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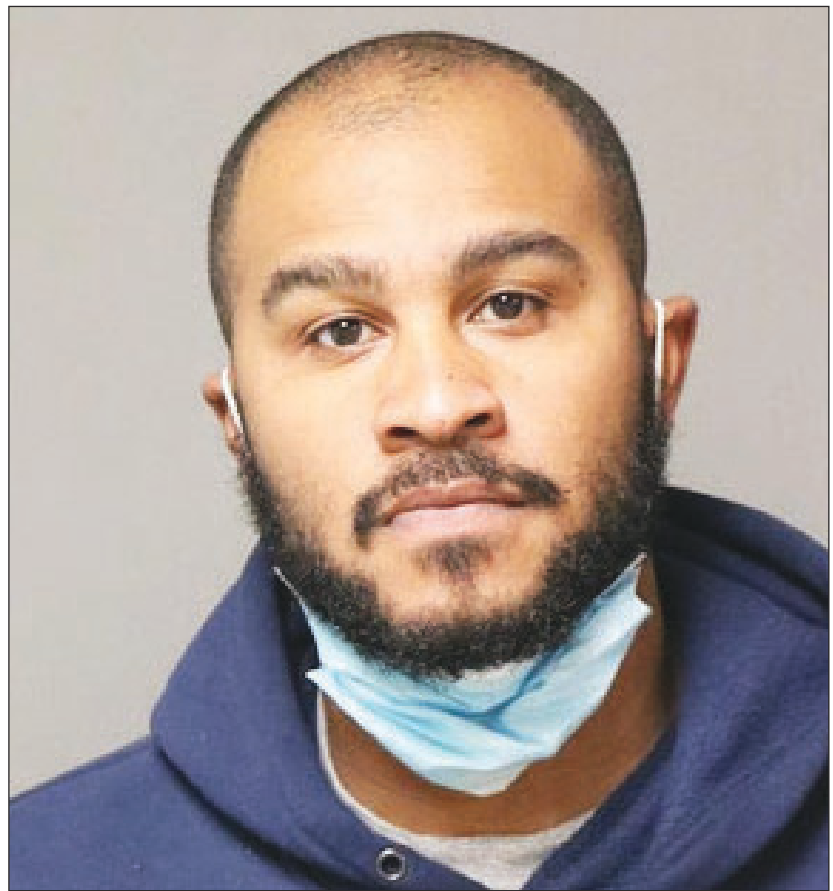
Charlotte County Grand Jury Indicts Virginia State Trooper

CHARLOTTE COUNTY - Derrick A. Thompson of Drakes Branch, Va., was arrested Feb. 4, 2021 on three indictments handed up by a Charlotte County Grand Jury. Thompson has been charged with one felony count of rape, one felony count of sodomy and one felony count of object sexual penetration. The

charges stem from an investigation initiated by the Virginia State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigation's Richmond Field Office into an incident reported to state police in September 2020.

Thompson was taken into custody without incident and is being held at the New River Regional Jail without bond.

Upon his arrest, state police suspended Thompson without pay pending the outcome of the judicial process. Thompson was hired in October 2007 and has been assigned to the Area 23 Office, which encompasses Charlotte and Halifax counties, since August 2011.



Derrick A. Thompson

Accident Claims Life of Victoria Woman

VICTORIA - A tragic accident last week in Lunenburg County claimed the life of a Victoria woman. Sheila Lacks Joyner, a 47-year-old Lunenburg resident, passed away from injuries sustained during the February 3 accident.

Virginia State Police officials released information on the accident late last week, while also indicating that the investigation remains under investigation.

At 9:44 a.m. last Wednesday, Virginia State Police responded to a multi-vehicle crash in the 8500 block of South Hill Rd.

A 2008 Chevrolet Impala was traveling south when it crossed the center line and



struck a northbound tractor-trailer on the driver side. The impact caused the Impala to spin further into the northbound lane and it was struck by a 2018 Ford F-150 pickup truck.

The driver of the Impala, Sheila D. Joyner, 47, of Victoria, Va., was transported to Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center where she succumbed to her injuries. She was wearing a seatbelt.

The drivers of the tractor-trailer and pickup truck were uninjured in the crash.

Joyner was a 1991 graduate of Central High School.

Positive COVID Cases Tick Down as Deaths Increase

SOUTHSIDE - Virginia officials are forcing all school districts to return to in-person learning by March 15. The COVID-19 cases in Virginia are trending down overall, but now new coronavirus variants have some health officials wondering how long that will last.

Currently per day case results are down about half

on average compared to peak numbers of over 6,000 per day. However, the per day cases are still higher than in 2020. The Virginia Department of Health reported 42 new deaths and 2,285 current COVID-19 hospitalizations on Monday morning as deaths are rising overall and at nearly 50 new deaths per day.

For the week, Char-

lotte County positives again jumped by nearly 50 cases and are now at 680 cases on Monday. Charlotte also now sits at 11 deaths related to COVID-19. Lunenburg increased to 588 cases this week while Prince Edward County saw their numbers jump by over 100 to 1,840 this week. Mecklenburg has 1,862 positive cases, while Nottoway now has 1,705 positive cases.

Northam Says School Divisions Must Return by March 15

STATEWIDE - Last week Virginia Governor Ralph Northam called on all K-12 school divisions in the Commonwealth to make in-person learning options available by March 15, 2021 in accordance with the health guidance the Northam Administration put forward in January and new research from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



(CDC). Recognizing significant learning losses over the past year, Governor Northam also encouraged school divisions to offer classroom instruction during the summer months for those who choose.

Governor Northam joined Secretary of Education Atif Qarni, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dr.

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VaccinatePrinceEdward.org New Website to Offer Vaccine Information

PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY - COVID infection rates remain high locally, and a vaccination is a critical strategy in putting the pandemic behind us. But many Prince Edward County citizens are expressing frustration with the process and confusion over when, how, and where in our area they can receive the vaccine. A new online resource aims to help better inform County residents and connect them to the vaccine, as it becomes available.

VaccinatePrinceEdward.org is a one-page website that is bringing together all of the key information to empower County residents in their vaccination efforts. Prince Edward County is encouraging local residents to use it as a tool as they make vaccination plans.

"We often think about the pandemic as something happening nationally or globally, but health is something that truly happens locally," said Prince Edward County Administrator Doug Stanley. "Our community has to work together to combat infection, and the most effective strategy we have right now is to successfully vaccinate as many citizens as we can, as quickly as we can. Vaccinate-

PrinceEdward.org is designed to make that happen by providing our residents the information they need."

The VaccinatePrinceEdward.org site will help break down complex information, including priority groups and who to contact to schedule vaccination appointments. Visitors to the site will also be able to sign up for email alerts to stay informed of updated information from the County. The site was created and will be updated with information provided in partnership with the Piedmont Health District.

The site is part of a larger communications effort by the County to ensure that all residents have access to the information they need to make health decisions related to COVID. The social media campaign #VACCINATE PRINCE EDWARD was launched on Facebook in January. The County resource page is a continuation of that effort.

Nationwide, vaccination programs have been less effective than initially planned. Locally, the health district is receiving only about 1,200 or a quarter of the 5,000 vaccines it has requested per week.

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Northam

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James Lane, and State Health Commissioner Dr. Norm Oliver, MD, MA in applauding educators for their dedication to navigating a challenging and uncertain year, and highlighting data that show in-person learning is safe with proper mitigation measures in place. The governor, along with top state education and public health officials, communicated this goal to school superintendents on a call this morning and in a letter available here.

"The health and safety of students, educators, school personnel, and communities continues to be our top priority," said Governor Northam. "We know that children learn better in classrooms and that going to school is vital for their social-emotional needs and for receiving critical services like meals. It is also important for our youngest learners, students with disabilities, and those with limited access to technology who have struggled most with remote learning. By focusing on mitigation measures, we can provide our kids with safe and equitable learning environments."

On January 14, 2021, State Superintendent for Public Instruction Dr. James Lane and State Health Commissioner Dr. Norman Oliver released interim guidance for safely re-opening PreK-12 schools in a letter to school superintendents and local health directors. This incorporated and replaced the phased

guidance for Virginia schools and interim guidance for mitigation measures in K-12 settings previously issued by the Commonwealth prioritizes the safe return to in-person learning. On January 21, 2021 the Biden Administration also issued an executive order to support the safe reopening of schools.

"In-person learning is critical to the current and future well-being of our children," said State Health Commissioner Dr. Norm Oliver. "VDH remains committed to supporting school districts in getting kids back into classrooms as we work to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and get Virginians vaccinated."

Governor Northam also announced that his administration will be working to support local decisions around expanding summer learning opportunities. While the Commonwealth is not mandating extended learning time during the summer, the Northam Administration is in the process of determining additional resources to support this as an option for school divisions to offer.

"For those who choose to return to in-person instruction, we know that school will not look the same as students remember it from past years," said Secretary of Education Atif Qarni. "However, implementing evidence-based public health strategies will provide students who need it most the opportunity to have an in-person environment to learn and develop academically, socially, and emotionally."

Growing evidence, including a new CDC study recently published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, shows that with proper health and safety protocols, the risk of exposure to and transmission of COVID-19 is low in school settings. Additional data confirms that most children infected with COVID-19 have mild symptoms or have no symptoms at

all. "Virginia's students and their learning have been dramatically impacted due to school building closures over the last year," said State Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. James Lane. "By providing more in-person instructional opportunities, while implementing strong and consistent health mitigation measures, we can successfully support students' academic growth and social emotional well-being. We are grateful for the divisions and schools already providing these opportunities in accordance with state guidance and look forward to working alongside others to ensure students and families have this option."

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) recommends schools use the CDC Indicators for Dynamic School Decision-Making jointly with the Interim Guidance for K-12 School Reopening document to inform decisions about school operations with regard to COVID-19. VDH also maintains a school metrics dashboard, which compiles a variety of data sources, providing a visualization of COVID-19 community transmission by region and data trends in specific communities to guide local and state governments and school officials in determining whether additional mitigation measures are appropriate.

In 2020, Northam directed \$492 million in federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding to public schools and PreK-12 state-level education initiatives, with all 132 school divisions receiving funds. This included an allocation of \$220 million in October, \$66.8 million through the federal Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund in June, and \$238.6 million from the Elementary and Secondary School Education Relief (ESSER) Fund for K-12 activities in May. Funding has supported COVID-19 preparedness and response measures for the 2020-2021 school year, including testing supplies, personal protective equipment, sanitization, and technology for distance learning.

Obituaries

Sheila Lacks Joyner

Victoria, Virginia

Sheila Lacks Joyner, 47, of Victoria, Va. went to be with the angels on February 3, 2021. She is survived by her son, Dylan McKinley Jordan; her fiancé, Hugh Womack; her parents, Bernard G. and Gladys H. Lacks; two brothers, Eddie G. Lacks and Thomas B. "Tommy" Lacks; paternal grandmother, Ophelia P. Lacks and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.



Sheila was a 1991 graduate of Central High School. She enjoyed arts and crafts and hanging out with family and friends. She loved all her nieces and nephews and all babies.

Graveside services were held 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, 2021 at the Lack's Family

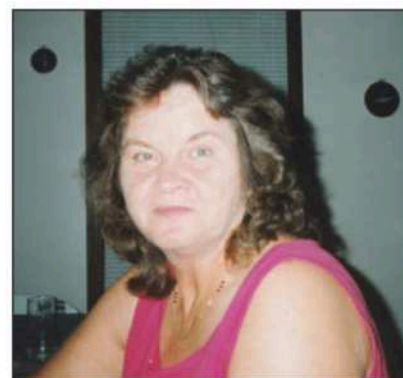
Cemetery, 4452 Poorhouse Road, Victoria, VA. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to Victoria Church of God, 1606 Norfolk Avenue, Victoria, VA 23974.

Clarke Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Edna May Guill Roark

Drakes Branch, Virginia

Edna May Guill Roark, age 77, of Drakes Branch, Virginia passed away on Sunday, February 7, 2021. She was preceded in death by her son, Duke Roark; three brothers, Clyde Guill, Harry Guill, and Charles Guill; two brothers-in-law, Shirley Vaughan and Carl Medley; three sisters, Nancy Adkins, Lucille Medley, and Helen Guill; and two sisters-in-law, Linda Guill and Maggie Guill.



Edna is survived by two children, Donna Roark and Wayne Roark; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; one brother, Sam Guill (Anne); one sister, Evelyn Vaughan; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Edna worked hard all her life. She loved everyone unconditionally and had a heart of pure gold. The children in

her life meant everything to her. Her hobbies were cooking, dancing, and caring for those she loved. She was affectionately known to all as Nanny. There will never be another like her on this earth.

A celebration of life service will be held at a later date.

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Prince Edward County Elementary School Students Receive Handcrafted Desks for Virtual Learning

FARMVILLE - Prince Edward County Elementary School (PECES) received a special gift this holiday season. Twenty-five local students were given handcrafted desks that are specially designed to be taken apart and reassembled in 30 seconds for easy storage when not in use.

When the COVID-19 pandemic closed Virginia public schools in March 2020, Ms. Trish O'Brien, with Desks for Success, realized "the most pressing issue for children is the need for a space dedicated to learning," and jumped into action. Ms. O'Brien partnered with George Melnyk of Premier Millwork and his wife Kim in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Chuck and Candy Dowdy wanted to make desks available to Prince Edward County children. The Dowdys worked with George and Kim Melnyk to provide twenty-five desks for students who could benefit from a dedicated study space. "We are so grateful for generous community support. Receiving gifts such as this one from the Dowdys and Melnyks is a huge light on our campus," said Family and Community Engagement Liaison Jenn Kinne.

Desks were delivered by Chuck Dowdy on December 18th. Families were both eager and thrilled for the opportunity to set them up in their homes in time for the holiday.



Pictured is Jenn Kinne with Chuck Dowdy on distribution day.

Vaccine

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Another challenge to the vaccination roll-out has been the recent surge in COVID cases. As a result, more public health resources must take a treatment posture rather than being focused on the vaccine.

"We recognize that our health providers are working hard to manage both the recent surge in COVID cases, as well as the roll out of the vaccination effort," said Stanley.

"We are working closely with the Health Department and Centra Southside Community Hospital so that this site can carry some of the communications burden for them and serve our residents quickly and efficiently with new information as it becomes available."

Are you looking for reliable local information about how to receive your COVID-19 vaccine? Visit VaccinatePrinceEdward.org, where you can learn about priority phases, research the vaccine, and sign up for updates as vaccine

distribution continues in our community. Visit VaccinatePrinceEdward.org today to protect yourself, your family, and your community.

The pandemic is global, but we fight COVID-19 locally. VaccinatePrinceEdward.org has all the information you need to do your part. Visit the site to learn about the priority phases and which one includes you and your family members. You can also use the site to direct you to schedule your vaccination appointment.

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- 2 months:** Holds head up, smiles
- 9 months:** Makes a variety of sounds, sits unassisted
- 18 months:** Says several single words, walks unassisted
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Commentary

Gas Prices and Minimum Wage

Last week a reader wrote to inform me my facts were incorrect regarding gas prices in 1970. First, thanks for keeping me on my toes. I love criticism and critiques.

The reader referred to the average national gas price in 1970 as 36 cents, saying I was wrong quoting the price at 27 cents. We are both correct. I was buying gas in Keysville, Virginia for 27 cents; the national average didn't affect me.

I bought gas at Clyde's Texaco (where Pino's is now), Gordon Hurt's Shell (now Red Bird) and Simmons Truck Terminal (Save-U-Time) at 27 cents a gallon.

A few years later I bought gas in Dayton, Tenn. for 13 cents a gallon. They were having a gas war. Then the OPEC embargo start-



EDITOR
AVERETT JONES

ed in 1973-1974. Gas prices jumped, rationing was enacted. Those of you my age remember gas lines, \$6.00 purchase limits and only being allowed to buy gas every other day depending on the last digit of your license plate - if you could afford it.

This is why America must be energy independent.

Regarding the minimum wage in 1970 which our reader correctly stated was \$1.60 an hour. I was being paid a dollar an hour and was delighted to get it. Having a regular pay day was something I never had. Everyone knew back then that teenagers weren't worth minimum wage. Reaching minimum wage was a dream for adults.

My dollar beat the heck out of five or six dollars a day for farm work and I got to work regardless of the season and the weather.

As a point of fact I have never been paid minimum wage. I have made less and I have been paid more.

I continue to subscribe to the fact that raising minimum wage reduces entry level jobs and increases prices.



Minimum Wage

Dear Editor,

In a letter to the editor last week, L.K. Kennedy stated that your article on minimum wage "was extremely misleading, full of false information," but provided little information to support that accusation. One could quibble over a few pennies difference in various prices depending upon where one lived at the time, but the point of your article was certainly valid. It appears to me that Kennedy got so distracted by minutiae that he/she missed the principle. Further, Kennedy may need a refresher math course. According to my calculator \$1.60 per hour times 40 hours amounts to \$64 per week, not the \$76.80 Kennedy stated. I agree with Kennedy that "the public needs to receive accurate information," but apparently we are more likely to get it from Averett Jones than from L.K. Kennedy.

Steve Whitmer
Charlotte Court House

Importing Poverty

According to our statistics, America's poverty rate in 2019 was **10.5 percent**, down 1.3 percentage points from **11.8 percent** in 2018. This is the fifth consecutive annual decline in poverty. Since 2014, the poverty rate has fallen 4.3 percentage points, from **14.8 percent** to **10.5 percent**. It declined another point in 2020 to 9.5.

That means over 30 mil-

lion American's are living in poverty.

There is room for debate on actual poverty. As I often say, America has the highest standards for poverty in the world and many of those "living in poverty" would be wealthy in other countries.

However, anyone with any common sense should figure out that importing poor people with nothing but the clothes on their backs

hurts American poor people the most.

I support legal immigration but every unskilled worker who enters America competes with Americans for housing and jobs. The price of everything is based on supply and demand.

