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VSP Charges Juvenile in PE County Homicide

FARMVILLE - The Virginia State Police charged a 17-year-old Prince Edward County male Wednesday (March 18) for the 2019 murder of a Prince Edward County man. The juvenile was served the petition for First Degree Murder at the Piedmont Regional Juvenile Center in Farmville, where he has been held since being charged in Buckingham County in December 2019.

At approximately 10:38 p.m. on Dec. 21, 2019, Virginia State Police Trooper J.P. Campbell stopped a 2003 Toyota Avalon for speeding. The vehicle was traveling at 51 mph in a posted 35 mph zone on Route 60 in Buckingham County. The trooper activated his emergency lights and siren to initiate the traffic stop and the Toyota pulled over to the side of Route 60. But as the trooper approached the vehicle on

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Keysville SAV-U-TIME

Victim of Armed Robbers

KEYSVILLE - On March 13, 2020, the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office responded to a robbery call at SAV-U-TIME in Keysville. Two black males entered the store dressed in black coats, black face masks and black pants. Both suspects displayed a handgun and made one employee lay on the floor while the other suspect made the clerk open the register and give him the money. An unknown amount of cash was taken as well as some cigars. The two suspects left in an unknown direction.

Anyone with information about this incident, please call the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office at 434-542-5141 and ask to speak to an investigator. There will be a reward for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of suspects.

Virginia Closes Schools for the Remainder of the Academic Year

Statewide closure includes non-essential businesses and bans public gatherings of more than 10 people

RICHMOND—Governor Ralph Northam has issued a statewide order to protect the health and safety of Virginians and reduce the spread of the novel coronavirus, or COVID-19. Executive Order Fifty-Three orders the closure of certain non-essential businesses, bans all gatherings of more than 10 people, and closes all K-12 schools for the remainder of the academic year. Governor Northam is also urging all Virginians to avoid non-essential travel outside the home, if and when possible.



Governor Ralph Northam

This order goes into effect at 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 and will remain in place until 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, April 23, 2020.

"This is an unprecedented situation, and it requires unprecedented actions to protect public health and save lives," said Governor Northam. "I know the next several weeks will be difficult. These restrictions on non-essential businesses will create hardships on the businesses and employees affected. But they are necessary, and we do not undertake them lightly. I am calling on Virginians to sacrifice now, so that we can get through this together."

In addition, Virginia is launching a statewide media campaign to ensure Virginians fully understand their risk and do their part to stop the spread of COVID-19. The Commonwealth's "Health in Your Hands" campaign will include radio and television

spots as well as statewide billboards and highway signs.

Public Gatherings

All gatherings of more than 10 people are banned statewide, beginning at 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24, 2020. This does not include gatherings that involve the provision of health care or medical services, access to essential services for low-income residents, such as food banks; operations of the media; law enforcement agencies; or operations of government.

K-12 Schools

All schools will remain closed through the end of this academic year. The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) will issue guidance to help divisions execute plans to continue instruction, while ensuring students are served equitably, regardless of income level, access to technology, English learner status, or special needs. This includes options for additional in-

struction through summer programming, integrating instruction into coursework next year, and allowing students to make up content. VDOE will submit a waiver to the federal government to lift end-of-year testing requirements and is exploring options to waive state mandated tests.

Recreation and Entertainment Businesses

The following recreation and entertainment businesses are considered non-essential and must close to the public beginning at 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24, 2020:

Theaters, performing arts centers, concert venues, museums, and other indoor entertainment centers;

Fitness centers, gymnasiums, recreation centers, indoor sports facilities, indoor exercise facilities;

Beauty salons, barber shops, spas, massage parlors, tanning salons, tattoo shops, and any other location where personal care or personal grooming services are performed that would not allow compliance with social distancing guidelines to remain six feet apart;

Racetracks and historic horse racing facilities;

Bowling alleys, skating rinks, arcades, amusement parks, trampoline parks, fairs, arts and craft facilities, aquariums, zoos, escape rooms, indoor shooting ranges, public and private social clubs, and all other places of indoor public

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Second Confirmed Positive COVID-19 Case Involving Longwood Student

FARMVILLE - The Town of Farmville became aware Tuesday morning of a positive test result confirming a second case of COVID-19 involving a Longwood student that resides off-campus. According to a notice sent out by Longwood University, the student has been self-quarantined since March 18, 2020. The University further states, "VDH believes this student

acquired the virus while traveling out-of-state the week after spring break, but is not certain of the origin."

The Town wants the community to be aware of this situation. If you have any questions or concerns about symptoms or possible exposure, call the local VDH office at 434-392-3987. Locally, Centra Southside Community

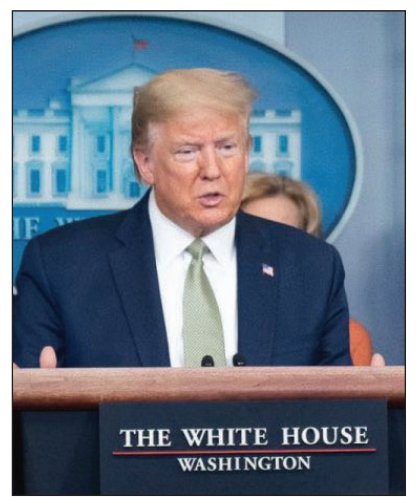
Hospital has set up a hotline at 434-200-1225.

The Town of Farmville is urging all residents to continue following guidelines put out by the CDC and Virginia Department of Health. Please limit social contact and when you do, practice social distancing of six feet or more and wash your hands frequently.

Armed Robbery at Dollar General in Wylliesburg

WYLLIESBURG - On February 23, 2020, the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office and Virginia State Police responded to the Dollar General in Wylliesburg. The caller reported that the store had been robbed. Two suspects armed with handguns and face masks entered the store around 10 p.m. Both suspects held clerks at gun point during the robbery. There was an unknown amount of cash taken. The suspects' direction of travel was unknown.

Anyone with information about the incident should call the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office at 434-542-5141 and ask to speak to an investigator. There will be a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the suspects.



President Trump

Moves Back Tax Filing

Deadline to July

NATIONWIDE - With the COVID-19 virus wreaking havoc on the country, another change has recently been announced by the federal government that will affect the citizens in the United States. Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin announced last week that the IRS is moving the tax filing deadline from April 15 to July 15.

This announcement came on Twitter and was noted to be a move that came at the direction of President Donald Trump.

This will give all taxpayers and businesses some extra time to file and make payments without interest or penalties.

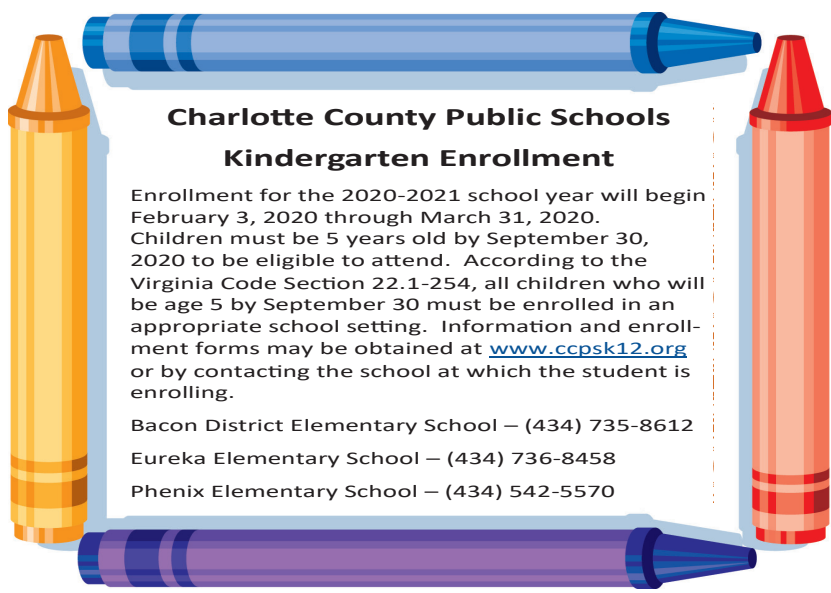


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**Charlotte County Public Schools
Kindergarten Enrollment**

Enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year will begin February 3, 2020 through March 31, 2020. Children must be 5 years old by September 30, 2020 to be eligible to attend. According to the Virginia Code Section 22.1-254, all children who will be age 5 by September 30 must be enrolled in an appropriate school setting. Information and enrollment forms may be obtained at www.ccpk12.org or by contacting the school at which the student is enrolling.

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March 7, 2020 (8am to 12pm) & March 18, 2020 (5pm to 8pm)
Keysville Public Library-
February 26, 2020 (5pm to 8pm) & March 28, 2020 (8am to 12pm)
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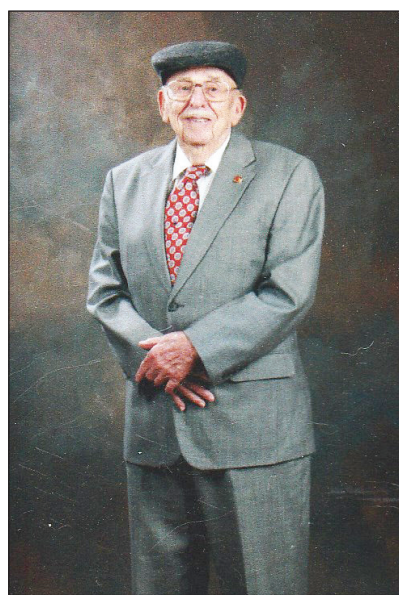
Hester Linwood Townsend

Drakes Branch, Virginia

Hester Linwood Townsend, 88, of Drakes Branch, Virginia passed away peacefully in his home on March 20, 2020.

Hester is survived by his children Joy Barbour (John), Mike Townsend (Dawn), Kenny Townsend (Judy), Belinda Hammock (Rick Hudson), and Addison Harville, eight grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, two sisters, Hilda Edwards (Ned) and Ruby Frederick, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Hester was a truck driver for over 60 years, as an owner-operator and a driver for several companies includ-



ing JT Newman, Burlington, Abilene, and R&V Trucking. He was also a tobacco and cattle farmer. He was a life-long member of Friendship Baptist Church of Drakes Branch, Virginia.

A graveside service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at Friendship Baptist Church, 239 Friendship Church Road, Drakes Branch, Virginia.

Browning-Duffer Funeral Home of Keyesville is in charge of the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the American Heart Association.



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOSTS YMCA: The Farmville Area Chamber of Commerce was pleased to host the Southside Family YMCA at their March Membership lunch. Members of the YMCA leadership team shared fundraising data, the important work the YMCA is doing in our community, and health initiatives that the Y is a part of. Pictured are, Jay Parker- CEO of the YMCA Central Virginia, Josh Gravett-Branch Director of the Southside Virginia YMCA, Brad Watson- Board Member Southside Virginia YMCA and Chris Brochon- Chamber Chair.

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Virginia

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amusement.

Dining and On-Site Alcohol Establishments

All dining and congregation areas in the following establishments must close to the public beginning at 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24, 2020. These establishments may continue to offer delivery and/or takeout services. Establishments include:

- Restaurants;
- Dining establishments;
- Food courts;
- Farmers markets;

- Breweries;
- Microbreweries;
- Distilleries;
- Wineries; and
- Tasting rooms.

Retail Businesses

The following retail businesses are considered essential and may remain open during normal business hours:

- Grocery stores, pharmacies, and other retailers that sell food and beverage products or pharmacy products, including dollar stores, and department stores with grocery or pharmacy operations;
- Medical, laboratory, and vision supply retailers;

- Electronic retailers that sell or service cell phones, computers, tablets, and other communications technology;
- Automotive parts, accessories, and tire retailers as well as automotive repair facilities;
- Home improvement, hardware, building material, and building supply retailers;
- Lawn and garden equipment retailers;
- Beer, wine, and liquor stores;
- Retail functions of gas stations and convenience stores;
- Retail located within healthcare facilities;
- Banks and other financial institutions with retail func-

- tions;
 - Pet stores and feed stores;
 - Printing and office supply stores; and
 - Laundromats and dry cleaners.
- All essential retail establishments must, to the extent possible, adhere to social distancing recommendations, enhanced sanitizing practices on common surfaces, and other appropriate workplace guidance from state and federal authorities.

Any brick-and-mortar retail business not listed above must limit all in-person shopping to no more than 10 patrons per establishment, adhere to social distancing recommendations, sanitize common surfaces, and apply relevant workplace guidance from state and federal authorities. If any such business cannot adhere to the 10-patron limit with proper social distancing requirements, it must close.

Additional Guidance

Professional businesses not listed above must utilize telework as much as possible. Where telework is not feasible, such businesses must adhere to social distancing recommendations, enhanced sanitizing procedures, and apply relevant workplace guidance from state and federal authorities, including CDC, OSHA, and the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry.

Businesses in violation of this order may be charged with a Class 1 misdemeanor.

Nothing in Executive Order Fifty-Three limits the provision of health care or medical services, access to essential services for low-income residents, such as food banks; the operations of the media; law enforcement agencies; or operations of government.

Juvenile

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foot, it sped away at a high rate of speed. A pursuit was initiated, during which the suspect vehicle began driving the wrong way on Route 60 before running off the road and crashing near Route 15.

The driver, a 17-year-old Prince Edward County male, was transported to Southside Hospital and then to VCU Medical Center for treatment of serious, but non-life threatening, injuries sustained in the crash.

State police charged the male juvenile with one felony count of eluding police, one felony count of grand larceny, two counts of theft of a firearm, petit larceny, two counts of reckless driving, driving the wrong way, resisting arrest, driving without a license and for not wearing a seatbelt.

Two stolen firearms were recovered from inside the crashed vehicle. State police also determined the Toyota had been stolen from a Prince Edward County residence.

Working with the Prince Edward County Sheriff's Office, state police were able to confirm that the vehicle had been stolen from the residence of Lloyd A. Johnson, who was found deceased in his residence the day after the juvenile's arrest. Johnson, 75, had been murdered in his residence in Rice. With the assistance of the Prince Edward County Sheriff's Office, state police obtained the murder charge for the juvenile.

The investigation remains ongoing at this time.

Groups of 10 or More Should be Avoided as Coronavirus Continues to Spread

NATIONWIDE - With entire cities such as San Francisco completely shutting down, President Trump recently announced new coronavirus guidelines for the time being. Those guidelines include Americans avoiding groups of more than 10 people.

President Trump also asked citizens to avoid discretionary travel. There have also been issues with younger individuals going out to bars and restaurants, all of which could not only spread the virus quicker, but bring it back to people who may have other health issues. He noted that the recommendation is that schools remain closed.

He stated in a press conference, "Whatever it



takes, we're doing."

While many people are not adhering to these measures, the spread and major issues caused from the crisis in Italy should serve as a cautionary tale. Initially it was believed

that young people would not get the virus or have any symptoms, but recent deaths and people contracting the virus has disputed those initial thoughts.

You've Been Ducked! - United Way of Prince Edward Fundraising Continues

PRINCE EDWARD CO. - Should you wake to find handmade ducks have taken up residence in your yard, stay calm.

You've been ducked!

And, if things continue to go well for the United Way of Prince Edward County, you won't be the last - and least not for the next few months.

The board is gearing up for its signature event - the upcoming Third Annual Great Farmville Duck Derby - and is using the ducks to promote it. Those interested in arranging a flocking, can approach United Way board members for a copy of the order form.

The duck derby will tentatively be held Friday, May 1, at Riverside Park in conjunction with the Heart of Virginia Festival. The rubber ducks will be released down the Appomattox River behind the Mill building about 6:15 p.m. All proceeds go to the United Way's 23-partner organizations. Last year's event raised \$6,030 and helped put the group over its fundraising goal for the year.

At a Wine and Brew late February at the Longwood Center for the Visual Arts, people gleefully paid \$20 to have four handmade ducks

placed in someone's yard. And once "You've been ducked," you can pay to have the ducks removed to someone else's yard of your choosing.

"We are currently flocking every other night and it takes some time to get it done," said Bruce Davis, the United Way board member who had the idea for the fundraiser and the duck derby. "I flocked last night and it took two hours to ride around plus it takes at least two people. The ducks are all out and we have a waiting list at this time."

Those fearful of awaking to find they've been ducked can head it off with a donation, Davis maintains.

And while they aren't asking permission before putting the ducks out, board members note they aren't destroying yards, and the ducks will be removed regardless should the homeowner ask.

Meanwhile, the United Way continues to look for companies, organizations, and individuals to sponsor the derby. As of now, the effort has eight sponsors: Holman Masonry, Stokes Management, Brad Watson of Davenport & Company, the North Street Press Club restaurant,

Fourth Street Motors, Benchmark Community Bank, Virginia Farm Bureau, Citizens Bank & Trust Company, and Appomattox River Company.

Last month, the United Way announced that it was a little over 70 percent of the way toward its goal of raising \$65,000 for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Despite that achievement, however, donations were continuing to be running about a third behind what they were last year this time, President Rucker Snead said at the time. And Vice President Lonnie Calhoun noted that across the country donations are down not just for the United Way, but for many community and civic organizations.

The United Way is the world's largest privately-funded nonprofit, and the funds raised by Prince Edward's all-volunteer board are essential for some of the smaller partner organizations. Locally, United Way funds have gone toward everything from putting a roof on a community building, to helping community groups keep their lights on, to providing meals.



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Commentary

Economic Stimulus Politics is the Real Virus

As I write, our elected officials are debating a stimulus package for Americans who are unemployed due to the Government requirements regarding the Covid19 rules and regulations. At least some of our elected representatives are debating. Many are avoiding the issue.

There are many issues with a stimulus but if Americans ever needed a stimulus now is the time.

The problem as always is partisanship. Both Democrats and Republicans support a stimulus in general.

That should have passed. The problem is any bill regarding a stimulus should address nothing but the stimulus. The Democratic proposal is 1400 pages that include a multitude of polit-



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ical issues that have nothing to do with the stimulus.

It includes Green new deal, and social issues. All of these issues need to be addressed BUT they need to be addressed individually. Apparently some of our leaders don't understand that Covid19 is a non-discrimi-

natory disease. It affects everyone regardless of finances, race, religion, national origin, sexual preference, gender or any other social issue.

One proposal demands 300 million dollars to manage corona virus management preparation and response. These "experts" will be selected on the basis of race and disability status. I would think selecting the best qualified would and should be based on ability.

I know I am more concerned with my doctor's ability than his or her "race or disability status."

This is not the time for political posturing.

Discuss the stimulus. Protect the American people from Covid-19 and from politicians.

Kung Fu Flu, Flu Manchu, Hunan Flu & Chinese Flu

Go ahead, call me xenophobic. I'm fine with that. I understand it is easier to call names than to think.

First of all, I am not afraid of Xena, or the Chinese Flu. I would prefer that you call me names that are accurate which is what this is all about.

In the last few months, I have eaten Belgium chocolate, Brussels sprouts, Angus Beef, Kansas beef, Grass-fed Beef, Vidalia Onions, Turbeville cantaloupes and Pond-raised fish and shrimp. I have not eaten Russian caviar, Beluga caviar, French Cheese or wine or Italian sausage.

I have eaten organic foods; I have not worn Chinese silks although my bride has. Yesterday I ate at a Chinese restaurant. I would think a xenophobe like me would avoid Chinese food.

I could fill this page with items identified by their place of origin. Others are identified by the manufacturing process, such as steel cut oats and stone ground cornmeal. That is the way it is.

It is also reasonable and necessary for scientists and medical personnel to refer to Chinese Flu as Covid-19 (now that it has been identified) in the interest of accuracy.

That does not apply to me.

Within every organization there are professional and preferred terms that are more accurate than those used by the general public. This is as it should be. However those groups have no more right to force the public to use those terms than you have to call me names.

If you don't want to offend a fox hunter do not refer to his "couple of hounds" as a

pair of dogs. If you don't want to offend a dairy goat breeder do not refer to his "bucks and does" as nannies and billies. There are thousands of examples (especially in sports) of industry specific terms.

In spite of the fact you may offend them by using the "wrong" terms they are being unreasonable. However, if you want to appear to be informed and involved you should use their terms or they will correctly conclude that you are ignorant of their industry.

By the way, just in case you don't understand, two of the title terms refer to the country of origin of Covid-19, the other two are jokes.

And until this "earworm" gets out of my head I will continue singing "I've got the rockin' pneumonia and the Kung Fu Flu."

The Corona Scare

People in the 60's+ age bracket have a way of being syndical skeptics at what is blared across the TV sets. They have seen and heard too many claims over their decades of life that later proved to be false. Those driving in the mid/late 1970's can recall how one morning America woke up to discover the country (and world) was out of gas. For over a year, waiting in long lines for limited amounts of gas had become the new norm across America. The government said that nobody had been watching the world's gas gauge only to discover we were suddenly out. It was all a big conspiratorial lie of course. Once oil prices shot up that a fuel-starved world was happy to pay, new and endless gas reserves were discovered and the (contrived) crises was over!

