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- Improve your credit score
- Set a goal for a savings account
 Pay off debt
- Savings plan for retirement

After you determine what your goal is the next step is to develop a plan to reach that goal. Setting a short term goal and reaching that goal will encourage you to set a larger goal. Putting your plans in writing will also help you in deciding what you need to do to reach that goal. Changing habits is never easy but one thing is for sure...nothing changes if nothing changes. Let us help you reach your financial goals!



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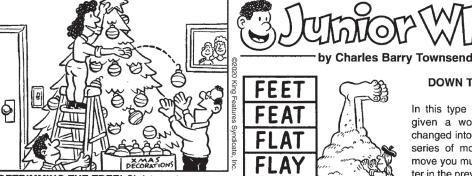
1. Is the book of Nahum in the Old or New Testament or neither? 2. In Acts 7, who recounts the story of Abraham along with the captivity and freedom of the children of Israel? Paul, Peter, Stephen, Andrew 3. From II Corinthians 3:17, "Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is ..."? Hope, Liberty, Love, Peace

4. Who went to sleep and fell out the window while Paul preached? Esua, Enid, Eutychus, Eucyrus 5. In what Macedonian city were Paul and Silas imprisoned? Philipi, Neapolis, Jericho, Jerusalem 6. From Acts 13:6, Barjesus was a ...? Cousin of Jesus, Early priest, Sorcerer, Friend of Mark

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Stephen; 3) Liberty; 4) Eutychus; 5) Philipi; 6) Sorcerer

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) That lower-than-acceptable performance you're getting from others in your group might be the result of miscommunication. If so, correct it before serious problems arise later on.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) An unexpected situation could call for a change of plans. If so, you might feel that this is unfair. But it's best to make the needed adjustments now. There'll be time later for rescheduling.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) The new year brings opportunities you might want to look into. Some might be more interesting than others. But take time to look at all of them before you make any decisions.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) It's a good idea to be careful about expenses until you've worked out that pesky financial problem. You might find it advisable to get some solid advice on how to proceed.

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1. Who composed and performed "Your Song" in 1970?

2. Which group wrote and released "Heartache On the Scale

When children come in to the doctor's office where I work, it's my job to weigh and measure them.

After several unsuccessful attempts to get one frightened three-year-old on the scale, her mother

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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LEO (July 23 to August 22) Romance looms large over the Leonine aspect. Single Lions looking for love should find Cupid very cooperative. Paired Cats can expect a renewed closeness in their relationships.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Making contact with a former colleague might not be high on your list of priorities. But it could pay off personally as well as professionally. Avoid bringing up any negatives about the past.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A personal relationship could face added stress because of a situation involving someone close to both of you. Be supportive and, above all, try to avoid playing the blame game.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might well find some lingering uncertainties about a decision. If so, take that as a warning that you might not be ready to make that move yet. More study would be in order.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Music is a dominant theme for Sagittarians right now, and it should remind you to make a greater effort to restore some much-needed harmony in that very special relationship.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Although family matters might demand much of the Sea Goat's attention this week, you'll want to try to make time to handle those all-important workplace situations as well.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A recurring unresolved issue might need to be revisited before you can move forward. Consider asking someone familiar with the situation to act as an impartial counselor.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Ignore pressure to make a decision. Keeping your options open is still the wisest course, at least until you're sure you've learned all you need to know about the matter at hand.

BORN THIS WEEK: You're capable of great loyalty to those around you, which is one reason you can count on devotion from friends and family.

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Tonight"? 3. Who released "Pick Up the Pieces"? 4. What is "409" in the 1962 Beach Boys song? 5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "Waiting for the break of day, Searching for something to say, Flashing lights against the sky, Giving up I close my eyes."

Answers

1. Elton John. It was released as a b-side single to "Take Me to the Pilot," but DJs liked "Your Song" better and made that the a-side. It was his first big hit in the U.K.

2. The Eagles, in 1979. The song received a Grammy Award for Best Rock Performance by a Duo or Group with Vocal. 3. The Average White Band, in 1974. It didn't chart in the U.K. until American DJs started to play it and it soared to the top of the U.S. charts. 4. A 409 cubic-inch Chevrolet engine. 5. "25 or 6 to 4," by Chicago in 1970. It's about being up in the middle of the night trying to write a song. Said this way, "Twenty-five or (twenty-) six to four," the meaning becomes clearer. It's about the time the song jelled and came together.

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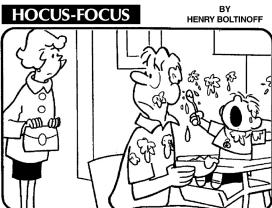
said: "Honey, Mommy has a scale at home. Do like I do and stand on it."

Recognition dawned on the child's face and she confidently stepped on the scale, looked down and exclaimed, "Oh, darn!"



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Slat-Back Chair

Ever see an old chair that seems different -- the parts are a little more curved, the stretchers between the legs have more shape and the seat seems a little low? The informal slat-back chairs made in Canada and what would become the United States in the 17th and early 18th centuries are often very different looking. Both countries had slat-backs, but Canada was influenced by formal French designs, made in the American colonies by the English. The back of the Canadian chair made in the late 17th century and later had three or four double scroll slats. The American chair had three to six horizontal slats that were almost straight. The turned arms of the Canadian chair went through the seat to the stretcher, where it ended in a point. The American chair's arms went to the seat. Legs that looked like a string of sausages were used in Canada, while in America, the legs were plain round or square rods. perhaps with a small foot. But the easiest clue is the seat. A Canadian chair seat is woven splint that is 15 inches from the floor. It was made to hold a cushion that raised the seat to 16 or 17 inches, the height of an American chair seat. At a Skinner auction in Boston, a late-18th-century Canadian chair that was painted black sold for \$1,200 more than twice the estimate. ***

I have an old steamer trunk made by John H. Dick, Chicago. I don't know anything about the trunk and can't find any information on this company.