Until every American is employed and has decent housing bringing in more poor people just makes their situations worse.

Our Wonderful Constitution

I keep hearing poorly educated radicals claiming our founding fathers wrote our constitution to "protect their own positions and their privilege."

What were the motives of the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence?

Then 12 years later when the Constitution was written giving rights to "the com-

mon people" those in power in England had more power than anyone in America.

What "power and privilege" did our fore-fathers have? Our fledgling country was only 12 years old, deeply in debt from our revolution and experiencing adjustment pains.

These men had just won a war with the greatest military

power on earth. Keep in mind England had conquered more land than any other country ever has.

Our Bill of Rights gives more rights to the average person than any other document ever written.

Before condemning our constitution, Read It! Compare it to any other country. Then, Think about it.

The Green New Deception

Since Biden took office, he appointed a climate czar (John Kerry) to head up draconian changes to energy use they suppose is warming global temperatures. Biden and Kerry think it necessary to bring about an abrupt end to the fracking/Keystone pipeline. By so doing, many thousands of jobs President Trump created are suddenly lost and America is no longer energy independent nor an exporter of fuel. This act of Biden amounts to a thousand-pound bomb down the smoke stack of the U.S. economy! It is estimated that America has 200 years of fuel reserves thanks to the new and cleaner fuel fracking produced. A Google search on the matter spilled out some interesting information. It said that "the earth has increased its temperature by 1.8



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degrees Fahrenheit since the 19th century ... before industry started to boom." "Before industry started to boom!" This quote is an admission that the earth was on a warming trend before man could be blamed for that warming!

Scientific experts say the earth is 4.54 billion years old while other "creationists" say it's more like 6 to 10 thousand

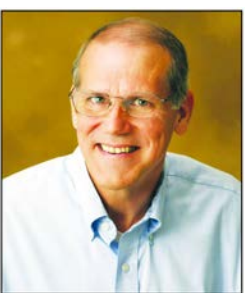
years old. No matter who is right about that, the earth has been around far longer than the industrial revolution. During those thousands, millions or billions of years before man could impact climate, the earth went through many radical freezing and warming cycles. That's been the pattern of life on earth for which man had no impact. It's said motor vehicles are the greatest offender for global warming. Cars didn't really get "rolling" till Henry Ford started mass production in the 1920's-30's. By 1929, there were 26 million cars in America, but the warming cycle had long since started. Tidal areas like Maryland's eastern shore had long since seen woods and farmland consumed by rising tides

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Down the Rabbit Hole

When I was growing up, I knew my father was a Democrat. In the 50s and 60s, if one wanted a voice in Virginia's government, they had to be a Democrat. The primary in June was when the real competition occurred; the General Election in November was a mere formality.

It was the 1960 presidential election that brought things into clearer focus for a young kid. I was in town to get a haircut. I stopped by the John Kennedy storefront office and got a handful of lapel pins because I knew my dad was a Democrat. I will never forget the look on his face when I showed them to him. It was later that I



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learned that there was a difference between a Virginia Democrat and the national Democrat Party. That difference was very important to Virginia Democrats as they

tried to stay away from the national candidates such as Hubert Humphrey and George McGovern.

Things have changed drastically since those days. The Virginia Democrats of today are much more reflective of their national counterparts. They are far less conservative on raising taxes and government spending issues than their forbears. On social issues they are possibly more liberal than even the national Democrat Party.

This is proved with their legislative proposals this year, even more so than the

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Be a Stroke Hero - Educational Outreach Program Planned

SOUTH HILL - Stroke kills about 3,300 Virginians each year - that's 1 out of every 20 deaths. Someone in Virginia has a stroke every 50 minutes. Every 2.5 hours, someone dies of a stroke in Virginia. About 26,000 Virginians have suffered a stroke who had a history of a previous stroke, while 17,000 had a first-time stroke. VCU Health Community Memorial Hospital (VCU Health CMH) typically sees more than 200 cases of stroke each year.

Learn the FAST warning signs:

- F-Face Drooping
- A-Arm Weakness
- S-Speech Difficulty
- T-Time to call 911

VCU Health CMH invites the community to join them for an educational outreach on stroke at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 18, 2021. CMH Stroke Program Coordinator Lisa Smith, RN, BSN, CICU, Neurologist Yasir Al-Khalili with VCU School of Medicine and Tawny Jackson from the American Stroke Association will discuss stroke,

its diagnosis, treatment, and prevention. In the interest of public safety, they are abiding by the CDC guidelines related to Covid-19. This will be a 100% online experience open to the public from the comfort and safety of your own home using Zoom. You could be a Stroke Hero; join them to find out how.

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 Contact Lisa.E.Smith@vcuhealth.org with any questions. VCU Health CMH has received the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines®-Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award and is a Primary Stroke Center as deemed by The Joint Commission and the American Heart Association. Visit our website for more stroke-related information at: vcu-cmh.org/community-resources/stroke-awareness.

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two sessions last year. Consider the legislation they are pushing through on a straight party vote line with not a single Republican vote.

Sexually Transmitted Infections; Repeal

They voted to repeal legislation passed a generation ago in response to cases of those with AIDS who intentionally spread their infection to others. This is a most evil act of hate.

Marriage; Repeal of Same-sex Marriage Prohibition

A decade ago, you, the voters, overwhelmingly approved an addition to the state constitution that a marriage in Virginia was between a man and a woman. They voted to not just reverse your vote but to affirm that any marriage, no matter what,

between two or more will be legal.

Abolition of the Death Penalty

Despite the fact that the death penalty is rarely used, they voted to end it. The floor debate focused on the most horrible examples of why it should remain an option. One case cited was of the prison inmate who tied up and beat his cell mate to death, then went to breakfast, at lunch time he ate his and his cellmate's lunch before the body was found in the cell. He assured staff that he would do it again if he was not executed.

Absentee Voting; Witness Signature Not Required.

Even with questions about the 2020 election security, they voted to repeal the requirement that an absentee ballot be opened in the presence of a witness and signed by that witness. Separate legislation will expand the use of unmonitored drop-boxes.

Therefore, all ballot security will be eliminated.

Eligibility for In-state Tuition

They voted to allow in-state tuition regardless of one's citizenship or immigration status. This was done with no regulation as to how long they have been in Virginia or even if their families are paying any Virginia taxes. This is something that those 100 yards across the state line in North Carolina would not qualify. They wouldn't qualify because they don't pay Virginia tax. Yet you, the Virginia taxpayer, picks up part of the costs of each student's cost.

Environmental Justice

They voted to create a new category of regulatory red tape for projects that are designed to serve the public. This will drive up the cost of projects because of new costs of more lawyers and engineers. These regulations would even cover wells for water. Notices for public meetings would have to be made in multiple languages and two months in advance.

These are some of the most questionable bills that made it from the Senate and now will be considered by the House. There are just as many bad ones coming from the House for Senate approval. Any one of these would not have seen the light of the day in past generations of Democrats when they were in the majority for the many years before the 2000s. It will be up to the voters this November to determine the future of Virginia.

We love to hear from you! You can reach us at Sen.Ruff@verizon.net, 434-374-5129, or P.O. Box 332, Clarksville, VA 23927.

Win Your Own Plague Doctor Mask New Southside Messenger Contest

By *Averett Jones, Editor*

Each week I write an editorial opinion. I get calls and personal feedback BUT readers seldom write and tell me why I am wrong to share with our readers.

To enter this contest send a letter to the editor with any criticism or rebuttal of a recent editorial of mine. One or two lines will do. Sign your name and town.

We will have a monthly drawing from the replies and the lucky winner will receive a Plague Doctor Mask.



Mossingford Offering Drive-In Church

The Mossingford Baptist Church will be holding parking lot services. These services allow people to sit in their car and tune the radio to 91.9. They will take place the first Sunday and third Sunday of each month at 10:00 a.m. There will also be teleconference calls set up and seen on Facebook. All are welcome to attend.

Hidden Object GAME

February Hidden Object - Cupid

HOW IT WORKS: Each month there will be a new Hidden Object to find within the pages of the Southside Messenger, two in the A section and two in the B section. Find all of them, fill out the form below, and mail it to us at P.O. Box 849, Keysville, VA 23947, or drop it off at our offices at 490 Railroad Avenue, Keysville. PLEASE BE SURE TO PUT "HIDDEN OBJECT CONTEST" SOMEWHERE ON THE ENVELOPE! Entries must be received by noon on the last Wednesday of each month. Winners will be drawn and announced the last week of each month, and the new monthly Hidden Object will be announced. Winners will receive in the mail a gift card to a local shop or restaurant. Happy Hunting!

February 11-17, 2021 Hidden Object Entry Form

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FLAVOR FUSION

Update summer classics with Asian-inspired flair



Sizzling Shrimp Fajita Stir-Fry

FAMILY FEATURES

A distinctive and unexpected ingredient like rice vinegar is an easy way to bring faraway flavors to your favorite summer dishes. This pantry staple adds an Asian-inspired flavor to recipes of all kinds, from marinades to high-end meals.

Explore a new way to enjoy steak this summer with a recipe for zesty, marinated beef paired with crisp broccolini and peppers to give a familiar dish a fresh makeover using flavors from another origin. Give fajitas an Asian makeover with shrimp seared in a decadent hoisin-ginger sauce or try a fresh take on a crunchy salad with this Mexican-meets-Asian layered approach that's perfect for lunch.

Include seasonal produce like cucumbers, bell peppers and tomatoes to enhance your summer flavor fusions. Pantry staples like black beans and canned corn also offer accessible ways to make elevated summer classics.

Capture Asian flavors with ingredients like NAKANO Rice Vinegar, which has perfected its rice vinegars over eight generations to offer unique and delicious flavors perfect for making mouthwatering Asian-inspired recipes at home.

Find more flavorful ways to put an Asian twist on your summer dishes at nakanoflavors.com.

Sizzling Shrimp Fajita Stir-Fry

Prep time: 15 minutes

Cook time: 10 minutes

Servings: 6

- 1 1/2 pounds large, raw shrimp, peeled and deveined (21-25 shrimp total)
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce, divided
- 4 teaspoons cornstarch, divided
- 1/4 cup NAKANO Roasted Garlic Rice Vinegar
- 3 tablespoons hoisin sauce
- 2 teaspoons grated fresh ginger
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil, divided
- 1 red onion, cut into thin slivers
- 1 red bell pepper, cut into thin strips
- 1/2 pound shishito peppers, stemmed
- 6 warmed corn or flour tortillas

- 1/2 cup finely shredded red cabbage
- 1/4 cup thinly sliced green onions

In medium bowl, combine shrimp, 2 teaspoons soy sauce and 2 teaspoons cornstarch; let stand 5 minutes to marinate.

In separate bowl, whisk remaining soy sauce, remaining cornstarch, rice vinegar, hoisin sauce and ginger until blended.

In large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat, heat 1 tablespoon oil until shimmering. Add half of shrimp; cook 1 minute on each side. Transfer to clean bowl; repeat with remaining shrimp. Wipe out skillet with paper towel.

In same pan, heat remaining oil until shimmering. Add red onion, bell pepper and shishito peppers. Cook, stirring, 2-4 minutes until peppers begin to blister. Add vinegar mixture; cook, stirring, 1-2 minutes, or until sauce is slightly thickened. Add shrimp to pan. Cook, tossing well until shrimp and vegetables are coated with sauce. Fill tortillas with shrimp mixture, cabbage and green onions.



Spicy Steak and Broccoli

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Prep time: 20 minutes

Cook time: 10 minutes

Servings: 6

- 1 beef tenderloin (1 1/2 pounds), cut into 2-inch cubes
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 3 tablespoons avocado oil, divided
- 2 cups multicolored, mini sweet peppers, cut into thin rings
- 1/4 pound broccolini, cut into 3-inch sections
- 2 large shallots, chopped
- 1/4 cup NAKANO Seasoned Rice Vinegar
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon sambal oelek (Asian-chili garlic sauce) or sriracha

- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 2 teaspoons grated fresh ginger

In medium bowl, combine beef, soy sauce, cornstarch, black pepper and garlic powder.

In large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat, heat 1 tablespoon oil. Add peppers, broccolini and shallots; cook 3 minutes, or until tender crisp. Transfer to clean bowl.

In same skillet over high heat, heat 1 tablespoon oil until shimmering. Add half of beef in single layer. Cook undisturbed 2 minutes, or until bottoms are browned. Stir. Cook 1 minute, or until outer surfaces are no longer pink. Transfer to bowl with vegetables. Repeat with remaining oil and beef. Return beef and vegetables to skillet over medium-high heat.

In small bowl, combine rice vinegar, sugar, sambal oelek, salt and ginger. Add mixture to pan. Cook 2 minutes, or until sauce is slightly thickened.

Glass Jar Layered Taco Salad

Prep time: 10 minutes

Servings: 1

- 1/2 avocado
- 1/4 teaspoon serrano pepper
- 1 tablespoon cilantro
- 2 tablespoons NAKANO Organic Seasoned Rice Vinegar
- 2 tablespoons sesame oil
- 1 teaspoon lime juice
- 1/3 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup corn
- 1/2 cup red cabbage, shredded
- 1/2 cup jicama, diced
- 1/2 cup black beans, rinsed
- 1/2 cup shredded green cabbage
- 1/2 cup cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1/2 cup extra-firm tofu, diced
- 1/2 cup corn chips, crushed
- 1/2 cup spinach
- 1 tablespoon queso fresco

In bowl, mash avocado and add serrano pepper, cilantro, rice vinegar, sesame oil, lime juice and salt. Stir to combine.

Build salad in layers of corn, cabbage, jicama, black beans, cabbage, tomatoes, tofu, corn chips, spinach and queso fresco while adding drizzles of dressing between layers.



Glass Jar Layered Taco Salad

Pro Flavor-Fusion Tips

- The key to a successful stir-fry is to use high heat to quickly cook meats and vegetables in stages without overcrowding the pan. This ensures that veggies stay slightly crisp, and meats develop a delicious sear instead of steaming.
- Avocado oil has one of the highest smoke points, making it a great choice for high-heat cooking like stir-frying.
- Hoisin sauce, which you can find in the Asian section of most grocery stores, is used frequently in Chinese and Vietnamese cuisine. It's a salty, fermented soybean paste often combined with garlic, chiles and five-spice powder, which adds a sweet, umami-rich, aromatic flavor to the dish.
- Shishito peppers are slender, mild, green Japanese peppers available in the produce section of well-stocked grocery stores or Asian markets. If shishito peppers are unavailable, substitute with multicolored mini peppers.
- To accommodate those who love a lot of spice and those who prefer less spice, serve mild-to-medium-spicy foods with additional chili sauce on the side.
- Swap out heavy, high-calorie salad dressings for a splash of additional flavor with NAKANO rice vinegar.



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Build a Better Health Care Budget

Tips for managing the mounting costs of a chronic condition

FAMILY FEATURES

Managing a chronic disease takes plenty of special planning and attention, and in many cases, a lot of money. In some cases, the expenses associated with disease management are overwhelming, forcing patients to skip essential treatments or medication and risk serious health complications.

One example is diabetes. A study published in the “Journal of American Medicine” found that 1 in 4 individuals with diabetes had rationed their insulin, which can impact short- and long-term health. Since 2002, the list price of insulin has risen, often costing customers without health insurance or on high-deductible insurance plans upwards of \$1,000 for a one-month supply.

Consider these ideas to help manage the expense associated with a chronic disease:

1. Health Insurance

Whether you have a chronic condition or you’re generally healthy, it’s important to understand the different types of health insurance available to you. Commercial health plans can be purchased by anyone and may be available through your employer, or you may be eligible for government-funded health care, but there are numerous other options and variables to consider.

Understanding the costs associated with insurance plans means taking into account both your monthly premium and out-of-pocket costs like co-pays, co-insurance and deductibles. When choosing a plan, decide whether you’d rather pay a higher amount each month (premium) and less when you see the doctor (co-pays, co-insurance or deductible), or if you’d prefer to pay less each month and more when you need to see the doctor or fill prescriptions.

Another consideration is the plan’s network. There can be a significant budget impact when you see doctors in-network vs. out-of-network. Other potential cost-

saving options include health savings accounts or flexible spending accounts, which might save you tax dollars.

2. Doctor Visits

Avoiding visits to the doctor because of the expense can end up costing more in the long run if you leave serious symptoms untreated or fail to properly manage a chronic condition. Make sure you understand all costs associated with your visits, including what’s covered by insurance, your co-pay and any out-of-pocket costs. Labs and tests aren’t always covered, and certain conditions like diabetes can require many test-related expenses. Sometimes saving money can be as simple as having lab work done at an in-network facility and sent to your doctor.

In addition to a primary care doctor, many patients with diabetes also see an endocrinologist and have more frequent visits to the eye doctor. Indirect costs like transportation and childcare may also impact the overall expense of a visit.

3. Prescription Drugs

Doing your research can make a major difference in what you pay for your prescriptions. For many conditions, such as diabetes, the cost of medication may make it tempting to skip doses to make a prescription last longer, but that can have dire medical consequences.

Instead, conduct price checks with various pharmacies and discuss your medication options with your doctor, including which of your prescriptions have generic alternatives available. If a generic is a possibility and your doctor believes it’s a good match for your condition, be sure the prescription notes that substituting is allowed. You can also look into coupon savings and patient assistance plans.

In addition, some programs are available to help people with certain conditions. For example, GetInsulin.org, created by nonprofit organization Beyond Type 1, is a one-stop tool for anyone with

diabetes who is having trouble accessing affordable insulin in the United States.

“High-quality, modern insulin must be available to people with diabetes regardless of employment or insurance status, across all demographics, without barriers and at an affordable and predictable price point,” said Thom Scher, CEO of Beyond Type 1.

Through the website, users answer a few questions and receive customized action plans to guide them through the access solutions that best serve their unique circumstances such as location, insurance type, income and prescription.

