Conference.

The defending AAC champion Bearcats have the best preseason ranking for a non-Power Five or BCS conference team since Boise State was No. 5 to begin 2011. The Broncos out of the Mountain West finished that season No. 8.

## RARITIES AND FIRSTS

— Sun Belt rivals No. 22 Coastal Carolina and No. 23 Louisiana-Lafayette are ranked in the preseason poll for the first time. It's the first time the conference has had any teams ranked in the preseason.

— No. 7 Iowa State is ranked in the preseason for the third straight season after having only one previous appearance in the preseason poll (1978). The Cyclones had never been ranked better than 20th to begin a season. They also have never been ranked higher at any point than the No. 8 they reached last year on the way to finishing ninth.

— No. 10 North Carolina has its best preseason ranking since being No. 7 in 1997 during coach Mack Brown's first stint with the Tar Heels.

— No. 17 Indiana is ranked

in the preseason poll for the first time since 1968. The Hoosiers finished last season at No. 12, the second-best final ranking in program history. Indiana has never started and finished a season ranked.

## CONFERENCE CALL

No. 6 Texas A&M starts with its best preseason ranking since 1995 when the Aggies were No. 3. Coach Jimbo Fisher's team also gives the SEC three teams in the top six, joining Alabama and Georgia.

Breakdown by conference:  
SEC — 5 (Nos. 1, 5, 6, 13, 16).  
Big Ten — 5 (Nos. 4, 12, 17, 18, 19).  
Pac-12 — 5 (Nos. 11, 15, 20, 24, 25).

ACC — 3 (Nos. 3, 10, 14).  
Big 12 — 3 (No. 2, 7, 21).  
Sun Belt — 2 (Nos. 22, 23).  
American — 1 (No. 8).  
Independent — 1 (No. 9).

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Patrick Henry...153  
Pulaski...165  
Cave Spring...166  
Christiansburg...189

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NOTES...due to weather we only played 9 holes rather than the usual 18, But on a pro rated scale the kids improved approximately 23 strokes from last week at the same course.

# NASCAR

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Series in poles at Michigan International Speedway with 10 poles (1969, 1974 sweep, 1975, 1976, 1977 sweep, 1978 sweep and 1979).

Joey Logano (2013, 2016 sweep, 2019) leads all active NASCAR Cup Series drivers in poles at Michigan with four. Due to COVID-19 restrictions this season's starting lineups for the Firekeepers Casino 400 will be decided by Metric Qualifying and as a result Kyle Larson will start on the pole and will be joined by his Hendrick Motorsports' teammate Chase Elliott on the front row.

The first starting position is the most proficient starting position in the field, producing more winners (22) than any other starting position at Michigan International Speedway: 21 from the pole and one from the first starting position due to qualifying being cancelled – 1985 (Bill Elliott). The most re-

cent driver to win from the pole at Michigan was Joey Logano in 2019. The deepest in the field that a race winner has started at Michigan is 32nd, by NASCAR Hall of Famer Mark Martin in the spring of 2009.

## Regular Season Championship: Larson could clinch regular season title this weekend

Hendrick Motorsports' Kyle Larson has opened up his points lead over Joe Gibbs Racing's Denny Hamlin in second in the NASCAR Cup Series regular season driver standings by 22 points and has a chance this weekend at Michigan International Speedway to clinch the Regular Season Championship.

All Larson needs to do is be at least 61 points ahead of the driver ranked second in the NASCAR Cup Series regular season driver standings at the conclusion of the race at Michigan. Currently Denny Hamlin holds the second spot in the standings.

## LEGAL NOTICE



### Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Bond Issue

The Council of the Town of Pulaski, Virginia (the "Council") will hold a public hearing on the proposed issuance of bonds by the Town of Pulaski.

The estimated maximum amount of the bonds is \$2,686,309. The proposed uses of the bond proceeds are to pay costs of capital improvements to the Town's water system and costs of issuing the bonds.

The public hearing, which may be continued or adjourned, and at which persons may appear and present their views on the proposed bond issue, will be held at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on September 7, 2021, before the Council in the Council Chambers, Pulaski Municipal Building, 42 First St. NW, Pulaski, Virginia.

Handicapped persons needing aid or assistance should contact the government prior to the meeting by calling (540) 994-8600.

**Darlene Burcham, Town Manager  
Town of Pulaski**

## LEGAL NOTICE



**Pulaski County Board of Supervisors  
Owner**

**143 Third St., NW, Suite 1  
Pulaski, VA 24310  
Address**

Separate sealed Bids for the installation of asphalt paving at Pulaski County Garage Complex, Pulaski County EMS Station No. 1, and the Draper Volunteer Fire Department will be received by Josh Tolbert, General Services Director, at the office of 143 Third St. NW, Suite 1, Pulaski, VA 24301 until 2:00 P.M., Tuesday, September 21st, 2021, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

The Contract Documents may be examined at the following location(s):

- Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third St., NW, Suite 1, Pulaski, VA

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained by writing the Office of the General Services Director located at 143 Third St. NW, Suite 1, Pulaski, VA 24301, or by telephone at (540) 980-7710, upon payment of \$ 100 for each set. A non-refundable shipping charge of \$25 per set is required for all sets requiring shipment. Non-refundable shipping charge shall be made payable by separate check to Pulaski County Board of Supervisors. Any document holder, upon returning the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS within 30 days of Bid Opening, in good condition, will be refunded full payment.