There are many examples of this type of hype from as-



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sault style rifles to life ending on earth within 12 years. So here we are in the midst of a "Corona virus" that has nearly brought the world to a grinding halt. Being several months into this pandemic, it comes across as a virus that has (thus far) been very kind to humanity. Considering pneumonia kills 50 thousand Americans a year, it took the corona virus nearly three months to kill its first 100 in the U.S.! From Oct. 1, 2019

to Feb. 1, 2020, the common flu took over twelve thousand American lives! Where is the national panic over these 62,000 fatalities of contagion? Eighty thousand Americans died during the last flu season as life in America went on without a shrug!

Experts say if you're under 50 and or in good health, the corona virus will not prove to be fatal. The common flu isn't so selective killing everyone from children on up. Most corona deaths impact those over 70 in age with compromised health. Italy has suffered the most due to a high elderly population. Younger people will not die from the corona virus but can be carriers and unwelcome company to old folks. In all reality, it's only the older population combined with failing health who need to take extra precautions. Since

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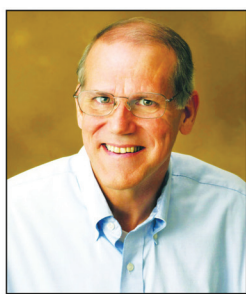
Fear

As we all watch the news of the Corona virus consume most of the news time, let us all continue to do the smart things needed to protect ourselves and those around us. At the bottom of this and in coming communications, you will find the best websites we can find for the ways for people and businesses to get through this mess.

2020 Session Wrap-ups

In the coming weeks, I will address in greater depth the major issues that we dealt with this session.

Minimum Wage



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A majority of the House and Senate agreed to raise the state's minimum wage

to \$12 over the next several years. The legislation would increase the wage to \$9.50 an hour on January 1, 2021, \$11 in 2022 and \$12 in 2023. It also calls for a study of a regional minimum wage, which we in the Senate had advocated. After that study, lawmakers would vote in 2024 whether to continue increasing the wage to \$13.50 in 2025 and \$15 in 2026. If lawmakers do not vote to continue increases, the state would automatically begin increasing the

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Clean Your Own House First

To quote a recent post from a friend, "Our county played a big part in the Civil War. We had large confederate hospitals here; two of the last big battles of the war were fought here; Grant drafted the terms of the surrender here," and the surrender was signed 20 miles away in Appomattox.

Yet with this wealth of history, Farmville has but one monument related to the Civil War, the one on High St. commemorating those brave men who fought and or died in the war. I have heard that Longwood University, in its quest for political correctness and inclusiveness, would like for the town to remove this monument. To do just that in making their point would be an incomplete statement indeed if not the ultimate hypocrisy without also renaming the University; as it is after all, named for Longwood Estate, the home of Confederate General Joseph E. Johnston.

Attempting to "cleanse" Farmville of any of its historic ties to the Civil War should in all fairness require Longwood University to cleanse its own ties to the Confederacy. A name change would be an expensive proposition that should give them pause.

Ruth Catlin
Farmville, Virginia

Crazy, Deaf, Dumb or Blind?

Dear Editor,

Has America and the world gone crazy, deaf, dumb, or blind? I've heard a lot of briefings and updates lately concerning the coronavirus pandemic, but at no time have I heard anyone encourage prayer! If we read 2 Chronicles 7, 14 - 15: "14 If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." The PROSPECT COMMUNITY ANNUAL REVIVAL has had this as their primary theme for years now. I pray we will all adopt it for our personal prayer life.

We will see what it is going to take to whip this coronavirus pandemic!

I have spoken about this many times, preached on it, railed about it, and written about it! Has all of this fallen on deaf ears? As I've said many times our God is a God of love, forgiveness, understanding patience and again, above all, love of mankind. But I don't believe his patience is infinite. I think he has given us many opportunities to get our lives straight and perhaps this coronavirus pandemic is one more reminder that He is Almighty and He is trying to get our attention. Yet all of the high officials, including the President and Vice President, don't seem to realize that prayer is the answer. How many more thousands of deaths will it take to get our attention? I'll let you be the judge of that.

Please pray. Faithfully, sincerely, and worshipfully! It may be our only hope!

Rev. Furman Joye
Prospect, Virginia

National Vietnam Veterans Day

Dear Editor:

March 29, 2020 marks National Vietnam Veterans Day, which recognizes and honors all Vietnam Era Veterans and their families. The historic significance of this particular day is that it was on March 29, 1973, when our combat troops left Vietnam and the last of 591 acknowledged POW's returned to the

U. S. in "Operation Homecoming."

The Farmville American Legion Post 32, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 7059, and the Piedmont Area Veterans Council had planned a program on March 29th to honor all Veterans who served in the U.S. Military during the Vietnam

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War. The event for this year has been canceled in keeping with the efforts to control the spread of the novel coronavirus.

On February 18th, the Secretary of Veteran's Affairs, Mr. Robert Wilkie stated:

"President Trump signed the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act on March 28, 2017, to recognize and thank our Vietnam Veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice during one of the longest wars in our country's history. This Act designates every March 29 as National Vietnam War Veterans Day—a day for all Americans to come together to remember and honor the service and sacrifice of our Vietnam Veterans and their families.

We remember nine million American men and women—more than six million living today—who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces during our involvement in Vietnam from November 1, 1955, to May 7, 1975. Whether they were stationed in-country, in-theater, or elsewhere during those two decades, they answered the call to duty."

More than 230,000 Virginians served the nation in Vietnam, more than 1,300 lost their lives, and 46 Virginians are still listed as missing in action. Of the 246 service members who were awarded the Medal of Honor during the conflict, eight were Virginians, including seven who died in action.

The Vietnam War was extremely divisive among Americans at the time, and the debate about the country's involvement in the war deprived many members of the Armed Forces of public support and appreciation of their patriotic service.

The soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines who returned from Vietnam were never accorded the recognition and praise that was routinely given returning servicemen and women in earlier wars. It is important that the extraordinary contributions of America's Vietnam War Era veterans and the sacrifice of their families be remembered and recognized.

You can learn more about this memorable time in our history at the Vietnam War Commemoration Commission web site at www.vietnam-war50th.com. So on this important day, please reach out and thank a Vietnam veteran, welcome them home and remember that "All Gave Some, Some Gave All."

For God and Country,
Fred Hill, Commander,
VFW Post 7059
Dennis Merkle,
Commander, American
Legion Post 32
Ed Dunn,
Co-Founder, Piedmont
Area Veterans Council

**Attention:
Mayor, Town
Council, County
Administrator,
County
Supervisors**

Dear Editor,
If you are not communicating the warnings similar to below, you are doing a disservice to the community. This should be front page on newspapers, pub-

lic service announcements on radio and Facebook. These are the most critical weeks coming up concerning the spread of Coronavirus. Do this now or please resign your positions.

- 1) Start acting like a community that cares for each other.
- 2) Stop buying more than you need for a week.
- 3) Stores, set limits on stuff people are hoarding.
- 4) Use wipes or gloves when opening doors, pumping gas, etc.
- 5) If you are worried about your mail, wash your hands after opening.
- 6) When you receive boxes or mail wash your hands after opening or use wipes or hand sanitizers. This includes food delivered to your home or takeout food.
- 7) It's hard not to touch your face. So, wash your hands frequently or use hand sanitizers.
- 8) Keep distance between each other. It's recommended 6 feet.
- 9) Teenagers and young adults follow the same rules set by the experts. A full 50% infected in New York are between the ages of 18-50.
- 10) If you are not in good health? Stay home! Let someone run your errands.
- 11) Churches, get involved with helping the community in any way you can. Deliver meals, groceries, etc.
- 12) If you are sick, quarantine yourself at home and call your doctor.

I am not an expert. We will get through this crisis. Collectively we decide if it's sooner than later by following simple rules.

Randal Phillips
Farmville

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wage annually to account for inflation.

Many Democrats, particularly in Northern Virginia, ran on increasing the minimum wage to \$15 an hour. They were forced to accept this more reasoned approach.

The legislation, as passed, strikes existing exemptions for employers from paying minimum wage to domestic

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this is the case, why the global lockdown? Isolate those most vulnerable. Looking at fatality figures, those with the flu in a public domain are potentially more lethal to all age groups than the corona virus!

From April 2009 to April 2010, the swine flu killed almost 12,500 in the U.S. Only many months into that pandemic was a travel ban imposed. Trump imposed a travel ban due to this virus from its outset- to a chorus of Democrat protests calling Trump a xenophobe! Facets of this virus seem to fall way short of the global panic it's getting when stacked against pneumonia and the common flu. Does this virus warrant extra precautions one would readily exercise during the flu or pneumonia season? No one of any age wants the corona virus, but it's the elderly who most need to be isolated. Indefinitely shutting down a global economy can itself have massive lethal ramifications. With all skepticism aside, let the corona virus be a wakeup call for how America conducts business with China who keeps visiting these pandemics on the world.

workers, home health care workers, pieceworkers, and people with disabilities. It retains exemptions for agricultural workers, student workers, au pairs, and temporary foreign workers. It also allows employers to pay workers less who are enrolled in on-the-job training for a maximum of 90 days.

The legislation was opposed by nearly every major business group in the state and every Republican in both chambers voted against it, arguing it would harm businesses, force prices to rise, and make it harder for students to find first jobs.

This increase sounds like it is being nice to workers but it shows the lack of understanding several things.

First, they do not understand what it takes to start and operate a business. They appear to believe businesses operate to hire employees. The fact is that it works the exact opposite. Businesses hire employees to better grow their business. Each business must find a balance between the various needs of that business that include customer service and making a profit.

Second, they know little about Virginia as a whole. They believe that the entire state is similar to their part of the state. Currently, in Northern Virginia, a business would need to pay in the range of \$15 an hour to find the people needed to maintain a business. In Richmond and Tidewater, the figure is closer to \$12 an hour. They do not understand that many local businesses in most of the state cannot absorb higher costs to do business.

Third, they seem to not understand that payroll is one of the most important factors in our economy. Raising pay while not increasing productivity drives inflation. Therefore, the increases in pay will increase the cost of every-

thing that one does. A few additional cents here, there, and everywhere will leave employees no better off. The only benefactors will be government which is financed by a percentage of income taxes and a percentage of sales taxes.

Fourth, most of us started out in jobs that paid minimum wages. We learned skills needed to better ourselves and make us better employees in our lives. Requiring employers to pay more means fewer employers are going to take a risk on unskilled individuals. Statewide, of those over 24 years old, only three percent of workers make the current minimum wage.

Last, they seem to believe that government is smarter and cares more for employees than those employers who work beside them. In light of the virus and these new costs, businesses will close.

The House had passed legislation which would have taken the minimum wage to \$15 an hour in 2026 with no intermediary votes. But the Senate, where Democrats hold a narrower 21-19 majority, had pushed an approach that would have halted statewide increases at \$11.50 an hour, with smaller increases after that made on a regional basis tied to average household incomes.

COVID-19 Updates

Here are some websites that you can visit for updates on COVID-19. Virginia Department of Health: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/>, United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>, and Small Business Administration: <https://www.sba.gov/disaster-assistance/coronavirus-covid-19>.

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5 Tips to Fight Sleep Deprivation

FAMILY FEATURES

Despite a desire for perfect sleep, Americans are not even close to getting the recommended eight hours a night, and 1 in 4 Americans believes the sleep they are getting isn't the quality rest they want and need.

"To put sleep deprivation into perspective, 37% of Americans report they have fallen asleep behind the wheel," said Dr. Sujay Kansagra, a sleep health expert for Mattress Firm. "About 5% report falling asleep while driving on a monthly basis. Clearly, sleep deprivation is wide-spread and a risk factor for overall well-being."

With chronic sleep deprivation, the brain's ability to maintain attention and focus continues to decline over time. In addition to impairing mental function, lack of sleep has been associated with a host of risks to overall health.

Prevent sleep deprivation and take charge of your mental and physical health with these tips from Kansagra:

Nap responsibly. When you're feeling tired, it's no surprise the best solution may be sleep. Some research suggests a quick power nap can actually give you a stronger boost than caffeine. However, too much rest during the day can throw off your nighttime sleep pattern. Aim for no more than 20 minutes so you don't wake up groggy, and time your nap for the mid-point of your wake cycle (halfway between when you wake up and go to sleep).

Limit screen time. If you turn to your phone to help wind down while you're in bed, you're not alone, but you may be doing more harm than good. According to a survey conducted by Mattress Firm on sleep habits, the average person scrolls on his or her phone while lying in bed for more than 12 minutes before shutting down for the night. What's more, the light from the screen serves as a stimulant, as does the digital content you're viewing. That means you're making it physically harder to fall asleep than if you put down your devices at least 30 minutes before bed.



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Stick to a sleep schedule. The average person gets less than six hours of sleep per night, according to the survey – a far cry from the eight hours most experts recommend. One way to buck this trend is to make it a point to turn in and wake up at the same time every day so you synchronize your sleep time with your internal clock. While eight hours is the standard, you may need to adjust up or down to find the amount sleep that lets you wake feeling rested.

Develop a pre-bedtime routine. You can train your body to prepare for sleep by creating a pattern or a routine that eases you toward sleep.

"Even something as simple as putting on a sleep mask each night, reading in bed for 20 minutes or practicing the same shower routine at the same time every night signals to your brain it's time to hit the hay," Kansagra said. "Creating a bedtime routine that lasts 20-30 minutes and sticking to that routine can make all the difference in your energy, productivity and mood."

Find the right sleep position. If you're looking for the secret to a good night's sleep, comfort may be the key. According to the survey, those who sleep on their backs at night are most likely to report they slept "perfectly well." The most common sleeping position, on your side, correlates with the worst sleep reports. It may take some trial and error to find the right position that keeps your spine aligned, allows you to breathe freely and evenly distributes your weight.

Find more tips for getting better sleep at dailydoze.com.

Top 5 Bedtime Rituals

A consistent bedtime routine, including these common rituals disclosed by respondents in a Mattress Firm survey, can help ease your way toward better rest.

1. Reading (42%)
2. Watching TV (42%)
3. Taking vitamins (36%)
4. Taking a shower or bath (36%)
5. Drinking warm milk (36%)

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The Word

Five Steps to Overcoming Fear and Anxiety

Have you ever been chased by a snarling dog? That can be a scary thing, if the dog is a Yorkie or Chihuahua because sharp teeth are still sharp teeth, even on a small dog. But when a German Shepherd chases you, it's terrifying! I came across a video yesterday and it made me giggle, then laugh when I thought about it for a bit. The bear in the video must have been really frightened by the dog that barked and growled and chased it through the woods. Then, in a moment of clarity, the bear stopped and said to itself, "Hey wait...I'm a bear!" And that reminder made all the difference. With that, he turned around and began to chase the dog, which turned tail and fled.

When you're afraid, it's important to remember who you are.

The devil tries to convince you that you're weak, that you're small, that you're helpless, and that you probably deserve the trouble you're having anyway. But Jesus says of the devil, "...He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies (John 8:44 NLT)." **The first step to combating fear is to know that most of the things that you're afraid of are lies, anyway.** Your own self-talk convinces you that your troubles are a giant like Goliath, to keep you on the run from something that's smaller than you are, anyway. Overcoming fear means you realize that it's a lie, and that there is a way of salvation.

What is that way of salvation? **1 John 4:18 (NLT)** says, «love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear.» God is love, and in God's perfect love, there is peace. Like a light bulb drives the darkness out of a room, so the perfect love, drawn down through faith, drives fear out of the anxious heart. On a practical level, what can you do to welcome this love into your dark moments? **The second step is to turn to God in prayer and worship.** You do this by «singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts (Ephesians 5:19 NLT)." This is effective because **Psalms 22:3** says that God literally inhabits the praises of God's people. When you worship God, you become aware of the divine loving presence that drives out fear. Try to stay in an attitude of prayer and praise throughout the day, because **Isaiah 26:3** says that God will keep you in perfect peace when your thoughts are focused on God, rather than your problem.

The third step is to trust that God has it under control. **Psalms 56:3 (NLT)** says, "But when I am afraid, I will put my trust in



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you." So trust can come as a response to fear. But even better than that is when you get used to trusting so much that it acts as a fear-preventative. **Isaiah 12:2 (NLT)** says, "See, God has come to save me. I will trust in him and not be afraid. The LORD God is my strength and my song; he has given me victory." Thoughts become patterns that govern the way we live. When you live in a state of fear, oppression, and anxiety, that becomes your pattern. Those become your go-to emotions when you feel threatened. But **Romans 12:2 (NLT)** promises that it's possible to reprogram those old patterns. "Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world," says the apostle Paul, «but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.» You do this by replacing your attitude of anxiety with affirmations of faith and trust. These may be favorite scriptures (like the ones in this article) that you memorize and repeat as your own personal mantra, or spiritual music that becomes your new theme song. A friend of mine has her own song that she sings to the tune of **Alleluiah** by Bill & Gloria Gaither, with four verses of God-given new lyrics: "I'm protected," "I am covered," "I am sealed," and "I am healed." This song of faith dispels the darkness and invites the light.

The fourth step is calling on the strength that is within you through Christ. In **Matthew 28:18 (NLT)**, Jesus says, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth." In **Luke 10:19 (NLT)**, Jesus also says, "Look, I have given you authority over all the power of the enemy, and you can walk among snakes and scorpions and crush them. Nothing will injure you." This is where our video comes in. It reminds us of this one great truth: **Don't flee from the hounds of hell; instead, be the bear!** If you find yourself running, then just stop. Remember who you are, turn around, and chase your attacker instead. «So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you (James 4:7 NLT)." Not only do you have victory over the devil, but over those who are manipulated by demonic power. "But you belong to God, my dear children. You have already won a victory over

those people, because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world (1 John 4:4 NLT)." Remember, your enemy is not another person, no matter how fearsome they are. For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly place (Ephesians 6:12 NLT)." It's your job to believe the truth, turn to God in prayer and worship, trust that God has it under control, and call on the strength and authority that Jesus gives. Then let God deal with the rest.

The final step is to find a partner in faith who has your back. **Ecclesiastes 4:12 (NLT)** says, «A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.» In **Matthew 18:19**, Jesus says, "I also tell you this: If two of you agree here on earth concerning anything you ask, my Father in heaven will do it for you." When you have a friend who has your back, then when you are weak, they can be strong for you and when they're weak, you can strengthen them. And of course, when you're both weak, then certainly God is the third strand in the cord that holds you together. Trust in each other, and trust in God to protect you.

Today I wonder, is there something that's been frightening you? Is it a problematic person, a financial fear, a horrifying health problem, or something else? Some fears may be God-given responses to danger that help you prepare for the worst. But other fears become crippling to your soul and spirit. Those kinds of fears are not from God, but from the Enemy of your soul. **2 Timothy 1:7 (AKJV)** says, «For God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.» I pray that you'll know God's power, that you'll feel God's love, that God's truth will create new patterns of thinking and a sound mind for you today.

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Is Optimism Dead?



RICK STANFIELD

"It's the bottom of the ninth, and we're up four runs with one out. I walked the next batter, and the next one hit a home run. We're still two runs up, and I'm optimistic, as usual."

That was over 30 years ago, and even back then, I knew I was an eternal optimist.

Sometimes I sense the world sees an optimist as weak, and unrealistic. We watch the news, listen to folks at the grocery store, and sometimes feel like it's the bottom of the ninth, bases loaded, and we're pitching to Albert Pujols.

Joshua 1:9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

I believe we all need to come together in the name of Jesus Christ. We need to stop pointing fingers, criticizing, hating, and defeat this demon that's attacking us. If we come together as Christians, not separated by a political party, and unfazed by the sensationalism of the media, we can overcome anything.

While I was in law school, I learned to listen to every set of facts given to me with an objective, yet optimistic, mind. I do this with any person to whom I'm speaking or listening. It's more popular to suggest or report "bad" updates than to address the progress being made. The world is inherently good. I'll never stop believing this,

even if it's not the most popular point of view.

God has given us the ability to tackle anything that is put in front of us. He tells us that all we need is to have faith in Him. The only way we will lose any battle is to fight within ourselves, and to lose touch with our Creator.

By the way, I struck the next two batters out and we won the game.

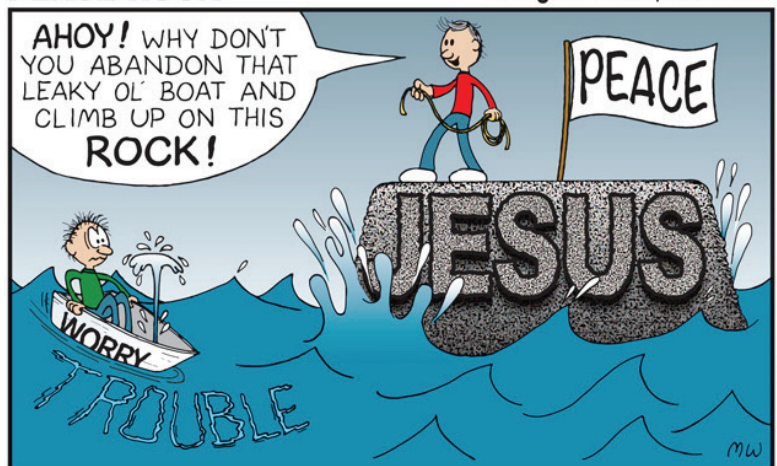
How's your mindset today? Do you choose optimism or are you bogged down by pessimism?