4. Medical Equipment

Devices like oxygen tanks, pacemakers, blood glucose monitors and CPAP machines for sleep apnea play vital roles in treating serious medical conditions. If you’re worried about the cost of equipment recommended to help you navigate a short- or long-term diagnosis, work with your doctor and insurance company to figure out the most cost-effective method to achieve your treatment goals.

5. Emergency Care

A medical emergency isn’t only a drain on your physical and mental well-being, it can deliver a major blow to your finances. Emergency care can cost thousands of dollars per visit, especially with high-deductible insurance plans. Some conditions like diabetes are associated with a higher likelihood of emergency care needs for complications such as diabetic ketoacidosis and severe hypoglycemia. To offset the impact of potential emergency care expenses, plan ahead and build a savings account for your medical needs.

6. Food

Certain diets cost more to maintain, and that can be especially true when you’re eating to accommodate a medical need. When planning food costs, be sure to account for the foods you’ll eat regularly, as well as the extras you’ll need, such as glucose gummies and snacks to treat low blood sugar for those living with diabetes.

Learn about options to help manage your diabetes-related expenses at GetInsulin.org.



THE COST OF LIVING WITH DIABETES
MEDICAL EXPENSES AVERAGE \$16,752 PER YEAR

Medications and other Supplies: \$6,325
Inpatient Care (Hospitals, Nursing homes): \$6,085
Outpatient Care (Doctor Visits): \$4,342

According to research from the American Diabetes Association



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Searching for Solutions

After her father passed away from complications of uncontrolled diabetes, Christine Kanderski was determined to never relive that pain. This meant finding a way to afford treatment for her mother’s type 2 diabetes and her son’s type 1 diabetes.

“There was no way that my family and I were going to let diabetes take another one of our family members,” Kanderski said.

Kanderski budgeted for a laundry list of costs: appointments, health insurance, needles, test strips, glucose meters and insulin. One trick she found to save money was sharing supplies between her mother and son.

When things seemed hopeless, Kanderski reached out to the diabetes community for support and resources. Tools like GetInsulin.org can help people find affordable insulin. Users answer a few questions and receive customized action plans to guide them through solutions that best serve their unique circumstances.



The Word

Quiet Time in a Loud World

"You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!"—Isaiah 26:3

There is a story of Queen Elizabeth, who had a mission for one of her subjects. She went to this man and asked him to do something for her. He said to her, "I would love to do this for you, but I am too busy with my affairs. I have a business to run, and I don't have time to do this thing you are asking me to do." Her answer to him was this: "Sir, if you will take care of my business, I will take care of yours." She had the power to do that.

And guess what? Jesus has the power to do that in your life, too. If you will put Him first—make the time, make Him a priority—He will take care of all of the details of your life. You don't have to run around aimlessly, searching for purpose or meaning. Those things are only found at the feet of Jesus, and until you're willing to slow down and stoop down, you will search for meaning the rest of your life.

It's a loud world out there, and it's constantly begging for your attention. "Buy this,



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wear this, drive this," it says. "Be here, go there, make sure to check in on social media, so everyone sees what you're doing!" This is the pressure of our culture—A false importance, glorified busyness. I know it seems foreign to make "quiet time" a priority in such a loud world, but it's not just a recommendation; it's a requirement. If you want to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus, you have to spend time with Him. In order to hear Him talk, you have to shut out all of the other voices fighting for your ear. Turn off that TV, put down your phone, and fill yourself with God's word instead. It's more current and up to date than anything you

could watch on a screen anyway. It's always relevant.

Life is busy for everyone. We can all choose to fill our schedules full to the brim. But if you will put God first in your life, He will make room for all of those other things that are important. We all have the same 24 hours in a day, but what we do with them will determine the course of our lives—either in a positive or negative way.

So make time with the Lord today—read His word, apply it to your life, and pray. It doesn't have to be in some perfect setting or for hours on end (but wouldn't that be nice!). Find what works for you and stick with it. I guarantee it will change your life. Little by little, you will notice you're not so rushed or stressed anymore—He will keep your heart at peace, even amid your busy life.

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You Never Know

So, you're short and ugly. No one appreciates your work. You're poor, often depressed, and single. The last time the phone rang it was a wrong number. About all you've got going for you is the fact that you are a Christian. All this might be true of you, but don't feel bad. For one never knows. One just never knows.

The man we're thinking of was born in Vienna, Austria, in 1797, youngest of 14 children.

His father was an amateur cellist and a school master who gave him his first music lessons. He learned to play the violin and piano and sang in the Vienna Boys' Choir. When he was 13, he began to compose his own music. A teacher said, "He has harmony in his little finger."

"Did you teach it to him?" one inquired. To which the music tutor replied, "No, he learned it from God."

Early on, he learned to live with hardship. Nine of his 13 siblings died. His music practice room was unheated in winter. Rarely did he ever own a piano. He could not even afford the paper on which to write down his music. He never married. Besides working for his father,

he seldom held a paying job for more than a few months.

Several of his friends recognized his genius and formed themselves into an art commune to buy paper and food, and to put on small concerts in their homes. If it had not been for his friends, we would not have his music today.

Publishers treated him badly, for the most part simply ignoring him. Physically, he was only 5 feet 1 1/2 inches tall. And he wore glasses.

Emotionally he was obsessed with the seeming failure of his life. Fighting migraine headaches and deep depression, he pushed himself to study and compose

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HEAR HERE!

How God is Using My Word for 2021

At the beginning of every year, I choose a word or phrase to focus on. Sometimes it's one I choose after making lists, jotting down things that have been rolling around in my head and finally choosing what fits. But other years, something immediately comes to mind and I know that I've found the one. That's what happened for 2021. My phrase for 2021 is "God is using this."

When I wrote about that phrase in my Christmas 2020 post, I didn't think about it as my phrase for 2021. But since then, God has used those words to remind me that there's another layer to everything I encounter. What is happening is not just an inconvenience, or a disappointment, or a devastating event – it is being used by God in ways I cannot see or even imagine. I am hoping that in 2021 this phrase will be the first thing that comes to mind when the unexpected lands on my doorstep.

I just learned a friend of mine was treated horribly by the company that she spent her career with. I was upset and kept wondering if there was any way she could have been spared this trial. But when "God is using this" popped into my head, immediately I thought about the ways God could be using this for her good. A better work environment. A more fulfilling job. Or perhaps simply an opportunity to depend on the Lord even more. I became convinced that God would use this not only to teach my friend something but also to



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spare her from other things. I still don't know what the specifics might be, but I am trusting that God is using this for her good and for his glory.

A few weeks ago, I was reading a post on social media by someone listing the things that irritated her. Immediately I was annoyed, frustrated by what seemed to be a rant implying that people who didn't agree with her were categorically wrong, ungodly and ignorant. I wanted to distance myself from her in real life but when I thought "God is using this," I realized that perhaps God had put this into my life to show me my sin. To reveal my intolerance. To help me overlook and offer grace. Or perhaps to lovingly speak to her about what concerned me.

I made it a matter of prayer, asking God to help me both see her perspective as well as understand what my response should be. A wise friend once told me to sit with what irritates me, because it

will reveal something significant in me. It's an opportunity to see my biases and the hidden sin in me. Rather than dwelling on my annoyance, I realized that it was an opportunity for me to grow.

God is using this. That simple phrase has given me a new lens through which to look at life. There is always more to what's happening than the simple facts of the situation, although I get mired in those details. What's happening has a purpose beyond what I can see now. From a broken vase to a broken body to broken dreams, God is using it all. I don't need to be focused on how I've been wronged or what's wrong with the world as much as I should be concerned about what God is revealing in my own heart and what he could be teaching me through it. Nothing comes to me that is not from God's hand. Everything can make me more Christlike.

Whenever I am sad, suffering, sulky or self-satisfied, I want to remember that God is using that situation to draw me to him. It helps me focus less on the actions and attitudes of others, less on my expectations of people, and more on my own actions and expectations. Believing that God is using something for good doesn't mean that I shouldn't try to change it. That may be exactly why God has brought it to my attention. But regardless of whether the Lord is calling me to act or accept, I should seek his wisdom on how to respond.

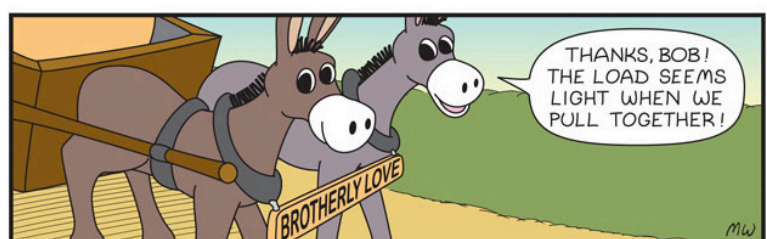
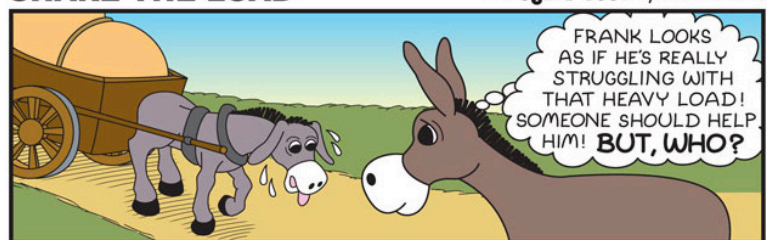
Choosing a word or phrase every year has grounded me in ways I would not have expected. I used to make a list of New Year's resolutions, but before the ink had dried, I'd often forgotten about them. Somehow a word or phrase for the year seems to stick with me. To reinforce it, I even spell it out in blocks on a cabinet in my office, reminding me daily of what God is calling me to do. My past words have been "willing," "overlook," and "I agree," and they've all helped guide my decisions and reframe my perspective.

In 2021, I want to remem-

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SHARE THE LOAD

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

- GALATIANS 6:2 NIV

Depression



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A single mother works at a diner to raise her two kids and feels like she's going nowhere in life. Overwhelmed, she feels as if she has no one on whom she can depend and becomes depressed.

Deuteronomy 31:6 Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.

When I found myself broke, broken, homeless, and helpless, I looked to God for the answers. He told me exactly what I needed to do, and I listened. The first thing I did was to count the blessings in my life. As bad as it seemed, I was blessed to be in this situation with a family which had bonded together stronger than ever to fight our way out of it. The difference in this battle was that we had a new Leader. We followed God and He guided us out of the storm.

God has also placed people on His earth to help with sickness. Because of the uncertainty and chaos in the world today, many of us are dealing with depression. If you are depressed and it is not getting better, please get help from a professional.

Mental health is health. Sometimes it requires doctors to help you figure out the best plan for you. It's never too

early to ask for help. Getting help from a pro could help you unlock the tools you need to get out of the dark place.

The single mother I spoke of earlier has a perfect life just waiting for her. She has two perfect children, a job, a roof over her head, and the ability to make things better. Most importantly, she has a God who gave His only Son for us so that we might have eternal life. Nobody's life is perfect, but we can thank God every day for the life we do have. Hopefully she will reach out to Him.

Have you found yourself more depressed than usual during the past year?

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music six to seven hours a day. "Music leads us to a better world," he used to say. And the older he grew, the more seriously he took his simple faith in Jesus Christ as his Redeemer. His great admiration was for Mozart and Beethoven. Often, he would pass Beethoven on the street or dine in the same restaurant, but he was so shy that he could never introduce himself. His friends described him as warm, gentle, and modest.

The man's greatest composition was the Unfinished Symphony which critics agree ranks among the best the world has ever known. Yet not one of his scores was ever played for the public or published during his lifetime. At age 31 he fell ill and died from typhoid fever. His friends granted his last wish—to be buried near Beethoven and Mozart in the Vienna Central

Cemetery. Today if you visit that cemetery, you will find three graves all in a cluster, those of Beethoven, Mozart, and Franz Schubert.

It was 35 years after his death that Schubert's music was first publicly performed. Today he is considered a musician's musician, a great among the romantics.

So, you too are short, bespectacled, single, unheralded, and depressed? But you too are a Christian who loves to create with God? Then you just never know! You never know!

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ber that whatever happens, the joys and the sorrows, the feats and the failures, it is all being used by God to shape me. I pray it will encourage me to turn to the Lord and take the focus off myself. To trust him and to have eyes to see what he is doing. To remind myself that in everything I encounter today, God is using this. For my good and for his glory.

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Enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year will begin February 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021. Children must be 5 years old by September 30, 2021 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.ccpksk12.org or by contacting the school at which the student is enrolling.

Bacon District Elementary School – (434) 735-8612

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- **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.
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- **Calvary Chapel** Farmville, 302 Industrial Park Rd., Farmville, 434-315-9406; 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. Rev. Paul McLinden, 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., Bible study Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. Rev. Alden Hicks, Pastor
- **Drakes Branch Baptist Church**, 4525 Main St, Drakes Branch, Virginia; (434) 568-4021; Sunday Worship Service 11:00 a.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
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- **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 Thornsburg.
- **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
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- **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
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- **Mt. Harmony United Methodist Church**, 505 Mt. Harmony RD, Keysville; 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.
- **Rocky Mount United Methodist Church**, 248 Rocky Mount Rd., Dillwyn; (434) 983-2400. Sunday School 9 a.m.; Worship Service 10 a.m. Rev. Evelyn Penn, Pastor, evelynpenn@vaumc.org.
- **Safe Haven Christian Ministries**, 5150 Three Sixty Highway, Meherrin; every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Gloria Eanes.
- **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.
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- **St. Andrews Baptist Church**, 2100 Taro Road, Cullen; first and third Worship service, 11 a.m. Sunday School first, second, third and fourth Sunday, 9:45 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 2 p.m., social distancing and facial masks required. Wednesday night Bible study, 7 p.m. Rev. Wally Shifflett.
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- **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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LUNENBURG COUNTY -PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lunenburg County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 beginning at 7:00 PM in the 2nd floor Courtroom; Lunenburg Courts Building, Lunenburg, VA 23952 for public input on the following:

A 15.2-2232 Hearing for CUP-5-20 Conditional Use Permit for Red Brick LLC., to construct and operate a utility scale solar array located on 21 individual parcels of property in an A-1 Agricultural zone with tax parcel numbers as follows: 031-02-05A; 031-0A-0-31; 031-0A-33A; 031-0A-33B; 031-0A-0-33C; 031-0A-0-33D; 032-0A-0-38; 032-0A-0-39; 032-0A-0-40; 032-0A-0-40A; 032-0A-0-40B; 043-01-0-1; 043-01-0-2; 043-01-0-5; 043-01-0-04; 043-01-0-5; 043-01-0-6; 043-0A-0-27; IS 043-0A-0-28; 044-0A-0-1; 044-0A-0-2. The property consists of 2510 acres fronting on the north side of Route 49 approximately 1 mile west of Lunenburg Courthouse. The 15.2-2232 process is required by the Code of Virginia prior to any request for a zoning amendment regarding specified projects to be considered. The process determines if the request is in compliance with the Lunenburg-Kenbridge-Victoria Comprehensive Plan.

It is the intention of the Lunenburg County Planning Commission to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Should you need special Accommodations, please contact the County Administration office at 434-696-2142 prior to the meeting date.

Please be aware that due to COVID19, this meeting may have to be rescheduled on short notice. Face masks will be required to be worn at all times inside the building and social distancing will be practiced with capacity limited per guidelines. Written comments will be appreciated, in lieu of oral presentations. Please send comments to gmillican@lunenburgva.net or Lunenburg County, Office of Planning and Economic Development, 11413 Courthouse Road, Lunenburg, VA 23952.

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5 tips for building (or rebuilding) your emergency savings



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FAMILY FEATURES

The new year provides an opportunity to re-evaluate different aspects of your life, and that includes your budget and savings habits. Planning for emergencies by building – or rebuilding if the COVID-19 pandemic required making a withdrawal – a savings account to withstand the unforeseen can increase confidence in your overall financial health and reduce worry that a significant life event will negatively impact your finances.

“Our research shows having emergency savings is the foundation for long-term financial health,” said Chandni Ohri, program lead in savings and financial health with BlackRock’s Emergency Savings Initiative. “The start of a new year is a good time to make a savings plan, which can consist of putting a little bit of money away regularly.”

Even before the pandemic began, 4 out of 10 Americans had a hard time finding even \$400 to cover an emergency, according to a report from the United States Federal Reserve. However, if you don’t think you have money to save, consider the majority of people who were able to save for an emergency for the first time in 2020 earned less than \$60,000, according to research from BlackRock’s Emergency Savings Initiative, a group of nonprofit experts, corporate partners, and providers. Changes in spending due to the pandemic plus government stimulus packages helped many individuals create much-needed cash buffers.

Consider these tips to build your emergency savings account and create a buffer of cash for when emergency strikes.

Start a Savings Habit

While it’s less important to have a specific dollar amount in mind, getting into the habit of putting some money in savings with each paycheck can help protect you should an emergency arise. While one good rule of thumb is to set aside enough to cover roughly six weeks of living expenses – housing, food, transportation – take a look at what it would cost to cover unexpected issues with your car, a trip to the hospital, a leak in your home or the replacement of a major appliance and start there.

Even a small amount, such as \$50 in your savings account when it’s the day before payday and you’re running on fumes, can save you from an overdraft fee, having to resort to using a credit card, borrowing from a loved one or taking out a loan. However, research from the AARP Public Policy Institute found having a cash buffer of approximately \$2,500 can help prevent financial hardship over the longer term. If you lose your job, for example, your emergency account could help pay for necessities while you find a new position, or the funds could supplement any unemployment benefits you may receive.

Automate Your Savings

Because an emergency can strike at any time, it’s important to have easy access to your funds. However, the account should also be separate from your checking account so you’re not tempted to dip into your reserves. Pick a free savings account with no minimum balance requirements and link it to your everyday account to quickly move money over if you need it.

Look for ways you can automatically save such as enabling roundups from your checking account to be transferred to your savings with each purchase or having your employer split your paycheck and automatically deposit a portion into savings each payday.