A non-mandatory Pre-bid Conference will be held on Tuesday, September 7th, at 10:00 A.M. All interested parties are encouraged to meet the OWNER at the Pulaski County Administration Building located at 143 Third St. NW, Suite 1, Pulaski, VA 24301, at that time.

The OWNER reserves the right to reject any or all bids and reject a bid which is not accompanied by data required by the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, or which is in any way incomplete or irregular. If the lowest BIDDER exceeds available funds, the OWNER reserves the right to re-bid or negotiate with the apparent low bidder pursuant to Section 2.2-4318 of the Virginia Code. The conditions and procedures under which such negotiation may be undertaken are that the appropriate Owner officials shall determine that the lowest responsive and responsible bid exceeds available funds and notify such bidder in writing of their desire to negotiate.

Bidders are referred to the Code of Virginia § 54.1-1100 et seq. for contractor requirements. A Bid may be withdrawn in accordance with the Code of Virginia § 2.2-4330 by giving notice in writing of Bidder's claim of right to withdraw Bid within two business days after the conclusion of the bid opening procedure and submitting original work papers with such notice.

The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, or religion. The County does not discriminate against faith-based organizations in accordance with the Code of Virginia § 2.2-4343.1.

8/19/2021

Date

Joshua R. Tolbert

General Services Director

## LEGAL NOTICE



### Public Hearing

The Town Council of the Town of Pulaski, Virginia will hold a public hearing on September 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Pulaski Municipal Building, 42 First Street, NW to consider the following:

1. A proposed amendment to Section 5.4 Signs of the Zoning Ordinance, adding Section 5.4.10-2, Temporary Signage Requirements.
2. A request by Good Ol Boy's Recovery, Agent: Kelly Dalton, for a Special Exception for a junkyard and automobile graveyard for property located at 34 First Street NE (tax parcel (s) 072-140-257) per Section 4.12.2-2(2) (b), Junkyards and Automobile Graveyards, of the Zoning Ordinance.

All persons desiring to comment on the proposed requests should submit their remarks to Brady Deal, Planner/Economic Developer, by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, to 42 First Street, NW/PO Box 660, Pulaski, VA or via email to bdeal@pulaskitown.org. A copy of the application and other pertinent materials are available for public review in the Planner/Economic Developer's office, Pulaski Municipal Building, 42 First Street, NW from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For disabled individuals who may require special auxiliary aids or services, reasonable accommodations will be made by the Town upon request. Please contact the Town Manager's Office at (540) 994-8600 prior to the above meeting date. For persons with hearing or visual difficulties, contact Virginia Relay at 711 to arrange contact with the Town.



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# Tick bites: Every year is a bad tick year

By Jory Brinkerhoff,  
University of Richmond

(THE CONVERSATION) It’s summer, a time to hike, garden, vacation – and to be on the lookout for ticks.

From Lyme disease to lesser-known illnesses like Heartland virus disease, ehrlichiosis and Colorado tick fever, tick-borne disease cases are increasing rapidly in the United States.

In 2017, 59,349 cases were reported to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, an all-time high. Yet, this represents just a fraction of infections because those who don’t exhibit symptoms or fail to seek treatment remain uncounted. A recent report estimated nearly a half-million Lyme disease cases per year in the U.S., with numbers more than doubling from 2004 to 2016.

As a biologist who studies tick-borne disease, I am asked each spring and summer whether it will be a bad year for ticks. The answer: It is never a good year for ticks. There may be relatively few of certain species and many of other types. Different species of ticks live in different environments. Many factors influence numbers, from dwindling biodiversity and ecological change to

the changing climate. But every year, the time to be most vigilant is early spring through late fall.

Different species, different patterns

There are at least seven tick species in North America that commonly bite and infect humans and animals with numerous diseases. But there are others, too. Over the past two decades, seven new tick-borne germs have been identified in the U.S., including a newly discovered Lyme disease bacterium found in the Upper Midwest and Bourbon virus, discovered in Bourbon County, Kansas.

Some regions, like where I work in Richmond, Virginia, are home to multiple human-biting species, each with its own suite of pathogens and habitat preferences. Black-legged ticks, which spread Lyme and other diseases, are of greatest concern. They are common in forests across the Eastern U.S.. The bite of an infected American dog tick, which prefer grassy areas, can infect people and dogs with Rocky Mountain spotted fever. Aggressive Lone Star ticks, which can transmit ehrlichiosis and tularemia, thrive in many habitats across the eastern U.S., and can survive hot, dry conditions.

#### Complex life cycles

These parasitic arthropods are more closely related to mites, spi-



ders and scorpions than to insects. Ticks spend most of their time on the ground in leaf litter or vegetation, undergoing a four-stage metamorphosis.

Eggs hatch into six-legged larvae and attach to a host. Then they drop off and molt into eight-legged nymphs, find a host and grow into reproductive adults. Much of their lives are spent waiting, inactive, for warmer or more humid weather to continue development, or on the hunt for their next meal.

Mortality is high. If just 10% of ticks survived each life stage, it would take 2,000 eggs to produce a pair of reproductive adults. Small

changes in survival can affect populations for years.

Most of the hard-bodied, blood-feeding ticks that carry disease take only three bloodmeals during their entire two- to three-year life cycle – meals that allow them to molt into the next stage, or to lay eggs.

They feed on mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians. Most ticks prefer a different host at each stage of their life, finding it by detecting an animal’s breath or smell, sensing body heat, moisture or vibrations.