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A Canadian slat-back chair is sometimes found in the United States. There were many more chair makers in the United States than in Canada, so the chairs are harder to find. This Canadian chair sold for \$1,200, well over the estimated price.

more common flat-top steamer trunks sell for \$10 to \$50.

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TIP: Ultrasonic cleaners for jewelry are now sold for home use. Be careful — the vibrations can damage stones. Never use them with pearls, opals, lapis or peridot. Be very careful with costume jewelry, too, as "stones" could be real or glass, or even plastic.

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January 2, 2020 By Paulette Dean

Do you think that 2019 sped by? It will take some practice writing or typing "2020"

Since all of my nieces and nephews have moved away, my New Year's Eves have been quiet ones, and I usually take the time to review what I accomplished, how I overcame challenges, and how I will overcome what the New Year will bring.

I used to make resolutions, but I found that every year, I made the same ones. For instance, one year I wrote "I will not weigh on December 31st what I weigh now." I kept that resolution; I gained five pounds! That was my last year of setting resolutions; instead, I now choose a theme for the year. One year it was a verse in the New Testament: "By your patience possess ye your souls." Another year, it was a quote by Charles Dickens: "Have a heart that never hardens, a temper that never tires, and a touch that never hurts." Themes can be repeated and must not be forgotten in future years.

The Danville Area Humane Society has a mission statement that is the guide for all of our annual goals or themes. Our mission statement is:

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In 2020, we will work to make our mission statement come true through our important spay/neuter programs, our adoption outreach programs, the careful screening of those who want to adopt (we know so many sad stories!), our rescue work, our cruelty and neglect investigations, our excellent sheltering work, and our humane education programs.

We hope that 2020 will be a kinder ones for the animals and we intend to do our part to make it so.

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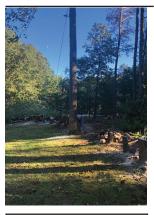
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HOLLYWOOD - Even before "Richard Jewell" opened, Clint Eastwood and Warner Brothers found themselves being sued by Cox Enterprises' flagship newspaper, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution. The film is basically about Richard Jewell, a security guard at the 1996 Summer Olympics in Georgia, first proclaimed a hero, then accused of planting a bomb. The film has a disclaimer at the end of the film that says, "This film is based on actual events. The dialogue and certain events and characters in the film were created for the purposes of dramatization."

Allegedly, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution rushed to judgment on Richard Jewell's guilt. Jewell, who died in 2007 at 44, was cleared of any involvement in the bombing, which killed two and injured over 100 people. Nonetheless, there was always a cloud hanging over him because of the accusations. You'd think the newspaper would've learned something from the experience and would be wary of taking on powerhouses like Warner Brothers and Clint Eastwood.

On a happier note, Robert Redford is having second thoughts about retiring. If he hadn't gone public with his retirement, he might've directed instead of only producing his latest project, "109 East Palace." The film deals with the rise and fall of physicist J. Robert Oppenheimer, hailed as an American hero when he created the atomic bomb in 1945, but later disgraced during the McCarthy Era and was made to testify before the House Un-American Activities Committee. Oppenheimer admitted he had associations with the Communist Party in the 1930s and was villainized by them. "109 East Palace" refers to the address in New Mexico where the A-bomb was created. Redford developed the script and says he'll only produce.

Get ready for a sequel to "Aladdin."



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Robert Redford

The recent remake, with **Will Smith** as The Genie, cost \$183 million and grossed \$1.05 billion. Already set to star is **Billy Magnussen**, best known for "Into the Woods" and the current 007 film, "No Time to Die."

The Golden Globes try to second-guess what the Oscar nominations will be. They have five drama and five comedy/musical nominees in every category, and still every year Oscar pulls out two or three nominations they didn't see coming. The Golden Globes are decided by only 78 foreign press people.

Billy Bush may have lost his job (at "Entertainment Tonight") and his wife because of that infamous incident with you know who in The White House, but only three years later he has recovered and is back as the new host of "Extra," the show **Mario Lopez** hosted. How was all forgiven and forgotten? Must be because "Extra" has moved to the Fox Network. That's joke enough!