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PEACE ROCK

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.
— JOHN 16:33 NIV

The Plague



BRYAN & STEPHEN CROTTS HEAR HERE!

sleep, and die before waking in the morning.

Doctors at the time blamed Jews for poisoning the wells. Others thought it came from someone giving people the evil eye. Still others thought it came from bad air. The church called it the fourth person of the Apocalypse from the book of Revelation—the judgment of God

on a sinful people. It would take until 1900 for doctors to understand the disease was carried on fleas from rats on the ships. One bite was all it took. It was the monks of Christian monasteries who abated the plague. Using the Bible's book of Leviticus as a guide the monks urged towns to clean up raw sewage, quickly bury the dead, and quarantine the sick. Slowly the rats retreated, taking the fleas and the plague with them. Over the centuries there have been dozens of such scourges. Between 1492 and 1800 smallpox slew 90% of American Indians. The 1918 Spanish flu killed 50 million men and women globally. But the news is not all negative. In the early 1600s

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while Shakespeare's Globe Theater was closed due to a plague, the Bard went home and wrote King Lear. Isaac Newton was home from Cambridge University, closed due to a plague, and he formulated his theories on gravity. Even the Black Death of 1342 is credited with the birth of the Middle Class. So many poor workers had died, those remaining could demand a better wage. To read about the plague of 1342, try historian Barbara Tuchman's *A Distant Mirror*.

So now we find ourselves in the midst of another harsh plague in 2020. This is a first for many of us. We are angered by a quarantine, we want to blame our politicians, we are afraid, and we raid the stores to stockpile, of all things, toilet paper. Churches cancel services, cafes are empty, if we do not work we lose our pay, sporting events get cancelled; we get bored, more angry, more fearful.

We need to sit back and take a deep breath. We are not the first, God is in control; we can get through this. The Christian church, as in the past, can help. And a scared world needs a fearless church.

We must renounce hysteria, selfishness, price gouging, and such, all the while finding ways to love our

neighbor — sharing, hopefulness, generosity, and the like. As Philippians 2:4 explains, "Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."

NBA star Zion Williamson, 19 years old, has shown the way by paying the Pelicans' stadium staffers for a month while they are out of work. We can do such deeds of mercy in our own villages as our purses allow.

But mostly, let us pray..... that God will show us mercy, for medical personnel who heal, for our leaders who decide, for scientists who research a cure, for people to learn how to love in a crisis, for a spirit of generosity, that we will learn the lessons of life, for humility and repentance, for nations united in humanity one to another, that we can mature through all of this.

Until then, "Wash your hands, ye sinners!" (James 4:8).

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"Act of Kindness"



Pictured above is a scene from a local family's front porch. The family wanted to do a small act of kindness for local delivery "warriors" during the Covid-19 outbreak and quarantine. Many acts of kindness, no matter how big or small can still be performed during this pandemic, may we all search for ways we can help one another at this time. May God bless our great communities, state and nation and may we all take the time to pray for our leaders and our neighbors!

Local Worship Service Times

- **Antioch Baptist Church**, 6700 Barnesville Hwy., Red Oak; 434-735-8101; Sunday prayer time 9 a.m.; Sunday school 10 a.m.; Sunday service 11 a.m. Pastor Kristen White.
- **Apostolic Faith Chapel**, 215 Wise Ridge Rd., Dillwyn, 434-414-2976; Sunday school 11:30 a.m., service 12 noon; Wednesday bible study 6:30 p.m. Pastor Lynwood Baldwin
- **Ash Camp Baptist Church**, 8687 Church Street Keysville, 434-736-9344; Sunday School for all ages 10:00 A.M., Worship Service 11:00 A.M. (nursery provided); Mission Friends (Elementary Children), Youth Meeting-2nd Sundays 5:00 P.M. followed by Pot Luck Dinner at 6:00 P.M. for all ages. Pastor-Ted R. Smith
- **Aspen Hill Baptist Church**, 515 Francisco Road, Brookneal; Sunday School every Sunday 9:45 a.m., service every second and fourth Sunday, 11 a.m. Rev. Dr. Maurice Finney.
- **Beulah United Methodist Church**, 12123 County Line Rd., Keysville; 434-223-8237; Sunday School 9:15 am; Worship 10:15 am; Rev. Pat Kelley, patkelley@earthlink.net.
- **Black Branch Baptist Church**, 3370 Hwy. 47, Chase City 434-767-2259. Sunday School 9 a.m., Worship Service 11 a.m.; Wednesday bible study 10:30 a.m. at the parsonage (across from the church).
- **Briery Presbyterian Church**, 181 Briery Church Rd, Keysville, Virginia. Sunday service 11 a.m.
- **Browns Chapel United Methodist Church**, 1711 Gravel Hill Rd., Dillwyn; (434) 983-2400. Sunday School 9 a.m.; Worship Service 10 a.m. Rev. Evelyn Penn, Pastor, evelynpenn@vaumc.org.
- **Calvary Chapel Farmville**, 302 Industrial Park Rd., Farmville, 434-315-0406; Sunday services 10 a.m.; Wednesday services 6:30 p.m.; Marv Fisher, pastor.
- **Central Baptist Church**, 57 Merryman Dr., Victoria; Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship Service 11 a.m.; Jerry M. Horning, Pastor.
- **Concord Baptist Church**, 3225 Germantown Road, Charlotte Court House: Sunday School 10 a.m., worship service 11 a.m. Dr. Bob Davis, Pastor.
- **Cullen Baptist Church**, 202 Taro Road, Cullen, 434-610-9859; Sunday School 10 a.m.; service 11 a.m. Pastor Guy Stockslager
- **Crewe Baptist Church**, 400 E. Virginia Avenue, Crewe, 434-645-7464; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., Worship Service, 11 a.m., Children's Programs: King's Kids, Sunday 5 p.m.; Children's Choir Sunday 7 p.m.; Bible study Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall; Fellowship Dinner, 3rd Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall. Rev. Alden Hicks, Pastor
- **Drakes Branch Baptist Church**, 4525 Main St, Drakes Branch, Virginia; (434) 568-4021; Sunday School 10:00a.m., Worship Service 11:00 a.m., Wednesday evening Adult Bible Study and TeamKid (grades K-6) 7:00 p.m.
- **Emmanuel Bible Church**, 401 Southern Drive, Keysville; Sunday school 10 a.m., Sunday services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Bible study Wednesday 7 p.m.
- **Empowering Word Ministry**, 591 Patrick Henry Highway (Hwy. 360), Keysville: Sunday worship 10:30 a.m. Pastor Samuel C. Mills, Sr.
- **Eureka Baptist Church**: 4757 George Washington Hwy. (Rt.#40) Keysville: Sunday Worship Service: 10:45 a.m.; Sunday School All Ages 9:30 a.m.; Bible Study and Prayer Wed. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Choir Practice Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Matthew Homan, Pastor.
- **First Baptist Church**, Highway 607, Wylliesburg, 434-735-2111; Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday Service 11:30 a.m. Reverend Opie Terrell, Jr. of Lewisburg, North Carolina
- **Friendship Baptist Church**, 239 Friendship Church Rd., Drakes Branch, 434-736-8572; Sunday Services 10 a.m., 11 a.m.,
- **Generations Church**, 580 Commerce Road (Southside YMCA Building) Farmville; 434-942-4925. Sunday Service & children's church 11 am; Sunday school 9:45-10:30 am. Pastor Barry Thornsby.
- **Grace Community Church**, George Washington Hwy., Charlotte Court House, 434-609-1168. Sunday Service 11 a.m.,

- followed by fellowship meal. Mens and Womens Bible Study Every Tues @ 7pm, Friday, 10 a.m. Robert Perrin, Pastor.
- **Gilfield RZUA Church**, 722 Mecklenburg Ave, Victoria, VA 23974, (434) 696-4100; Services 1st and 3rd Sunday each month at 12 noon.
- **Hanes United Methodist Church**, 1171 Copper Mine Rd., Dillwyn; (434) 983-2400. Sunday School 9 a.m.; Worship Service 10 a.m. Rev. Evelyn Penn, Pastor, evelynpenn@vaumc.org.
- **Keysville United Methodist Church**, 9290 Church Street, Keysville, 434-736-9685; Sunday School 10 a.m. - all ages; Sunday worship 11 a.m. Freedman Kim, Pastor
- **Ledbetter Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**, 4346 Double Bridges Rd., Meherrin, VA; Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship Service 11 a.m. Rev. Kenny Hall, Pastor
- **Liberty Baptist Church**, 1709 Church Street, Appomattox, 434-352-2336, libertybconline.com. Sunday school 9:45 a.m.; Sunday services 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Sunday evening Awana & youth Bible study 6 p.m., evening services 7 p.m. Dr. Rusty Small, pastor
- **Macedonia Baptist Church**, of Rice, Virginia, church services on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sunday of each month, 11 a.m.
- **Meherrin United Methodist Church**, 97 Stagecoach Road, Meherrin, Sunday school 10 a.m., Sunday service 11 a.m., Pastor Kyla Silver
- **Mercy Seat Baptist Church**, 5 Kingsville Rd. Farmville, Virginia; Sunday School 9:30 a.m. ; Regular service every 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday 11:00 a.m. ; Bible Study Wednesday 7:00 p.m.. Rev. Walter M. Fells, pastor
- **Midway Baptist Church**, 2595 Midway Road, Phenix, 434-376-3574; Sunday Worship Services 11:00 a.m.; Sunday school 9:45 a.m.; Youth Meeting 7:00 p.m. on Sunday and Wednesday.
- **Morrison Grove Baptist Church**, Charlotte Court House, Va.: Services 1st and 3rd Sunday each month at 11 a.m.; Rev. Samuel F. Trent, Pastor.
- **Mossingford Baptist Church**, Saxkey Road, Saxe: Services 11 a.m.; Sunday school; 10 a.m.; Reverend John L. Craighead
- **Mt. Calvary Baptist Church**, 792 Mount Calvary Rd., Brookneal, 434-376-5478. Sunday school every Sunday 10 a.m.; service 11:30 a.m. 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sunday each month; Bible Study 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month at 11 a.m. Rev. L.S. Otey.
- **Mt. Harmony United Methodist Church**, 505 Mt. Harmony Rd, Keysvill; 434-223-8237; Worship 9:15 am; Sunday School 10:15 am; Rev. Pat Kelley, patkelley@earthlink.net.
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- **Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church**, 5083 Mt. Pleasant Road (Just off Rt.15), Meherrin, 434-223-8237; Sunday school 10:30 a.m., Sunday service 11:30 a.m.; Rev. Pat Kelley patkelley@earthlink.net.
- **Mt. Tirzah Baptist Church**, 174 Thomas Jefferson Hwy., Charlotte Court House, 434-542-5904, Sunday services at 10 and 11 a.m.; Bible study Wednesday 6:30 p.m.; Men's breakfast the first Saturday of each month at 7:30 a.m. Rev. Charles Maney
- **New Hope United Methodist Church** 6101 Scuffletown Road, Randolph, 434-542-4166, Sunday school 10 a.m., Sunday services 11 a.m., Bible study every Thursday at 7 p.m., United Methodist Women meet third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m., youth meetings monthly call for details
- **Oak View & Rough Creek Shared Ministry**, Oak View, 1454 Crawley Road, Cullen; Rough Creek, 110 Rough Creek Road, Phenix; 434-542-5787 or 434-542-5287. Sunday School 10 a.m. at both churches, worship services Oak View 11:15 a.m. first & third Sunday of the month, Rough Creek 11:15 a.m. second & fourth Sunday.
- **Public Fork Christian Church**, 1720 J.E.B. Stuart Hwy., Red Oak; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Service 11 a.m.; D.M. Fritz.
- **Piedmont Church of Christ (a cappella)**: 1405 North Main St., Farmville; 434-392-5895; Sunday Bible Classes 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship

- 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Classes 6:30 p.m.
- **Rocky Branch Baptist Church**, 2082 Roanoke Station Road, Red Oak; Morning services 2nd Sunday each month 11:30 a.m. Rev. Dr. James E. Scott; Youth service 4th Sunday each month, Rev. Anthony Scott.
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- **Salem Baptist Church**: 4050 Tobacco Hill Road, Red Oak, Virginia 23964; (434) 735-8827; Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Sunday worship service 11 a.m.; Bible Study Wednesdays at 7 p.m.
- **Shiloh Baptist Church**, 125 Shiloh Church Road, Drakes Branch; 434-735-8232; Sunday School 9 a.m.; Prayer and Praise 10:15 a.m.; Sunday worship 10:30 a.m.
- **South Boston Church of Christ**, 3105 Halifax Road, South Boston; 434-575-7138; Sunday morning Bible study 10:00 a.m.; Worship services 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service 6 pm. Wednesday Bible study 7:00 p.m.
- **Southall Memorial United Methodist Church**, 6220 Saxkey Road, Saxe, Va. 23967. Sunday School 9 a.m.; Children's Church 9:45; Worship Service 9:45 a.m. Pastor Phillip Hong.
- **Spring Creek Baptist Church**, 918 Darlington Heights Rd., Cullen; (434) 248-6819; springcreekbaptistva.org Sunday School at 10 a.m., Worship at 11 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. Rev. Paul McLinden
- **St. Andrews Baptist Church**, 2100 Taro Road, Cullen; Sunday School every Sunday 9:45 a.m.; service every first and third Sunday 11 a.m. Rev. Dr. Maurice Finney.
- **St. Luke COGIC**, 95 Arvin Street, Keysville. Sunday School 9:00 a.m., Sunday worship 10:00 a.m., Bible study Tuesday 7 p.m. Pastor William E. Mosby, Jr.
- **St. Michael Baptist Church**, 4160 Drakes Main Street, Drakes Branch. Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Sunday worship 11:00 a.m., 2nd and 4th Sundays each month. Pastor Rev. James E. Goode.
- **St. Paul's Lutheran Church**, 1361 Free State Rd., Meherrin, 804-691-8539, Sunday services 1:30 p.m. Rev. Matt Sorenson.
- **Thrifts Chapel Church**, located at the intersection of Poorhouse and Marshalltown Roads between Victoria and Kenbridge, gospel singing and guitar music by the "Poorhouse Boys" during each Sunday morning service 10-11 a.m. Along with Pastor Mike Johnson.
- **Trinity Baptist Church**, 435 Four Locust Hwy., Keysville; Sunday Morning Worship 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Sunday evening worship at 6 p.m.
- **Triumph Baptist Church**, 2756 Darlington Heights Road, Pamplin; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m. Prayer/Praise & Bible Study Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Rev. James W. Morris, pastor. **ALL CHURCH SERVICES CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**
- **The Worship Center**, 1001 South of Dan School Road, South Boston; 434-470-1498; Sunday morning worship 10 a.m
- **Union Grove Baptist Church**, 2006 County Line Road, Keysville; Sunday School 10 a.m., Worship Service 11 a.m. rev. Charles David Vaughan, Pastor.
- **Upper Room Outreach Ministry**, 3875 S. James Madison Hwy., Farmville; Sunday School 1st, 2nd, 3rd Sunday 9:45 a.m.; Morning Praise Service 10:45 a.m., Service 11 a.m., 4th Sunday early service 9 a.m. casual dress. Rev. Stanley Wesley.
- **Village Presbyterian Church**, 140 Legrande Ave., Charlotte Court House; Sunday service 9:30 a.m.
- **Wylliesburg Baptist Church**, 655 Barnesville Hwy, Wylliesburg, VA 23976; Sunday School 10 a.m., Worship Service 11 a.m., Wednesday night Worship Service 7 p.m., Bible study 7:45 p.m. Billy Tatum, Pastor
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Training Specialists – Residential Programs – Full Time and Part time positions. Duties include providing support in independent living skills and vocational skills to adults with intellectual disabilities as well as keeping accurate service records. Positions involve working with individuals who have intensive support needs and behavioral challenges. The part-time positions will be limited to a maximum of 28 hours work per week and all part-time positions will be scheduled for overnight hours. High School diploma or equivalent is required. A valid Virginia Driving License is also required. (Minimum salary will be \$12.06/hour). (Positions #2050)



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Some Over-the-Air TV Frequencies are Changing

FAMILY FEATURES

If you rely on a rooftop or indoor antenna for your TV viewing, changes that may affect your local channels are happening. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is making more airwaves available for new high-speed wireless services and, as a result, some over-the-air TV broadcast frequencies will change. "Some TV stations across the nation are changing frequencies to help make airwaves available to meet ever-growing consumer demand for high-speed mobile broadband services such as 5G," said Jean Kiddoo, FCC incentive auction task force chair. "The channel numbers on the TV are not changing, but viewers who use a rooftop or indoor antenna need to rescan their televisions to continue receiving those channels. The process is the same as when viewers first connected

their TVs to the antennas and scanned them to find local channels, and the FCC has resources to help viewers who may need assistance." Viewers who watch TV with antennas need to rescan their TVs, but don't need to buy new TVs or purchase converter boxes. Cable and satellite subscribers are not affected by these changes. The frequency changes are happening on a rolling basis through July 2020, so not all changes will happen at the same time. TV stations will give you at least 30 days' notice that their channels are changing frequency. You should be on the lookout for announcements by your local channels on when to rescan, and if you notice a channel you normally watch is missing, try rescanning in case you missed the notice. For more information and tips on how to rescan, visit fcc.gov/TVrescan or call 1-888-CALLFCC (1-888-225-5322).

How to Rescan Your TV

Rescanning your TV to receive the new frequencies is the same process you used to find your local channels when you first set up your TV. To rescan, look in your TV remote control's "menu" for "channel scan," "program," "rescan," "auto tune" or "auto search" in the "setup" or "channel" function. Even without these frequency changes, it is typically a good idea to periodically rescan your TV to update the channels you receive since local stations sometimes add new "sub-channels" to their programming. While some TVs do this automatically, you may need to select "scan" or "auto-tune"

from the TV menu to start the scanning process. If you have difficulty, consult your TV owner's manual or call the manufacturer's customer service line for more detailed instructions on how to run a channel scan to find local TV channels. If you need to contact customer service, you can find that information in your TV owner's manual or on the manufacturer's website. Once the rescan is complete, you should receive all available digital TV channels through your antenna. Except in rare circumstances, no new equipment or services are required.

Common Transition Questions

How will I know it's time to rescan?

Some local TV channels will change frequencies at various times through mid-2020. Your local TV stations will announce their specific "rescan days" on which you will need to rescan. You should be on the lookout for public service announcements and "crawls" running across your TV screen. Broadcasters will provide at least 30 days' notice that their channel is changing frequency. A good rule of thumb is to rescan your TV anytime you notice a missing channel. If you haven't rescanned in a while, you may be surprised by how many other channels are now available.

Who will be affected by the transition?

People who watch television with an antenna will be affected. Millions of consumers across the country watch free, over-the-air TV using an antenna. Cable and satellite subscribers will not need to take any action.

Will channel numbers change?

No, the channel numbers you see on your TV are not changing, but you will need to rescan your television to

update it to find the new frequencies so you can continue receiving those same local channels.

How can I find out which TV stations are changing frequencies?

The FCC website has an interactive map where you can insert your zip code to see which of your local TV channels will be changing and the dates during which you should be watching for the station to announce its "rescan day." To access the map, visit fcc.gov/media/engineering/dtvmmaps.

Why are frequencies changing?

The frequency changes are making more airwaves available to meet the demand of American consumers and businesses for increased mobile broadband capacity, new 5G wireless and other advanced high-speed mobile services currently being developed.

How can I find more information?

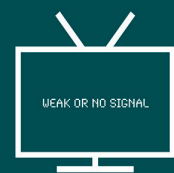
For more information and tips on how to rescan, visit fcc.gov/TVrescan or call 1-888-CALLFCC (1-888-225-5322) and choose option No. 6.

MISSING TV CHANNELS?

Many TV channels across America are changing frequencies to help open up airwaves for new high-speed wireless services. If you're missing a channel that you normally see, rescan your TV to find it again.



Stations that are changing frequencies will provide notice at least 30 days in advance.



If you use an antenna to watch free over-the-air TV, you might find that one or more of your channels is missing.



1 Press "set-up" or "menu."
2 Select "channels."
3 Click "scan," "auto tune," or "auto-program."
4 Your TV will do the rest.

But no need to worry. You can fix it by rescanning for channels using your TV's remote control.