The numbers of available hosts may be a key factor in tick abundance, which is sometimes influenced by natural cycles. For example, during “mast” years when acorns are plentiful, white-footed mice populations grow along with black-legged ticks that feed on them, and Lyme disease cases also tend to rise.

#### Expanding territory

Predicting tick numbers grows harder as many species expand their ranges. Altered ecosystems play a substantial role. Lyme disease became epidemic when mice that carry the bacterium proliferated and deer were reintroduced for hunting in the 1900s after a steep

decline; deer act as hosts for adult black-legged ticks that spread the disease. Migrating birds have also helped disperse ticks along the Atlantic flyway.

Changing climate, with shorter, milder winters, may increase tick survival, creating larger populations. Shorter, warmer winters have allowed some species to move northward. The two Lyme-spreading tick species now live in at least 43 states. Gulf Coast ticks have spread north to Delaware and Illinois, and the Lone Star tick may soon reach Canada.

However, warming trends may have mixed impacts. Ticks need moisture as well as blood to survive; hot, dry weather kills some species, but not others.

#### The forecast

While researchers have identified why their numbers change over space and time, predicting risk is difficult. But we do know that tick-borne diseases will continue to be a human and veterinary health threat. Ancient ticks once fed on dinosaurs. Scientists discovered fossilized ticks, some 15 million years old, that carried the Borrelia bacteria that cause Lyme disease, showing that it existed long before humans.

From a public health perspective, the most important question about ticks is not whether a given year will be particularly bad in terms of tick numbers, but what can be done to reduce the risk of encountering these parasites to avoid illness.

[The Conversation’s science, health and technology editors pick their favorite stories. Weekly on Wednesdays.]

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## NRCC offers a Paralegal program

New River Community College is offering a paralegal administrative support degree program, with classes beginning this fall. Paralegal Administrative Support Specialization prepares students for a high-salary career in an in-demand field.

The program leads to employment in the legal field. Paralegal Administrative Support Specialization provides a specialized administrative support technology education in the legal field and offers basic skills training and advanced training complementary to the information systems demands of the electronic office, includ-

ing skills in word processing, microcomputer usage and human relations. Upon completion of the degree, students are employable as legal clerks, office clerks, office and administrative support workers, paralegal and legal assistants, and receptionist and information clerks.

As a two-year program, the paralegal degree can be completed fully online.

Students who enroll in this program may be eligible for free tuition through the Virginia Community College’s new G3 assistance program. The G3 Program is a tuition assistance program for any Virginia resident who qualifies for in-state tuition

and whose family income falls below an identified threshold. Eligible students may enroll in designated programs leading to jobs in high-demand fields. For more information on G3 eligibility, visit [www.nr.edu/g3](http://www.nr.edu/g3).

Classes begin Monday, August 23. Prospective NRCC students may visit [www.nr.edu/register](http://www.nr.edu/register) for enrollment information. Advisors are available at [advising@nr.edu](mailto:advising@nr.edu) or (540) 674-3609 or in person to assist with registration.

For more information about the paralegal program, visit [www.nr.edu/ast/para\\_degree.php](http://www.nr.edu/ast/para_degree.php) or email Instructor Sharon Edwards at [sedwards@nr.edu](mailto:sedwards@nr.edu).



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## Teach Me Your Word O Lord

Terry McCraw

## Financial Wisdom from Solomon

Solomon was one of the wisest and riches men who ever lived and in today's Bible Lesson, he gives us bits of wisdom concerning finances.

Finances are an important part of our lives. The bible teaches us how to live our lives in the most beneficial way possible.

Proverbs 6:6. "Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: Which having no guide, overseer or ruler, provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest. How long wilt thou sleep? Yet a little sleep, a little slumber a little folding of the hands to sleep: So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man."

A sluggard is a lazy person. A slothful person. A slacker. A loafer. A shirker. A freeloader. So this scripture, first of all, is warning those who are too lazy to work.

There's a good story in Aesop's Fables that teaches the virtues of hard work and planning for the future. The ant worked hard storing up food for the Winter. The grasshopper fiddled around, doing nothing to lay back food for times of unseasonable weather. The grasshopper watched the ant at work, and laughed at the ant which was working. All the while he was singing his song, dancing, and fiddling his life away. When a season came around when there was no food available, the grasshopper became very hungry and was about to starve. He begged the ant to give him some of the food the ant had stored away. The ant rebuked him for his idleness and basically told him, you sang and danced all summer long, so dance and sing through the winter. The moral of the story is idleness brings want. To work today is to eat tomorrow.

Paul told some loafers in 2 Thes. 3: 11, 12, "For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies. Now them that are such, we command and exhort by the Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work and eat their own bread."

Proverbs 20:4 says "The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold: therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing."

If we'll work hard, God will prosper the work of our hands and we'll have food in our pantries and not have to depend on someone else's labor to get us through tough times.

I realize that some are not able to work due to retirement, health problems or other issues beyond their control, and this message is not referring to them. This message refers to those who are too lazy or too trifling to work and earn their own living.

We are to work to earn our own living, if we are able to work, and not become a burden on others. If we lay around sleeping our lives away, while we should be out earning a living for ourselves and our families, we're going to end up in poverty.