If you’re planning to stash funds away for months or years that can serve as both an emergency fund and long-term savings, consider a high-yield savings account.

Look for Ways to Cut Back

While you may have already made changes to your spending habits amid the pandemic, periodically shopping for competitive rates of recurring bills, such as cable and internet, cell phones insurance policies and other utilities, can be a simple way to save some money each month. Start by asking your current providers about any special rates and promotions that may be available to loyal customers then check with alternative providers to see if they can provide the same or better offerings at a reduced cost. Sometimes returning to your current provider with a more competitive rate from elsewhere can be extra incentive to work out a deal to keep a longtime customer.

Also look at any subscription services you use, or potentially don’t but still pay for, and see if they offer a cheaper plan that still meets your needs or if you’re able to cancel subscriptions you no longer use frequently. Other expenses such as dining out or buying new clothing and accessories could also be scaled back if you find you’re splurging too much. Avoid completely cutting spending for leisure activities from your budget but look for reasonable tweaks that can allow you to set more money aside for unforeseen expenses.

Take Advantage of One-Time Opportunities to Save

Assuming you expect to receive a tax refund, this provides an easy way to boost your emergency fund if circumstances allow you to

save all or a portion of the return. If you’re able, consider having your refund directly deposited in your emergency account. The same strategies can be applied to any government aid checks you may receive, such as a second round of stimulus money that could be distributed to eligible citizens in 2021 to help reinvigorate the economy amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

There may also be other times throughout the year when you receive one or more cash gifts, like your birthday or holidays, that can help provide a nice cushion to your emergency fund if you can avoid the temptation to spend it.

Replenish What You Use

Remember to review and adjust your savings plan as needed, whether you’re able to contribute over a longer period of time without dipping into the account or if an expensive life event pops up that requires using all or a portion of the funds.

Should you need to dip into the savings, do your best to make replenishing the account to a level you’re comfortable with a primary goal in case any additional unexpected expenses arise. Alternatively, if your saving is going well, consider increasing the amount you’re saving each paycheck so you’re better protected against any major life changes or able to finance a large-scale purchase down the road.

Find more information and tips for building your savings at savingsproject.org.



Be My Valentine!

I guess that this COVID-19 Valentine's Day will be celebrated differently this Sunday. If you can't be with your loved one, there are many ways to enjoy the day. Can't think of anything? Consider the following:

If your Valentine loves to read, a good surprise is a book written by their favorite author with a Valentine card tucked inside.

Bake heart-shaped cookies to share and if he likes a certain cookie, fill a tin with his favorite ones.

Have a candlelit breakfast, lunch AND supper. Now, that would be different! If there are children present, buy those battery-operated candles for safety.

Snuggle up together and watch a good movie, fix popcorn or have favorite snacks available.

Sit the family members down and look at old photos on your computer. Believe me, that will bring back some wonderful memories for this special day.

Weather permitting, a long walk is always fun, and one can get exercise at the same time.

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Of course, flowers are always the gift that keeps on giving. Many bouquets last a week or longer, giving her time to enjoy and to remember you.

Pick up your favorite food from a restaurant and enjoy the meal at home or make dinner together.

For the children, let them write notes to Mom and Dad or help them cut out hearts to give.

Surprise your significant other with special notes hidden around the house where they will be easily found: on a mirror, a door, on a kitchen cabinet, in the car, etc.

If giving chocolates is

at the top of your list, one doesn't have to purchase the most expensive, biggest heart-shaped box available. I guarantee that they will love you just as much if you give candy bars that are her/his favorite.

While dealing with COVID-19 and distancing, surprise several of your favorite people with a phone call on this special day. It will mean so much to them. A lot of our friends haven't been able to get out during this time and are very, very lonesome. This would definitely be social distancing!

I guess Valentine cards are the norm, but if you haven't already mailed them by the time you read this article, forget it! The way the postal service works these days, a mailed Valentine will get to a person by Easter! Deliver in person if at all possible!

I can't speak for ALL women, but I have a feeling I speak for most when I say that jewelry and money are nice gifts, but it definitely does not compare to the little things men do to make us feel special and loved. HAVE A WONDERFUL VALENTINE'S DAY!

Parry's Ponderings

Rejoining the Paris Climate Agreement shows that Biden puts America First. First right behind China and India among others that is.

Virginia Outreach News

Happy birthday wishes to everyone celebrating a birthday this month.

Feb. 12 - Bernard Freeman, Randolph; Treeill Pugh, Charlotte Court House;

Rodney Mosley, Scottsburg; Rosa Friend, Drakes Branch; Sheron Garris, Richmond

Feb. 13 - Virginia Craig, Lunenburg

Feb. 14 - Walter Garris, Richmond; Marion Edmonds, Turbuville; Linda Edmonds, Turbuville; Stephanie Cheatham, Randolph; Ralph Goode, Randolph; Judy Moore, Wylliesburg

Feb. 15 - Anne Marie Tate, Saxe; Corliyah Stovall, Drakes Branch; Nan Lambert, Saxe;

Marian Freeman Taylor, Newark, N.J.

Feb. 16 - Annie Pearl Dailey, Saxe; Jessica Moorefield, Randolph

Feb. 17 - Estelle Haskins Cowan, New Carrollton, M.D.; Anthony Friend, Drakes Branch; Sarah Lindsey Prophet, Drakes Branch.

Wishing all of you many more happy birthdays!

Anniversary wishes on Feb. 14 to Charlie and Anita Marble of Charlotte Court House - 23years together. They have two daughters. Wishing you many more happy years together with God's blessings.

Get well wishes to all of the sick and shut-in. Hope you are well soon and up and about enjoying everything life has to offer. You are in our prayers and thoughts. Get well wishes to Joanne and Doug Maxwell of Saxe. They would like to thank all of you for your phone calls, cards, food and help to both of them since her fall. Thank all of you and may God bless each and every one of you. Keep all of the sick and shut-ins in your prayers and thoughts.

Happy Valentine's Day to all of you. Spend the day with the one you love.

Thought for the week -To

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brought on by warming but ... not by emissions. There are 286.9 million cars on the road in America today. If 26 million cars in 1929 started the global warming trend nearly 100 years ago, how is it America is still functioning today with nearly 300 million cars spewing noxious carcinogens every day- not to mention the millions of cars adding to the "crisis" around the world!

The global warming being experienced may well be a problem we humans have to deal with, but blaming humans deserves cross examination! Biden rejoined the Paris Climate Accord tossing in hundreds of millions of U.S. tax dollars to buy.... what? If Biden thinks it necessary to ban cars and cows in America reverting this nation to covered wagons status for transportation, what other nation on earth will follow our lead? No matter the sacrifice America makes to end greenhouse gasses, nations around the world will go on as always watching America strangle itself to death at the hands of environmen-

have love you have to show love. Love is something special. Having a special person in your life lets you know your life is complete.

VALENTINE'S DAY

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched, they must be felt with the heart. Love is the happiness, of today and the promise of tomorrow, so this warm note comes to you to say that you must live life with a heart full of love. Find someone worth your tears, worth your laughter, worth your heart and who loves you as much as you love them. When a girl is in love you can see it in her smile. When a guy is in love you can see it in his eyes. When you love someone, it's nothing but when someone loves you, it's something. When you love someone and they love you back, it's everything. HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

Happy Valentine's Day to my Valentine, PAUL E. Hamlett, Jr. I will always love you. You will always be very special to me.

Happy Valentine's wishes to my husband, Joseph Wilborn, from your wife Joanne Wilborn. I will always love you.

News in to me by Sun. 6 p.m. Call or text me your news; you can also leave me a message 434-568-0243.

Teen Years

Tough teenage years; does this sound silly to you? Listen to what teens say in their own voices about their struggles.

Everything is changing, but no one understands I'm not a baby anymore. No one cares how I feel.

Friends, since grade school, are now going in directions I don't want to go. I don't want to lose my friends. But, do I listen to my friends or my parents?

I feel pushed in too many directions. One minute I can't decide if it is bedtime or not; the next minute, I am asked to make decisions that will affect my entire life, like what I want to do for the rest of my life.

I struggle most with knowing who I am. The girl, my parents say I should be? The girl, my boyfriend wants me to be. What my friends expect me to be? The person my teachers see?

Nothing is simple.

One reason the teen years are challenging is the level of change and growth your teen is experiencing. Adolescents, naturally, want to pull away from the rules set by parents and other authority figures. On the one hand, your teen is screaming for the ability to define their limits while not understanding what it takes to take care of themselves. Yes, this leads to missteps, mistakes, and even heartache. Your teen is faced with the reality of defining who they are and outlining their



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life goals. Their relationships are in a constant state of flux. Added to meeting social changes, they are experiencing biological changes.

Even the teen's brain is changing. The brain finishes growing in the early teen years. However, it is not until we reach our mid-20s that the brain is completely developed. The prefrontal cortex, the front of the brain, is one of the last areas to mature. This region is accountable for skills such as planning, prioritizing, and controlling impulses. These abilities underlay the teenage struggle.

Your teens face a complex set of circumstances to navigate.

It is typical for a teen to feel sad or irritable once in a while. However, suppose these feelings remain or become so intense that the teen feels hopeless and helpless; he or she may be suffering from depression. It is hard for anyone to describe their feelings of depression. As a parent, you don't want to be

blind-sided. Look for the following changes as signs of depression:

Mood. He or she is in a sad mood most of the day. Nothing seems to bring joy or pleasure to your teen. He or she appears to always be on the verge of tears.

Personal interests. He or she doesn't enjoy the things that used to make him or her happy.

Weight. There is a noticeable change in his or her weight or the amount eaten.

Sleep patterns. At night, he or she sleeps too little or during the day sleeps too much.

Friends. He or she no longer wants to spend time with family or friends.

Energy. Appears to have reduced energy or feels unable to do simple tasks.

Low Self-Esteem. Talks about feeling worthless or guilty; has low self-esteem.

Focus. Trouble focusing or making decisions; grades declining.

What should I do if my teen shows signs of depression? Use a multi-prong approach: spiritual, emotional, physical, and help from others.

Pray. Include your concerns in your daily prayer life.

Communicate. Make sure the lines of communication with your teen are healthy and open. These lines include listening, watching, as well as talking.

Encourage social connection and physical activity. This is especially important during this time of social distancing. Now is not the time to stop "play days."

Seek professional help. Don't ignore your "gut feelings" that your child needs help. He or she may need help; and, so do you! Depression is a complicated issue.

Our teens need love, understanding, compassion, and encouragement to weather all the ups and downs they are experiencing. If we do, they can make it through these tough teen years.

Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand. Isaiah 41:10

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

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Man Charged After Lunenburg Woman Ran From Residence

BRUNSWICK - On January 31, 2021 at approximately 3:55 p.m., the Brunswick County Sheriff's Office received a call from a citizen asking for the department to conduct a welfare check on a female who was believed to possibly be in danger at a residence in the county.

Deputies responded to a residence in the 500 Block of Meredithville Drive in Brodnax, Virginia and made contact with a female who made statements which led deputies to believe she did not want to be there and was unable to leave. Deputies also made verbal contact with a male subject, later identified as William Adair, Jr., 38, of Brodnax, Virginia, who told officers to leave and stated no problems existed.

The female victim, a 32-year-old from Lunenburg County, Virginia, with the protection of the deputies, ran from the residence and was safely removed from the property. She advised deputies that William Adair, Jr. was inside the residence along with two children and another adult male. She stated he was extremely agitated and confirmed firearms were present inside.

Due to the volatility of the situation and the potential hazards involved including the presence of high-powered firearms and extreme cold and inclement weather, the Brunswick County Sheriff's Office's Special Response Team was activated along with hostage negotiators.

The scene was made secure and communication was established with the occupants inside. The negotiations were slow yet successful and

it was determined that while the suspect was unwilling to exit the residence, no immediate threat was present to the occupants inside. William Adair continued to show that he was extremely upset that deputies were present on his property and repeatedly demanded that they leave.

After slightly more than nine hours of negotiations, all four occupants, with the cooperation of the suspect, agreed to exit the residence and were safely addressed by deputies without incident.

William Adair, Jr. was arrested and was transported to the Meherrin River Regional Jail where he was held with no bond. He was charged with Domestic Assault, Abduction, Forcible sodomy, and Possession of a Firearm by Felon.



William Adair, Jr.



KFD Responds As Road Conditions on Sunday Caused Minor Accidents

KENBRIDGE - Snowy conditions on the morning of Sunday, February 8 had many drivers facing treacherous road conditions. This led to several minor accidents around the county with many simply resulting in cars sliding into a ditch.

Kenbridge Fire Department ran one of these calls around 3:23 a.m. as they responded to a single vehicle accident on Route 138.

The department brought Chief 1, and Engine 3 and Victoria medic arrived on scene to find a vehicle that ran out the road and made its way back to the road.

The cold and wet roads also caused delays on Monday as black ice was an issue.

County Looking to Hire Full Time Economic Development and Planning Director

LUNENBURG - Lunenburg County Officials are currently looking to hire a full-time Economic Development and Planning Director. The position was recently announced by county officials as the new hire will take over for Glenn Millican, who has served in this capacity on a part-time basis for Lunenburg since May 2018.

Millican took over the position following the loss of the last full time Lunenburg County Economic Director, Beverley Hawthorne, to another job opportunity.

Lunenburg County Administrator Tracy Gee stated, "The advertised position is the position currently filled on a part-time basis by Glenn Millican. We always wanted this position to be a full-time position, but Mr. Millican was the best candidate when we last completed interviews and he could only work part-time."

County officials are looking for someone to serve in a full-time capacity based on the amount of work needed in this position. Gee stated, "The Board of Supervisors is in support of seeking a full-time Economic Development Director/Planner."

Gee said that Millican "has volunteered to consult

on an as-needed basis and help us transition, and he will be here on his regularly scheduled basis until the end of March."

She continued, "Mr. Millican is an asset to our team, and his planning knowledge has been integral with permitting for new businesses, grant management, and the recent local interest in solar facilities. His contributions

and input will help us elevate a prospective full-time team member in a positive direction."

The job notes that the individual hired for this position will work under the County Administrator and others to develop, implement, and manage the county's economic development and planning activities.



Education and Legislation Mix at VSBA Capital Conference Local Attendees Advocate on Behalf of Public Education

LUNENBURG - Amy McClure, Lunenburg County Public Schools (LCPS) School Board member, attended the Virginia School Boards Association's Capital Conference held virtually on January 25 and 26, 2021. The event provided an opportunity for school board members, superintendents, state delegates and senators, and others to consider the major educational issues facing the 2021 General Assembly and to set up personal virtual meetings to discuss these issues on a local level.

Attendees heard from a variety of presenters and speakers, including:

- The Honorable Ralph

Northam, Governor of Virginia

- Senator Jennifer McClellan, Delegate Shelly Simonds and Delegate John Avoli

- Dr. Bob Holsworth, President, Virginia Tomorrow, LLC

- Chip Slaven, Chief Advocacy Officer, National School Boards Association

- Stacy Haney & J.T. Kessler, Lobbyists, Virginia School Boards Association

Those participating in the virtual session also received information from subject-area experts on a variety of topics, including the ever-changing political scene in Virginia, state budget issues, and legislation being



considered that will have an impact on public education and school board operations. Participating school board members were provided with a tool kit containing information on setting up an efficient and productive virtual meeting with their Legislators that were scheduled for day two of the conference.

"The VSBA Capital Conference was very informative," says Amy McClure, LCPS School Board Member and conference attendee. "I met with J.T. Kessler, VSBA Government Relations Specialist and Stacy Haney, VSBA Chief Lobbyist reviewing hot topics related to education for the 2021 session of the Gen-

eral Assembly. As a community, we need to watch Senate Bill 1303. This bill allows the local school divisions in the Commonwealth the choice to make in-person learning available to all students."

"We also want to encourage our Senators and Delegates NOT to change the Governor's Proposed Budget," McClure continued to say. "Financially, the school divisions are going to have to account for learning loss, average daily membership loss, and the costs of PPE."

McClure went on to say, "The Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission is in the process of doing a

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study on the true cost of implementing the standards of quality for school divisions. It has been 21 years since the last study for funding schools occurred.”

According to Gina Patterson, VSBA executive director, “The VSBA Capital Conference is grassroots lobbying at its best. This year, more than ever, it is extremely important that school board members have the opportunity to

share important information with legislators about the future of education in Virginia.”

The Virginia School Boards Association is a voluntary, nonpartisan organization of Virginia school boards, promoting excellence in public education through advocacy, training and services. The Association offers conferences, information, training, and counseling designed to meet the needs of the Commonwealth’s educational leaders.



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Candidates Hold Meet and Greet in Victoria

VICTORIA - On February 1, 2021, Victoria hosted several candidates for office who met with voters in Lunenburg.

The meet and greet event took place at Marino’s Restaurant where the four candidates had one on one

conversations with more than 50 people during the evening. Pictured from left to right are Delegate Tim Hugo, candidate for Lt. Governor, Mike Hankins, chair of Lunenburg Republicans, Eric Brezal, Marco Cruz, owner of Marino’s, Winsome Sears, candidate for Lt. Governor, Puneet

Ahluwalia, candidate for Lt. Governor, and Delegate Jason Miyres, candidate for Attorney General.

Mike Hankins indicated that he planned to have more candidates, including candidates for Governor, at Marino’s on March 1st.

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Phil Appears to Make the Right Call As Wintry Weather Hits the Area

SOUTHSIDE - It appears as though Punxsutawney Phil is on the money with his prediction this year. While the total amount of snow did not amount to more than a couple of inches on Sunday, Southside Virginia got a few inches of snow that caused some slippery traveling conditions.

The joke about Virginia weather held true as the area got rain, snow, sleet, and then warmer temperatures and sunshine all the same day causing the winter precipitation to leave as quickly as it came. The Victoria Railroad Park was covered in snow on Sunday morning and flooded with water during the warmer afternoon.