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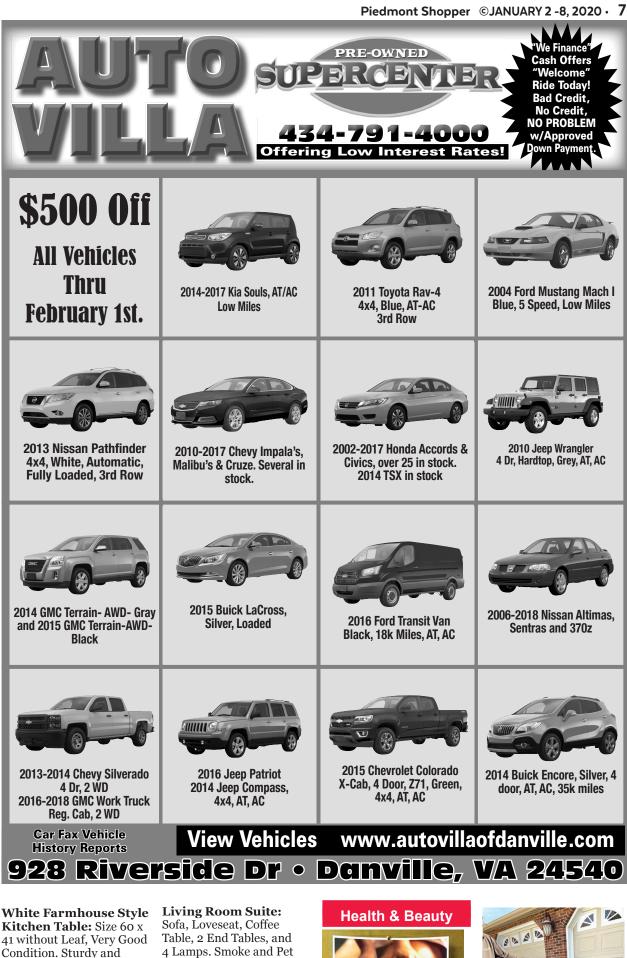
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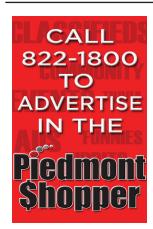


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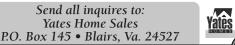
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Davenport Energy awards \$30,000 in ExxonMobil education grants to schools

By Samantha Weaver

* It was nonviolent Indian activist Mahatma Gandhi who made the following sage observation: "First they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then they fight you, then you win."

* In 1905, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, author of the Sherlock Holmes stories, became one of the first people ever to be fined for speeding.

* Appropriately, the patron saint of bankers is St. Meingold.

* Ever wonder how BVDs came to be called that? From the names of the men who originally manufactured them: Bradley, Voorhies and Day.

* Less than half the people in the world use a spoon, fork and knife to eat. The rest use chopsticks, just a knife or their hands.

* In Babylon 4,000 years ago, it was accepted practice that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer, and so that time became known as the honey month -- what we know today as the honeymoon.

* People who pick chili peppers in Costa Rica have to wear special suits to avoid getting blisters just from coming into contact with them.

* The Pledge of Allegiance was published in 1892 in celebration of the 400th anniversary of Columbus' voyage to the New World. It didn't contain the words "under God," though, until 1954, when they were added by an act of Congress in an attempt to check the creeping advance of "Godless Communism."

* Abraham Lincoln was the only American president to witness battle firsthand while in office.

* A caterpillar has 4,000 muscles.

Thought for the Day: "Going to the opera, like getting drunk, is a sin that carries its own punishment with it, and that a very severe one." -- Hannah More

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Pictured left to right are: Brian Boles, principal, Tunstall High School; Stacey Oakes, principal, Gretna High School; Annastasia Broomell, principal, Dan River High School; Emily Reynolds, principal, Dan River Middle School; Wanda Carter, principal, Chatham Elementary School; Beau Arnn, wholesale and dealer services manager for Davenport Energy; Patricia Hawkins, principal, Twin Springs Elementary School; Jason Reece, principal, Chatham High School; Eric Moon, principal, Gretna Middle School; Mark Jones, Pittsylvania County Division Superintendent.

Davenport Energy Inc. in Chatham will award \$30,000 in ExxonMobil Educational Alliance grants to schools in Virginia and North Carolina.

Grants, which range from \$500 to \$1,000, benefit classrooms, teachers, and students.

A branded wholesaler for ExxonMobil, Davenport Energy secured 60 education grants on behalf of its Exxon and Mobil gasoline stations and convenience stores.

Pittsylvania County schools receiving grants include Chatham High School, Gretna High School, Dan River High School, Tunstall High School, Dan River Middle School, Gretna Middle School, Chatham Elementary School, Southside Elementary School, and Twin Springs Elementary School,

George Washington High School and Sacred Heart School in Danville also received ExxonMobil education grants.

The ExxonMobil Educational Alliance Program is designed to provide Exxon and Mobil retailers with an opportunity to invest in the future of their communities through educational grants to neighborhood schools.

"We have a long history of supporting local neighborhood schools, and consider it a privilege to invest our time and resources in the communities where we do business," said a spokesman for Davenport Energy.

Every year, ExxonMobil awards 4,400 Educational Alliance grants to K-12 institutions across the country. Since 2000, the company has committed over \$35 million to the grant program.

Grants target math, science, and technology, and may be used for films, speakers, or field trips to science centers; scholarships or awards to encourage academic or leadership excellence in math or science; science fairs and parent-student events; and educational tools such as computers, math or science books, calculators, and software.

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Cosmetology Graduates Recognized



Danville Community College recognized students who completed the cosmetology program at the conclusion of the fall term on Thursday, December 19, during a ceremony on campus. Students recognized were Sable Cobbs, Misty Ermatinger, Quameisha Logan, Baylee Lynch, Kalista Meadows, Shykela Moore, Jada Prunty, Lakeshia Reynolds, Brittney Webster, and Shikeima William. Minister JoAnn Hickson delivered the keynote address. The Community Foundation of the Dan River Region and the DCC Educational Foundation were recognized during the ceremony for their financial contributions. The next cohort of cosmetology students will begin on January 8, 2020. Anyone interested in attending can still enroll by calling 434-797-6435 beginning January 2. Visit danville.edu to learn more.

Santa and Mrs. Claus





Jeff McGregor's American Karate School students win at the Superstars **Old School Martials Arts Tournament** held in Bassett ,Va.