Paul looked at a person who is too lazy to work as not being worthy of receiving food from others. "If a man will not work, neither shall he eat." ( 2 Thes: 3:10 ) The lame excuse in the scriptures says I would go to work today

See MCCRAW, page B7

### Draper Valley Baptist Church

3200 Lee Highway  
Draper, Va. 24324  
Pastor: Alan Pearce  
Service Times:  
Bible Study Sunday, 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening, 5 p.m.  
email: drapervalleybc@gmail.com  
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: Rev. Jason Crandall  
423-716-2570  
Primary Service Times:  
Sunday School, 10 a.m.  
Worship, 11 a.m.  
Phone: 276-477-3835

### Newbern Christian Church

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

### Christ Episcopal Church

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

### Jordan's Chapel UMC

Pastor: Jim Goddard  
Worship: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

### Cecil's Chapel United Methodist Church

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

### Newbern United Methodist Church

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

### Valley Harvest Ministries

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

### Mountain View United Methodist Church

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

### Dublin Baptist Church

Dublin Baptist Church  
100 Hawkins Street, Dublin, VA 24084  
540-674-6061  
secretary@dublinbaptistva.org  
Website: dublinbaptistva.org  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship: 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Youth Bible Study, 7 p.m.

### Allisonia Pentecostal Holiness Church

1560 Julia Simpkins Road  
Allisonia, VA  
Pastor Justin Phillips  
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship: 6 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  
Hispanic Lay Pastor: Sebastian Ruiz  
Sunday Service: 10:00 AM  
Hispanic Worship: 11:00AM  
Contact Info. Phone: 540.980.3331  
e-mail: office@fumcpulaski.org website: www.fumcpulaski.org  
FACEBOOK @FirstUMCPulaski and WBLB 10:00am

### Belspring Baptist Church

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

### Memorial Baptist Church

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

### River of Life Church

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

### Delton Church of God of Prophecy

4570 Boyd Road, Draper, VA 24324  
Pastor Vickie Lee Viars  
deltoncogop@gmail.com (276) 620-3191  
Sunday mornings - 11 AM to 12 PM  
Sunday evenings-Facebook live services announced on Facebook  
Wednesday evenings- To be announced at later future time until COVID-19 ceases  
Delton COGOP is following all COVID-19 safety guidelines of social distancing, masks, cleaning, and disinfection.

### Heritage Church

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

### Fairlawn Baptist

6758 Oxford Avenue  
Fairlawn, VA 24141

### First Missionary Baptist Church

7318 Manns Drive / P.O. Box 90  
New River, Virginia 24129  
(540) 639-5331  
email: fmbcl872@verizon.net  
Pastor: Rev. Richard A. Goodman, Sr.  
Associate Minister:  
Rev. Annette Cheek  
Clerk: Mrs. Carlotta Lewis  
Sundays:  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
The Lord's Supper - Each First Sunday  
Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

### Dublin United Methodist Church

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

### Freedom Fellowship Church

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

### Draper's Valley Presbyterian (PCA)

2755 Old Baltimore Road,  
Draper, VA 24324  
Senior Pastor: Rev. Robert E. Davis  
Associate Pastor: Rev. Roland Mathews  
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship Service 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:15 p.m.  
Wednesday Youth Groups and Adult Prayer & Bible Study 6:30 p.m.  
Phone - 540-994-9015  
e-mail - drapers.valley@dvpca.org  
website - www.dvpca.org  
Sunday Morning Worship Live-Stream • 10:30 a.m. (or anytime on YouTube)

### Trinity Lutheran Church ELCA

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

### Trinity United Methodist

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

### Snowville Baptist Church

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

### Fairlawn United Methodist Church

7584 Brandon Road, Fairlawn, Va. 24141  
Pastor Mark A. Miller  
markmiller.psalml1@gmail.com  
Cell) 540-320-2431  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship (with children's message): 11 a.m.  
Bible Study, Wednesday: 7 p.m.  
Youth Ministry  
Facebook.com/  
Fairlawn-United-Methodist-Church

### Grace Ministries

### Church of God of Prophecy

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

### Faith Bible Church

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

### Dublin Christian Church

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

### First Presbyterian Church

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



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

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

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

**Community Christian Church**  
5382 Grace Street, Dublin VA, 24084  
540-674-4308  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

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

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

**Pulaski Church of God**  
1621 Bob White Boulevard  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
Pastor Donald Jones  
540-980-8880  
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Wednesday Bible Study  
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

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

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Wednesday Bible Study: 6 p.m.

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# McCraw

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but there’s a lion in the streets which may devour me. Why does a man offer up such a ludicrous, preposterous, absurd, nonsensical excuse as that? Because he is too lazy and trifling and good for nothing to go out and earn his living by the sweat of his brow like everyone else worth their salt has to do. Lazy people will invent any excuse for not going to work.

Some won’t do work in the Church because they know that if they don’t, someone else will do it. But that’s not always true. A lot of work that should be done in the Church and by the Church is not done, or halfway done, because there aren’t enough willing workers in the Church work force.

I heard a story one time about four entities by the names of Nobody, Somebody, Anybody and Everybody. It’s an old story which many have probably heard, but it makes a great point. There was some work that needed to be done in the Church. Everybody wanted it done. Anybody could have done it. Nobody wanted to do it. Somebody should have done it. Guess who ended up doing the work? Nobody!

Proverbs 6:6. “Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: Which having no guide, overseer or ruler, provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest. How long wilt thou sleep? Yet a little sleep, a little slumber a little folding of the hands to sleep: So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man.”

The bible teaches us not to be slothful in business. Paul told some loafers in 2 Thes. 3: 11, 12, “For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies. Now them that are such, we command and exhort by the Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work and eat their own bread.”

Proverbs 20:4 says “The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold: therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing.”