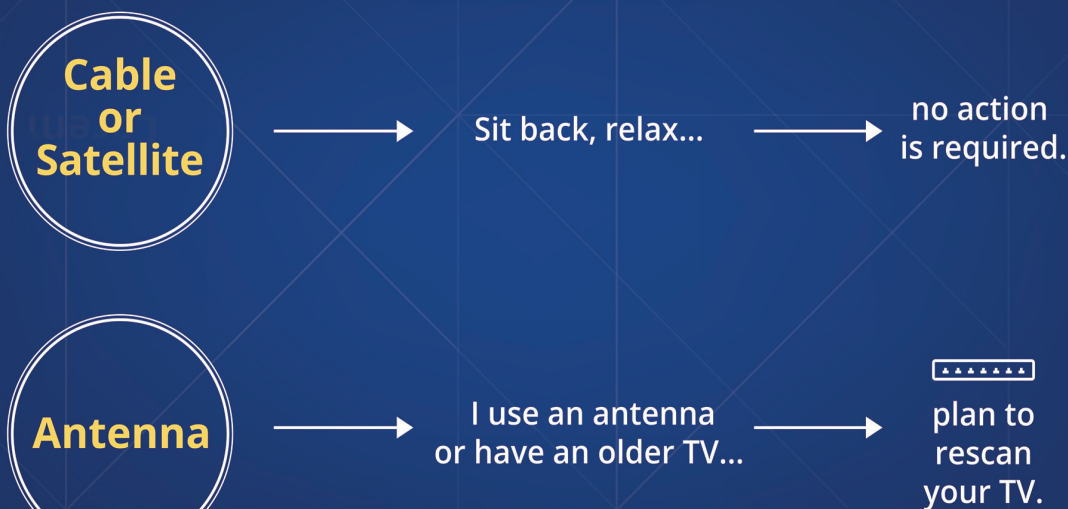
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Information provided by the Federal Communications Commission

How do you watch local channels on TV?



WHAT TO DO!

Ok, parents, we are into the second week of NO school with your children at home with you! This reporter realizes that most of you have never, and I mean NEVER, had to deal with your kids on a 24-hour basis.

Well, let this reporter break this to you gently. I was a "stay-at-home" mom until the last one left the nest. We did homework together, ate meals together, prayed together, joined little league, helped on the family farm, did yardwork together and enjoyed swimming and playing tennis on weekends.

The idea I'm trying to get across to you is that we sustained on one paycheck while I was this "stay-at-home" mom. Our family did "without" if it was unaffordable and our children did NOT have everything they wanted. (They turned out pretty well without the silver spoons!)

So, now what can you do with the situation we're in now in our country? We are asked to "social distance" and to be quarantined. I suggest that you begin teaching your children things they wouldn't necessarily learn at school, things they will need all of their lives - THE BASICS!

Let's begin with daily prayer. If you don't say grace before meals, teach them a prayer to use before eating. Everyone can take turns. Don't forget to teach them the Lord's prayer since we cannot attend our churches at this time and read Bible stories to them.

Teach them how to make up a bed. They'll need that all of their lives. (Also, changing



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sheets) Let them learn how to use the washer and dryer so they will know how to get their clothes clean.

Have them pick up after themselves and to keep a neat room. Teach them to take care of their toys, their clothes and how to clean up after making a mess. For the smaller ones, how about the art of tying shoes? Don't always get the Velcro ones; get a pair with laces.

Teach them to tell time. This reporter remembers her Dad well while he was trying to teach her to tell time. I had a hard time saying it's 9:35 when I knew it was twenty-five minutes to ten. Everyone doesn't have a digital watch or clock.

Give them yardwork to do with your help at first. All ages can do this. It will not hurt anyone to learn how to use a rake, a shovel, a wheelbarrow, etc. or how to cut grass with a "push mower," not a riding lawnmower.

How about sewing? First, teach them how to thread a needle because at some time in a person's life, I bet they

will need to know how to sew on a button or to hem an article of clothing. Let them practice sewing on a button; it's not that easy.

On the business side, balancing a checkbook is a great thing to teach someone. I know many use computers for banking but the basics are good to know. (adding, subtraction, dividing, etc.) Making change is definitely a lost art! Without an electronic cash register, one wouldn't believe those who cannot make change.

How to set a table could be another lesson to teach. Learning how to place silverware, the napkin and glasses is something that will be used for a lifetime. Both girls and boys need to know this.

Teaching basic recipes could show them many ways of cooking. Start out with something that is fun like making their favorite cookies, then continue on to meals they like with them doing the work and you supervising. One will be learning math while using measuring cups and measuring spoons so that's another lesson.

For fun, have game time and select learning games such as Scrabble that will help with spelling. Play "I Spy" for awareness of colors and items around you.

Divide and use some of these suggestions a little each day and you've created "home-schooling." Set up a non-strict schedule. Follow your heart and enjoy your children while they are at home with you because they learn from you each day.

Parry's Ponderings

Many have lost a lot of their 401(K) or IRA retirement funds in the recent market downturn. But don't worry, in the new economy wealth won't be measured in dollars and cents but rather in how many rolls of toilet paper you have.

Virginia Outreach News

Happy birthday wishes to everyone celebrating a birthday this week.

March 26 - Tracy Spencer, Charlotte Court House; Marques Spencer, Cumberland

March 28 - Sheila Barksdale, Halifax

March 29 - Latonia Hicks, Richmond; Jackie Foster, Clover; Hagood Duffie, Saxe;

Linda Hart, Keysville; Loretta Jefferson, Meherrin

March 30 - Janias Randolph, Phenix; Keynan Copeland, Hopewell

March 31 - April Jenkins, Taro, Va.; Rhonda Jenkins Adnew, Farmville;

Leslie Gee, Las Vegas, Nevada; Hattie J. McCargo, Red Oak

April 1 - Phyllis Gee, Charlotte Court House; Nisha Carter, Keysville; Rosa Spencer,

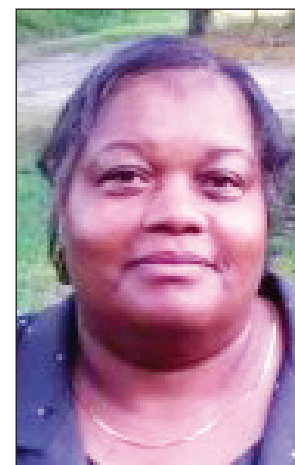
Charlotte Court House

May God shower his choicest blessings on you. Wishing you happiness, good health and a great year ahead. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

To all of my readers: please be safe out there. I don't want to see anyone sick with this virus. I am praying all of us will be safe and that this virus goes away very soon.

There are a lot of movies you can download for free (pluto tv, Tubi tv) so

you don't have to go out too much. Take care my readers and friends and loved ones. See you next week in the news. Be SAFE!



VIRGINIA FREEMAN

Get well wishes to all of the sick and shut-in. Hope you all are well soon and up and about. You are all in our prayers.

Thought for the week- Make time for people who make you feel extra special.

DEDICATION
Dreams and dedication are a powerful combination. We all have dreams, but in

order to make dreams come into reality, it takes an awful lot of

determination, dedication, self-discipline and effort. If you want to learn a thing, read that. If you want to know a thing write that. If you want to master a thing, teach that.

News into me by Sunday by 6 p.m. Call or text me or you can leave me a message vstars@kinex.net

Moving Forward

Are you feeling trapped by happenings in your past? We all have issues from our past, some more dramatic than others. Everyone has hurts, which leads to hang-ups and harmful habits.

What would you say if I told you, you can't fix your past? Recently the cable wasn't working. The instructions from the help center: unplug the box, count to 10, and restart the box. Voila, it worked; the TV programs were playing again. Wouldn't it be nice if we could just unplug for 10 seconds, and our past hurts would be wiped from our memory? The problem is we don't have a reset button.

Or do we? Have you ever been told that unforgiveness will stop you from moving forward?

Here is a story that plays out in counseling rooms over and over again. A spouse, let's say the wife, complains that her husband doesn't care enough about the marriage. She criticizes her husband; he doesn't help her when she needs it. He never does anything for her; for the neighbors, yes, but not for her. Or the husband condemns the wife for never paying him any attention. His complaint: the wife always has time for her friends and the kids but never for him.

The spouse's response: he/she never said anything about needing help or needing more attention.

The complaining spouse then goes on to give a long list of unresolved offenses. As a result, the complaining spouse just stopped talking, pretended to be happy while letting anger and bitterness build.

It is easy to see that this marriage is missing two very



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vital elements in the recipe for a healthy marriage: forgiveness and communication. The first problem, because the hurt from unmet expectations was not forgiven, the harm caused bitterness and resentment to grow. The second problem, the couple did not develop a means to effectively talk or communicate.

Unforgiveness is toxic. Are you allowing unforgiveness in your heart? If so, you are setting the stage for bitterness at home in your heart. This will lead to resentment, anger, rage, and hatred. The feeling of hostility, which you allow being at home in your heart, will grow to control your thoughts.

Ok, I get it, I need forgive, but how? Your first step is to make the choice to forgive. Yes, recognize the offense. However, don't entertain the thought of getting even, but say, forgive me my trespasses as I forgive other's their trespasses (Matthew: 6:12).

Joseph's story provides us several notable examples of forgiveness. His brothers throw him into a pit, fake his death, and sell him into slavery. When he has the chance to get even, he welcomes his brothers into his house and gives them the food they need. His story begins with

his brothers' betrayal, but Joseph continually shows his ability to forgive others in life. While a slave, as a result of the false accusations of rape by his owner's wife, Joseph is thrown in prison. In prison, a fellow prisoner fails to follow up on a promise to help free Joseph.

Did Joseph get mad, hold a grudge, get even, or spend his time complaining about all the wrongs done to him? You can probably guess the answer. NO! Instead, his conscious choice was to forgive. Joseph understood that by forgiving, he took power away from the hurt that had been done to him.

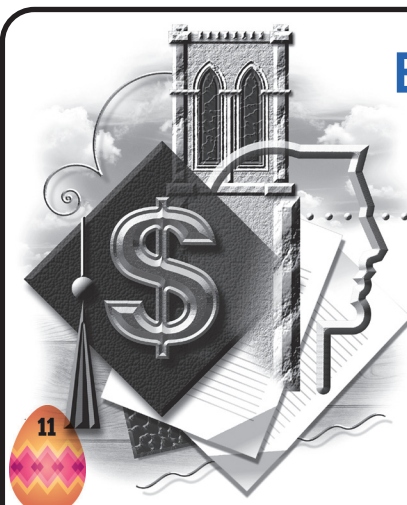
He showed compassion rather than vengeance. It was Joseph's choice to replace the hurt with compassion. This did not make the happenings go away. It did, though, allow Joseph to move forward and continue to build his life.

Now for the spouses who come to counseling. They must develop the ability to forgive unmet expectations, to have compassion for others. And, as a couple, build useful communication skills, which will be the subject of next week's article.

The act of forgiving others may seem like a difficult task, but many people have accomplished this goal. You can too!

Get rid of all bitterness, rage, and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians: 4:31-32

Cheryl Gowin and Dennis Gowin. Call us with your feedback, comments, issues, or questions; our phone number is 434-808-2637.



Barksdale Cancer Foundation Seeks Applicants for \$1,000 Annual Scholarship

The Barksdale Cancer Foundation (BCF), is seeking applicants for its annual \$1,000 scholarship, which will be given to a graduating Charlotte County student who is pursuing a career in the medical field.

To be eligible for the scholarship, a student must:

- Be a Charlotte County resident
- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better (on a 4.0 scale)
- Be pursuing an associate or baccalaureate degree in an institute of higher learning in the medical field
- Submit an official transcript with the school seal and an authorized official's signature
- Submit a signed application (original signature only)
- Write an essay between 250 and 500 words on the following topic: What medical field have you chosen and why?
- Provide proof of enrollment in a college or university. This can be in the form of a letter from the school stating that the student is enrolled, copy of a bill from the school, or other proof deemed acceptable by the Foundation. It is the student's responsibility to provide this proof.

Applications are available from the guidance offices at Randolph-Henry High School, Fuqua School or via BCF's website: www.barksdalecancerfou.wixsite.com/mysite.

Completed applications should be mailed to Barksdale Cancer Foundation, Attn: Scholarship Committee, P. O. Box 225, Charlotte Court House, VA 23923. Applications are due by April 15, 2020.

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LCPS Offers Meals and Newsletter During Shut-Down



LUNENBURG - A STATEMENT FROM LUNENBURG COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS...

Lunenburg County Public Schools is committed to providing learning experiences for our students during a national crisis and statewide closing of public schools in Virginia. As a result, the district and school administrators will work together closely with teachers to ensure the continuation of ongoing learning experiences at home. We value that all students may not have the opportunity to access the internet, and we will work diligently to provide equitable resources. Our top priority is always the health and well-being of our students and staff.

PARENT NEWSLETTER POSTED ON WEBSITE...

Through our LCPS Parent Newsletter dated March 16, 2020 located on our website www.lunenburgcountyschools.com, parents may stay connected through the websites linked there to stay informed about the Coronavirus (Covid-19). Parents can also watch useful videos and click on links to articles provided in the newsletter. Helpful tips on how parents can talk with their children about the Coronavirus are also provided.

FREE MEALS TWO DAYS A WEEK STARTING THIS TUESDAY...

Lunenburg County Public Schools will also be providing free meals (breakfast and lunch) to all children ages 2-18 beginning Tuesday, March 17th. Available sites are:

• Kenbridge Elementary School: 11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m., every Tuesday and Thursday. Pickup at the gym back parking lot.

• Central High School: 11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m., every Tuesday and Thursday. Pickup at the cafeteria entrance to the left of the main doors.

• A child must accompany the parent when a meal is picked up.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS...

Educational resources can be found in our LCPS Parent Newsletter as well. Continue to check our website for updated resources and if you have any questions or concerns about instruction, please contact Dawn Bacon (dawn.bacon@k12lcpss.com). Teachers are working to develop materials, and the school system will be in con-

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LCPS Issues Statement Following Governor Closing Schools

LUNENBURG - Lunenburg County Public Schools released the following information following the announcement on Monday that all Virginia schools must close for the remainder of the year:

Lunenburg County Public Schools will close for the remainder of the school year (2019-2020) due to the COVID-19 pandemic as directed by Governor Northam. We ask for your understanding and patience during this challenging time. We all have many questions, and we will be getting guidance from the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) moving forward.

At the present time, *All events and activities are canceled until further notice.

*Learning packets have been mailed. Please use these packets to work with your child.

*We are making modifications to our online learning portal based on guidelines that we are being given from the VDOE, and we will release it as soon as possible.

*Keep checking the app, the website, and the Facebook pages for updated information.

Changes and New Initiatives in Lunenburg County Public Schools

LUNENBURG - Parents are a child's first teacher, and our school system intends to build on that principle. Here in Lunenburg, we pride ourselves in partnering with parents to provide a quality education for all students which starts with our Pre-K program. High-quality early experiences are the key to children's academic and social-emotional success. An investment in the early years of life is one of the best investments we can make. Children in effective early childhood programs are more likely to finish college, get higher paying jobs, and to



Dawn Bacon

be healthier and happier in life.

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Lunenburg County Officials Offer COVID-19 Response

LUNENBURG - Effective March 12, 2020, Governor Ralph Northam declared a state of emergency in the Commonwealth of Virginia in response to the continued spread of the novel coronavirus, or COVID-19. COVID-19 is highly contagious. The

Governor encourages "social distancing" - keeping at least six feet between individuals.

Effective today, March 17, 2020, Governor Northam recommended that Virginians follow the CDC suggestion to avoid social gatherings of more than 10 people (along

the lines of social distancing).

There is a great deal of information (and some misinformation) on social media and "click bait" websites. Please rely on our government health agencies for up-

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Declaration of a Local Emergency COVID-19

LUNENBURG - The County of Lunenburg has enacted a Declaration of local Emergency in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The local declaration is effective Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 4:00p.m.

The declaration follows Governor Northam's State Declaration of Emergency and President Trump's National Emergency Declaration. A local declaration allows the County of Lunenburg

to maximize preparedness and response efforts regarding COVID-19.

During this local emergency, Lunenburg County will make every effort to provide uninterrupted, essential services to our citizens. We encourage citizens to check the County website at

<http://www.lunenburgva.org/> and official Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/LunenburgCountyVA/> as

we continue to share information about county facilities and services. Additionally, we urge all residents to visit the following links for the latest information and public health guidance:

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/surveillance-and-investigation/novel-coronavirus/>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Lunenburg Medical Center Welcomes New Providers



Southern Dominion Health Systems is pleased to announce that West Pulliam, PA-C has returned to Lunenburg Medical Center as of February 2020.

Mr. Pulliam earned his Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from Hampden-Sydney College. He continued his education at Jefferson College of Health Sciences in Roanoke, Virginia where he earned his Bachelor of Science in Physician Assistant Studies in August 2000. Mr. Pulliam received his Masters of Physician Assistant Studies from University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska in August 2006.

Mr. Pulliam is trained in Family Medicine and Emergency Medicine. He worked with Southern Dominion Health Systems from 2003 until 2010 in family practice. He transitioned to Emergency Medicine at Community Memorial Hospital in South Hill, Virginia from 2010 until 2017. Most recently he worked with Centra Medical Group in Family Medicine from January 2017 until returning to Lunenburg Medical Center in February 2020.

Mr. Pulliam is a board-certified Physician Assistant. He was born and raised in Lunenburg County. He is married with two children. His wife is a Speech Language Pathologist who is currently employed with Longwood University. He has a son in college at Virginia Commonwealth University and a daughter in the 8th grade who regularly competes in dance and gymnastics. He and his family currently reside in Victoria. Mr. Pulliam is currently seeing patients at Lunenburg Medical Center Monday – Friday, 8am – 5pm. He welcomes all ages, scheduled appointments and same day appointments. Please call (434) 696-2165. Lunenburg Medical Center is located at 1508 KV Road, Victoria, Virginia.



CAPITOL VISIT: The Lunenburg County Democratic Committee Representatives visited the Honorable Roslyn Tyler at the Virginia Capitol recently. Pictured left to right are, Edward Pennington, Patricia Tundley, Barbara Harper, Trudy Berry, Roslyn Tyler, Jim Ferland, Ruby Ingram and Kenny Ferland.

State Superintendent Explores Flexibility for Schools

STATEWIDE - Superintendent of Public Instruction James Lane announced today that the Virginia Department of Education will seek maximum flexibility for schools and students to mitigate the impact of COVID-19, including relief from federal and state requirements related to testing.

"This is an unprecedented situation with schools closed statewide for two weeks and the very real possibility of a significantly longer shutdown," Lane said. "VDOE has advised school divisions of the flexibility they already have to delay Standards of Learning testing, but it is clear that we now have to take additional steps to ensure that schools and students — especially seniors completing their graduation requirements — are not adversely impacted by circumstances beyond their control."

The statewide shut down of schools ordered last week by Governor Ralph Northam came as eighth graders and high school students were taking SOL writing tests. In response to the governor's order, VDOE has already extended statewide testing windows for all SOL assessments in all subject areas; however, the department is planning for further flexibility.

"Given what we are now hearing about the potential duration of the coronavirus pandemic, we now have to



seek further flexibility related to state testing. To do this, the commonwealth must have relief from the annual testing requirements under the federal Every Student Succeeds Act," Lane said. "Last week, the U.S. Department of Education said it would consider issuing waivers for individual schools impacted by COVID-19. We are beyond that now, and ask our federal partners for a process to grant statewide relief so states and schools can focus on the health and wellbeing of students."

ESSA requires annual testing in reading and mathematics in grades 3-8 and at least once in high school. The federal law also requires states to administer science tests at least once during elementary, middle and high school."

Virginia Board of Education President Daniel Gecker said the state board will review its school accreditation regulations, along with other

state testing requirements, and identify what actions it can take to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on school accreditation ratings, especially in areas related to state assessments.

"These are extraordinary times and it would not be fair to our students, teachers, principals and other educators to have the accreditation ratings of their schools suffer next year because of the coronavirus pandemic," Gecker said.

The state superintendent has also directed VDOE staff to review state laws and regulations related to state graduation requirements to determine what steps must be taken to ensure that seniors who would otherwise graduate this spring are not denied diplomas.

"I want students and parents to know that Governor Northam and I are committed to taking every step possible to minimize the impact of coronavirus on students and to ensure that our seniors are able to graduate," Lane said. "This includes exploring exemptions from requirements unrelated to coursework for students due to graduate this spring."

VDOE is encouraging school divisions to continue to monitor the COVID-19 and Virginia Public Schools page on the department website for updates.

McGrath Appointed to Kenbridge Town Council Seat

KENBRIDGE - The recent resignation of Kenbridge Town Council member Danny Thompson left a vacancy on the council. In that situation a vacancy can be voted on by the remaining members of the council within 45 days of the opening. Council members had a vote and have added Mike McGrath to the Kenbridge Town Council to fulfill the remainder of Thompson's term. Thompson's seat currently has a couple of years remaining on the council.



McGrath has previously served on the council two

other times, with the most recent being in 2018. He stated, "I am happy to have the opportunity to serve the citizens of Kenbridge."

Kenbridge Mayor Emory Hodges recently said that he will not be running for Kenbridge

Mayor again this year. Instead, Ken Blackburn is expected to run unopposed and take over that position.

Kenbridge currently has three people whose term is up for re-election on the council. Those members are Raymond Hite, Wanda Morrison and Mike Bender. Hite and Morrison have both qualified and will seek re-election; however, Bender is not running this time. Paul Perusse has qualified to be on the ballot to fill the other opening.