L to R :

Micah Collins, Avery Harris, Hannah Brown, Brandon Brooks and Brayden McGregor.

After entertaining the Tender Loving Christian Sisters with oldies and Christmas songs during their Christmas luncheon, John Wilt visits with Santa Claus (Carl Burke Jr.) and Mrs. Claus (Anne Burke) at Mary's Diner.

LPN Cohort Pinned



Danville Community College recognized its fall 2019 cohort of LPN students during a pinning ceremony on the campus on Tuesday, December 17. Pictured, from left are, front row, Sara Simpson and Hannah Priddy; back row, Tracie Lancaster, LaShawn Wilson, Clare Johnston, Rachael Hamilton, Latoya Graves, and Nathalie Keatts.



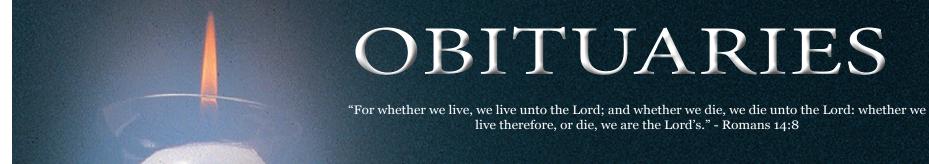
I decided to make sure my Husband woke up with a Big Smile on his face this morning. Now I can't have **Sharpies in the house** anymore.

Business Reps Tour DCC's Workforce Division



Mary Philpott of Ronald A Williams, Ltd. and Jeff Stieber of SMC Corporation of America toured Danville Community College's Workforce Services programs on December 19. They toured the air conditioning and refrigeration, graphic imaging, automotive analysis and repair, metrology, precision machining, and welding programs to gain a better understanding of DCC's advanced manufacturing opportunities and how they are related to their respective organizations. These companies are playing a major role in the middle school to high school to community college pathway programs. Jimmie Tickle, assistant vice president of workforce services provided them with an in-depth look at the workforce programs in the college's Hill, Hawkins, and Welding buildings.

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Susan (Kirks) Kirks

November 9, 1962 ~ December 18, 2019 (age 57)

Mrs. Susan Kirks, age 57, of Danville, VA, died on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at her residence.

Mrs. Kirks was born on November 9, 1962, in Danville, VA, to the late Leroy S. Kirks and Connie Anderson Kirks who survives. She worked at Tultex as a store clerk.

In addition to her mother, Mrs. Kirks is survived by her daughter, Vera Sharri Matherly; son, Ricky James Matherly, Jr. and Christopher Matherly (deceased); brothers, Leroy Kirks, Jr. and Tony Craig Kirks; sisters, Kelly K. Crowder and Emily Hughes; grandchildren, Troy Matherly, Jenna Matherly, Noah Cassano and Ella Rose Neal.

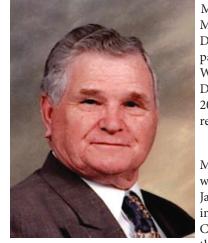
In addition to her father Mrs. Kirks was predeceased by her husband, Adam Clayton Kirks; and her sister, Debra Lynn Walden.

Funeral services will be private.

Swicegood Funeral Service is respectfully serving the Kirks family.

Clifton Travis Myers

January 2, 1937 ~ December 18, 2019 (age 82)



Mr. Clifton Travis Myers, age 82, of Danville, VA, passed away on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at his residence.

Mr. Myers was born on January 2, 1937, in Pittsylvania

Admiral Dewey Simpkins

November 13, 1927 ~ December 29, 2019



Admiral Dewey Simpkins, age 92, of Danville, went home to meet his Lord and savior on Sunday, December 29, 2019 at the Duke Impatient Hospice Center of Durham, NC. Born November 13,

1927, in Pittsylvania County, VA, he was the son of the late A. Dewey Simpkins and Elsie Varner Simpkins. On February 16, 1951, he married Virginia Cassada Simpkins, who predeceased him in 2016. Dewey had lived most of his life in Danville where he was employed in the Sears Service Department, retiring after 27 years of service. He was a Charter Member of Christian Heritage Church and he had served his country in the United States Navy during World War II.

Mr. Simpkins is survived by his two sons, Keith Simpkins (Pam) and Randall Simpkins, both of Danville, and two grandsons, Christopher Simpkins and Marcus Farthing. In addition to his parents and wife, he was predeceased by his sister, Dot Graves.

A graveside service for Mr. Simpkins will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 31, 2019 at Highland Burial Park with the Rev. Barry Crumpton officiating.

Barker Funeral Home is respectfully serving the Simpkins family.

Mary Ann (Schofield) Yates

September 11, 1945 ~ December 27, 2019 (age 74)

(Freddie); and Jeffery Yates; grandchildren: Charlie Snead (Alican); William Yates (Sandra); Elaine Clayton (Jessie); Trenton Covington; Melodie Scearce (Thomas); Zachariah Covington; Crystal Rominger (Mikey); and Lisa Francis (Mike); fourteen great-grandchildren; six great-greatgrandchildren; and niece, Vickie Collins

Mary was predeceased by her husband, Carroll E Yates, Sr. Parents Irene Burgess Schofield and Carl Franklin Schofield; siblings, Clyde Barksdale Schofield, John Noel Schofield and Alma Mae Schofield. Mary was the last of her immediate family to go to be with the Lord.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, December 30, 2019 at Swicegood Funeral Home with Pastor Marcus Heffinger officiating. Visitation will be held from 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment will follow in Highland Burial Park. At other times, the family will be at the residence of her daughter, Linda Finch, 213 Stratford Place, Danville, VA.