The famous groundhog emerged from his burrow last week and saw his shadow, declaring there would be six more weeks of winter. According to records dating back to 1887, the Pennsylvanian prognosticator has predicted more winter on more than 100 occasions. Last year, Phil predicted an early spring.

With additional winter weather in the forecast for later this week and weekend, spring appears to be at least six weeks away for this area.



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The Wright Report

Our second full week of the 2021 General Assembly session has come to an end, and I wanted to take a moment to update you on what's happening in Richmond.

Much of our attention this week has continued to focus on Virginia's effort to get the COVID vaccine out the door and into the arms of Virginians. The vaccine is finally moving from the Federal Government to Virginia, but the last mile -- getting it out of the freezer and into arms -- has been plagued with problems.

Last week Governor Northam held a press event about his floundering vaccination program, indicating that his team had failed to anticipate what were easily predictable problems. Well over a month into the vaccination program, Northam announced that his team was creating a new vaccine registration portal. This came only after weeks of complaints about failures by the local health districts he tasked with overseeing the program.

Now major hospital chains are canceling vaccination events as the vaccine is routed to local health departments - who cannot handle the load.

I co-sponsored a bill that would require the Department of Health to establish a process to allow qualified health care providers to volunteer to administer the COVID-19 vaccine. This would put more people on the front lines administering shots to people that need them. This bill has an emergency clause that would make it go into effect immediately should it receive approval of the General Assembly and the Governor.

My office and I are keeping a close eye on the vaccination rollout and will keep you up to speed on new developments. You can also check out resources regarding the vaccine at the following website: <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/covid-19-vaccine/>

The evidence is growing every day that our children need to be back in school. Not only is it safe for them to do so, it is safer than keeping them out of school. The science is consistent and getting clearer by the day: our kids need to be back in school as soon as possible. The CDC and Dr. Fauci have gone further than just "it's safe to open." On Thursday, they reported that it's safer for kids to be in schools than it is to be out in the community.



And that makes sense. Kids don't tend to transmit the virus to each other or teachers. The systems we've had open in Virginia have done very well -- cases come into the school from outside, they're identified, contact traced, and quarantined. Teachers unions are pushing hard in the other direction, though.

In Fairfax County, teachers asked to be vaccinated before they go back. The county agreed, and that's happening now. But, the president of their union said they don't want to go back until teachers and children are vaccinated. Considering there's no vaccine approved for children, that's a tall order. The damage being done here is just unimaginable. Our testing results are coming in, and our kids are falling behind in reading. There's an epidemic of "F"s out there as kids who don't have the complete support system they need are failing. Kids are fighting with depression in virtual schools, and it's no wonder why. Can you imagine being stuck on a six-hour zoom call? We know that screen time impacts kids in a negative way. This is compounding the situation. One state reopened their schools because they had a rash of elementary school suicides.

We appreciate all the calls and emails we have received and hope you will continue to reach out when we can be of assistance. The best way to contact me is via email at DelTWright@house.virginia.gov or by calling 804.698.1061. You can also send mail to PO Box 1323, Victoria, Virginia 23974.

If you would like to view House Committee Meetings or House Floor Sessions you can do so at this web address: <https://virginiageneralassembly.gov/house/chamber/chamberstream.php>



Scott Recognized as Meherrin Volunteer Fire & Rescue Member of the Month

MEHERRIN - Meherrin Volunteer Fire & Rescue announced at the start of the year that they were planning to help introduce members of their organization to the community by having a "Member of the Month."

The group recently noted that February's Member of the Month was Leon Scott. Leon joined Meherrin Vol. Fire and Rescue the year of 1992. During his time as part of the group, he has served the titles of First Lieutenant, Second Lieutenant, Captain, Assistant Chief, and Chief.

He has also served as a member on the executive committee and is in his second year as Meherrin Volunteer Fire & Rescue President. Leon has spent many years training to help bring knowledge to the department to

better serve the community and the surrounding districts. "Thank you, Leon, for the sacrifices that you have made for us and your community!" Meherrin officials stated,

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Mecklenburg Among Localities Awarded Virginia Telecommunications Initiative Grants

MECKLENBURG - While most Southside Virginia counties struggle with access to high-speed internet for residents, Mecklenburg County was recently announced as part of five projects that were awarded Virginia Telecommunications Initiative grants.

A release from Virginia Governor Ralph Northam announced that Virginians living and working in 11 localities will gain access high-speed internet thanks to more than \$29.6 million in grants awarded through the Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI). The funding will sup-

port five projects, connecting more than 11,700 households, businesses, and anchor institutions to broadband service, and leveraging over \$34 million in private and local investments.

Administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), VATI provides targeted financial assistance to extend broadband service to areas that are currently unserved by a provider. In his 2020 budget, Governor Northam made an historic investment of nearly \$50 million in VATI funding. His proposed budget invests an additional \$15 million in fiscal year 2022 to maintain this significant level of funding.

"Now more than ever, we must ensure that Virginians in every part of our Commonwealth have access to reliable, high-speed internet," said Governor Northam.

"With these grants, we will help bridge the digital divide in unserved communities and provide thousands of households and businesses with the connections they need to work, learn, and thrive."

Projects were selected through a competitive process that evaluated each project for demonstrated need and benefit for the community, applicant readiness and capacity, and the cost and leverage of the proposed project. The level of funding awarded is based on the infrastructure needs in the project area.

In this application year, VATI received 45 applications from 53 units of local government that partnered with 26 internet service providers, requesting more than \$105 million in funding. The five projects announced today are the first round of high-ranked projects. These projects are either unaf-

ected by the recently announced Federal Communications Commission's Phase I of Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) preliminary awards or have already been re-scoped by the applicant to remove overlap with RDOF funded areas. A second round of awards of the remaining high-ranked projects, including those that have been re-scoped and re-evaluated due to the impact of RDOF will be announced utilizing the remaining available funds in the coming months.

Mecklenburg County and EMPOWER Broadband will receive \$44,938.1. Mecklenburg County will construct over 22 miles of fiber in partnership with EMPOWER Broadband. The project will connect 414 serviceable units to broadband at gigabit speeds, including 12 businesses.

Virginia Kindness Week, February 14-20

STATEWIDE - In honor of Virginia Kindness Week, the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) is encouraging schools to promote and celebrate kindness during the week of February 14-20, 2021.

The purpose of Kindness Week is to recognize that simple day-to-day acts of kindness enable our schools, communities, and state to be a kinder, safer, healthier, and more inclusive place to live, work, learn, and play. "Teaching and recognizing kindness in schools and communities fosters empathy, builds community, reduces bullying, and nurtures a safe and welcoming environment" (Currie, 2015). By promoting kindness, we are promoting inclusivity by extending an opportunity for grace, empa-

thy, dignity, and acceptance across Virginia.

Schools can access resources to plan their Kindness Week initiatives on the VDOE's Kindness Week webpage. Additionally, we are excited to announce that the Virginia Department of Education has been recognized as a Kindness Certified State Department of Education by the Great Kindness Challenge. We hope you will consider becoming a Kindness Certified School Division.

For questions about Virginia Kindness Week, contact Sarah Bazemore, School Counseling Specialist, Office of Student Services, by email at Sarah.Bazemore@doe.virginia.gov, or by telephone at (804) 225-4024.

Southside Opportunity Fund Accepting Scholarship Applications

SOUTHSIDE - Applications for the annual Southside Opportunity Fund (SOF) scholarships for students headed to college or a trade/technical school will be accepted through late March.

High school and home-school seniors who receive electricity at their homes from Southside Electric Cooperative (SEC) are eligible to apply for the \$1,000 scholarships. The application deadline is March 26, and scholarships will be awarded this spring.

The program was created by the SEC Board of Directors to provide scholarships and other opportunities for Cooperative members and their families. It's part of a recognition by the Cooperative of the importance of preparing today's students for tomorrow's jobs.

Eighty-nine scholarships for almost \$100,000 have been awarded in just five years.

A combination of weight-criteria is used in the se-

lection process: 45% financial need, 45% academic achievement and 10% personal statement. Scholarships must be used for tuition, student fees, lodging or textbooks.

To be eligible, the applicant's primary residence must receive its electric power from SEC, the applicant must receive a high school diploma or GED by the fall of 2021 and the applicant must be entering his or her first semester of college or trade/technical school in the fall of 2021. Proof of admission will be required if selected to receive a scholarship.

For more information and to apply for a scholar-

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Kenbridge Officials Hold Public Hearing on East 6th Avenue Property

KENBRIDGE - Kenbridge officials recently released information about an upcoming public hearing regarding the sale of property in the town.

The Town of Kenbridge has declared property as sur-

plus property along East 6th Avenue in the town and will hold a public hearing on February 16, 2021. The meeting is set to take place at 6:50 p.m. for the purpose of considering the sale of this property.

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Benchmark Community Bank Scholarship Open Until February 21

KENBRIDGE - Benchmark Community Bank is once again sponsoring its SmartStart Community Commitment Scholarships. High School seniors residing or attending school in one of the ten Southside Virginia/northern North Carolina counties served by Benchmark are invited to apply for one of ten \$1,000 scholarships. Students who live or are educated outside of the service footprint, but who are Benchmark customers are also eligible to apply. Applications close at 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, February 21, 2021.

"Benchmark's SmartStart Scholarship is unique," said President/CEO Jay Stafford. "As a community bank, we know how critical it is for people of all ages to support the civic organizations and activities that enhance their hometown's quality of life."

"Our program's eligibility is based on a student's demonstrated involvement in extracurricular school and community activities rather than their academic achievement," Stafford continued. "So many of our bright young minds have so much to share with the employers and organizations at home. We want to encourage them to return home and share their ideas, energy, and newfound educations by opening new businesses and getting involved in their communities."

The application can be

found online at <https://www.bcbonline.com/scholarship>. Students may also obtain a paper application by contacting their local Benchmark branch. A list of branches is available at www.bcbonline.com/locations.

The SmartStart Community Commitment Scholarship is named for Benchmark's SmartStart money management account for young people ages 13-17. The account encourages students to learn the importance of saving for the future while incorporating a debit card that allows them to make decisions about managing spending and saving. It is part of the menu of youth-targeted accounts beginning with YES (Youth Excited about Saving) for ages 5-12 and Bridge for young adults ages 18-25.

Benchmark Community Bank, based in Kenbridge, Va., has 17 locations throughout Southside Virginia and northern North Carolina. Founded in 1971 as The Lunenburg County Bank, Benchmark is celebrating its 50th year serving businesses and consumers throughout its service footprint. You are invited to visit the bank's website at www.bcbonline.com or follow them on Facebook/bcbonline to learn more about Benchmark Community Bank. Member FDIC. Equal Housing Lender. With you for Life!



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Brady and Bucs Destroy KC in Super Bowl Showdown

TAMPA BAY, FLA. - In a game that was billed as the G.O.A.T. (Tom Brady) against the baby G.O.A.T. (Patrick Mahomes), the old one showed there is still no comparison for now. The Tampa Bay Buccaneers completely dominated the Kansas City Chiefs in a 31-9 victory to give them their second Super Bowl title.

While most NFL players dream of reaching and winning one Super Bowl, Tom Brady has now played in 10 Super Bowls and won the most NFL championships in history with seven. The Bucs defense was outstanding throughout the game and gave a blueprint to the rest of the league of how to stop the Chiefs offense. Many people thought that the defense won this game, but make no mistake, Brady won the game and his work for this title began back at the start of the season.

He left New England and now has shown who was the most integral part of those teams, while bringing with him his retired buddy, Rob Gronkowski, who caught two touchdown passes in the first half. He also helped bring in troubled wide receiver Antonio Brown who also caught a touchdown pass with six seconds left in the first half to put the Buccaneers up 21-6.

The Kansas City offense



was contained all game as the Tampa secondary stopped the speedy KC weapons, while Mahomes ran around in the

backfield like a Sunday afternoon pick-up game trying to avoid the Tampa Bay defensive line.

The Buccaneers tacked on 10 more points in the second half while not allowing a single KC touchdown to get

the easy win and cementing Brady as the Greatest of All Time in case there was any doubt.

Longwood Lancer Baseball Finalizes 2021 Schedule

FARMVILLE - A 50-game slate awaits the Longwood baseball team beginning the third weekend in February as head coach Ryan Mau released the team's full schedule.

The team enters its 44th season of play, and seventh under Mau, as the Lancers return to the diamond after the 2020 season was canceled by the Big South last March due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Now, Longwood is gearing up for a new-look schedule that features opponents from the Southern Conference, Horizon League and MEAC as well as the usual faces in the Big South.

"This year is obviously like no other," Mau said. "We have an expanded slate of conference play due to the pandemic. After having our season canceled last year, we are very excited to have the opportunity to get back on the field this spring and compete."

Instead of the typical 27 conference tilts, the Big South announced earlier in the academic year that conference play would be extended to 40 games. The conference schedule, which opens in the first week of March, will feature 12 weekend three-game series and four mid-week contests. In addition, the weekend series will consist of a single game on the first day followed by a doubleheader

on the second.

Longwood opens the season with a three-game road series Feb. 19-21 at The Citadel down in Charleston, S.C., the first time the two sides have tangled since 2005. The Lancers then come back home for five straight, with a midweek tilt against regional foe North Carolina Central on Feb. 23 serving as the team's home opener at 3 p.m. Oakland, out of the Horizon League, travels to Farmville Feb. 26-28 for a four-game series, including a doubleheader on Saturday, Feb. 27.

When the calendar turns to March, Big South play starts. The Lancers open the month with eight straight on the road, beginning with their conference opener at Charleston Southern March 5 and 6. Following a midweek trip to Norfolk State (March 9), Longwood heads down to Presbyterian (March 12 and 13) before wrapping up the stretch with a trip to High Point (March 16). The Lancers finish the month with six of seven at home, with Winthrop (March 19 and 20) and Campbell (March 26 and 27) coming to Farmville on consecutive weekends around a trip to Radford (March 23).

The schedule shifts to a home heavy stretch in the month of April for Longwood. Following a trip to Gardner-Webb (April 1 and

2), the Lancers host Norfolk State on April 6 for their final non-conference test. That midweek tilt opens up an eight-game homestand, as High Point (April 9 and 10), Presbyterian (April 16 and 17) and Radford (April 20) head to Buddy Bolding Stadium. The home stretch ends when the Lancers travel to USC Upstate on April 23 and 24, but the Lancers come back home to host Radford (April 30 and May 1).

Once into May, the Lancers have a pair of weekend road trips to UNC Asheville (May 7 and 8) and Winthrop (May 14 and 15) sandwiched around a midweek contest (High Point, May 11). The Lancers close the season against the same opponent that they opened against, this time hosting Charleston Southern on May 20-21.

The Big South Baseball Championship will be held May 27-29 and will feature the top four teams in the league at SEGRA Stadium in Fayetteville, N.C.

All Longwood athletics events this spring will begin the season under a no-fans model due to health and safety concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Longwood athletics department and university leadership will assess that policy throughout the season with guidance from local and national health professionals and agencies.

All Longwood athletics events and participants will also adhere to local, state and national safety protocols, as established by the NCAA, Centers for Disease Control, Virginia Department of Health, and Longwood University medical professionals.

2021 Schedule by the Numbers

50 games: 26 home games | 24 away games

Home Big South Opponents (6): Winthrop (March 19-20), Campbell (March 26-27), High Point (April 9-10, May 11), Presbyterian (April 16-17), Radford (April 20, 30, May 1), Charleston Southern (May 20-21)

Away Big South Opponents (8): Charleston South-

ern (March 5-6), Presbyterian (March 12-13), High Point (March 16), Radford (March 23), Gardner-Webb (April 1-2), USC Upstate (April 23-24), UNC Asheville (May 7-8), Winthrop (May 14-15)

Non-Conference Opponents (4): The Citadel (road, Feb. 19-21), NC Central (home, Feb. 23), Oakland (home, Feb. 26-28), Norfolk State (road, March 9; home, April 6).

Lenhart Field Namesake Remembered

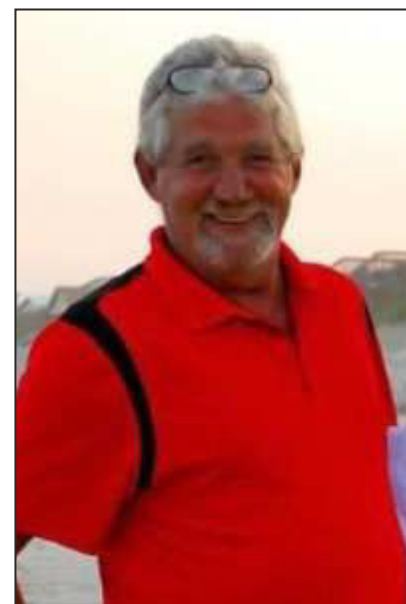
LUNENBURG - Families that have played youth baseball in Lunenburg since the expansion of the complex in Victoria know that the newest regulation field is named Lenhart Field. This is after Johny Lenhart, who donated the land where the field is located and was also a proponent of and actively involved with youth baseball in Lunenburg.

John Henry Lenhart, Jr., 67, of Lunenburg recently passed away and league officials had the following to say.

"The LCYBL family would like to offer our condolences to the Lenhart family. Johny served many years as a coach/manager and even as league president. Johny and his family also purchased and donated the land where Lenhart Field is located. Please keep the family in your prayers. Thanks for everything you and your family did for LCYBL, Mr. Johny Lenhart."

The family noted, "During his life, Johny had different jobs, but his favorite time

was spent as proprietor of The Corner Grocery directly across from Lunenburg Court House. His love of this community extended to each person who stepped through the door of that old time country store. He loved working with Little League Baseball and will be remembered by the field bearing his name."



John Henry Lenhart, Jr.



H-SC Tigers Cancel Two Basketball Games

HAMPDEN-SYDNEY — Hampden-Sydney College has announced that the February 8 scheduled Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) home basketball game against Shenandoah University has been canceled in accordance with the College's Health and Safety Protocols.

In addition, the Tigers' scheduled home game against ODAC member Randolph College on Thursday night, Feb. 11, at 7 p.m. has been canceled, as well.