Kenbridge officials stated, "Congrats to Mike McGrath, who was appointed to serve on Town Council at the March meeting. Mike will be serving in Mr. Thompson's spot. Please join us in welcoming Mr. McGrath to the council."



Southern Dominion Health Systems is pleased to announce that Brandon Lipscomb, FNP, has joined our medical team as of February 2020. Mr. Lipscomb earned his Bachelor of Science in nursing in 2006 from Tennessee Wesleyan College. He continued his education at James Madison University in 2014 with a postmaster certificate in family care. Mr. Lipscomb then went on to earn his Doctor of Nursing Practice at James Madison University in 2019.

In 2006, Mr. Lipscomb worked as an intern at Parkwest Hospital in the Heart Lung Vascular Department located in Knoxville, Tn. From 2006-2014 he worked in the Cardiovascular service line at Centra Health. Then, after obtaining his Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) License in 2014, Mr. Lipscomb worked at Lynchburg Family Medicine Residency until 2019. Mr. Lipscomb is certificated by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. He has a special interest in pediatrics and sports medicine.

Mr. Lipscomb has been married for 11 years to his wife, Jennifer. He has a daughter, Riley age 8 and a son, Eli age 3. Mr. Lipscomb enjoys training in mixed martial arts in his free time.

Mr. Lipscomb is currently seeing patients at Lunenburg Medical Center on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8am – 4pm. He welcomes all ages, scheduled appointments and same day appointments. Please call (434) 696-2165. Lunenburg Medical Center is located at 1508 KV Road, Victoria, Virginia.



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I wanted to take a moment to share with you several resources related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. As your Delegate, I want to ensure that you have the necessary information to keep you and your family updated, safe, and healthy.

The Republican leadership wrote to Governor Northam last week asking him to extend tax filing and payment deadlines for individuals and businesses. While the Governor didn't go as far as we asked, he did take significant steps to keep more money in the pockets of struggling businesses and families.

A state of emergency was declared for Virginia on March 12th. Since then, numerous local and state agencies have been impacted. Below is helpful information in one convenient place.

General Closings/Cancellations Courts

The Supreme Court of Virginia has ordered all non-essential, non-emergency court proceedings to suspend through April 6th. This includes a suspension in eviction hearings. If you have ongoing matters before the courts, you may wish to reach out to your attorney or the appropriate clerk's office for specific questions.

DMV

The DMV has closed its service centers through April 2nd. Virginians with business before the DMV are encouraged to perform their transactions online. For those who must appear in person for license renewal or other similar business, a 60-day deadline extension will be granted for all expirations occurring before May 15. More information can be found at the following website: <https://www.dmv.virginia.gov/general/#covid19.asp>

The Virginia State Police have also been instructed to not enforce the state's vehicle inspection program for 60 days. If your vehicle inspection is about to expire, you have an additional two months to drive without fear of a citation.

Utilities

The State Corporation Commission (SCC) has ordered all publicly regulated utility companies to suspend disconnections for a period of 60 days.

Restaurants

Governor Northam has banned gatherings of 10 or more people across the Commonwealth, leaving most restaurants to function in a "take-out/delivery" mode if they remain open. He also announced Friday that some Alcoholic Beverage Control regulations will be suspended, and restaurants can deliver beer and wine with meals. You can learn more on the web at: <https://www.abc.virginia.gov/library/covid19/bole-covid-19-response-v7.pdf>

School Closings

The Governor has ordered all public schools in Virginia to close until Friday, March 27th. Some schools may be closed for longer periods of time. We should have an update on school closings early this coming week.

On Friday the Federal Department of Education announced that "the Department will grant a waiver to any state that is unable to assess its students due to the ongoing national emergency, providing relief from federally mandated testing

requirements for this school year."

This will clear the way for Virginia to make any necessary changes to our Standards of Learning (SOL) tests, and I expect more information to be forthcoming on that matter soon.

Should further action regarding school closure be deemed necessary, that information will be disseminated by local media.

Unemployment

The standard one week waiting period for unemployment benefits has been waived. If you or someone you know has lost their job or had a significant reduction in hours due to Coronavirus, information found at <http://www.vec.virginia.gov/node/11699> will help answer questions about unemployment benefits.

I realize that it's not an easy thing for some of us to ask for help. Rest assured, this is not a hand-out. It's a hand up, a lifeline to keep families afloat until the tide turns.

Please note that VEC offices are closed to the public. Online and phone services remain open, and the Commission is adding to their call center capacity daily.

Small Business Assistance

If you're a business owner, the Small Business Administration has been given authority to grant low-interest loans to all parts of Virginia. If that sort of assistance can help your small business keep the lights on, I encourage you to visit the website listed below and fill out the application. <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>

COVID-19 Information

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) has a list of answers to frequently asked questions regarding Coronavirus, including recommendations on social distancing and precautions for high-risk individuals. That information can be found on the web at: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/frequently-asked-questions>

For a comprehensive list of actions taken by Governor Northam, visit his website frequently at: <https://www.virginia.gov/coronavirus-updates/>

Let me say this in closing. This crisis is a significant disruption to our work, our economy, and our daily lives. It is a challenge unlike anything we've faced in modern Virginia history. Anyone who tells you they know how this will play out isn't telling you the truth.

But I do know that this Commonwealth has endured for more than 400 years. War did not break us. Famine and plagues have not broken us. We will get through this and come out the other side better for it.

My office is monitoring the situation in Virginia closely and will keep you advised as we learn more. In the meantime, if you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call or email my office at DelT-Wright@house.state.va.us or 434.696.3061.

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to-date and accurate information regarding COVID-19 and by visiting the link below to the Virginia Department of Health page dedicated to the novel coronavirus.

Some offices at the Lunenburg County Courthouse Complex have modified public access.

The Supreme Court of Virginia has ordered that non-essential, non-emergency court proceedings in all circuit and district courts be suspended until, Monday, April 6, 2020. If you have questions about court proceedings, you can reach the General District Court at 434-696-5508, Circuit Court

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In Virginia, there is an increased investment in early childhood education. On July 24, 2019 Governor Ralph Northam signed an Executive Directive Four, which ensures all at-risk three and four-year-olds in Virginia will have access to a publicly-subsidized care and education option by 2025. This directive will enhance the Pre-K Program (Virginia Preschool Initiative) and increase access to at-risk four-year-olds and allow local school divisions to expand their local criteria.

What does this mean for Lunenburg? All parents of children who will be four years old on or before September 30, 2020 are encouraged to apply for the LCPS Pre-K Program. Depending upon applications received and availability of funds, there is a strong possibility that Pre-K classes could be offered at both Kenbridge and Victoria Elementary Schools. LCPS is applying for a waiver, which would allow more students to qualify under local criteria. However, we may not be notified of our acceptance until July 1. It will all depend upon how many applications we receive.

Lunenburg County Public Schools would like to reach as many four-year-olds as possible. The application is currently available online at www.lunenburgcountyschools.org.

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tact soon about how those will be distributed in hard copy form and/or in digital form.

Please be patient with our team as we plan for Covid-19, and continue to check our website, www.lunenburgcountyschools.org for more detailed information.

at 434-696-2132, or Juvenile Domestic Relations Court at 434-696-3539. Their offices are still operating with public access, but court proceedings are suspended.

The Lunenburg County Treasurer's Office and Commissioner of the Revenue's Office elected to close to the public beginning on Monday, March 16, 2020. Both offices are available by telephone between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.: Treasurer's Office at 434-696-3354 and Commissioner of the Revenue's Office at 434-696-2516. Tax payments may be deposited into the drop box located outside of the Treasurer's Office. Tax payments may also be made via telephone or online at <http://www.lunenburgva.org/dservices/>

As always, your local government will continue to pro-

vide services as uninterrupted as possible and distribute information as we have it available. We will keep you informed of any changes. We will remain in close contact with the Piedmont District Health Office and VA Department of Emergency Management. If you have any other questions or concerns, call the Lunenburg County Administration Office at 434-696-2142. For emergencies, please dial 9-1-1.

NOTE: If you think you may have symptoms related to COVID-19, please call ahead to your medical provider's office. They will determine the next steps and whether they need to refer you to the Virginia Department of Health for testing. Avoid going to the emergency room unless you are experiencing life-threatening symptoms.

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Victoria to Use Spot Blight Abatement to Tackle Blighted Properties in Town

VICTORIA - Blighted property has been an issue in the Town of Victoria and many surrounding towns and communities for years. A blighted property means an individual, commercial, industrial, or residential structure or improvement that endangers the public's health, safety, or welfare because the structure or improvement is dilapidated, deteriorated, or violates minimum health and safety standards. Rat and rodent infestation caused by the state of disrepair is also taken into consideration for determining a property is blighted. Other considerations in determining a property is blighted are failure to take adequate precautions to prevent the use or access to the property by trespassers, potential attractive nuisance to children, and fire hazards. Substantial dilapidation of buildings is also considered in the process. Conditions of substantial dilapidation are evidenced by either:

- Collapse of either interior or exterior structural elements such as floors, walls, roofs, porches, decks, and similar appendages which pose a danger to the public; or
- removal or rotting of exterior siding, roofing, or sheathing exposing structural members to the weather, or
- Collapse, removal, or rot of critical elements of the structure.

Victoria Town Council approved a policy at its March 10, 2020 meeting to use authority granted in VA Code §36-49.1:1 to address blighted property throughout the town. Virginia Code gives localities or authorities

the power to acquire, repair, manage, or dispose of any blighted property.

The policy outlines the steps in the process of using spot blight abatement. Initially, a preliminary determination is made that a property is blighted. The property owners of record, the address that the real estate tax bill is sent to, are notified of the blighted property and the need for it to be corrected. The owner or owners of record will have 30 days to submit a plan in writing to address the blight in a reasonable period of time, usually around 90 days.

If the owner or owners of record fail to respond with a written blight abatement plan, a public hearing will be requested and advertised as required by the Code of Virginia. The owner or owners

of record will be notified of this public hearing by certified mail that is sent to the address on record. Following the public hearing, the town council will consider an ordinance declaring the property a nuisance and a blight abatement plan. If adopted, the ordinance and abatement plan require the owner to take specific steps to abate the nuisance by a specific date. If the owner fails to do so, the town will enter the property and abate the nuisance as described in the adopted plan.

If the owner fails to mitigate the blight and the town takes action to repair or eliminate the blight the owner or owners of record will be billed for the cost of the abatement. If the bill is not paid within 30 days, the treasurer will begin steps to obtain a lien against the property for the cost of



the abatement. If the property is assessed at a value less than \$100,000.00 and the lien remains unpaid on December 31st after the first anniversary of the date on which the lien was recorded then the treasurer may sell the property to collect the lien.

The Town of Victoria

hopes that the use of this process will eliminate some of the blighted properties in the community and may also encourage other property owners to make repairs to their properties. If there are any questions regarding this policy please contact the town office.

Lunenburg EMS Providers Issue Public Information

LUNENBURG - Meherrin Volunteer Fire & Rescue released the following information as they continue to run emergency calls in the area.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Meherrin Volunteer Fire & Rescue will continue to operate 24/7. We are taking every precaution necessary to protect our patients, staff, and members from contracting and spreading this infectious disease.

In an effort to minimize the spread and reduce the risk to all, we are asking

our community members to please utilize 911 requests for emergencies only. These include, but are not limited to, life threatening injuries or illness, motor vehicle accidents, fire or hazardous related incidents, etc. As a community we must all do our part to flatten the curve, and ensure we do not over stress our emergency response and hospital resources. Local emergency resources need to be able to help those in dire need, and you can help us!

If you are experienc-

ing symptoms consistent with influenza or potentially COVID-19, please contact your Primary Care Physician. If you are instructed to call 911, there are specific questions the dispatcher will ask you. These questions will help to assist us in preparing to respond to you aid. The way in which we respond to such calls has changed and you can expect the following:

- *When our providers arrive, they will be wearing additional Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to mitigate the spread of potential viruses. This is for your protection as much as theirs.

- *Our providers will evaluate and assess your current symptoms and associated risk factors. Depending on your individual circumstances, we may recommend self-quarantine. Alternatively, based on your assessment we may recommend transport. If recommended to self-quarantine, we will provide you with printed guidance and instructions for follow up with your primary care physician. This is not to prevent treatment,

but to assist in mitigating the stress on local hospitals.

If you specifically ask to be transported after our evaluation, we will still transport you to the nearest facility that can assist you. We will decline medical treatment. We ask that you work with us during these times. This is for the overall health and safety of our entire community

In addition to that, Victoria Fire & Rescue recently announced that they are suspending any building usage (including Station 7 in Kenbridge) for public events due to the increased risk of gatherings, combined with the nature of the services that we provide. This is in effort to protect our personnel, and vice versa.

Also during this time, any requests for station visits or public education visits will be assessed on a case by case basis. We apologize for any inconveniences this may cause. Feel free to contact us directly via Facebook Messenger, or email any inquiry to submit@victoriafire-rescue.com.

Kenbridge Town Offices Continue to Remain Open For Now

KENBRIDGE - Kenbridge officials recently updated the current situation within their town offices and offered a reminder about the local businesses.

Kenbridge officials stated, "The Town of Kenbridge will follow all protocol set up by the state and county governmental agencies. Our offices will remain open until instructed to close. We offer electronic pay and we have a drop box for those wishing to use that form of payment. Please take all health and safety precautions for you and your family. Visit the Virginia Dept. of Health

website or call for information. 1-877-ASK-VDH3 (275-8343)."

They continued in a release, "Remember all of our local businesses, restaurants, convenience stores, gas stations, and local merchants who are always willing to help out our youth groups, our civic leagues, local programs and especially each other. Please join us in supporting them during what we know will be a difficult time of operation and ultimately recovery. Stay safe and remember to check on those that may need some assistance."

Chamber Cancels March Meeting

LUNENBURG - Chamber officials released the following information to Lunenburg Chamber of Commerce members on Monday:

For the safety and consideration of all our members and due to the dining room closures in our restaurants, the March 26th meeting is being cancelled.

The Chamber is active-

ly supporting our businesses. Currently, we are posting restaurant availability for curbside and community delivery. We can also serve as a resource for the community for other information on operating hour changes and other related information.

Please visit our Facebook page and website for any and all updates. Stay safe!

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Big South Conference Announces Cancellation of All Spring Sports

The Big South Conference announced Wednesday afternoon that it will cancel all regular-season competition, conference championships, and athletics activities that are required or that include coach involvement, through the remainder of the 2019-20 season due to the ongoing concerns surrounding the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

The decision was made by the league's Council of Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) in consultation with the Council of Athletics Directors to protect the health and well-being of student-athletes, coaches, staff and fans. In the event a member institution reopens for the 2020 spring semester and conducts in-person, on-campus classes, any permissible athletics activities, as defined by NCAA regulations, with the exception of competition, will be at the discretion of that institution. Each institution will continue to work in accordance with its respective university and state policies related to its individual campus decisions.

"Today was a tough day,



and my heart aches as we all share in the disappointment felt in this moment by our student-athletes, coaches, and staff," said Longwood athletics director Michelle Meadows. "The Big South's decision to cancel the remainder of our spring season is, however, the right one given the unprecedented and

evolving nature of this situation, as well as our responsibility to ensure the health and safety of our student-athletes, coaches and communities.

"A week ago, nobody could have predicted that an entire athletics season would end in this manner, and everyone impacted by it is no

doubt still reeling from the suddenness in which it happened and the uncertainty for what it means going forward. I speak for our Longwood community in recognizing the passion, dedication and resilience that our student-athletes display every day, and this decision will in no way diminish the personal

growth they have experienced as members of their respective programs. We look forward to the day when we will get back on the fields, courts and courses to continue our pursuit of excellence, but until then, my hope is that all Lancers stay well and do our part in the face of this global challenge.

Big South Commissioner Kyle Kallander will be releasing a statement to all Big South student-athletes in the near future.

The announcement is the latest in a series of nationwide postponements and cancellations of athletics activities and competitions by institutions and conference offices at all levels of college athletics. Longwood University announced on March 13 that it would move all classes and assignments to a fully online format through March 27, 2020. The Longwood University campus remains open, though students are not required to remain on campus.

For more alerts regarding Longwood University's response, visit <http://alerts.longwood.edu>.

VMP Cancels Events But Is Approved for Private Testing

Virginia Motorsports Park recently announced that they among the sports and locations that will be postponing and cancelling events as a result of the Coronavirus health pandemic.

Track officials stated, "As much as we hate to do this, our season opening VP Racing Fuels ET Bracket Series double-header is cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We



at Virginia Motorsports Park are disappointed that we cannot race this weekend but we will continue to try and better our facility and programs during this unknown

downtime due to the virus. Our county officials have told us to be on a week-to-week basis as nobody knows when this will pass and we can begin normal operation again.

Inaugural Payso Productions March N/T Madness is next weekend, March 28th and as of now is still on schedule. We will make a final decision on this event by Wednesday, March 25th. Street Outlaws - No Prep Kings | Virginia and the Virginia NHRA Nationals are both full steam ahead and on schedule as of now.

We have been approved to do private testing any day of the week, including weekends in which public events are to be cancelled until this passes and we go back to normal scheduling. We will be working on this program overnight and debut it tomorrow morning around 9-10am. Our first "private test night" will be Friday, March 20, from 5-11pm.

Virginia Governor Ralph Northam announced on March 17th additional steps to help Virginians impacted by the COVID-19 virus and to stop the spread of the virus in the Commonwealth and protect public health. Governor Northam told Virginians to avoid non-essential gatherings and increase social distancing.

Private Testing is Available during the COVID-19 outbreak, this begins on Friday, March 20th with a session from 5pm to 11pm.

10 Trailers Maximum on Property, \$250 per testing entry. Directions and specifications can be found below in the press release, you must call the office at 804-862-3174 to reserve your spot for Friday evening's test session. There is a parking diagram that we have to follow as well, the diagram can be found inside the press release. Weather over the weekend does not show good enough on the forecasts to book a session but we will be doing our best to find more dates to do this on as often as possible until we go back to normal. You will also contact the office for exclusive rentals as well or contact Tyler Crossnoe via e-mail at tcrossnoe@racevmp.com.



LMS VOLLEYBALL CELEBRATES SEASON: The Championship Volleyball Team at Lunenburg Middle School recently gathered to celebrate the unveiling of a banner commemorating their monumental 2019 season. The Blue Devils were undefeated SSMSC Champions and completed the season without losing a game. Back Row L to R--Coach MelbaDale Parrish, Ellie Anderson, Makenzi Burch, Tahlia Swann, Kennedy Moody, Head Coach Anna Bolling; Middle Row L to R--Emily Kelley, Hailey Powers, Amyra Watson, Hoku Chaney; Front Row L to R-- Virginia Hooton, Lydia Anderson, Cayley Stokes, Olivia Moses, Tristan Buchanan, AnGeLeka White-Freeman.



MINORS BASKETBALL CHAMPS; The Prince Edward team of 8-10 Minors Basketball All-Stars recently celebrated their championship. The group won the James River District 2019-2020 8-10 Minors Division. Photo from Louis C. Gould III

Charlotte and Lunenburg Youth Leagues Follow Recommendations on Postponing

The Youth Leagues in Charlotte and Lunenburg have all now officially postponed their seasons. With the professional, college and high school teams all postponing the start or finish of seasons, youth leagues had to protect their players, coaches and families by following suit. For now the groups have cancelled activities that coincide with the school closings in the area, but with this ever-changing event and the news that no gatherings over 10 people should take place, changes to this could be seen soon.

The Charlotte County Dixie Youth Baseball and Softball leagues have followed the request of federal and state officials as well as Dixie Youth Baseball Inc. Charlotte Dixie



Youth was set to start games on April 18 so to this point, there has been minimal impact on their league, but that could change this week as many people expect an extension of the closures from national and state sources.

Some Charlotte youth

league officials have noted that they plan to follow the lead of the schools and will be starting back if the schools re-open.

The Lunenburg County Youth Baseball League announced that all organized activities should be stopped

until March 30.

Lunenburg Girls' Softball (LGS) had previously cancelled their activities. LGS Commissioner Tim Fowler noted that the plan is to hopefully begin play in April, but the league will look at that start date with this fluid

situation.

Dixie Youth Baseball had previously announced that they were asking leagues to suspend all activity until after April 4.

Soccer Leagues in both counties have also stopped for now as they await the next announcements regarding schools.

On Monday the Virginia Governor extended the closure of schools for the rest of the year and banned gatherings of 10 or more people, which would also likely stop any local league from being able to play through the end of the school year. Some leagues have even noted that they could have a summer league this year, but look for updates and announcements next week.

Hampden-Sydney College Tennis Wraps Up Spring Break Trip With 9-0

The Hampden-Sydney College tennis team wrapped up its annual Spring Break trip to Florida with a 9-0 shutout over Wabash Thursday evening from the USTA National Campus in Orlando. The Tigers (3-6) won in straight sets in singles and gave up only four games total in doubles.