Paul looked at a person who is too lazy to work as not being worthy of receiving food from others. “If a man will not work, neither shall he eat.” ( 2 Thes: 3:10 ) Someone once said, “Some excuse is better than none.” But I disagree. A lame excuse shows the stupidity of the person using it. He is dumb enough to think that others will accept a lame excuse as a valid excuse.

The best point that can be made on financial matters is this. Work and earn your own living, Then your finances will take care of itself.

# Bible Trivia

1. Is the book of Micah in the Old Testament, New Testament or neither?
2. After his servants covered him with clothes, what did King David’s servants bring to keep him warm? Hot bricks, Young virgin, Canopy skins, Wool from finest sheep
3. Whose last words were, “Turn thine hand, and carry me out of the host; for I am wounded”? Paul, John the Baptist, Ahab, Job
4. From Proverbs 31, which king was taught sayings by his mother? Lemuel, Neco, Ben-Hadad, Jehu
5. In Genesis 27, who said, “Come near now, and kiss me, my son”? Adam, Isaac, Seth, Moses
6. Who was the father of Gideon? Job, Jeremiah, Josiah, Joash

**ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Young virgin; 3) Ahab; 4) Lemuel; 5) Isaac; 6) Joash**

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# No one chooses defeat over victory

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham


**Q: I am a real competitor but I am also a real loser. I can’t seem to overcome my losing streak, and I am discouraged and even jealous of others that don’t work as hard but seem to always win. What am I doing wrong? -- B.L.**

A: No one chooses defeat over victory. Everyone loves to be a winner; it is something everyone wants to experience. The late Paul “Bear” Bryant, award-winning coach at the University of

Alabama said, “The price of victory is high but so are the rewards.” Another Paul, the apostle, said, “I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:14).

Having the right attitude towards winning is just as important as having a healthy attitude about losing. While losing is not fun, losing games or losing battles can help us grow in character. Sometimes we miss the real meaning of winner or loser.

The greatest and most costly



**My Answer**

Billy Graham

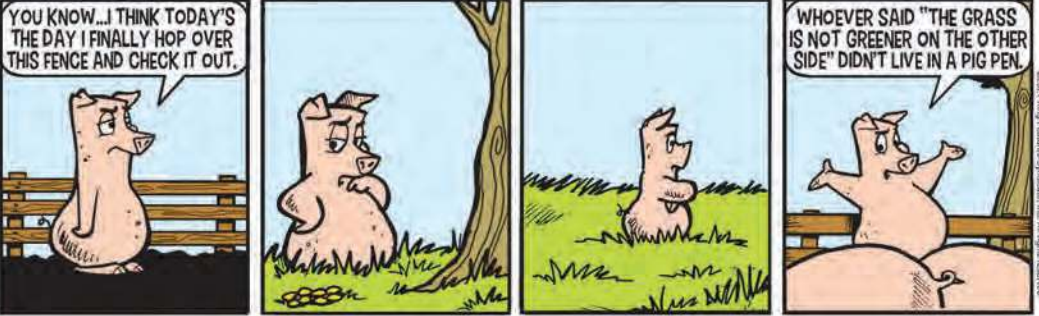
battle to ever take place was fought between good and evil. It took place at Golgotha -- a rugged hillside outside of Jerusalem. But the day that Jesus Christ was nailed to the cross, even His closest friends thought the battle for good was lost. Jesus died and

was buried in a tomb, sealed by a massive stone. Those who had followed Him walked away in total defeat. But Jesus did not remain in that cold, dark tomb. He rose again and defeated death. He told His disciples that eternal life could only be found in the cross. He triumphed over death and taught His followers that their faith would be strengthened in weakness.

The most important prize ever to be won in this life is salvation that Christ offers to all, for then we know victory that lasts.



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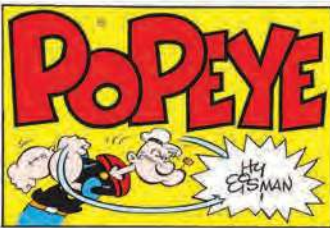
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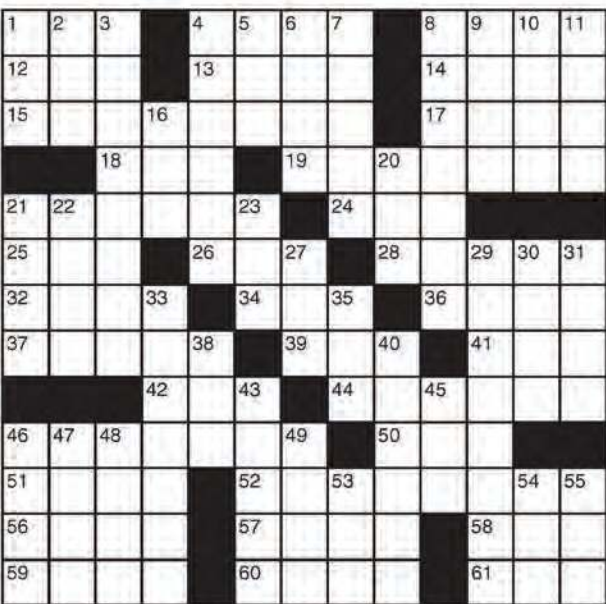
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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Soviet space station
- 4 Dance move
- 8 Actress Fisher
- 12 — out a living
- 13 Abode
- 14 Punch
- 15 Shares with followers on social media
- 17 Fury
- 18 MSN rival
- 19 Fuming
- 21 Cop's badge
- 24 Flamenco cheer
- 25 Triumphed
- 26 Half a dozen
- 28 Travels by jet
- 32 Throat clearer
- 34 Jewel
- 36 Early Peruvian
- 37 Cleaning agent
- 39 Fawn's mom
- 41 Junior
- 42 Carried out
- 44 French cathedral city
- 46 Tea urn
- 50 Business mag
- 51 Pressing thing?
- 52 "The Handmaid's Tale" author
- Atwood
- 56 King of the