Swicegood Funeral Service is respectfully serving the Yates family.

Eva Mae (Hudson) Triplett

December 17, 1937 ~ December 25, 2019 (age 82)



Mrs. Eva Mae Hudson Triplett, age 82, of Danville, VA, passed away on December 25, 2019 at SOVAH Health-Danville.

She was born on December 17, 1937, in Pittsylvania County, VA, to the

late George Thomas Hudson and Annie Elizabeth Haley Hudson. She married Hearoldeen Triplett who preceded her in death.

County, VA, to the late Clifton

Myers and Carrie Crews Myers. He worked at Star Paper Tubing as a machine operator until retirement and was a member of State Line Baptist Church for 41 years.

Mr. Myers is survived by his loving wife, Shirley (Wilkerson) Myers of the home; his children, Debra Myers and Denise Myers; also, his sister, Hazel Wilkerson.

In addition to his parents Mr. Myers was predeceased by his siblings, Ryland Myers, Woody Myers, Phyllis Ludwick, Mazzie Bowman and Reva Talbott.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, December 21, 2019 at 2:00 PM at State Line Baptist Church with Pastor Bob Thurman officiating. Visitation will be held Friday evening, December 20, 2019 at 6 PM until 8 PM at the church. Interment will follow in Danville Memorial Gardens.

In Lieu of flowers, the family asks that you, please make donations to State Line Baptist Church, 651 Holland Rd., Danville, VA 24541.

Swicegood Funeral Service is respectfully serving the Myers family.



Mary Ann Schofield Yates has departed this world to be with her Lord and Savior in heaven. She passed away on Friday, December 27, 2019 at 8:05 p.m. at Riverside Health & Rehab on Riverside Dr in Danville, Virginia where she was a

resident for 4 years.

She was born on September 11, 1945, in Danville, VA, to the late Carl Franklin Schofield and Irene Burgess Schofield.

Mary was of the Pentecostal faith and was a follower of SBN network and Kingdom Point in Ridgeway VA.

She is survived by her children: Linda Finch (Bill); Carroll Yates, Jr. (Dina); Carolyn Covington Before her retirement, Mrs. Triplett worked at Danville Public School System and was of the Baptist faith. She attended Brosville and Spring Garden Schools; later attending Averett University. She was a weaver in 1A and 2A weave rooms for Dan River Mills for 22 years. She also worked for Danville School Board and the City of Danville as a mail carrier.

She is survived by her daughters, Elizabeth Walker (Ray) and Lois Campbell (Chris); daughterin-law, Tammy Triplett; grandchildren, Steven Walker (Aubrey). Jacob Walker (Sheree), Brad Campbell, and Chad Campbell (Suzanne); greatgrandchildren, Alyssa, Thor, Colton, Ava, Gabrielle and Sophia; also, special friend, James Myers.

In addition to her parents and husband, Mrs. Triplett was predeceased by her sons, Jeffrey Triplett and Deany Triplett; five brothers and four sisters.

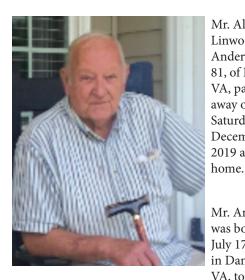
Graveside services will be conducted at Highland Burial Park, beside her husband, on Saturday, December 28, 2019 at 2 PM with the Reverend Bob Yeaman officiating.

Swicegood Funeral Service is respectfully serving the Triplett family.



Allen Linwood Anderson

July 17, 1938 ~ December 21, 2019 (age 81)



Mr. Allen Linwood Anderson, age 81, of Danville, VA, passed away on Saturday, December 21, 2019 at his

Mr. Anderson was born on July 17, 1938, in Danville, VA, to the late

Archie Anderson and Laura Beverly Anderson. He lived all his life in Danville, worked at Dan River Mills Finishing Department for a number of years and was of the Baptist faith.

Mr. Anderson is survived by his brother, Joseph Anderson; one granddaughter and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents Mr. Anderson was predeceased by his former wife, Sherry Anderson; daughter, Renee Anderson; brothers, Charlie, Wade and James; sisters, Eula Anderson and Edna Anderson.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, December 26, 2019 at 2 PM at Swicegood Funeral Home. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the funeral. At other times the family will be at the residence, 199 Banner St., Danville, VA. Interment will follow in Floral Hills Memory Gardens.

Swicegood Funeral Service is respectfully serving the Anderson family.

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Honey Roasted Pork Chops with Sweet Potato Puree Ingredients

- (4) 1/4" Boneless Pork Chops
- 1 1/2 Cups Apple Juice
- 1 Cup Honey
- Grill Seasoning to Taste
- 2 Medium Sweet Potatoes
- 3/4 Cup Milk
- 1/4 Stick Butter
- Teaspoon Cinnamon

Directions

Begin by peeling the sweet potatoes and cube in 1 inch uniform pieces. In a glass dish,



uniform pieces. In a glass dish, place generously seasoned pork chops with space between each one. Add the sweet potatoes to the remaining empty space. In a separate mixing bowl, blend the apple juice and honey together until well mixed. Pour this mixture over the pork chops. Cover the dish with aluminum foil and bake at 375 degrees for 45 minutes. While the pork is cooking, place the milk, butter and cinnamon in a small saucepan. Heat on low and stir constantly until the milk is steaming and the butter is fully melted. When the pork has finished, remove and drain the sweet potatoes. Next slowly whisk in the soft sweet potatoes until a creamy consistency is reached. Plate the pork chops, garnish until a creamy consistency is reached. Plate the pork chops, garnish with the puree and serve.