Seniors Matthew Moody/Raleigh, N.C. and Michael Moody/Raleigh, N.C. got things done quickly at the top doubles spot as they won 8-1 over the Little Giants. Classmates Clark Cummings/Norfolk and Grayson Burns/Waynesboro did not take much longer as they earned the 8-3 win at number two doubles. Senior Zander Theoharis/Vero Beach, Fla. and freshman Chuck Roberson/Rocky Mount, N.C. completed the sweep with their 8-0 shutout of Wabash at number three doubles.

It was much of the same in singles as the Tigers gave up only five total games among the six matches, including three 6-0, 6-0 matches.



Matthew Moody opened up action with his 6-0, 6-2 win at number one doubles while twin brother Michael Moody

nearly matched him with a 6-0, 6-1 win at number two. Cummings nearly shutdown his Little Giant opponent

with a 6-1, 6-1 win at number three.

Burns started the run of shutouts for the Tigers. Along

with junior Andrew Donelson/McLean and Theoharis, the trio each won their match with 6-0, 6-0 victories.

Longwood Sophomore Madison Blair's Double Play Earns No. 8 Spot on SportCenter

Longwood sophomore Madison Blair put the Lancers softball team and Longwood University in front of a national audience. The sophomore earned a spot on ESPN SportCenter's Top 10 plays for her line drive snag and tag double play in the Lancers 7-1 win over the Rhode Island doubleheader.

Blair's line drive snag and

diving tag on the Rhode Island's baserunner was No. 8 on ESPN's daily countdown of top plays from the day. The highlight, captured on ESPN+ and shown below, was shown on national television on ESPN's flagship program, which airs hourly every night and the following morning.

Blair's double-play occurred in the top half of the fourth inning of an event-

ful 7-1 victory over the Rams for the Lancers, sweeping Wednesday's doubleheader, and improving Longwood to 5-1 in their last six contests.

A native of San Diego, California, Blair becomes the first Lancer to appear on the SportCenter Top 10 this sea-

son. Blair joins a handful of Lancers who have appeared on the nationally televised countdown of the day's top 10 plays in recent years, including past Longwood softball Lancers Kaylynn Batten, Jessica Smith and Emily Murphy, and Lancers Emilie

Kupsov (women's soccer), Janese Quick (women's soccer), JaShaun Smith (men's basketball), Tristan Carey (men's basketball), and Lucas Woodhouse (men's basketball) have all represented Longwood on ESPN's flagship program.



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NFL Currently Plans to Hold Draft

The 2020 NFL Draft is over a month away, but there have been questions about if the event will even take place. Pro Days at colleges were cancelled, which hurt many prospects, but Charlotte native Joe Reed was able to participate in the NFL Combine and is considered a likely draft pick.

The NFL released the following information late last week on the event and the

current status. As with everything, this could change depending on the way that the Coronavirus outbreak either increases or subsides in coming weeks.

“In consideration of current information related to COVID-19 and guidance from medical experts such as the CDC, and in coordination with public authorities in Nevada and the City of Las Vegas, the NFL will modify its plans

for the 2020 NFL Draft, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell announced today.

The clubs’ selection of players will proceed as scheduled April 23-25. The NFL is exploring innovative options for how the process will be conducted and will provide that information as it becomes available. The selection process will be televised.

Public NFL Draft events in Las Vegas next month will not take place.

“This decision reflects our foremost priority – the health and safety of all fans and citizens,” said Commissioner Goodell. “While this outcome is disappointing both to the NFL and to the Las Vegas community, we look forward to partnering with the Raiders, the City of Las Vegas and the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority for a future NFL Draft as well as evaluating opportunities for other major NFL events in Las Vegas in the future, including the Super Bowl.”



Joe Reed



Anthony Poindexter

Virginia Native Poindexter Named to 2020 Class of College Football Hall of Fame

Former All-America safety Anthony Poindexter has been named to the 2020 Class of the College Football Hall of Fame, the National Football Foundation announced today. He will be inducted during the 63rd NFF Annual Awards Dinner on Dec. 8 in New York City and immortalized at the College Football Hall of Fame in Atlanta.

The Lynchburg, Va., native becomes the fifth Cavalier player to be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame. UVA’s previous inductees include (class): Bill Dudley (1956), Tom Scott (1979), Joe Palumbo (1999) and Jim Dombrowski (2008). Former Cavalier head coaches inducted into the Hall include Earle “Greasy” Neale (1967), Frank Murray (1983) and George Welsh (2004).

Just the second player in UVA history to be a two-time first-team All-American, Poindexter garnered consensus honors after his senior campaign. The 1998 ACC Defensive Player of the Year was a finalist for both the Thorpe and Nagurski Awards while playing for Welsh. After helping UVA to a share of the 1995 conference title and earning honorable mention All-ACC accolades, Poindexter went on to become just the third Cavalier to be named a three-time first-team All-ACC selection.

A second-team All-American in 1996, Poindexter led Virginia to three bowl games, including a win in the 1995 Peach Bowl. Named the 1997 Dudley Award winner as the best player in the state of Virginia, he owns the school record with seven career fumble recoveries while his 342 career tackles are the second most all-time among Cavalier defensive backs. A two-time recipient of the Ned McDonald Award as UVA’s most outstanding defensive player, Poindexter owns or shares school single-game records for interceptions (three vs. NC State in 1996), assisted tackles (14 vs. Virginia Tech in 1996) and fumble recoveries (two vs. Georgia Tech in 1997 and again vs. Duke in 1998). A member of the ACC All-Academic Team as a junior, his No. 3 jersey was retired in 2009.

Poindexter’s college ca-

reer ended prematurely when he suffered a severe knee injury during the seventh game of the 1998 season against NC State. A two-time team captain, he was named a co-recipient of the 1998 Brian Piccolo Award as the ACC’s most courageous football player

Poindexter graduated from Virginia in 1999 with a bachelor’s degree in anthropology. A seventh-round pick in the 1999 NFL Draft, Poindexter played for the Baltimore Ravens and Cleveland Browns during three seasons in the league. During the 2000 season, he played in 10 games for the Ravens on the way to their victory in Super Bowl XXXV.

Following his NFL career, Poindexter spent 11 seasons on the coaching staff at Virginia, starting as a graduate assistant and ending his Virginia tenure as safeties coach in 2013. After serving as defensive coordinator and safeties coach at Connecticut from 2014-16, he is entering his fourth season as the co-defensive coordinator and safeties coach at Purdue.

Joining Poindexter in the 2020 class are: Lomas Brown (OT, Florida, 1981-84), Keith Byars (RB, Ohio State, 1982-85), Eric Crouch (QB, Nebraska, 1998-2001), Eric Dickerson (RB, Southern Methodist, 1979-82), Glenn Dorsey (DT, LSU, 2004-07), Jumbo Elliott (OT, Michigan, 1984-87), Jason Hanson (PK, Washington State, 1988-91), E.J. Henderson (LB, Maryland, 1999-2002), E.J. Junior (DE, Alabama, 1977-80), Steve McNair (QB, Alcorn State, 1991-94), Cade McNown (QB, UCLA, 1995-98), Leslie O’Neal (DT, Oklahoma State, 1982-85), David Pollock (DE, Georgia, 2001-04), Bob Stein (DE, Minnesota, 1966-68), Michael Westbrook (WR, Colorado, 1991-94) and Elmo Wright (WR, Houston, 1968-70) and coaches Dick Sheridan and Andy Tally.

The 17 first-team All-America players and two standout coaches in the 2020 class were selected from the of 76 players and five coaches from the Football Bowl Sub-division, the 101 players and 33 coaches from the divisional ranks and the NFF Veterans Committee candidates.

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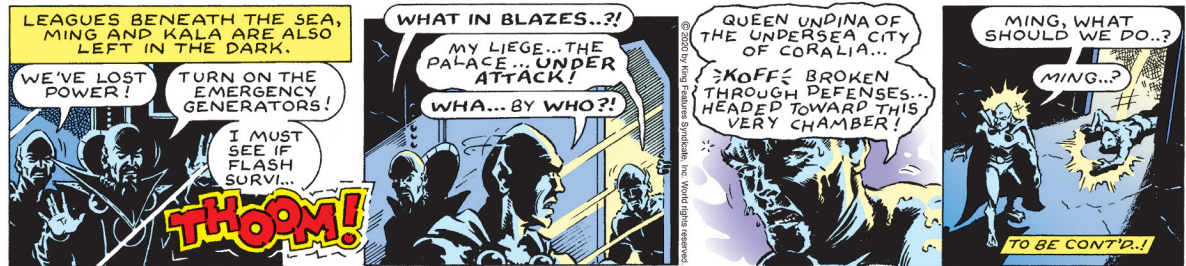
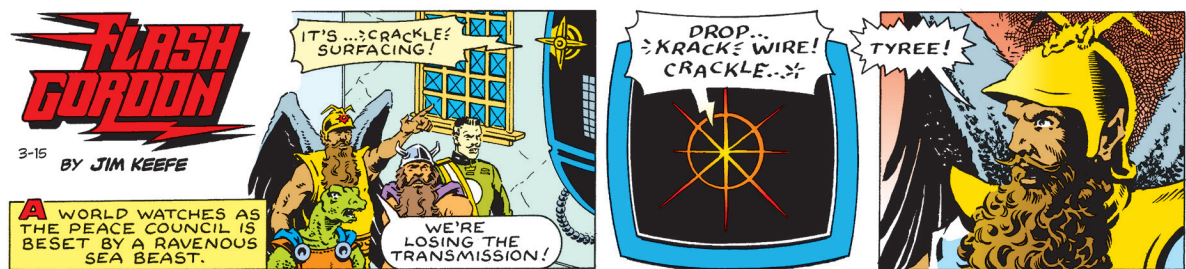
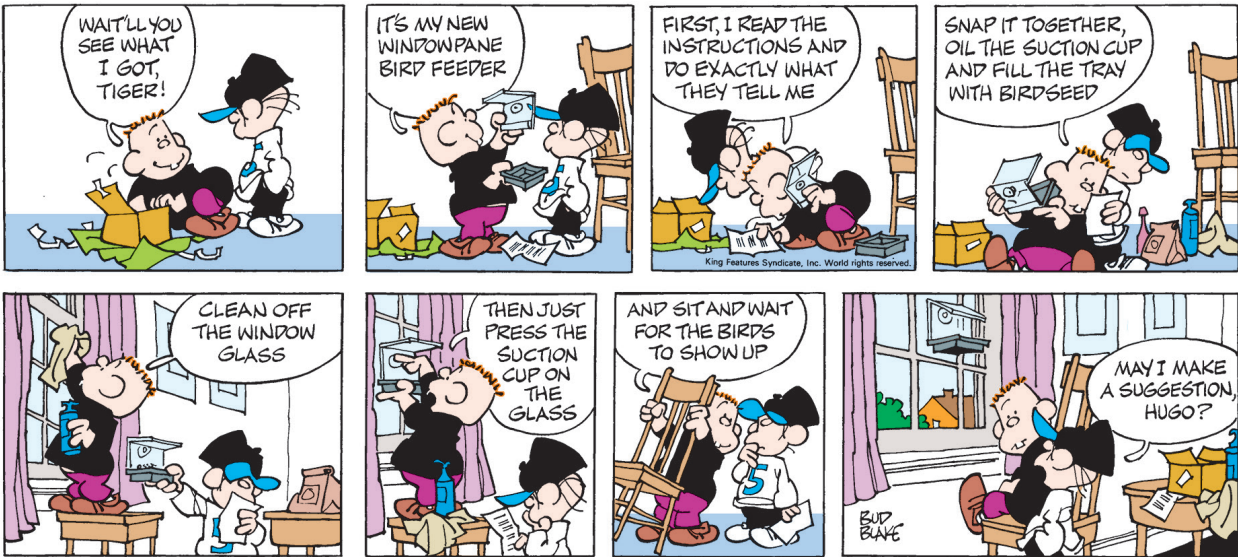
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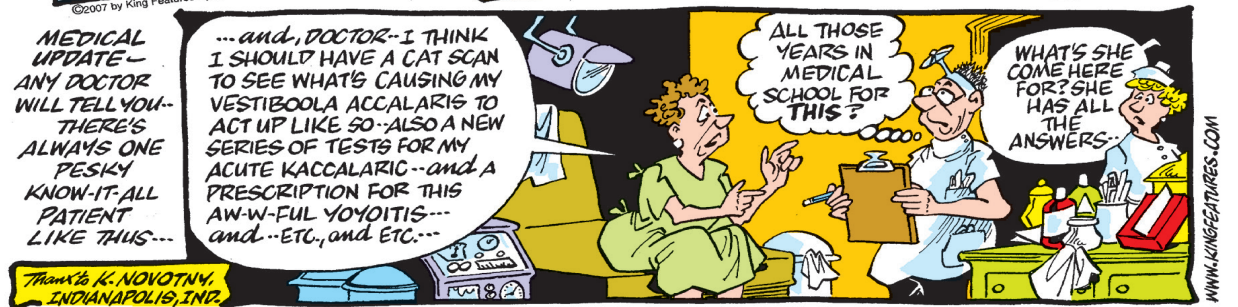
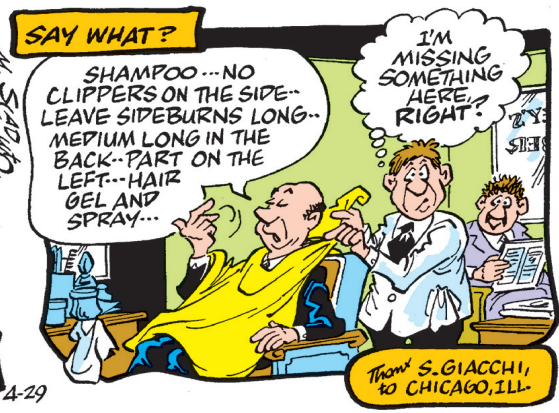
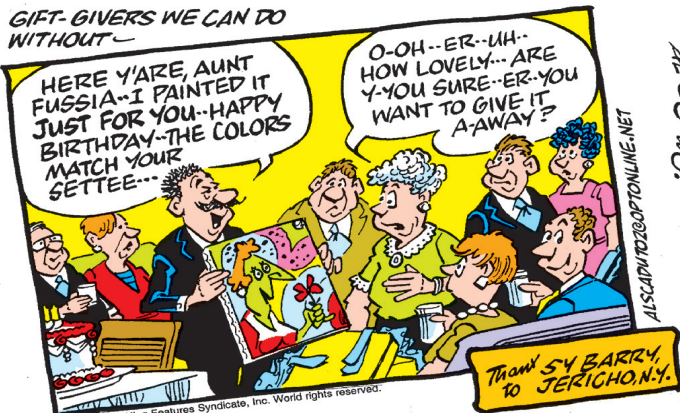
TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME

BY AL SCADUTO



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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DIFFICULTY: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: U equals T

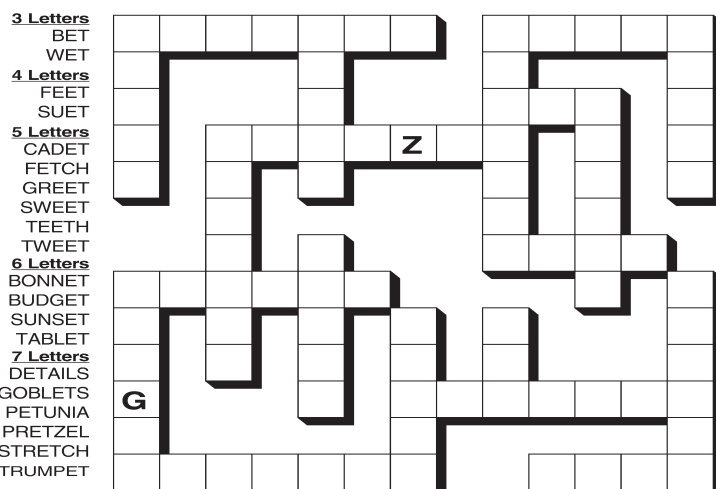
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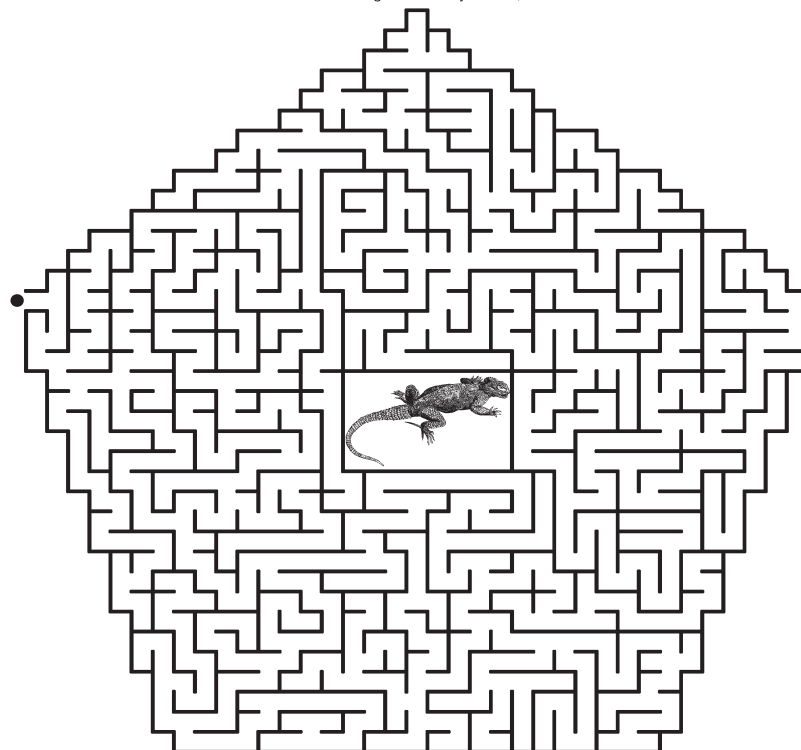
by Helene Hovanec

CRISSCROSS - "ET" WORDS
Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.