- 7 Green sauce
- 8 Haifa native
- 9 Bridge coup
- 10 Olympic sled
- 11 On in years
- 16 Misery
- 20 Sprite
- 21 Clear the decks?
- 22 Jolly laugh
- 23 Use a shovel
- 27 Deleted
- 29 Behind closed doors
- 30 Nobel Prize subj.
- 31 Without
- 33 "Material Girl" singer
- 35 Extinct bird
- 38 VII doubled
- 40 Asylum seeker, perhaps
- 43 Titled women
- 45 — jiffy
- 46 Sediment
- 47 "Carmen" solo
- 48 Disposition
- 49 Sitarist
- Shankar
- 53 Roulette bet
- 54 Before
- 55 Levy

DOWN

- 1 Sea, to Henri
- 2 Mamie's man
- 3 Lawyer's fee
- 4 Beach souvenirs
- 5 Water tester
- 6 911 responders

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- 1. Vatican City
- 2. Monaco
- 3. Nauru
- 4. Tuvalu
- 5. San Marino
- 6. Liechtenstein
- 7. Marshall Islands
- 8. Saint Kitts and Nevis
- 9. Maldives
- 10. Malta

\*based on land area

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. U.S. STATES: What is the state capital of Kansas?
- 2. ANATOMY: Where is the pinna located in the human body?
- 3. GEOGRAPHY: What is the English name for the country called Sverige by its people?
- 4. PSYCHOLOGY: What fear is represented in the condition called heliophobia?
- 5. MOVIES: Which two films had the most Academy Award nominations without winning any of them?
- 6. TELEVISION: How many sons did Ben Cartwright have in "Bonanza"?
- 7. FOOD & DRINK: What is the most popular topping on a pizza?
- 8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: How many quills does the average porcupine have?
- 9. HISTORY: Which principal countries made up the Axis powers in World War II?
- 10. LITERATURE: What is the name of the wizard bank in the "Harry Potter" series?

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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Answers: 1. Bow is larger; 2. Hedge is missing; 3. Pants are different; 4. Base is missing; 5. Arm is showing; 6. Fence is shorter.

Answers

1. Topeka  
2. It's the outer ear  
3. Sweden  
4. Fear of the sun  
5. "The Turning Point" and "The Color Purple," both with 11 nominations  
6. Three: Adam, Hoss and Little Joe  
7. Peppercorn  
8. 30,000  
9. Japan, Germany and Italy  
10. Crinoids

Solution time: 25 mins.

RELAX Today's Word

3. Meager; 4. Ratchet; 1. Exited; 2. Trifle;

SCRAMBLERS solution

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: M equals H

H YCDHY AHSZEL MHT AMJT VCAAC

JL JAT HOSZEAJTZVZLAT:

"AMJETA DCVZ, AMJETA TZESZO."

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Americanisms

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Q O C **S N O O P Y** S I H M K I  
H F Y L L A S M M G D R D B Z  
Y W V T R U R R A R G O F Q O  
N L K O N E E F R I H E O F D  
C A D I H R Z X C W V D P W U  
S U L S U R Q P I G P E N O N  
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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: PEPPERMINT —

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Eudora	Lucy	Rerun	Snoopy
Franklin	Marcie	Sally	Woodstock
Frieda	Peggy Jean	Schroeder	

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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.

L H B A J Q O R T C J L O J R O J I Q C  
E H C A R H J W R H D W , O R E Z C J  
E H C A R H J V R J Q I E C !  
— C P V F Z E V D W V R A H R

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How strange that nature  
does not knock, and yet  
does not intrude!  
— Emily Dickinson

**CryptoQuote**  
answer

“PEANUTS” CHARACTERS

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

	1				9		4
		6		5		3	
9			3		7		
		8		3		4	
	3		6				8
2				4		1	
	7		5				2
		4		6		1	
5					8	9	