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- 1 Jar Homemade Salsa

Directions

Bake the torillas on a greased baking sheet at 350 degrees for 10 minutes. Meanwhile, in a non-stick frying pan or griddle, fry the eggs sunny side up. Be mindful to cook the eggs on medium to prevent buming or breaking the yolk. Remove the warm and crispy tortillas from the oven and serve the eggs over them. Top with fresh salsa and serve.

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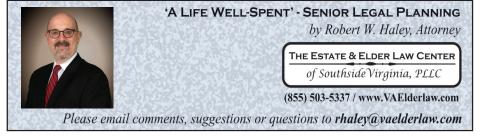


IF THE BRA FITS?

Vets came up with a "more comfortable" way to treat

of Mature American Citizens [AMAC], he wound up stuck with the cat in the tall

tree was festooned with such dangerous items as scissors, knives and box



The Common Myths of Medicaid Crisis Planning & Asset Protection

Certainly, everyone can be prone to procrastination sometimes! As a result, inevitably, some elders and their families will not have an opportunity to engage in any Estate Planning (Wills, Trusts, Powers of Attorney and Living Wills), let alone start any Advance Asset Protection Planning. If you or your loved one is in a nursing home or think that you or they may need to go very soon, you must remember that Asset Protection Planning in a crisis (while not the best scenario at that point) is still available. However, you should be aware that the crisis planning outcome is often not as ideal as when pre-planning is done in advance. Life favors the prepared!

The goal in crisis planning is to preserve and protect as much income and assets as permissible under the law for the benefit of the elder in crisis (and their spouse if married). One of the challenges of crisis planning is overcoming the false presumption that elders and their families have that it is too late to engage in Asset Protection Planning.

Let's address some of these common myths:

(1) It is too late to do planning: *False*

It is never too late to preserve and protect assets! Too often, elders and their families believe that they need to spend-down all their money on the nursing home before the elder may qualify for Medicaid benefits. This misconception is why it is crucial to consult with a Certified Elder Law Attorney to see how they can help as soon as possible. One thing to keep in mind is that property must be protected either by a life estate deed or by placing it in the right type of trust, as both methods are subject to the 5 Year look-back period required by Medicaid.

(2) The nursing home will do your application for free: *False*

The nursing home may offer to complete the Medicaid application for free or a low fee, but, the fact is that the nursing home will require that you spend down all of your savings before they do that application for "free." To be fair, in truth, applying for Medicaid is not a nursing home's function. The outcome from a nursing home applying for Medicaid is not the same as what can be accomplished by actually working directly with a Certified Elder Law Attorney.

(3) I will never qualify for Medicaid - I have too much money: *False*

You cannot make an informed decision about when you might qualify for benefits until after you meet with a Certified Elder Law Attorney. The fact is that every elder deserves to know all of the facts and options before making an informed decision about their long-term care costs!

(3) Medicaid or Asset Protection Planning requires "hiding" assets or engaging in illegal acts: *False*

No - nothing could be further from the truth! The fact is that a Certified Elder Law Attorney will disclose all planning strategies directly to Medicaid during the application process. The planning is lawful and you have every right to take advantage of your given rights under the law. Just as folks have the right to employ a CPA to save tax dollars, elders have the right to

a sheep in New Zealand that suffered from sagging udders after giving birth to lamb triplets, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. Instead of surgery, they fitted the ewe with a store bought bra to keep her sagging mammaries from being dragged on the ground. The alternative would have been painful surgery or euthanasia.

MUSEUM MANIA

There's a museum dedicated to unknown animals in Portland, ME [go figure]. Then there is the National Mustard Museum in Middleton, WI and the Museum of the Weird in Austin, TX. But if you want to visit the Museum of Hangovers you'll have to go abroad to Zagreb, Croatia, says the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. It is the brainstorm of a college student there and is dedicated to chronicling strange and, sometimes, disturbing tales of the "morning after." Founder Rino Dubokovic says his aim is to make people aware of what can happen when they overindulge by sharing stories of odd and sometimes scary hangover experiences.

TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

It happened on Christmas Eve in South Burlington, VT. A beloved pet, Cayenne the cat, took a stroll in the yard and decided to climb a tree. His distraught owner hastily decided to attempted a rescue on his own. But, according to the Association

branches. Firefighters soon arrived and rescued the cat and its owner and later issued this warning: "at no point is it a good idea to try and rescue an animal out of a tree yourself."

BRUSSEL SPROUT RECORD BROKEN

A few years back a British study found that half the people in the world just don't like Brussel Sprouts [the veggie, not Belgian children]. Apparently it's because sprouts contain a naturally occurring chemical that makes them taste bitter to people with a certain genetic anomaly -- a condition that afflicts 50% of the world, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. But that didn't stop Wayne Sherlock, the new holder of the Guinness World Record for downing 33 Brussel Sprouts in 60 seconds-two more than the previous record holder could stomach. How did he do it? Said Sherlock, "I just chewed like a pig and while doing that looked around for the smaller sprouts."

NAUGHTY OR NICE?