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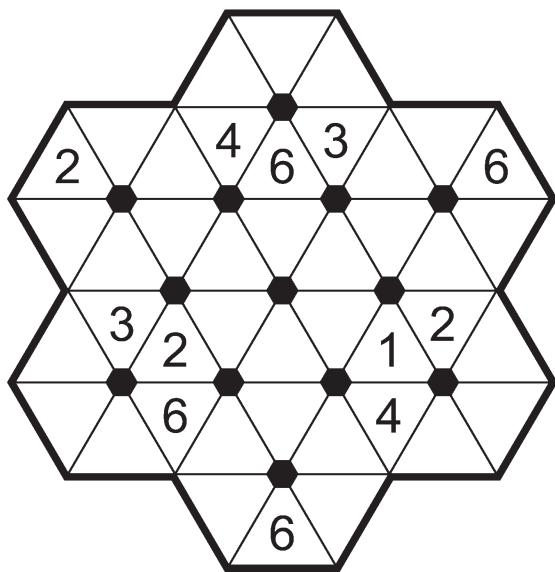
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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

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

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— Mickey Mantle

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

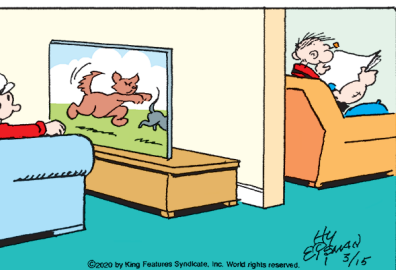
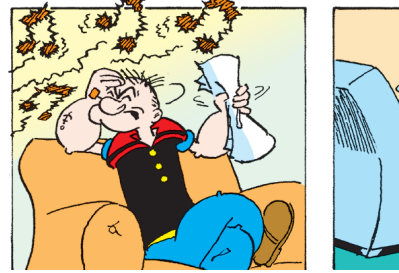
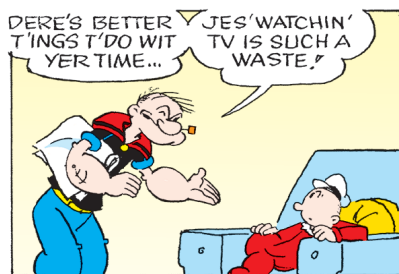
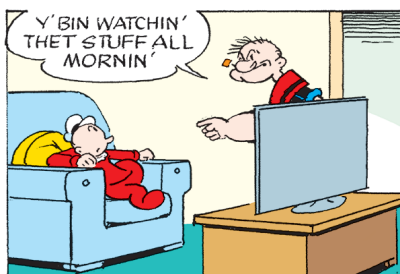
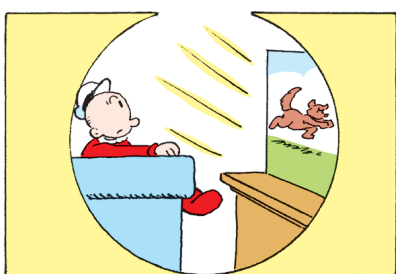
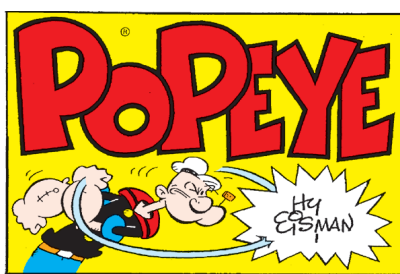
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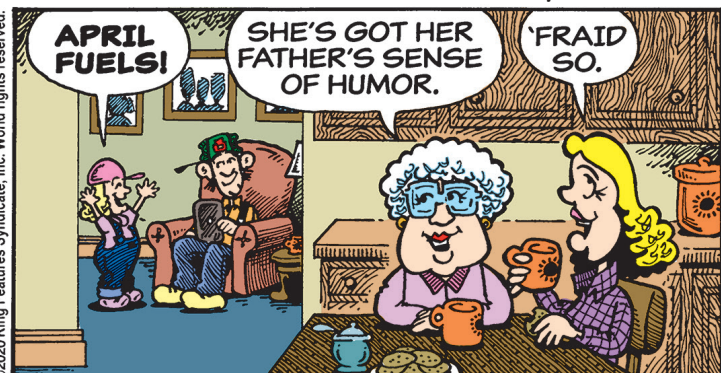
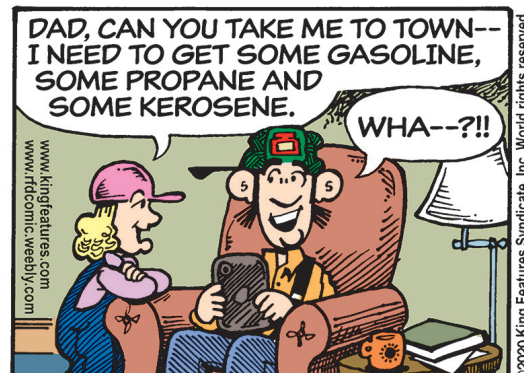
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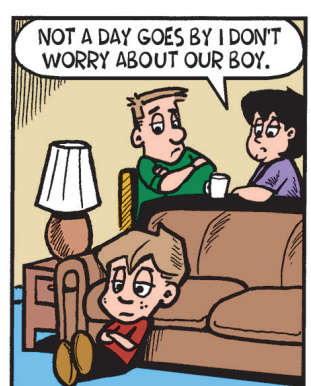
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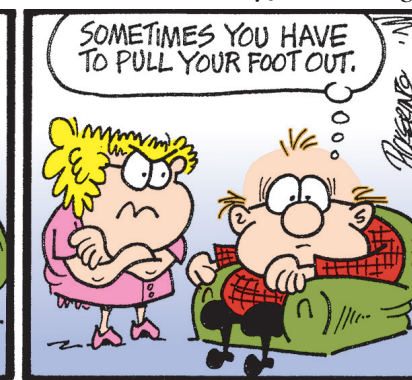
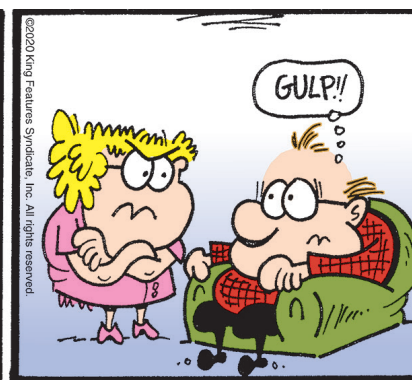
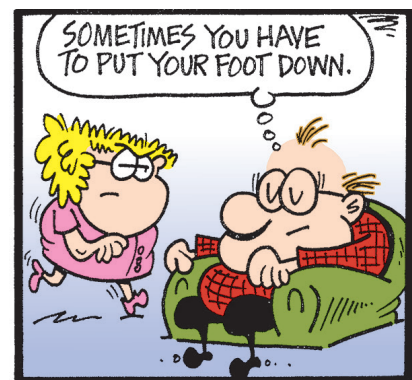
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OUT ON A LIMB

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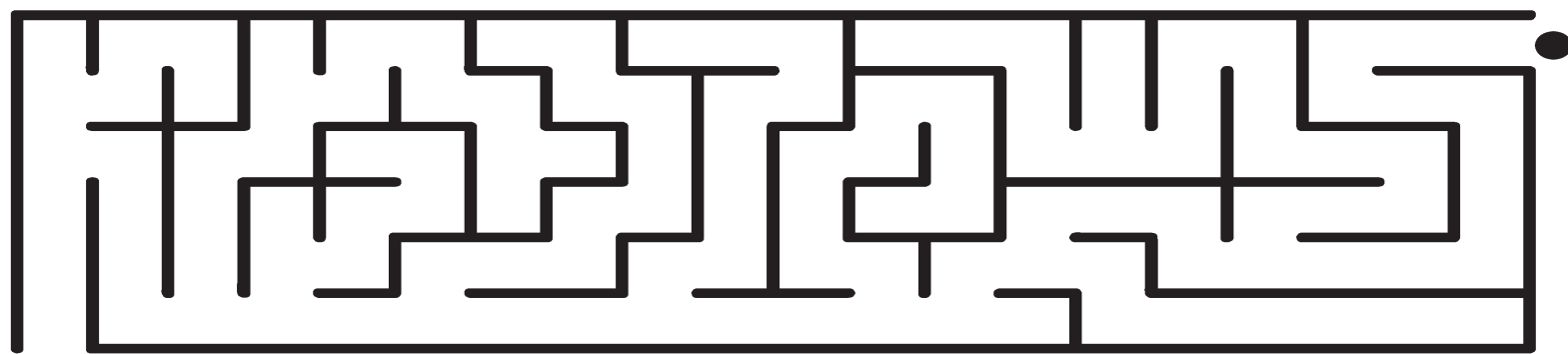
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 - 23 Like overly harsh punishment
 - 25 Consolidate
 - 26 Suffix with prophet
 - 27 Calc prereq
 - 28 Hosiery hitch
 - 30 Transmission option
 - 31 Coil of yarn
 - 33 1985 hit for Sheila E.
 - 37 Female graduates
 - 40 Middle: Abbr.
 - 41 Cello bow rub-on
 - 42 Monkey of kid-lit
 - 46 Upholstered footstool
 - 50 Country singer Travis
 - 51 Inits. on a navy vessel
 - 52 Neighbor of Ger.
 - 54 Apple pie — mode
 - 55 Just makes, with "out"
 - 56 1965 Marvin Gaye hit
 - 63 Dial-up alternative, for short
 - 64 Fall away
 - 65 Cube inventor
 - 66 Feeble
 - 67 Noncircular paths around bodies
 - 72 Homeland, affectionately
 - 75 Big name in dog food
 - 76 108-card game
 - 77 Toque or fez
 - 80 1967 hit for the Doors
 - 85 Infrequent
 - 86 "Star Trek" rank: Abbr.
 - 87 Pflifer from
 - 88 Singer Yoko
 - 89 Leaks slowly
 - 90 To no extent
 - 94 Mismatched collection
 - 99 Knife of old commercials
 - 101 — Kippur
 - 102 Stream of electrons
 - 103 Witches in "Macbeth"
 - 107 Cantaloupe or honeydew
 - 108 Body gel additive
 - 109 "There's — haven't heard!"
 - 110 — prayer for
 - 111 Univ. Web site suffix
 - 114 Beach hills
 - 116 "77 Sunset Strip" actor, familiarly
 - 122 Mrs. Bunker
 - 123 Use an umbrella, say
 - 124 Posts again
 - 125 Hunter's lure
 - 126 Fusible alloys
 - 127 Bad-mouth
 - DOWN**
 - 1 "Lo!, " to Livy
 - 2 Golf norms
 - 3 Don of radio
 - 4 Deadlock
 - 5 100%
 - 6 Tableland
 - 7 Units of inductance
 - 8 Chug- (guzzle)
 - 9 Suffix with Caesar
 - 10 Mu — pork
 - 11 Western treaty inits.
 - 12 Pope before Gregory XIII
 - 13 More nonsensical
 - 14 Prison, informally
 - 15 — and how
 - 16 Pizza herb
 - 17 More irritated
 - 18 Rocker
 - 19 Plow pioneer
 - 24 Noisy clamor
 - 29 Basic idea
 - 31 Actor Jimmy
 - 32 Granny, e.g.
 - 33 At — of (priced at)
 - 34 Item in a P.O. box
 - 35 Part of NATO: Abbr.
 - 36 Acne spot
 - 37 Performed on stage
 - 38 Lies in wait
 - 39 Apocryphal archangel
 - 43 With 115-Down, nervous and apprehensive
 - 44 Part of i.e.
 - 45 "... wife could — lean"
 - 47 Injure badly
 - 48 Jai —
 - 49 DEA agent
 - 53 "Shape — ship out!"
 - 56 Alphabet opener
 - 57 "May — of service?"
 - 58 Burglar's job
 - 59 Missile's path
 - 60 "Deathtrap" star Michael
 - 61 "For — us a child is born"
 - 62 Guitarist
 - 63 Paul
 - 64 "Green" sci. charged atom
 - 67 Sci-fi power
 - 68 Robert De —
 - 69 1990s
 - 70 Bldg. units
 - 71 Virus, e.g.
 - 72 Not closed
 - 73 Jay of NBC
 - 74 Biblical verb
 - 77 Belittling frat
 - 78 Circus venue
 - 79 Touchy
 - 81 Bohemianism
 - 82 Meanders
 - 83 Question's opp.
 - 84 Turndowns
 - 85 Like Brutus
 - 89 Prince — von
 - 91 Go along with
 - 92 Christie's cry
 - 93 — many words
 - 95 Coloring stuff
 - 96 Camera —
 - 97 Ones toeing the line
 - 98 Tag anew
 - 100 In the habit of
 - 103 Crossed a ford
 - 104 Get by
 - 105 Like a
 - 106 Cyclical, at the beach
 - 107 — tai (drink)
 - 110 "The — the limit!"
 - 111 Markey of
 - 112 Nixing mark
 - 113 Stalin's land
 - 115 See 43-Down
 - 117 English dramatist
 - 118 Lyrical verse
 - 119 Bruin
 - 120 Peru's
 - 121 Campaigned

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Kids' Maze



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STICKELLERS [sic]

by Terry Stickels

MONDAY is the only day of the week that has an anagram, "DYNAMO."

Are there any month names that have anagrams? If so, what are they?

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Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On April 11, 1814, Napoleon Bonaparte, emperor of France, abdicates the throne and is banished to the Mediterranean island of Elba. Napoleon is credited with reforms that had a lasting impact on European society, including rights for all men and the end of feudalism.
- On April 7, 1891, American showman Phineas T. Barnum dies in Bridgeport, Connecticut, at age 81. Barnum had requested that a New York paper run his obituary before he died so he could enjoy reading it, and the paper obliged.
- On April 12, 1908, a fire at the Boston Blacking Company in Chelsea, Massachusetts, leaves 12 dead, 85 missing and presumed dead and more than 17,000 homeless. Due to high winds, a good portion of the city burned.
- On April 6, 1917, the U.S House of Representatives endorses a Senate declaration of war against Germany, and America formally enters World War I. Some 50,000 American soldiers would lose their lives before the war ended on Nov. 11, 1918.
- On April 10, 1933, President Franklin Roosevelt establishes the Civilian Conservation Corps to put thousands of Americans to work during the Great Depression. The CCC was open to unemployed, unmarried U.S. male citizens between the ages of 18 and 26.
- On April 9, 1959, NASA introduces America's first astronauts to the press: Scott Carpenter, Gordon Cooper Jr., John Glenn Jr., Virgil "Gus" Grissom, Walter Schirra Jr., Alan Shepard Jr. and Donald Slayton. The seven men, all military test pilots, were selected from a group of 32 candidates.
- On April 8, 2005, Eric Rudolph agrees to plead guilty to a series of bombings, including the fatal bombing at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, in order to avoid the death penalty. A 40-pound pipe bomb that exploded in Atlanta's Centennial Olympic Park killed one woman and injured over 100 people.

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MAGIC MAZE

KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE

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

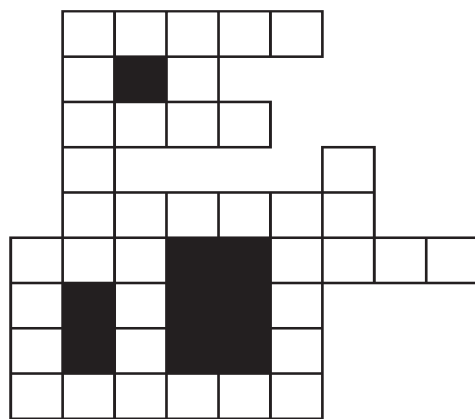
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
 Unlisted clue hint: **King Arthur's Castle and Court**

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| Bedivere | Gareth | King Arthur | Percival |
| Chivalry | Gawain | Lamorak | Tor |
| Gaheris | Geraint | Lancelot | Tristan |
| Galahad | Kay | Legend | |

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FEAR & KNIGHT
 By: rj johnson
 DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

- IXN
- SAGNIE
- ♥ RONGE
- ♥ ESGA
- KETIAL
- ♥ AGL
- TENX
- ♥ ARCEN
- GEG
- LUNICE
- ALAXI
- ♥ ACLO



Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.



- Name the bridge in Bobbie Gentry's 1967 hit "Ode to Billie Joe."
- Which singer was born Jean Caliste? What was her only big hit single?
- Who released "You Can't Always Get What You Want," and when?
- Who was the first to release "Lawdy Miss Clawdy"?
- Name the song that contains this lyric: "Boy, the way Glenn Miller played, Songs that made the hit parade. Guys like us we had it made."

Answers

- The Tallahatchie Bridge, a wooden bridge near Money, Mississippi. It collapsed after being set on fire in 1972 and was replaced with a concrete bridge in 1986.
- Jean Knight, with "Mr. Big Stuff," in 1971. She got a Grammy nom in 1972 for the song.
- The Rolling Stones, in 1969, on their "Let It Bleed" album. The song was listed at No. 100 on the 2004 list of the "500 Greatest Songs of All Time."
- Lloyd Price, in 1952, followed by Elvis Presley in 1956.
- "Those Were the Days," the theme song to the long-running TV show "All in the Family," with Archie Bunker played by Carroll O'Connor. The show ran from 1971 to 1979.

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- TELEVISION: Which show was a spinoff of the 1970s show "The Six Million Dollar Man"?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president had a personal retreat at Warm Springs, Georgia?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which river runs through the city of Paris, France?
- MOVIES: Who was the young female star of the movie "Firestarter"?
- SCIENCE: What is the largest living structure on Earth?
- FIRSTS: Who is the first (and only so far) football player to win the Heisman Trophy twice?
- HISTORY: How many people were officially executed in the Reign of Terror after the French Revolution?
- BIBLE: How many proverbs did King Solomon compose?
- BUSINESS: What is the unit of currency used in South Africa?
- U.S. STATES: Which three states have four-letter names?

Answers

- "The Bionic Woman"
- Franklin Roosevelt
- The Seine River
- Drew Barrymore
- The Great Barrier Reef
- Archie Griffin, Ohio State
- Almost 17,000
- 3,000
- The rand
- Ohio, Iowa and Utah

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SCRAMBLERS

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

- Blanket: RELAY
- Outrage: RANGE
- Irritation: AGRINCH
- Clarin: BULGE

TODAY'S WORD

"When my wife told me that my birthday gift was something I could use outdoors, I thought she meant a _____."

Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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|------------------------|-------------|------------------|-----------|
| 1. More secure | --- F --- | Curved sword | --- B --- |
| 2. TV accessory | --- T --- | Get rid of | --- V --- |
| 3. Roberts or Child | --- A --- | Actress Christie | --- E --- |
| 4. Food cupboard | --- N --- | Measly | --- L --- |
| 5. Small rivers | --- S --- | Actress Shields | --- E --- |
| 6. Interfere | --- E --- | Center | --- I --- |
| 7. Tremble | --- H --- | Miner's claim | --- T --- |
| 8. Mockery | --- A --- | Energy | --- O --- |
| 9. Germany's capital | B --- M --- | Arthurian wizard | M --- |
| 10. Rocker or recliner | --- R --- | Series of links | --- N --- |

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

JOHN 1:14

The **Word** became **flesh** and **made** his **dwelling among** us. We have **seen his** glory, the **glory** of the **one** and **only Son**, who **came** from the **Father**, **full** of **grace** and **truth**.

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

Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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King Crossword

ACROSS

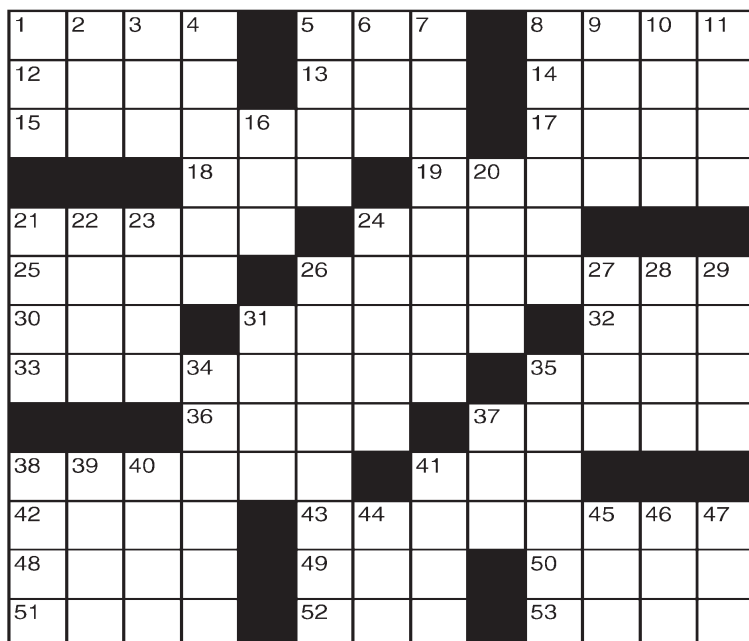
- Sacred wading bird
- Created Meadow
- Erstwhile Peruvian
- Series of missed calls
- Celebrity Pair
- Consecrate with oil
- Cognizant
- Huffed and puffed
- Shrewd
- Lunch holder
- Tokyo's old name
- Canonized one
- Beer-like brew
- Joke that won't work on radio
- On the briny
- Thy
- Theater staffer

- Treeless tract
- Blond shade
- Ark builder
- Long-popular jazz tune
- Shrek, for one
- Pirouette pivot
- Car
- German city
- Finish
- Encounter

- laborator
- Lamb's mama
- Salamander
- Dogfight participants
- Gully
- Awestruck
- Pipe type
- Loaf of French bread
- Wild party
- Sheltered
- Paraphernalia
- Halt
- It's handy if you have to break your word
- Religious retreat
- Handle
- Uppity one
- Takeout phrase
- Deserve
- On in years
- Charged bit
- Regret
- Corroded
- Obtained

DOWN

- Mischievous tyke
- "Humbug!"
- Altar affirmative
- Guard
- Chorus member
- Shooter ammo
- Annoying follower
- Drop from a will
- Opposed
- Read cursorily
- Rodgers col-



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top ten

HEALTH FOOD TRENDS

- Plant-based meats
- Non-alcoholic drinks
- Ancient grains
- Plant-based butters
- Celery juice
- Soy alternatives
- Pegan diet
- Ayurvedic diet
- Low-carb diets
- Oat milk

Source: Prevention

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TOP VIDEO RENTALS AND SALES

Top 10 Video On Demand

1. **Frozen 2**(PG) animated
2. **Knives Out** (PG-13) Daniel Craig
3. **Dark Waters** (PG-13) Mark Ruffalo
4. **Ford v Ferrari** (PG-13) Matt Damon
5. **Midway** (PG-13) Ed Skrein
6. **A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood**(PG) Tom Hanks
7. **Queen & Slim** (R) Daniel Kaluuya
8. **21 Bridges** (R) Chadwick Boseman
9. **JoJo Rabbit** (PG-13) Roman Griffin Davis
10. **Joker** (R) Joaquin Phoenix

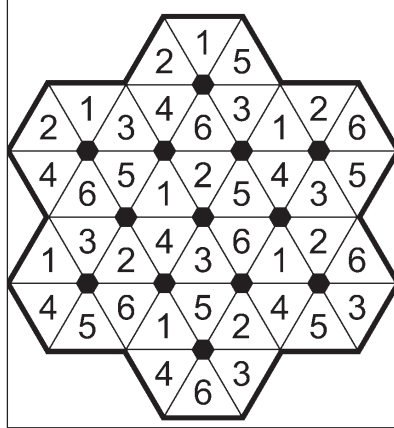
Top 10 DVD, Blu-ray Sales

1. **Frozen 2**(PG) Disney
2. **Knives Out** (PG-13) Lionsgate
3. **Midway** (PG-13) Lionsgate
4. **A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood**(PG) Sony Pictures
5. **Ford v Ferrari** (PG-13) FOX
6. **Joker** (R) Warner Bros.
7. **Queen & Slim** (R) Universal
8. **Maleficent: Mistress of Evil** (PG) Disney
9. **Doctor Sleep** (R) Warner Bros.
10. **Rambo: Last Blood** (R) Lionsgate

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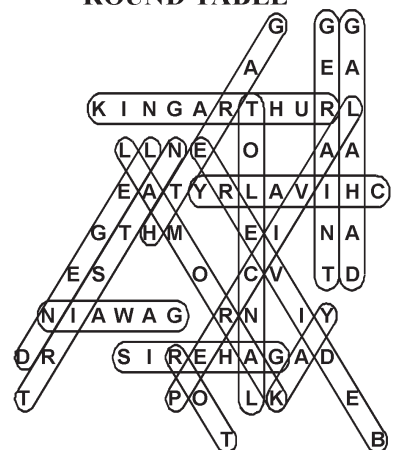
SNOWFLAKES

solution



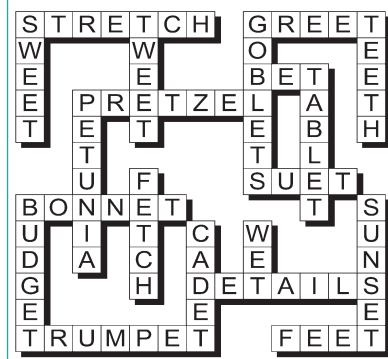
Magic Maze Answer

KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE



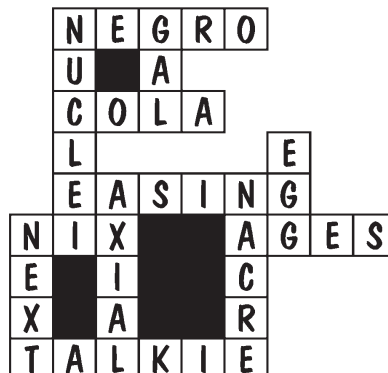
Puzzles4Kids

Answer



FEAR & KNOT

answer



Go Figure!

answers

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CryptoQuote

answer

Because I cannot do every-
thing, I will not refuse
to do the something that
I can do.
— Edward Everett Hale

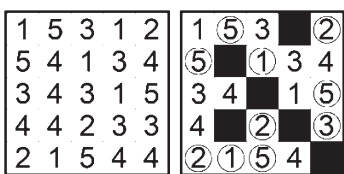
CryptoQuip

answer

To some waggish people, press
censorship might be described
as writer's clamp.