H-SC is currently scheduled to resume competition against the University of Lynchburg on Tuesday night, Feb. 16, at 7 p.m. in S. Douglas Fleet Gymnasium—though the schedule remains subject to change—a road game at Bridgewater College on Feb. 13 had previously been canceled by the host school.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE UPDATE

~~SU at H-SC / February 8, 7 p.m. / CANCELED~~

~~RC at H-SC / February 11, 7 p.m. / CANCELED~~

Big South Adjustments Alter Lancers' Remaining Basketball Games

FARMVILLE — In a multi-game adjustment to its remaining regular-season schedule, Longwood will now face Charleston Southern this Thursday and Friday, Feb. 4-5, in Charleston, S.C., instead of its originally planned home series against Hampton

on the same dates.

Also changing dates will be Longwood's final two home series, first against Gardner-Webb, which will now take place in Willett Hall on Feb. 11-12, and lastly against Hampton, which will now take place on Feb. 15 and

Feb. 21. This week's games against Charleston Southern will tip off at 6 p.m. Thursday and 4 p.m. Friday. Longwood will announce game times for the Gardner-Webb and Hampton series at a later date.

Those changes come as part of a league-wide schedule adjustment by the Big

South Conference to accommodate COVID-19 measures undertaken by other members of the conference. The Big South will publish schedule updates on a weekly basis or as they arise.

For the full, league-wide schedule adjustment, visit www.BigSouthSports.com.

Lancer Central Returns for 2021

FARMVILLE — With both Longwood men's and women's basketball in full swing and the start of spring sports around the corner, Lancer Central is back.

On the latest episode, we catch up with Longwood women's basketball's Kyla McMakin and Tra'Dayja Smith as they describe what it was like for both of them to be featured in the national spotlight on ESPN's Sportscenter Top-10 plays. Also, Dylan McKercher counts down Longwood's best highlights in the Lancer Central Top-Six plays,

Lancer Central is filmed, edited and produced by Longwood University Communications student Dyan McKercher. The show is filmed inside the department's state-of-the-art production studio in French Hall. Lancer Central is a collaborative effort between the Communication Studies program and Longwood athletics. Under the direction of Department Chair and Associate Professor Jeff Halliday and Broadcast Studio Managing Engineer Clint Wright, students produce Lancer Central biweekly.

Hampden-Sydney Earns Road Win At Emory & Henry 76-62

HAMPDEN-SYDNEY — Freshman Josiah Hardy/Ashburn scored a career-high 16 points to lead Hampden-Sydney College to a 76-62 Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) basketball road win at Emory & Henry College on Friday evening in Emory. Sophomore Ryan Clements/Conyers, GA added 14 points off the bench, and senior captain Jake Hahn/Ruckersville had a double-double with 13 points and 11 rebounds for the visiting Tigers (1-4, 1-3 ODAC), who earned their first win of the season. Robert Holliday, Jr. scored 15 points for the host Wasps (0-2, 0-2 ODAC).

"Always big when you can win one on the road in the ODAC," said second-year head coach Caleb Kimbrough. "We had great enthusiasm today. Proud of the guys."

H-SC fell behind early at E&H, trailing 10-2 at 16:48, and the Wasps took their largest lead of the contest at 19-10 with 13:33 on the first-half clock. The Tigers, however, began battling back with six unanswered points to get to within 19-16 at 11:01 after a layup by Hahn, and the visitors took their first lead at 24-22 with 7:04 remaining in the first half following two free throws from Hahn. H-SC continued its momentum, closing the first half on a 29-13 run over the final 12:38 to lead 39-32 at the intermission—Hahn leading the effort with 10 first-half points, while freshman DJ Wright/Greensboro, GA had nine points off the bench and both Hardy and Clements contributed eight first-half points.

The Tigers began the second half right where they left off and extended their lead to 47-34 at 16:49 after a layup by junior Jack Wyatt/Richmond, and the visitors led 51-39 at 14:29 following a jumper in the lane from Wyatt. E&H responded

with eight unanswered points to close to within 51-47 with 12:24 remaining, but H-SC used a quick 8-1 run to lead 59-48 at 9:11 after an offensive rebound and layup by Hahn. The Wasps were within 59-52 with 7:56 left, but the Garnet & Grey scored seven-straight points to lead 66-52 at 4:48—getting four quick points from Clements, including a steal and slam dunk, along with a basket from Hardy and a free throw by Hahn. The Tigers took their largest lead of the contest at 74-57 with 1:18 remaining after a layup by freshman Adam Brazil/Mooresville, NC en route to the final margin of victory.

Hardy led H-SC with his career-high and game-high 16 points, including 7-8 field goals and 2-3 free throws, adding six rebounds and a career-high and game-high three steals. Clements finished with his 14 points for the Tigers, including 4-4 free throws, adding a game-high three steals, as well. Hahn contributed his second double-double of the season with 13 points and a game-high 11 rebounds, adding a season-high and game-high six assists. Brazil added career-highs of 12 points, six rebounds and three steals, the latter also a game-high, while Wright had nine points and Wyatt had five points, six rebounds and a game-high three blocks—tying his career-high. H-SC shot 47% (30-64) from the field, including 17% (2-12) on three-pointers, and 74% (14-19) at the free throw line.

Holliday, Jr. led E&H with his 15 points, adding seven rebounds. Micah Banks added 13 points and a game-high three steals for the Wasps. E&H shot 37% (23-62) from the field, including 32% (6-19) on three-pointers, and 71% (10-14) at the line.

Lake Country SPCA PET OF THE WEEK



Thor is a beautiful tan 2 year old Pit Bull mix who loves to hug and get in anyone's lap who will have him. He is young, playful and really smart, but so bored with shelter life. Please consider meeting him to see if he could fit into your family. He came to LCSPCA many months ago as a transfer from co. animal control, and is neutered, heartworm negative and vaccinated.

Rochelle is a lovely 4 year old Tortie kitty who has a gentle, sweet demeanor. She tries to get people's attention by rubbing up against the cage and rolling around when they visit, but the right adopter hasn't chosen her yet. Since she has been here over a year, Rochelle's adoption fee has been covered by a good Samaritan to get her into a good home quicker. She needs to eat Hill Prescription Diet brand food or else she gets and upset tummy and skin issues, so that has put some adopters off. But with this diet, she looks and feels great. Please come meet this beauty!

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Winning Super Bowl Coach Has Ties to VT and UVA

TAMPA BAY, FLA. - The Tampa Bay Bucs Head Coach Bruce Arians just won the Super Bowl and most Virginia Tech football fans know that he played quarterback for Virginia Tech in the early 1970s.

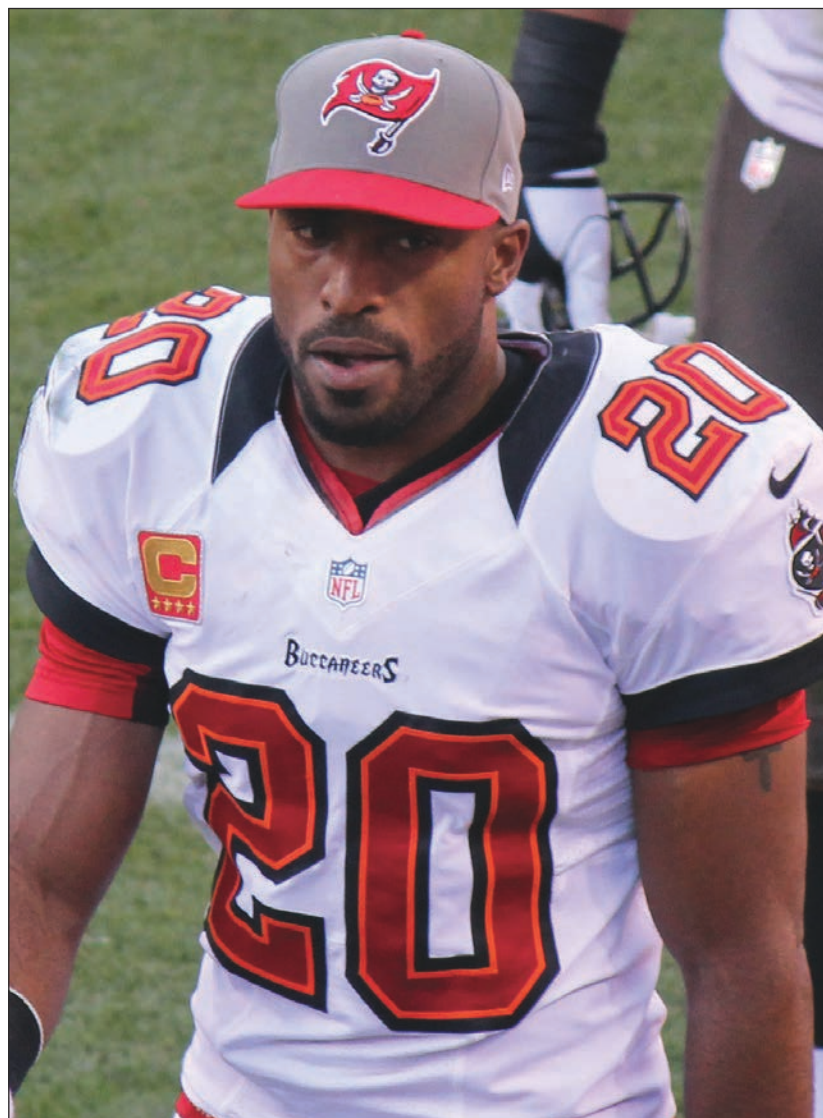
Arians has ties to both

Virginia Tech and UVA as he roomed with James Barber, the father of UVA star players and NFL stars Tiki and Ronde Barber.

Arians and James Barber made history at VT as they were the first white and black player to ever room together

at Virginia Tech.

Now Arians has made history with his first Super Bowl win as a head coach, while Ronde Barber's name is featured in the Bucs Hall of Fame where the Super Bowl was played.



Brodnax Native Johnson Selected in G League Draft

BRODNAX - While Keldon Johnson is making a name for himself in the NBA with the San Antonio Spurs, another Johnson is also looking to continue his basketball career at the professional level.

Kaleb Johnson from Brodnax, Virginia was recently selected in the NBA G League Draft by the Austin Spurs.

Johnson was taken with the 34th overall selection in the second round of the 2021 NBA G League Draft.

Johnson, 6-7/220, averaged 4.3 points and 2.7 rebounds in 15.3 minutes per game in four seasons with Georgetown University from 2015-19. He earned the 2019 PNC Student-Athlete Achiev-

er award, which recognizes well-rounded student-athletes who demonstrate leadership in the classroom and in competition. He received Big East All-Academic Team honors each year of his college career.



Keldon Johnson

Lunenburg Dixie Youth Baseball Planning a Return this Spring

LUNENBURG - After stopping the season before any games were played last year, the Lunenburg County Youth Baseball League is hoping to return and begin play this spring.

LCYBL President David Clark announced last week that their league is starting sign-ups this month. Clark stated, "Who is ready to play ball? Baseball will be played in Lunenburg and we can't wait to see the players back on the field."

The league is holding sig-

nups on February 20 and 27 at Lenhart Field from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. They also noted that if your child signed up last year and plans to play this season you still need to fill out the paperwork for them to be able to play, but the league announced last year that the cost from last season could be carried over to this year.

LCYBL officials stated, "We will be taking as many precautions as possible and going the extra mile in cleanliness and sanitation."

ACC Men's Basketball Standings

Virginia	9-1
Florida State	6-2
Virginia Tech	8-3
Louisville	6-3
North Carolina	7-4
Georgia Tech	5-4
Clemson	6-5
Pitt	5-5
Duke	5-5
Syracuse	4-5
NC State	4-6
Notre Dame	4-7
Miami	3-10
Wake Forest	2-8
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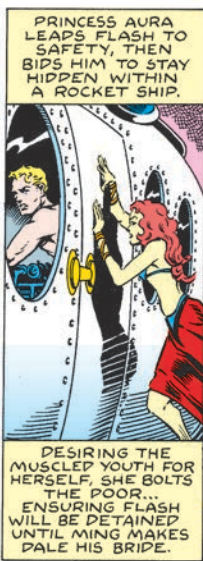
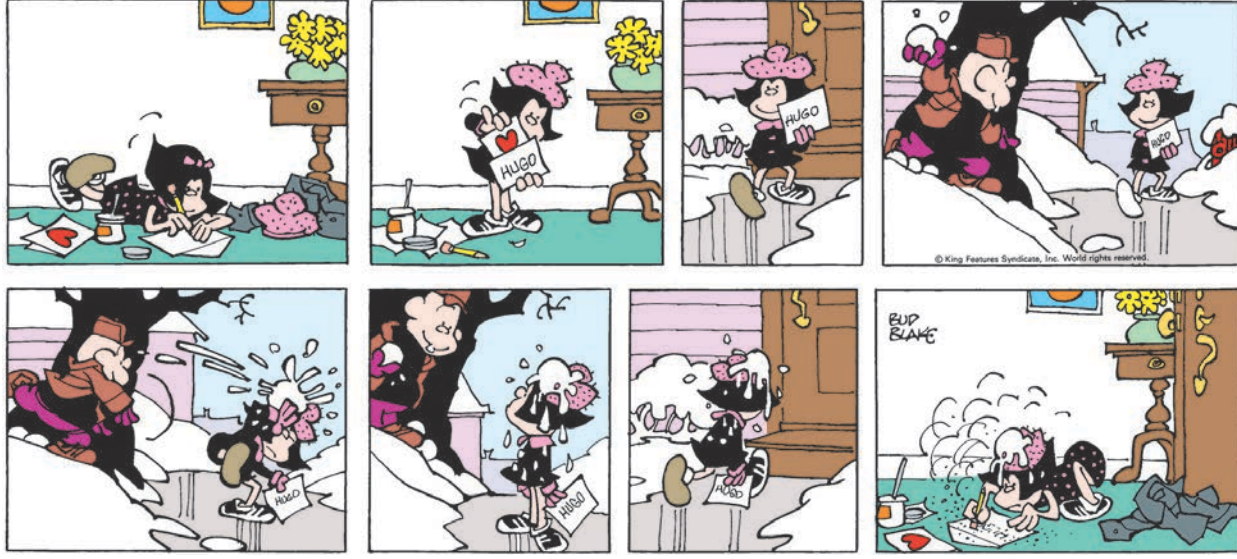



Comics AND Puzzles

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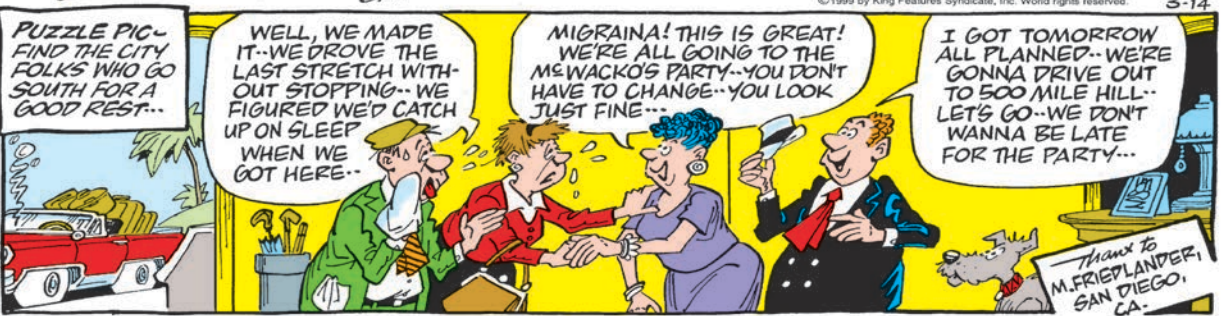
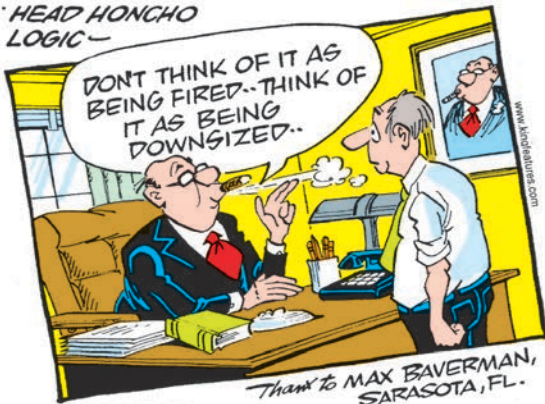
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by BUD BLAKE

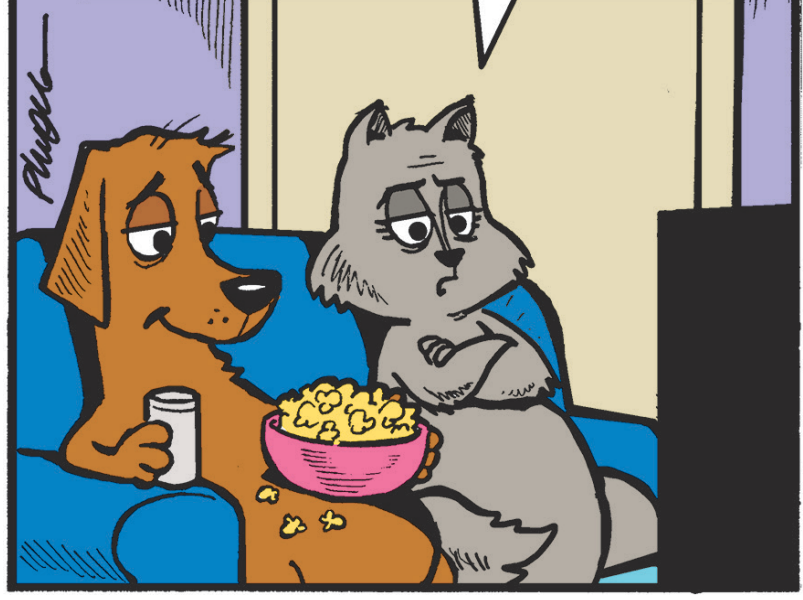


THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME

BY AL SCADUTO



OK, LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT. YOUR ARGUMENT FOR THIS BEING A GOOD MOVIE IS IT HAS A "HIGH BODY COUNT"?