The authorities at Lithuania's Vilnius International Airport had a bright idea for its Christmas display this year: they adorned its Christmas Tree with all manner of banned items confiscated from passengers at checkin during the past year. The Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC] reports that instead of traditional ornaments the

cutters seized from travelers who disregarded baggage requirements.

A LOFTY GOAL

Hammer Harrison, who plays for the Harlem Globetrotters, may have outdone himself at this year's World Trick Shot Day, says the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. The basketball trickster, who holds the record for the longest underhanded basketball shot [84 feet 8.5 inches], made what some are calling the tallest jump shot. It was a slam dunk for Hammer as he parachuted from a plane at an altitude of 13,000 feet sinking his basketball into a hoop before safely hitting the ground. Last year, hoopster Harrison "dunked off the Stratosphere in Las Vegas, a shot of over 850 feet" on the Globetrotters' 3rd Annual Trick Shot Day.

THE DOGHOUSE INN

Jayne Trapper of Devon, England is something of a homebody. Husband Paul spent most evenings at a local pub. Then Jayne got the bright idea of building a pub of her own in their backyard, which she appropriately named, The Doghouse Inn, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. Says Jayne, "My husband had always loved popping down to our local [pub], and I could never seem to keep him at home ... so I got to thinking – why not create my own pub, become my own landlady and then I can really tell people - my husband's in the doghouse!" employ attorneys to save and protect their assets in the Medicaid process

(4) Planning is unnecessary - the nursing home covers everything: *False*

By shielding assets and income, we can help ensure that married clients protect their spouse at home against impoverishment. For unmarried clients, the attorney should ensure that they have rainy day funds to supplement their quality of life for the rest of their lives. The fact is that nursing homes do not cover all of the needs of the elder. Those elders and their families in nursing homes who have planned ahead enjoy a much higher quality of life than those who failed to save assets.

(5) I am already protected because Medicaid won't count the assets in my spouse's name: False!

Sadly, no - Medicaid counts assets in both your name and your spouse's name. Likewise, most assets owned jointly with 3rd parties (adult children, for instance) are also fully countable to the elder in the Medicaid planning process. Asset Protection that yields real results requires the advice of a qualified and Certified Elder Law Attorney, as trying to protect assets yourself without the right help can have real and dire repercussions if done incorrectly. Also, an often little-known fact is that when it comes to Medicaid Planning and Asset Protection, a pre-nuptial agreement in Virginia will do ABSOLUTELY NOTHING to protect your assets from long-term care should your spouse need to apply for Medicaid.

(6) I have no chance at all of protecting my home from Medicaid: *False!*

Without careful planning, Medicaid can require the sale of your home or record a lien on your home. Depending on the elder's individual circumstances, it is often possible to save the home. We work to prevent a forced sale or prevent a lien where possible. The key here is that you take action toward this as soon as possible.

Many elders and their families seek legal assistance when an elder is hospitalized or already in a nursing home for rehab or long-term care. Sometimes the elder is already paying privately for nursing home care (often more than \$400 per day, which adds up quickly!). They assume wrongly that the elder must spend down their assets on private nursing home costs. With careful planning, private paying to the nursing home can be stopped after a time, protecting assets for the elder's benefit, and qualifying that elder for Medicaid to pay the nursing home costs.

As always, if you have a question or issue that you think might be a good topic for this column, let me know! Email me at rhaley@vaelderlaw.com or send to me via snail-mail to this address:

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IRS Introduces a Tax

Form Created for Older



Dear Savvy Senior,

A couple months back I read that the IRS will be offering a new senior-friendly tax form this tax season that will be easier to use. What can you tell me about this?

Paper Filer

Dear Filer,

It's true. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has created a new federal income-tax form specifically designed for senior taxpayers, age 65 and older, that should make filing a little easier this year, particularly those who don't

Paper Filing Advantage

Taxpayers

Seniors who use tax-preparation software to file their taxes will be able to generate a 1040-SR, but the new form will provide the most significant benefit to taxpayers who still fill out and file their returns on paper.

Last year, about 88 percent of the 153 million individual federal tax returns filed to the IRS were filed electronically. About 5 percent were prepared using tax software, then printed out and mailed to the agency, while about 7 percent were Gretna Health & Rehabilitation Center Spend less time recovering, And more time living.

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file electronically. Here's what you should know.

Form 1040-SR

Created by the 2018 Bipartisan Budget Act, the new two-page simplified federal income tax form is called the 1040-SR. Similar in style to the old 1040-EZ form that the IRS discontinued last year, the new 1040-SR has larger print and better color contrast that makes it easier to read.

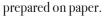
In addition, it also includes a chart to help older taxpayers calculate their standard deduction, which may help ensure that fewer seniors neglect to take the additional standard deduction that they are entitled to. For 2019, the additional deduction for those 65 or older or the blind is \$1,300.

The 1040-SR form also has specific lines for retirement income streams such as Social Security benefits, IRA distributions, pensions and annuities, along with earned income from work wages and tips. And, it allows a child tax credit for seniors who are still taking care of a dependent child or grandchild.

You can also report capital gains and losses, as well as interest and dividends on this new form. Any of the tax schedules available to those using the standard form 1040 may also be used with the 1040-SR.

You should also know that the 1040-SR doesn't put a limit on interest, dividends, or capital gains, nor does it cap overall income like the old 1040-EZ form did. But, if you have to itemize because of state and local taxes or charitable giving, then you will not be able to use the new Form 1040-SR.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.



To use the new 1040-SR tax form for the 2019 filing year, taxpayers, including both spouses if filing jointly, must be at least age 65 before Jan. 1, 2020. You also don't have to be retired to use the form – older workers can use it too. But early retirees (younger than 65) cannot use 1040-SR.