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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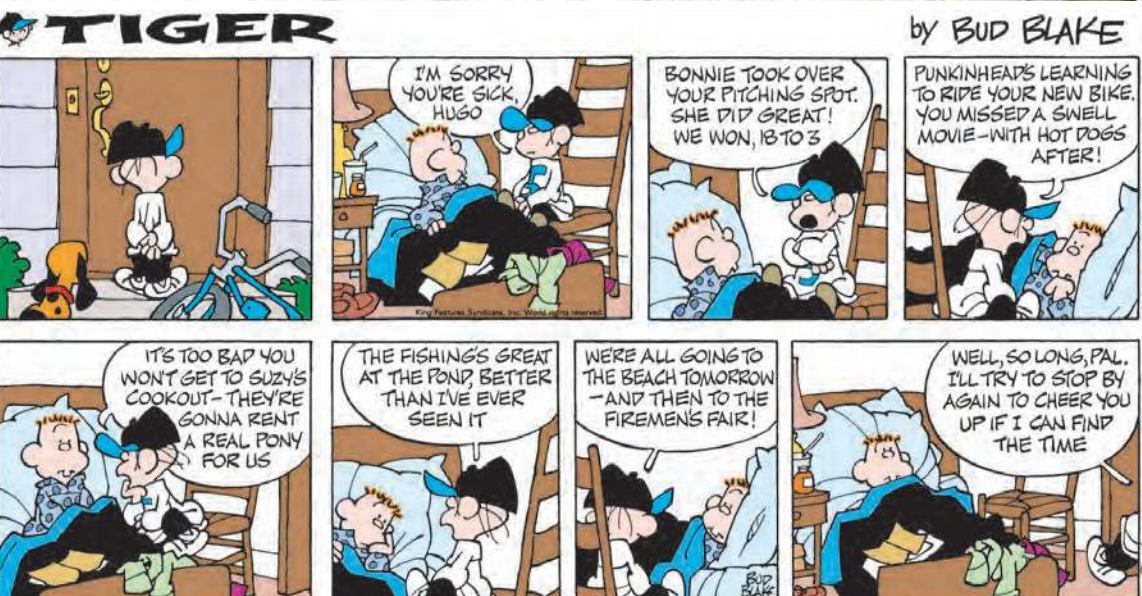
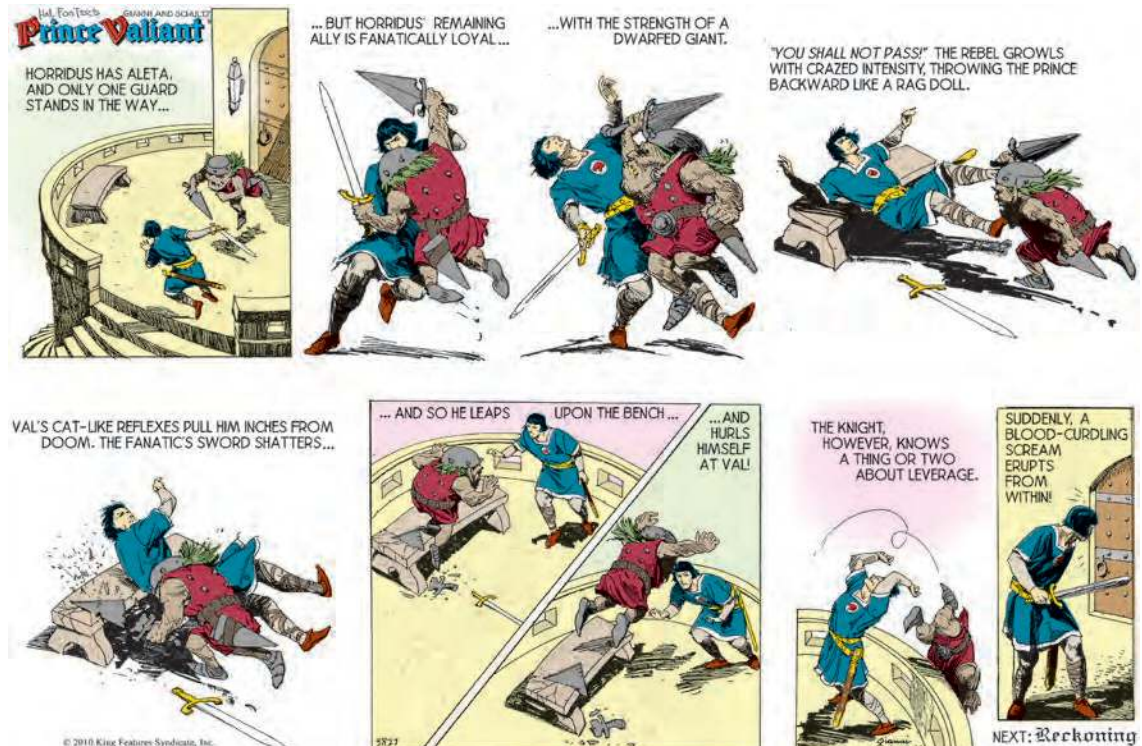
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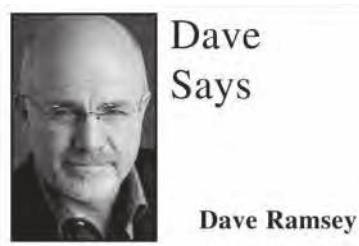
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Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

## Sounds Suspicious To Me

**Dear Dave,**  
My husband and I have a rental property in South Carolina we want to sell. The current renters' lease is up in December, but our property manager tells us the renters won't let anyone in the home, not even just for photos to post online due to COVID-19. How do you think we should handle this situation?

Tracy

**Dear Tracy,**  
I don't know much about current COVID-19 restrictions in South Carolina, but this sounds suspicious to me. I'm also thinking your property manager is kind of a wuss, but I have the spiritual gift of cynicism.

I'm old school, and if I own a house, I'd like to go in it any time I want—within reason, of course—if renters are in there. They have the legal right of quiet enjoyment, meaning I don't get to show up at all hours and harass them. But I'm not letting them stiff-arm me and use COVID-19 as an excuse. I mean, tenants thinking they have the right to give the landlord and owner zero access? Maybe places like the Socialist Republic of California allow this kind of crap, but most states have common sense, plus reasonable tenant and landlord protections. Yeah, the whole feel of this makes me think there's something very wrong going on inside this house.

I can imagine your frustration, Tracy. It makes me angry just thinking about it. If they've got a sick child or adult in the home, or someone's out of work but actively looking for a job, then I'll show a lot of compassion and back off a little. I'll try to work with them to resolve things in a way that's good for everyone. But if they're just playing games or misbehaving and using COVID-19 as an excuse on top of that, I'd have no problem removing them.