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: N equals B

Z ZDHQZEM VGHV H LBYYX
NMVSMME H LHEEYE HEK H
NMRR SYIRK NM KINNMK

"VGM NYYDMBHEQ."

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

WORD FUN

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

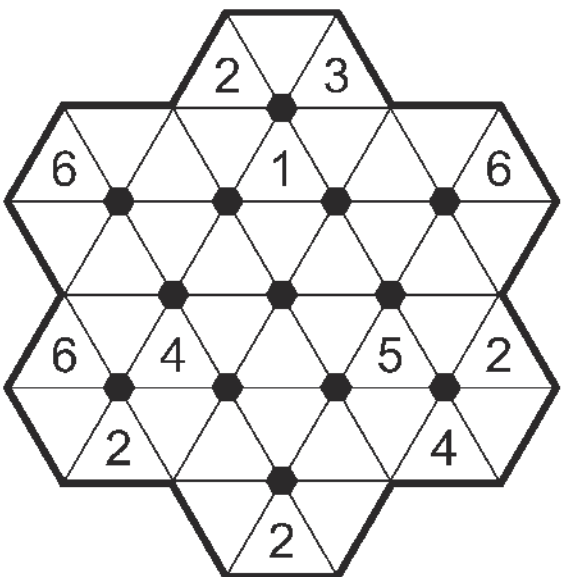
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SERBIA	BARES	KNEELS	LEEKs
STORES	RESTS	RAGING	GRAIN
ENTERS	STEER	BASSET	BEAST

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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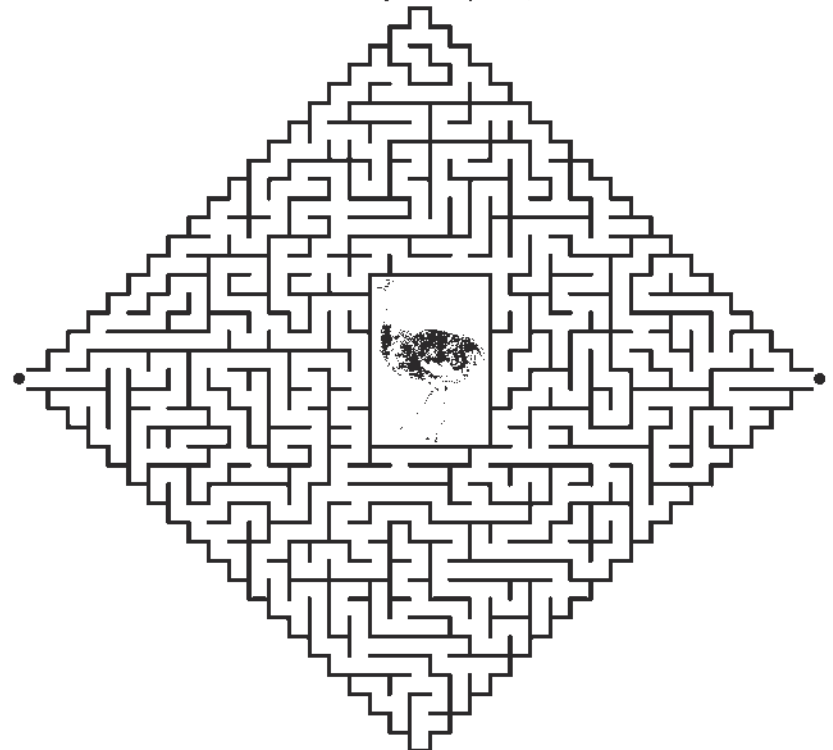


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— Ronald Reagan

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Mega Maze

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

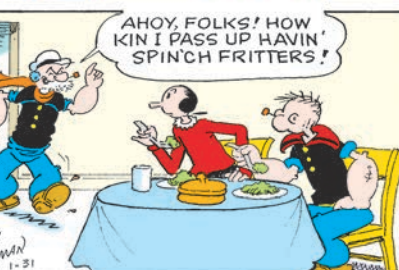
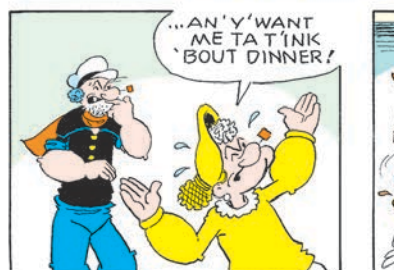
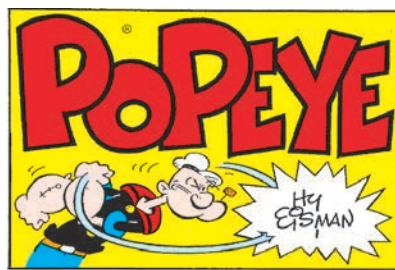
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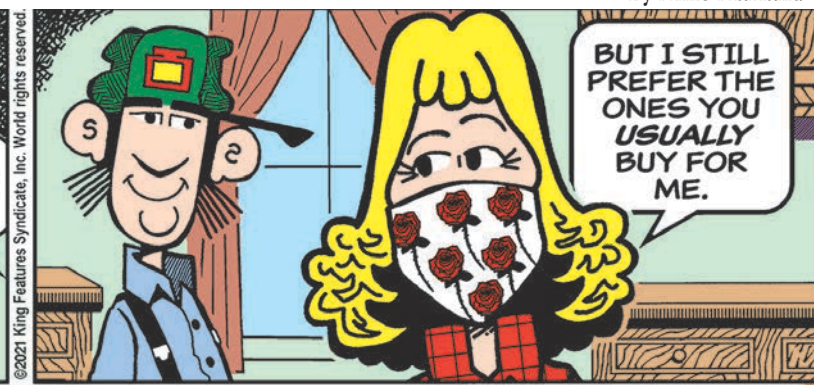
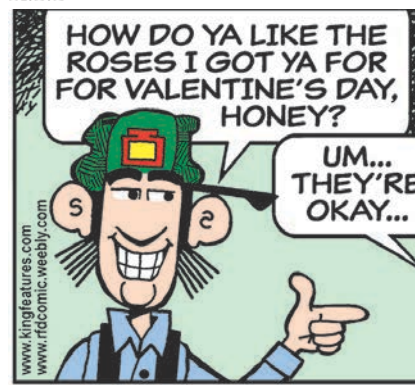
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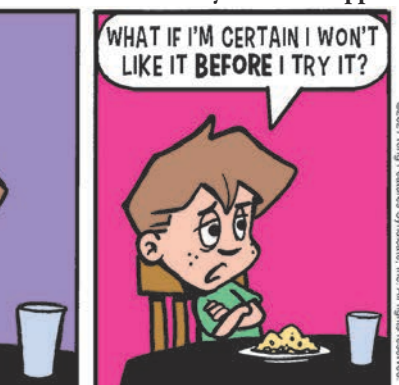
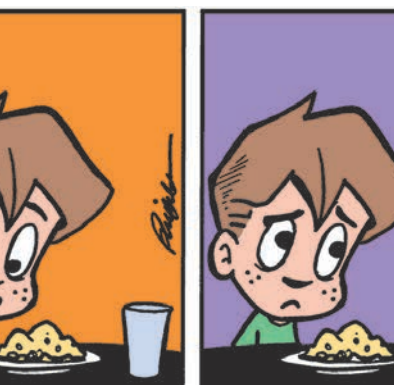
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By Mike Marland



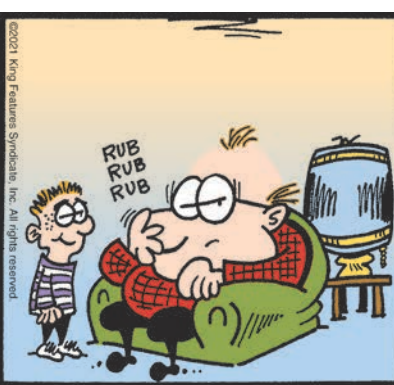
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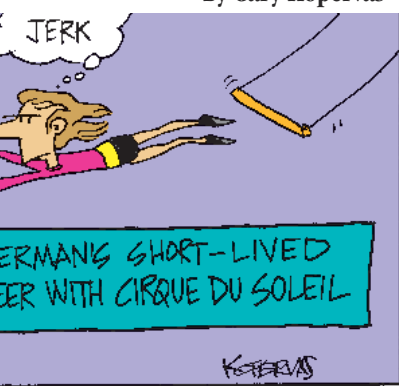
THE SPATS

By Jeff Pickering



OUT ON A LIMB

By Gary Kopervas



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Super Crossword

AM TOO!

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|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| ACROSS | 1 Kuwait rulers | 45 Volt-per-ampere unit | 85 Actor Ralph having branch reached a saloon's counter? | 128 SEALS' mil. branch | 38 Nev. neighbor | 82 Rice — (cereal) |
| 2 Pin to hang a chapeau on | 46 Stephen of film | 49 Temporarily smiling broadly? | 89 "—-hawl" suffix with brilliant | 129 Reinowned | 39 Yoga pad | 83 Assists |
| 12 Clothes | 56 With | 34-Across, "Green Eggs and Ham" character | 91 Rod go-with | DOWN | 40 Corn bases | 86 Archer's skill |
| 16 "This is so frustrating!" | 64 Tuscany city | 59 Sweetheart in sonnets | 92 Micro starter month | 1 Pixieish one | 41 Cronus' wife | 87 Pt. of NATO |
| 19 Maui porch | 60 Oklahoma city | 61 Shoe retailer | 96 Group journey that has made everyone really hungry? | 2 Damage a bil | 42 Singer Sumac | 88 Ball balancer |
| 20 Single-celled creature | 62 Former flying inils. | 62 Former flying inils. | 104 Memo starter | 3 — funk (sad) | 47 Audience extras | 92 In a single try |
| 21 Old term for margarine | 63 Gas suffix | 63 Gas suffix | 106 British rocker | 4 Ninth Muslim month | 48 Really suffer | 93 Wicked act |
| 22 Sooner than, in sonnets | 64 Tuscany city | 64 Tuscany city | 116 "After that ..." | 5 Gangster Bugsy | 49 Licked parts of envelopes | 94 Wingtip tip |
| 23 Incriminated dancer | 66 Negative particle | 66 Negative particle | 107 Cold carnival treats | 6 Singer Emmylou | 50 Actress Chaplin | 95 Walk — (small roles) |
| Ginger with false evidence? | 67 Iowa's tree | 67 Iowa's tree | 108 Group of truck drivers who were once in the same college fraternity? | 5 Singer Emmylou | 51 KOA patron | 97 Santa — (hot winds) |
| 25 Possible cause of sneezing | 68 Tony-winning musical performed in France's capital? | 68 Tony-winning musical performed in France's capital? | 115 "After that ..." | 6 Roman wrap | 52 Nawsy bits | 98 Entraps |
| 27 Petri dish gel | 73 Graynor of "The Sitter" milieu | 73 Graynor of "The Sitter" milieu | 116 Belgium's capital | 7 "Yo te —" | 53 Tax-free bond, in brief | 99 Walk — (no-appointment customers) |
| 28 A handsome Greek god put half-and-half in his coffee? | 74 Nabisco treats | 74 Nabisco treats | 117 Doubled radius of a toy on a string? | 8 Foman wrap | 54 Israeli airline | 100 "I meant someone else" |
| 30 Scholars' milieu | 76 Valleys | 76 Valleys | 122 Go astray | 9 Small chirp | 55 Adult males | 101 Real thing |
| 34 See | 77 Wish to undo | 77 Wish to undo | 123 Intro studio course | 10 Spanish river | 56 Supported | 102 Cataract port |
| 35 Mini-plateau | 78 Pinco — | 78 Pinco — | 124 By wagering | 11 Illuminated like old streets | 57 Oscar winner, e.g. | 103 "The — Corneth" |
| 36 Combusk-wrapped treats found in an underground vault? | 79 6/6/44 | 79 6/6/44 | 125 Plant used to make tequila | 12 "Beat it, kid!" | 58 Not go right or straight while driving | 104 Monks' home |
| 43 Pizazz | 80 Colonel | 80 Colonel | 126 Hankering | 13 Actor Guinness | 59 Inuit language word for "house" | 105 — Haute, Indiana |
| 44 Psychic glow | 81 North, briefly | 81 North, briefly | 127 Pony pattern | 14 Back area | 60 Paper unit | 109 Despot of old |
| | 82 Broadway star Rivera | 82 Broadway star Rivera | | 15 Foreshadow | 61 Actor Ziering | 110 Architect Saartinen |
| | 84 Spokane-to-Boise dir. | 84 Spokane-to-Boise dir. | | 16 Some math specialists | 62 Lond — (listen) | 111 Utah ski site |
| | | | | 17 French city | 66 Lond — (listen) | 112 Ages on end |
| | | | | 18 Ibsen's "— Gable" | 69 Inuit language word for "house" | 113 Meg of film |
| | | | | 24 Matriarch | 70 Small error | 114 Japanese noodle |
| | | | | 26 Pitch a tent | 71 Chi-Town daily paper | 118 Actor Patel |
| | | | | 29 "— -di-dah!" | 72 Let — sigh | 119 Tit for — |
| | | | | 30 Feasted | 75 Popeye's gal | 120 Night before |
| | | | | 31 Nev. neighbor | 76 Popeye's gal | 121 Ruby, e.g. |
| | | | | 32 Docs' org. | 77 Old Dodge | |
| | | | | 33 — worse than death | 81 Corrosive cleansers | |
| | | | | 37 Rhine feeder | | |

STICKELERS

by Terry Stickels

I have three cousins. If I multiply their ages, I get 36. If I eliminate the possibility that any cousin is 1 year old, what is the probability of getting the ages correct on the first try?

- 1 in 2
- 1 in 3
- 1 in 4
- 1 in 6

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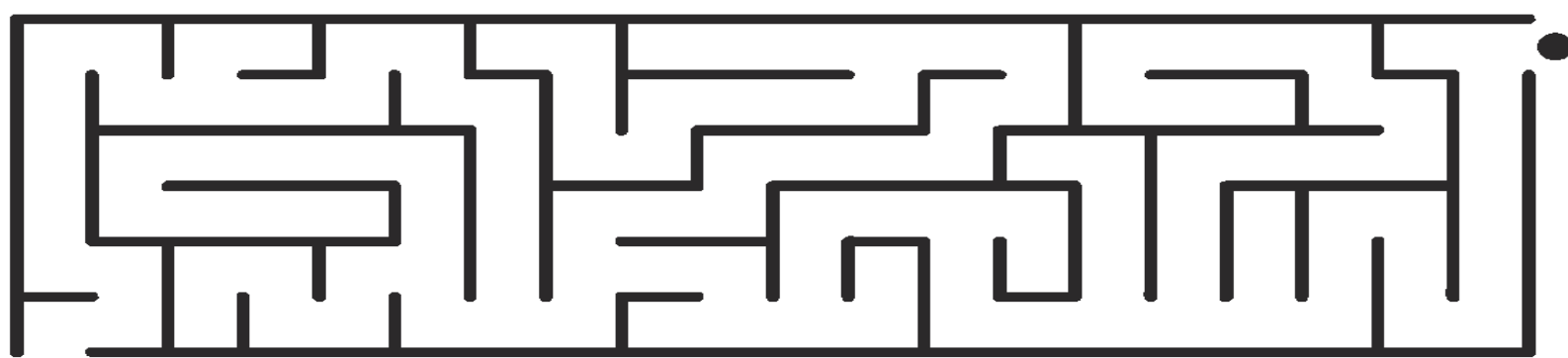


Moments in time
THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On Feb. 24, 1786, Wilhelm Karl Grimm, the younger of the two Brothers Grimm, is born in Germany. The Grimm collection of folk and fairy tales includes "Hansel and Gretel" and "Little Red Riding Hood."
- On Feb. 25, 1862, the U.S. Congress passes the Legal Tender Act, authorizing paper notes to pay the government's bills. It ended the long-standing policy of using only gold or silver in transactions.
- On Feb. 26, 1919, the Grand Canyon National Park is established. The chasm, home to more than 1,500 plant and 500 animal species, is more than a mile deep, and 15 miles across at its widest point.
- On Feb. 22, 1959, Lee Petty edges Johnny Beauchamp in a photo finish to win the first-ever Daytona 500 in Florida. Beauchamp was initially named the winner, until Petty challenged the results using news photos.
- On Feb. 27, 1964, the Italian government begins accepting suggestions on how to save the Leaning Tower of Pisa from collapse. The top of the 180-foot tower was hanging 17 feet south of the base. The tower's lean is caused by the remains of an ancient river estuary under the building.
- On Feb. 23, 1980, speedskater Eric Heiden captures the 10,000-meter race at the Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, New York, in world record time to win an unprecedented fifth individual gold medal. Heiden had overslept and rushed to the rink after eating just a few slices of bread.
- On Feb. 28, 1993, in Waco, Texas, federal agents launch an unsuccessful raid against the Branch Davidian compound as part of an investigation into illegal possession of firearms and explosives by the Christian cult. On April 18, U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno approved a tear-gas grenade assault on the compound. A fire erupted and at least 80 people died.