To see the 2019 draft version of the new 1040-SR form, go to IRS.gov/pub/irs-dft/f1040s-dft.pdf.

Tax Preparation Help

If you need help filing your tax returns this year, consider contacting the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (or TCE) program. Sponsored by the IRS, TEC provides free tax preparation and counseling to middle and low-income taxpayers, age 60 and older. Call 800-906-9887 or visit IRS.treasury.gov/ freetaxprep to locate a service near you.

Also check with AARP, a participant in the TCE program that provides free tax preparation at more than 4,800 sites nationwide. To locate an AARP Tax-Aide site call 888-227-7669 or visit AARP.org/findtaxhelp. You don't have to be an AARP member to use this service.





Holiday Village Senior Living and Allcare Home Health come together monthly for Blood Pressure Checks which is such a benefit for our residents.

Of course we join together for refreshments and some great fellowship afterwards, the Service Coordinator would say thank you to Allcare Home Health for their dedication to our facility. Left to right: Carolyn Haymore, Elizabeth LaPoint, Nancy Hamlett, Melody Murphy, Clovis Shelton, Rachel Setiliff, RN Allcare Home Health, Ann Doolin.

The Sassy Ladies



The Sassy Ladies held their December gathering at Linda's Country Cooking, Brosville. Guest speaker was Rhonda Zola from God's Pit Crew who spoke on their history and what lies ahead. The Sassy Ladies were honored to give a donation to the crew to help further their good work.. Shown I: Sarah Walker, Juanita Hardy, Marie Petty, Brenda Rogers, Carolyn Harrison, Betty Travis, Rhonda Zola GPC, Diane Mayberry, Faye Dodson, Jean Santerre, Carol Sawyers, Faye Pizzulo and Delores Baynes.



strains and one B. I asked my pharmacist, "Why don't they give us all four vaccine types?" His answer was that decision makers calculate each year which flu three strains will be strongest and go with those ... to save money.

This year, however, a B virus, which usually comes out in February, was the flu that launched the season.

How do we get the flu? From others, often by breathing air that has the virus in it from someone's sneeze or cough (from 6 feet away and airborne for several hours) or by touching a hard surface that has flu germs on it from someone else (for 24 hours).

How children perceive their Grandparents.....

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"Ignore it. Telemarketer."

1. She was in the bathroom, putting on her makeup, under the watchful eyes of her young granddaughter, as she'd done many times before. After she applied her lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, "But Grandma, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye!" I will probably never put lipstick on again without thinking about kissing

ahem

the toilet paper good-bye....

2. My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 80. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"

3. After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. Finally, she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year-old say with a trembling voice,

"Who was THAT?"

4. A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like. "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods."

The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this all in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"

5. My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo and I said, "No, how are we alike?" "You're both old," he replied.

6. A little girl was diligently pounding away on her grandfather's word processor. She told him she was writing a story.

"What's it about?" he asked.

"I don't know," she replied. "I can't read."

7. I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colors yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what color it was. She would tell me and was always correct. It was fun for me, so I continued. At last, she headed for the door, saying, "Grandma, I think you should try to figure out some of these colors yourself!"

8. When my grandson Billy and I entered our vacation cabin, we kept the lights off until we were inside to keep from attracting pesky insects. Still, a few fireflies followed us in. Noticing them before I did, Billy whispered, "It's no use Grandpa. Now the mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights."

9. When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure." "Look in your underwear, Grandpa," he advised "Mine says I'm 4 to 6."

10.. A second grader came home from school and said to her grandmother, "Grandma, guess what? We learned how to make babies today." The grandmother, more than a little surprised, tried to keep her cool. "That's interesting." she said... "How do you make babies?"

"It's simple," replied the girl. "You just change 'y' to 'i' and add 'es'."

11. Children's Logic: "Give me a sentence about a public servant," said a teacher. The small boy wrote: "The fireman came down the ladder pregnant." The teacher took the lad aside to correct him. "Don't you know what pregnant means?" she asked.

"Sure," said the young boy confidently. 'It means carrying a child."

12. A grandfather was delivering his grandchildren to their home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children started discussing the dog's duties.

"They use him to keep crowds back," said one child.

"No," said another. "He's just for good luck.. "

A third child brought the argument to a close."They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrants."

13. A 6-year-old was asked where his grandma lived. "Oh," he said, "she lives at the airport, and when we want her, we just go get her. Then, when we're done having her visit, we take her back to the airport."

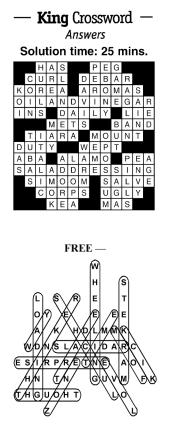
14. Grandpa is the smartest man on earth! He teaches me good things, but I don't get to see him enough to get as smart as him!

15. My Grandparents are funny, when they bend over, you hear gas leaks and they blame their dog.

Some of the ways of protecting ourselves are so simple we have no excuse for not following them. Take sanitizing wipes with you in a baggie when you go to the store and wipe down the cart handle. (Then throw the wipe away.) Wrap sanitizing wipes around the doorknobs in your home and let them dry overnight. Wash your hands often. And get your flu shot.

The next time you talk to your senators, tell them we need a four-way four-strength vaccine for seniors. Saving lives and hospitalizations makes it worth the extra cost.

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