I think you need to dig a little deeper on this one. Check the current laws in South Carolina, especially any laws concerning a possible eviction moratorium and get in touch with a good real estate attorney. There are times when we're called upon to be understanding and generous. But I have very little tolerance for someone who tries to take advantage of me.

— Dave

\* Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of "The Ramsey Show," heard by more than 20 million listeners each week. He has appeared on "Good Morning America," "CBS This Morning," "Today," Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.

### Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

3	1	5	2	7	9	8	6	4
7	8	6	1	5	4	2	3	9
9	4	2	3	8	6	7	5	1
1	5	8	9	2	3	6	4	7
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2	6	7	8	4	5	1	9	3
6	7	3	5	9	1	4	8	2
8	9	4	7	6	2	3	1	5
5	2	1	4	3	8	9	7	6



## PULSE

August 28

### Fort Chiswell High School Reunion

Fort Chiswell High School Class Reunion will be held for all classes from 1961 to present. The event is planned for Saturday, August 28 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Foster Falls State Park. Graduation is not required. Bring a bag lunch and a guest.

September 7

### 25 Cent Bingo

VFW Auxiliary Post 1184 will host 25¢ Bingo Saturday Sept. 7th, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. Post home located @ Dora Highway & Washington Ave. Everyone welcome.

September 11

### Women's Meeting

First Dublin Presbyterian Church ECO will hold a Women of the Church meeting, 10 AM on Sept. 11. Bible Study on EVE, business discussion, and light refreshments.

Oct. 9

### Porch Concert

The Kellams will be singing, 5-6 PM. at First Dublin Presbyterian Church ECO.

Oct. 15

### Crafts Fair

First Dublin Presbyterian Church ECO will hold a crafts fair on Oct. 15-16 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Nov. 6

### Church Prayer – Hymn Sing

First Dublin Presbyterian Church ECO will hold a church prayer / hymn sing from 5:30 – 7 p.m.

### Notice:

### Dublin lists Labor Day Schedule

Dublin Town Offices will be closed Monday, September 6, 2021 to observe the Labor Day Holiday. Garbage scheduled for pickup on Monday will be picked up on Tuesday, September 7th.

### United Daughters of the Confederacy

Attention all of you Southern Ladies! The United Daughters of the Confederacy, the Milton Hall Harmon Chapter is looking for new members. We meet on the second Saturday of the month. If you would like to become a member or would like more information, please contact us by email to plymouth-rock16@yahoo.com.

### Do You or Someone You Know Need Mental/Behavioral Health Help?

Appalachian Telemental Health Network (ATHN) is a state-funded resource for people in Virginia who are seeking mental/behavioral health help. Sessions are held over a HIPAA secure video session with a professional. The prior eliminates barriers of time, distance, and provider scarcities. The process

is streamlined, making it easy to use the platform as a provider and/or patient.

Appalachian Telemental Health Network was designed to create better access for the underserved Appalachian counties of Virginia. ATHN welcomes providers, referral streams, and people seeking help. If you or someone you know needs help, do not hesitate. Appalachian Telemental Health Network is an available resource. Visit our website location to sign up: [www.athn.us](http://www.athn.us).

### Hiwassee Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary in Need of Funds

The Ladies Auxiliary of Hiwassee is in need of donations for the mowing and upkeep of the Trail cemetery in Hiwassee. If you have a family member buried in the cemetery and would like to make a donation you may send a check payable to Peggy Cregger, (Treasurer of the Ladies Auxiliary) @ PO Box 164 Hiwassee VA 24347. Thank you in advance for helping our organization!

### Still distributing food

Heritage Cares Food Pantry at Heritage Church is still distributing food on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The church is located a half-mile past the New River Valley Airport on Route 100 north of Dublin.

### VHM Beginning Hispanic Service

Valley Harvest Ministries, in Dublin on the hill across from Walmart, is holding an Hispanic service each Sunday at 6 p.m. in

the church's coffee shop.

### On going:

#### Alcohol Anonymous

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

#### Radford Clothing Bank

The Radford Clothing Bank is open by appointment only. To qualify for free clothing, you must receive Medicaid or SNAP (Food Stamps). Call the Clothing Bank at 633-5050, Monday – Saturday, from 10 a.m. – 12 a.m. to make an appointment. Hours for shopping are Thursday, Friday, Saturday, from 10 a.m. – 12 a.m. and Thursday from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. The Clothing Bank is located at 2000 West St., Radford, Va. Donations of clothing, shoes, purses, and linens are being accepted.

#### Pulaski Al-Anon Family Group

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

## NRCC

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standing Faculty Award by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV), earned a doctorate of musical arts in music education from Boston University, and was honored by the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) ACME SRIG with the award for Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation. Billaud has presented research findings at NAfME, Suncoast Music Education Research Symposium and Music and Lifelong Learning national and international conferences. She was keynote speaker for the Virginia Community College System's New Faculty Forum and for Education Symposia.

Billaud is a National Certified Teacher of Music (NCTM) of the

Music Teachers National Association (MTNA) and was most recently recognized with the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award, Marquis Who's Who Top Educator and Top Artist awards.

Past students have enjoyed Billaud's classes and have provided positive feedback about what they learn. Previous students have said, "This forum in particular seems to challenge us to find the unexpected musical connections, to see that we are not alone in a vast virtual sea, but more powerful than ever in our ability to connect musically," and "It has really expanded my horizons when it comes to listening and discovering new music, which has been enlightening for me."

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