Conceptis Hitori

Each puzzle consists of a square grid with numbers appearing in all squares. The object is to shade squares so:



- No number appears in a row or column more than once.
- Shaded (black) squares do not touch each other vertically or horizontally.
- When completed, all un-shaded (white) squares create a single continuous area.

2	5	6	2	4	2
1	2	2	4	5	1
6	2	1	3	3	5
1	1	1	5	4	3
3	4	5	2	6	2
1	3	4	3	2	6

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SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Layer; 2. Anger; 3. Chagrin; 4. Bugle

Today's Word
HARLEY

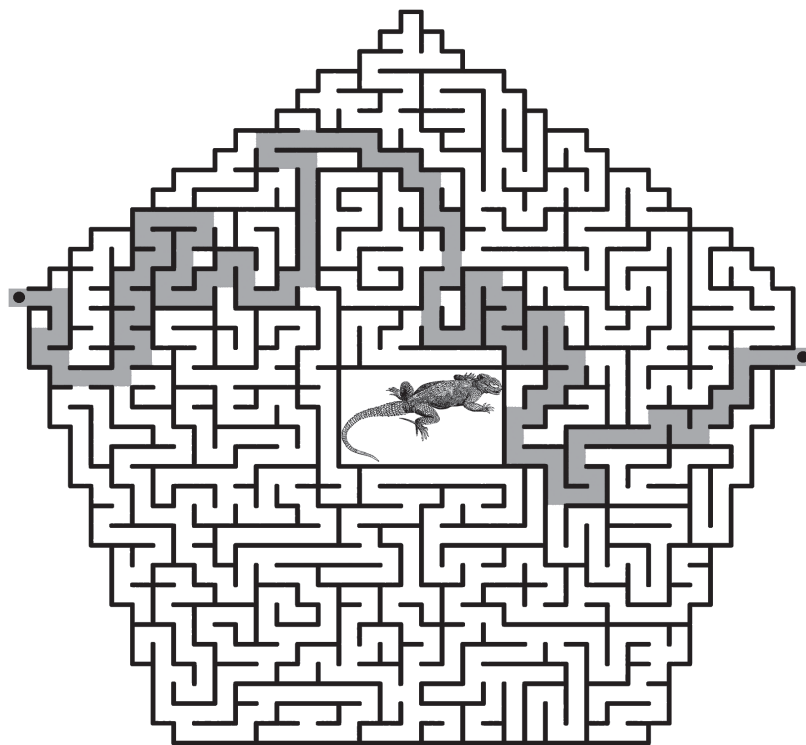
Super Crossword

Answers

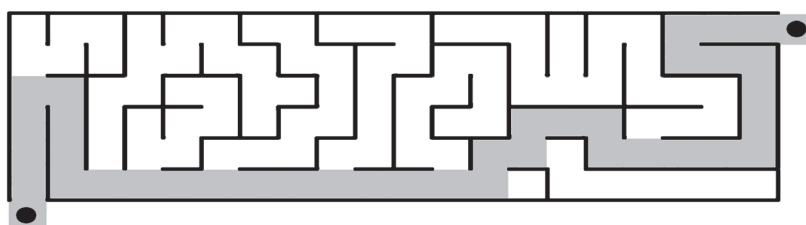
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Mega Maze

Solution



Kids' Maze Solution



King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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M	A	D	E	L	E	A	I	N	C	A	
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T	W	O	A	N	O	I	N	T			
A	W	A	R	E	B	L	E	W			
C	A	G	Y	B	R	O	W	N	B	A	G
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Sticklers Answer

The only months that have anagrams are MARCH, APRIL and MAY. Their anagrams are CHARM, PILAR and YAM.

Hitori

answer

2	5	6	2	4	2
1	2	2	4	5	1
6	2	1	3	3	5
1	1	1	5	4	3
3	4	5	2	6	2
1	3	4	3	2	6

Even Exchange

answers

1. Safer, Saber
2. Remote, Remove
3. Julia, Julie
4. Pantry, Paltry
5. Brooks, Brooke
6. Meddle, Middle
7. Shake, Stake
8. Farce, Force
9. Berlin, Merlin
10. Chair, Chain

Super Crossword

Answers

E	P	I	T	A	P	H	A	E	S	O	P	I	C	H	O	S	E	D	
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Community Calendar

ATTENTION READERS: All community calendar events are subject to change in response to the COVID-19 virus outbreak. Please use contact info to check with the below organizations before attempting to attend a meeting or event.

Community Calendar is a free service of the Southside Messenger. We welcome all groups, churches, schools and businesses to send us your events and we will publish them free of charge, as space allows. Send your event to calendars@southsidemessenger.com. Be sure to include the date, location, and time of the event, as well as any cost or fees. For-profit events will not be included in this calendar.

Meetings
 • **Arc of Southern Virginia** meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 in the

Leggett Auditorium at Halifax Regional Hospital in South Boston. If desired, participants may bring a bag supper or purchase a carry out supper from the hospital's Bellwood Café. For more info, call 434-222-8931.
 • **Chase City Chamber of Commerce** meets the second Thursday of each month at noon in the Chamber Office.
 • **Farmville Rotary Club** meets every Thursday from noon to 1:00 p.m. at Charley's Waterfront Café in Farmville.
 • **Keysville Lighthouse** meets on the second Saturday at Sheldon's Restaurant in Keysville beginning at 9:30 a.m.
 • **Keysville Ruritan Club** meets every third Monday in Ash Camp Baptist Church Fellowship Hall in Keysville at 6:30 p.m.
 • **The American Legion Auxiliary** meets the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Sheldon's Restaurant on Four Locust Hwy. in Keysville. Dues are \$30 a year and you must be the wife, daughter or granddaughter of a member of the armed services.
 • **The Charlotte County Grays**, Sons of Confederate Veterans, meets on the third Tuesday at Sheldon's Restaurant in Keysville beginning at 6:30 p.m. Call 735-8415 or 696-2202 for info.
 • **Town of Phenix Council** meetings will be held the second Tuesday of each month.
 • **GFWC Charlotte County Woman's Club**, a Volunteer Community Service National woman's club, meets second Tuesday of each month at Central Middle School in Charlotte Court House, 6 p.m. For info call 547-3305.
 • **American Legion Post 99 & American Legion Auxiliary Unit 99** regular monthly meeting will be held the second Monday of each month. Auxiliary will meet at 6:30 p.m. with the Post meeting at 7 p.m. Location: Sinai Road and Mallard Lane, Halifax. For more info, call 434-476-7179 or 476-1268.
 • **Lunenburg Rotary Club** meets every Tuesday (except the 5th Tuesday) 12 noon-1 p.m. Meeting is held the 1st Tuesday of the month at Mildred's Meals in Kenbridge; all other Tuesdays at Uptown Café in Victoria.
 • **Charlotte County Democratic Committee** meets on the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Drakes

Branch Municipal Building.
 • **Jack Garland American Legion Unit 32 & Auxiliary** meets the third Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m., at the Farmville VFW Post, Main St.
 • **Piedmont Area Veterans Council (PAVC)** meets the third Monday of every month at the Farmville VFW, beginning at 10:30 a.m.
 • **VFW Post 7059** holds meetings the first Thursday of each month at 6 p.m., Graham Road, Farmville.
 • **Heart of Virginia Classic Auto Club** meets the second Monday of each month at Merk's Place, Farmville, at 6 p.m. for dining and 7 p.m. for the meeting.
 • **Central High Museum, Inc.** located at 515 Thomas Jefferson Highway, Charlotte Court House, meeting will be held every second Thursday, 5 p.m.
 • **The 320 Ladies Prayer & Bible Study Group** meetings are every Tuesday, 7 p.m., at Mt. Tirzah Baptist Church, Charlotte Court House. We are a diverse group from all around the Southside area, and we love to worship, pray and dig into the Word. For more information, contact Wanda Stewart at 434-547-4405.
 • **American Legion Post #260** meets the third Thursday of each month at Sheldon's Restaurant, Keysville, 6:45 p.m.
 • **VFW Lunenburg Post 9954 & Auxiliary** meets monthly on the second Saturday at 8 a.m. for breakfast and the fourth Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. for supper and business meeting, at 1000 Marshal St., Victoria.
 • **Calling all "HAMS"** The Charlotte County Amateur Radio Club meets at Keysville Fire Station, 500 Osbourne St., the first Sunday of every month, 3 p.m. Experienced hams welcome and beginners encouraged to attend. Classes available, contact Dan (K5KHZ) at 434-210-8383 for information.
 • **Lunenburg County Republican Committee** meets the first Monday of every month, January-October and December; November will be the first Tuesday, at Marion's Restaurant, Victoria, 6 p.m.
 • **Charlotte County Republican Committee** meets the second Thursday of each month at the Charlotte Court House Town Office, 325 George Washington Hwy., Charlotte C.H., 7 p.m. For more information, call 434-470-0537.
 • **Habitat for Humanity Charlotte County Committee** meets the third Monday, 7 p.m., in the basement of Drakes Branch Baptist Church. For more information, call/text 434-208-0558 or email philjacksondb@gmail.com.

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Alcoholics Anonymous

- Sunday 9 a.m.; Farmville Support, Centra Community Hospital, 800 Oak Street, Farmville; Open Discussion
- Sunday, 8 p.m.; Lifeboat College Church, College Road, Hampden-Sydney; Open Literature
- Monday, 8 p.m., Not Alone, Farmville United Methodist Church, 212 High Street, Farmville; Open Literature
- Tuesday, 7 p.m., Keysville Reflections, Briery Presbyterian Church, 181 Briery Road, Keysville; Open Literature
- Wednesday, 8 p.m.; Not Alone, Farmville United Methodist Church, 212 High Street, Farmville; Open Literature
- Thursday, 12:15 p.m.; Nooners Big Book Benders, Johns Episcopal Church, 400 High Street, Farmville; Literature Study
- Friday 6:15 p.m.; Women's Group, VASAP, 4026 W. Third Street, Farmville; Open Discussion
- Saturday, 1 p.m.; Joy of Living, Meherrin Presbyterian Church, 4999 Patrick Henry Hwy., Meherrin; Open Literature
- Saturday, 8 p.m.; Lifeboat College Church, College Road, Hampden-Sydney; Open Literature

Ongoing Events

- **AWAG Shuttle** Sign-up Every Tuesday AWAG (Animal Welfare Action Group) will be at the J. Robert Jamerson Memorial Library from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. For more info, call the library at 434-352-5340.
- **Breastfeeding Class** Centra Southside Community Hospital in Farmville will be holding a breastfeeding class on the first Tuesday of the month from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Quad Conference Room at Centra Southside Community Hospital, Third Street in Farmville. For info and registration call 434-547-9637
- **Dance** at the VFW Hall, located at 1055 L.P. Bailey Highway in Halifax, will hold a dance every Friday night from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Tickets are \$25 per couple, \$15 for singles. Snacks, ice and sodas will be available for purchase. Music by D.J. Barry & June. Proceeds will go to various programs benefiting veterans.
- **Food Bank** St. Luke Church of God in Christ, located on Arvin Street in Keysville, will sponsor a food bank every fourth Saturday from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Please bring your own bags or boxes to carry your food.
- **Drakes Branch Music Hall** on Main Street will be hosting a dance every Thursday night from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. sponsored by the Drakes Branch Ladies Club. The cover charge is only \$5.00 to attend this event.
- **12-Step Biblical Program** Midway Baptist Church, 2595 Midway Rd. in Phenix, Va. will present a 12-step Biblical program - Celebrate Recovery - every Thursday Night at 6:30 p.m. For more info, contact the church at 434-376-3574. Childcare provided.
- **Prince Edward Area Meals on Wheels Fundraiser** last Wednesday of each month, 4-8 p.m. at Bojangles, Farmville.
- **TPCC Food Pantry CVFB** delivers on the third Wednesday of the month - distribution is the next day (Thursday) from 9:30-12. Regular hours of TPCC Food Bank Mon.-Thurs. 8:30-11:30 Lunenburg County residents only.
- **Women's Bible Study** each Friday at 11 a.m.-12 noon in the J. Robert Jamerson Memorial Library conference room. For more info, please call 434-352-8574.
- **Worship Service** of the Safe Haven Christian Ministries, each Sunday, 10:30 a.m., at 5150 Three Sixty Highway, Meherrin. Pastor is Rev. Gloria Eanes.
- **Community Prayer Breakfast** is held the first Tuesday of each month at Moton Museum, 7:30 a.m., in the auditorium.
- **Do you need a ride to church?** Drakes Branch Baptist Church offers free van service on Sunday mornings. Call the church office at 434-568-4021 or 434-208-8496 if interested.
- **Free Kids Club** every Monday, 4-5:30 p.m., for grades K-5th, at Drakes Branch Baptist Church. Snacks, homework help by certified teachers, Bible stories and lessons, games and crafts. To register or for more information, call the church at 434-568-4021.
- **Bible Study Class** every Wednesday evening, at Drakes Branch Baptist Church, for all middle school students. The material used will be AWANA material. For more information, call 434-208-8496.
- **"That the World May Know"** Video Series every Sunday evening, 6-7 p.m., at Drakes Branch Baptist Church. Free and open to the public.
- **Empowerment Bible Study** will meet first and third Thursday of each month, 5 p.m., at Morrison Grove Baptist Church, Charlotte Court House. All women and

girls are welcome.

Blood Drives

- **C.A.R.E. Building**, 1755 North Mecklenburg Avenue, South Hill, will be holding a blood drive on Friday, March 27, 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- **Staunton River Masonic Lodge 155**, 1403 Lynchburg Avenue, Brookneal, will be holding a blood drive on Monday, March 30, 1-6 p.m.
- **Drakes Branch Municipal Building**, 4818 North Main Street, Drakes Branch, will be holding a blood drive on Thursday, April 16, 1-6 p.m.

Events

Thursday, March 26
 • **Alzheimer's Association** caregiver support group will meet via Zoom Meeting, 2 p.m., Zoom Meeting ID: 985 104 288, the Zoom app will be needed to connect with the meeting. The caregiver support group at Brookview will NOT be meeting in April or May. For more information, call Marion Kyner at 434-547-7850.

Friday, March 27

- **Monthly Meeting** of the MOAA (Military Officers Association of America) will NOT be held due to the potential COVID-19 hazard.

Saturday, March 28

- **Concert** featuring "Prodigal Son", 7 p.m., at Rough Creek Presbyterian Church, located three miles north of Phenix on Hwy. 727. Light refreshments following the concert. **THIS EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELED.**
- **Meeting** of the Appreciation Quilt Group, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., in the fellowship hall of First Baptist Church, 815 N. Main St., South Boston. The group creates lap quilts and throws for local veterans, as well as those at the VA Hospital in Salem and in Afghanistan. All skill levels are welcome or come and learn! Questions, call 434-572-1998.
- **Annual Banquet** of the VFW Post 9954 has been canceled. For questions concerning events beyond March 2020, call 434-696-3303.

Sunday, March 29

- **Musical Worship Service** at Union Grove Baptist Church, 2006 County Line Rd., Keysville, 11 a.m., followed by lunch at noon. Musical guests are the Buffalo Creek Ramblers from Amelia. **THIS EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELED.**

Tuesday, March 31

- **SafeTALK Training Workshop** provided through grant funding to Crossroads Prevention Services, free for up to 25 individuals. Workshop teaches participants how to identify persons with thoughts of suicide and connect them to suicide first aid resources. Training will take place at the Farmville Public Library, 5-7:30 p.m. Registration is required, and food will be served during the training. For more information, visit www.livingworks.net.

Wednesday, April 1

- **Preschool Recruitment** for Prince Edward County Elementary School, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. and 4-7 p.m., in the school's Family Engagement Center. For more information, please visit www.pecps.k12.va.us. **THIS EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELED.**

Thursday-Sunday, April 2-5

- **The Wall That Heals** visit to Boydton, has been **POSTPONED**. The Mecklenburg County Public Library is already looking at dates in 2021 to reschedule. For questions or more information, call Connie Boyd at the Boydton Public Library, 434-738-6580.

Saturday, April 4

- **Community Easter Egg Hunt** at Wayland Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, 730 Lunenburg Hwy., Keysville, 11 a.m. Age groups: 0-5, 6-8, 9-12. Prizes awarded after the hunt; visit from the Easter Bunny; hotdog lunch served after the hunt. **THIS EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELED.**

Thursday, April 16

- **It's Not Just Acting!** FREE live, online Power Point presentation hosted by the New Geneva Christian Leadership Academy, Appomattox, 6:30 p.m., at www.facebook.com/NewGenevaChristianLeadershipAcademy/. For more information, call 434-941-6416 or email ArtShould-Matter@gmail.com.


Saturday, July 18

- **30 Year Reunion** of Randolph-Henry High School Class of 1990. Email 1990statesmen@gmail.com for further reunion information before June 1, 2020.


The Easter Egg Hunt set for April 4, 2020 at Wayland Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Keysville, VA has been canceled. There is no reschedule date at this time.



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Support Groups

- **Cancer Support Group** meets the third Monday of every month at 5:00 p.m. at Brian's Steak House, located at 625 E. Atlantic Street in South Hill. This monthly support group is for adult patients with cancer, their families, friends, and caregivers.
- **HIV/AIDS Support "Safe Space,"** a group for individuals living with HIV/AIDS, meets on the third Thursday of every month; location is private for the privacy of our participants. For more info and meeting location contact Marquis D. Mapp at 434-392-9461.
- **Cancer Connections** Meetings are held the third Monday of every month from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Hendrick Cancer & Rehab Center in South Hill, Va. For more info, contact Mary Hardin at 434-774-2417.
- **Domestic Violence Support Groups** Tri-County Community Action Agency hosts Support Groups on the first and third Tuesday of each month. For more info, call 434-572-1136.
- **Single & Parenting Support Group** meets each Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., at Drakes Branch Baptist Church. For more information, call Barbara at 434-568-4021 Mondays-Thursdays, 4:30-7:00 p.m.
- **Celebrate Recovery** meets every Tuesday night from 6:45-8:30 p.m., at Memorial United Methodist Church, Appomattox, in Legacy Hall, for adults age 18 and older. Childcare is available upon request. For more information, contact the church office at 434-352-5705.
- **Recovery Support Group** sponsored by NAMI Connection, for adults living with mental illness, the second Sunday of each month, 2-3:30 p.m., at Central Virginia Regional Library, 1303 W. Third St., Farmville.
- **Compulsive Eaters Anonymous-HOW** meets on Thursday mornings from 10-11 a.m. at the Farmville Presbyterian Church, 200 W. 3rd St., Farmville. For more information, contact Joan at 434-607-1576 or Debbie at 518-248-7220.
- **Online Caregiver Support Group** will meet via Zoom Meeting, for persons caring for someone with Alzheimer's or Dementia, beginning Thursday, March 19 and continuing every Thursday at 2 p.m. For more information, call Marion Kyner

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