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Kids' Maze



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MAGIC MAZE • COMFORT FOODS

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

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

- | | | | |
|-------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Apple pie | Chocolate | Hamburgers | Pizza |
| Baked beans | Cornbread | Ice cream | Pot roast |
| Casseroles | Custard | Meatloaf | Roast beef |
| Chili | Dumplings | Pasta | |

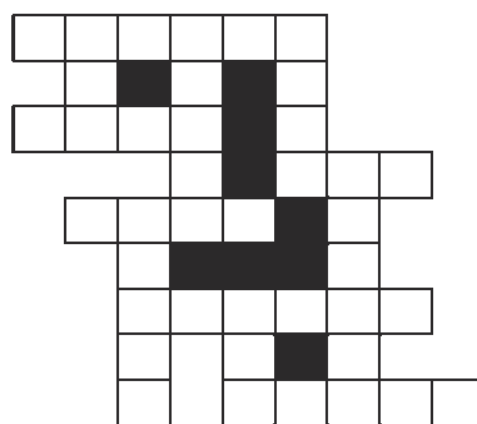
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FEAR KNIGHT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

- FEL
- MARSOG
- ♥ROLMA
- MHRA
- SOREOL
- OTH
- ♥UREL
- FRUME
- ♥MGU
- RHAFOS
- ♥LOLAT
- ♥MEIT



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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A	D	N	O	A	D	T	T	N	A	I	R	O
5	2	5	4	6	3	7	5	6	4	6	8	2
L	O	Y	E	G	M	I	Z	O	T	O	T	T
4	3	4	7	4	6	5	3	4	2	6	7	2
O	E	B	M	E	D	E	T	B	G	J	E	I
7	6	7	2	7	8	3	5	6	8	2	6	5
F	U	O	V	R	H	O	T	D	E	E	G	H
7	8	3	5	2	7	3	2	5	8	6	3	6
Y	R	C	O	U	O	H	P	U	S	M	A	E
4	6	8	5	7	3	7	8	4	5	3	4	8
R	N	H	G	U	N	R	E	A	H	G	V	L
4	3	6	8	7	8	5	7	8	5	7	8	7
E	E	T	P	S	Y	T	E	O	S	L	U	F

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.

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- Name the only disco song to ever receive a Grammy.
- Kim Wilde had a 1986 hit with "You Keep Me Hangin' On." Who originally released the song?
- Paul McCartney wrote "Step Inside Love" in 1967 as the theme song for what British TV show?
- "The Heat Is On" was used in what film?
- Name the song that contains the opening line: "Do you remember the 21st night of September?"

Answers

- "I Will Survive," by Gloria Gaynor in 1980. The Best Disco Recording category was only recognized for that one year.
- The Supremes, in 1966. Both versions went to No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100. Vanilla Fudge and Reba McEntire also had top 10 covers of the song.
- "Cilla," a long-running series hosted by singer Cilla Black. The song began as just a verse and chorus for the show, with two more verses added the next year so Black could cut a single.
- "Beverly Hills Cop" in 1984, sung by Glenn Frey, a founding member of the Eagles.
- "September," by Earth, Wind & Fire, in 1978. The song topped the soul charts for two weeks. The band went through all the dates — first, second, third, etc. — but said the one that felt best was the 21st.

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- ANATOMY: What is the hardest substance in the human body?
- GEOGRAPHY: Off which U.S. state's coast is Santa Catalina Island located?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first president to hold a press conference?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How many breaths does the average human being take in one day?
- MOVIES: Which movie featured the Seal song "Kiss From a Rose"?
- U.S. STATES: A city in this state became the first in the world to install a parking meter?
- ANCIENT WORLD: Before he became a philosopher, what was Socrates' profession?
- LANGUAGE: What is the only letter that does NOT appear in any of the U.S. states' names?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of giraffes called?
- LITERATURE: Which dystopian 1950s novel was originally titled "The Fireman"?

Answers

- Tooth enamel
- California's
- Woodrow Wilson, March 1913
- About 23,000
- "Batman Forever" (1995)
- Oklahoma (Oklahoma City)
- Stone mason
- Q
- A tower
- "Fahrenheit 451," Ray Bradbury

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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!

- Swish
- LAGGER
- Trajectory
- COVERT
- Scoundrel
- VINILLA
- Tarsus
- KLEAN

TODAY'S WORD

"I'm not _____ the bride away, Reverend. It's costing me \$10,000!"

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.

- | | | | |
|------------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|
| 1. Show up | _____ R | Legal petition | _____ L |
| 2. Party beverage | ___ U ___ | Salt measurement | ___ I ___ |
| 3. Revel in | ___ J ___ | Messenger | ___ V ___ |
| 4. Portugal's capital | ___ B ___ | Boxer Sonny | ___ T ___ |
| 5. Modify | ___ F ___ | Fall flower | ___ S ___ |
| 6. Viennese dance | ___ Z ___ | Whitman and Disney | ___ S ___ |
| 7. Bugs Bunny's treat | C _____ | Pirate's bird | P _____ |
| 8. Brim | _____ K | Fetch | _____ G |
| 9. Wriggle like a worm | _____ M | Knight's attendant | _____ E |
| 10. Courtroom hearing | _____ A | Sparrow's song | _____ L |

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 147:1, 3, 5

Praise the **LORD**. How **good** it is to **sing** praises to our **God**, how **pleasant** and **fitting** to praise **him**! He **heals** the brokenhearted **and binds** up their **wounds**. **Great** is **our** Lord and **mighty** in **power**; his understanding **has** no **limit**.

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 O B N G I H A P W O
 L I A O T T L E E U
 H N Q D H E T W R R
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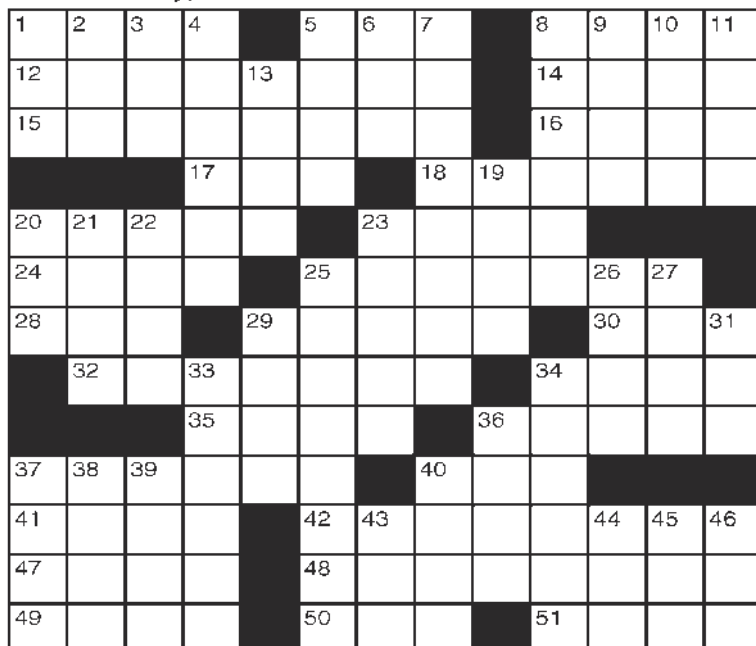
Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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King Crossword

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|------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| ACROSS | (Abbr.) | 19 "Phooey!" |
| 1 To boot | 42 Yacht lover's event | 20 Branch |
| 5 Tummy muscles | 47 French 101 verb | 21 Pyramid, maybe |
| 8 Writer Rice | 48 Veteran | 22 Saintry ring |
| 12 Appeared suddenly | 49 Easy targets | 23 Wild pigs |
| 14 Earth | 50 Ballot marks | 25 Challah holder |
| 15 Regatta | 51 Whig's rival | 26 Tide variety |
| 16 Pout | | 27 Be slack-jawed |
| 17 "— a Camera" | DOWN | 29 "Beetle Bailey" dog |
| 18 Decisive moments | 1 NYPD alert | 31 Danson of "Cheers" |
| 20 A Musketeer | 2 Brit's restroom | 33 Granny Smiths |
| 23 Prejudice | 3 Hotel amenity | 34 Mild cheese |
| 24 Reddish horse | 4 Choice | 36 Bulb measure |
| 25 Lake activity | 5 Leading man? | 37 Slapstick arsenal |
| 28 CCV x X | 6 Tampa Bay NFLer | 38 Jazzy James |
| 29 Pre-diploma hurdles | 7 Dishes not on the regular menu | 39 Seniors' org. |
| 30 Dig in | 8 Home of St. Francis | 40 Cushions |
| 32 Straw hats | 9 Entre — | 43 Flamenco cheer |
| 34 Carton sealer | 10 Egyptian river | 44 Med. plan option |
| 35 School orgs. | 11 BPOE members | 45 Not 'neath |
| 36 Used a sponge | 13 Historic times | 46 Like some humor |
| 37 Stir-fry veggie | | |
| 40 Crony | | |
| 41 Slanted type | | |



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top ten

Most Binged TV Shows*

- The Office
- Community
- Breaking Bad
- Parks and Recreation
- Avatar: The Last Airbender
- Waco
- New Girl
- The Sopranos
- The Big Bang Theory
- Friends

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TOP VIDEO RENTALS AND SALES

Video on Demand

- American Skin (R)
Omari Hardwick
- Honest Thief (PG-13)
Liam Neeson
- Tenet (PG-13)
John David Washington
- The War with Grandpa (PG)
Robert De Niro
- Redemption Day (R)
Gary Dourdan
- The Croods: A New Age (PG) animated
- Unhinged (R)
Russell Crowe
- Some Kind of Heaven (NR) documentary
- The Empty Man (R)
James Badge Dale
- No Man's Land (PG-13)
Jake Allyn, Frank Grillo

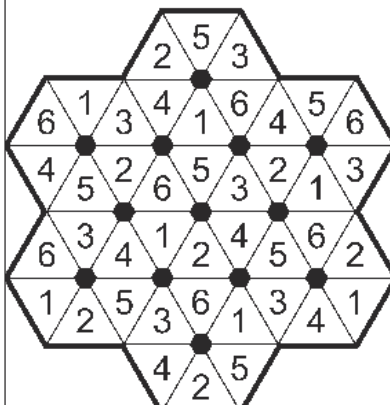
DVD, Blu-ray Sales

- Tenet (PG-13)
Warner Bros.
- Love and Monsters (PG-13)
Paramount
- Yellowstone: Season 3 (TV-MA)
Paramount
- Top Gun (PG)
Paramount
- Honest Thief (PG-13)
Universal
- Harry Potter: Complete 8-Film Collection (PG-13)
Warner Bros.
- Beetlejuice (PG)
Warner Bros.
- Mulan (PG-13)
Disney
- The Meg (PG-13)
Warner Bros.
- Justice League (PG-13)
Warner Bros.

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SNOWFLAKES

solution



Puzzles4Kids

Answer

FLOODS	O	FOLDS
ATHENS	N	HATES
SERBIA	I	BARES
STORES	O	RESTS
ENTERS	N	STEER
ALERTS	R	LEAST
RAISED	I	DARES
KNEELS	N	LEES
RAGING	G	GRAIN
BASSET	S	BEAST

Conceptis Hitori

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

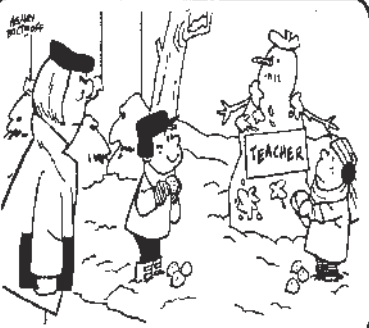
- No number appears in a row or column more than once.
- Shaded (black) squares do not touch each other vertically or horizontally.
- When completed, all un-shaded (white) squares create a single continuous area.

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

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



1. Snowman's hat is different. 2. Boy has a scarf. 3. Snowman's nose is different. 4. Tree is missing. 5. Teacher's nose is different. 6. Boy is holding an apple.

SCRAMBLERS

solution

- Gargle
- Vector
- Villain
- Ankle

Today's Word
GIVING

King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 22 mins.

ALSO	ABS	ANNE
POPPED	DUP	SOIL
BOAT	RACE	SULK
IAM	CRISES	
ATHOS	BIAS	
ROAN	BOATING	
MML	ORALS	EAT
BOATERS	TAPE	
PTAS	WIPED	
PEAPOD	PAL	
ITAL	BOATSHOW	
ETRE	OLDTIMER	
SAPS	XESTORY	

Sticklers Answer

The answer is 2) 1 in 3.
Eliminating any cousin who is 1 year old narrows the range of guesses. You then have:

- 2, 3 and 6
- 2, 2 and 9
- 3, 3 and 4

Hitori

answer

3	5	5	4	2	6
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Super Crossword

Answers

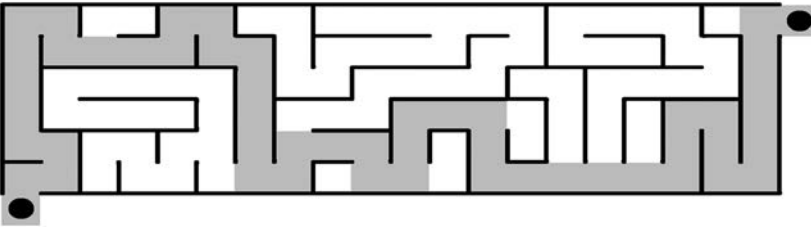
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Mega Maze

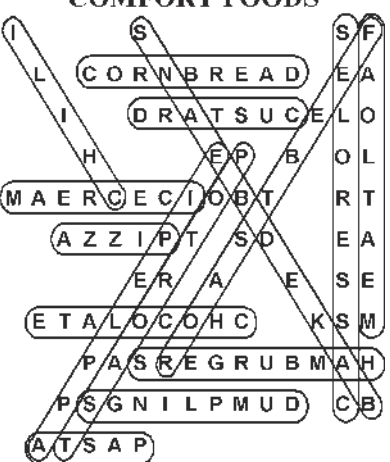
Solution



Kids' Maze Solution



COMFORT FOODS



BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Answers

CORN BREAD
DRATSUC
EP B
ER A E SE
ETALOCOC
PASREGRUBMAH
PSGNILPMUD
ATSAP

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

answers

- Appear, Appeal
- Punch, Pinch
- Enjoy, Envoy
- Lisbon, Liston
- Alter, Aster
- Waltz, Walts
- Carrot, Parrot
- Brink, Bring
- Squirm, Squire
- Trial, Trill

Super Crossword

Answers

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FEAR & KNIGHT

answer



Go Figure!

answers

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7	+	9	x	2	32
-	x		x		
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20		30		35	

CryptoQuote

answer

The path to my fixed purpose is laid with iron rails, whereon my soul is grooved to run.
— Herman Melville

CryptoQuip

answer

I imagine that a cross between a cannon and a bell would be dubbed "the boomeroon."

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 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 Women'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. New members are welcome and open to all vehicle owners.
- **Central High Museum, Inc.** located at 515 Thomas Jefferson Highway, Charlotte Court House, meeting will be held every second Thursday, 5 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 Drakes Branch Municipal Building, 4800 Drakes Main 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.

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, every Thursday at 2 p.m. For more information, call Marion Kyner at 434-547-7850 or email mkyner@kinex.net.

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.
- **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.
- **Millennial Caregiver Support Group** a specialty support group for caregivers of those living with Alzheimer's/Dementia, second Tuesday of the month, 7-8 p.m., beginning in August. You MUST register by calling the Alzheimer's Association at 1-800-272-3900.
- **Despite COVID-19 the COMMUNITY still NEEDS YOU!** Are you aware of the needs in your community and want to contribute to making a difference? Tri-County Community Action Agency is working tirelessly to eliminate the violence of poverty through Advocacy, Empowerment, and Self-Sufficiency, but we need your help. We are seeking volunteers for the Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault & Mentor Role Model programs.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information about the mission and ways to support, call the Tri-County Community Action Agency at 434.404. 3455 ext. 306 Christy Harper,

the Volunteer Coordinator will be glad to speak with you.

- **American Legion Accredited Veterans Service Officers** available to see veterans and their family members at the Farmville VFW on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Veteran Service Officers may be reached at 434-414-6504.
- **The Gathering Place** located at Grace Community Church, next to the Dollar General, Charlotte Court House, a non-profit café offering free snacks and drinks, a safe place to get together with friends and family to kick back and relax, free Wifi, and a playground for kids (supervision required by parent or guardian). Hours are Tuesday 9 a.m.-Noon; Wednesday and Thursday, 9 a.m.-Noon and 2-5 p.m.
- **The Competition Is On!** Come to the Gathering Place at 6 p.m. on the first and third Friday of each month for game night! Food is provided at this fun-filled family affair. The Gathering Place is located at Grace Community Church, next to the Dollar General, Charlotte Court House.
- **Beginning January 2021** Pamplin Area Legacy Supporters (PALS) in partnership with the Town of Pamplin plan to launch an art contest. This partnership will seek local area artisans and craft persons for the LOVEworks contest. For general information, visit www.virginia.org/love/. For more information about the Pamplin City project please email palsloveworks2021@gmail.com.
- **Bingocize**® is a free 10-week health promotion program that combines the game of bingo with fall prevention exercise, presented by Piedmont Senior Resources Area Agency on Aging, Mondays and Wednesdays, beginning February 8, 11 a.m.-12 noon, via telephone and Zoom. For more information or to register, contact Nikki Dean at 434-321-9797.

Blood Drives

- **Hampden-Sydney College**, Kirk Athletic Center, 113 Athletic Center Drive, Farmville, will be holding a blood drive on Tuesday, February 16, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
- **Drakes Branch Municipal Building**, 4818 North Main Street, Drakes Branch, will be holding a blood drive on Thursday, February 18, 1-6 p.m. Two appointments remaining as of Wednesday, February 10.
- **Liberty Baptist Church**, 1709 Church Street, Appomattox, will be holding a blood drive on Monday, February 22, 12-6 p.m.
- **St. John's Lutheran Church**, 1301 Milwood Road, Farmville, will be holding a blood drive on Thursday, February 25, 1-6 p.m. Only prescheduled appointments; no walk-ins at this time.

Events

- **Saturday, February 20**
- **Drive-Thru Brunswick Stew Fundraiser** to benefit Palmer Springs Volunteer Fire Department, 8 a.m.-12 noon at the firehouse, 1697 Palmer Springs Rd., Palmer Springs. \$8/quart. Preorders are highly encouraged and can be placed by calling 434-689-2631 or 434-689-2661. Stewmaster: Larry Clark.

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