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## Study pegs \$2.4M value on labor by city inmates

Figure comes from feasibility report looking at consolidating operations of center, city jail

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On any given day, motorists traveling through Danville can find crews of inmates clad in orange jumpsuits picking up litter, mowing grass or working along the side of the road.

That work by the inmates of the Danville Adult Detention Center saves the city and estimated \$2.4 million annually.

That's how much the city would pay if it were to hire city employees to do the work, said Karen Albert, president of Practical Solutions for Public Safety in Greer, South Carolina.

*"It gets them out and gets them working. That builds a kind of civic-mindedness. Those skills are important to have, other than just sitting in a jail cell."*

— Danville Sheriff Mike Mondul, on the benefits of labor to the city and the inmates

The adult detention center is a minimum-security work prison that currently has about 115 inmates and averages about 160 per day. The facility holds convicted men and provides work-training for inmates, who perform such jobs in the city as cutting grass, raking leaves, recycling and picking up litter. They are paid \$2 per day.

Inmates were paid \$1 a day beginning in the late 1980s, with the amount increased roughly a decade ago due to inflation, said Danville

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### IMPEACHMENT TRIAL

# NOT GUILTY

Senate votes to acquit President Trump of charges



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The Senate acquitted President Donald Trump of two impeachment charges Wednesday. The outcome followed months of impeachment proceedings, from Speaker Nancy Pelosi's House to Mitch McConnell's Senate, reflecting the nation's partisan divide three years into the Trump presidency.

By Lisa Mascaro and Mary Clare Jalonick  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump won impeachment acquittal Wednesday in the U.S. Senate, bringing to a close only the third presidential trial in American history with votes that split the country, tested the nation's civic norms and fed the tumultuous 2020 race for the White House.

With Chief Justice John Roberts presiding, senators sworn to do "impartial justice" stood at their desks to state their votes for the roll call — "guilty" or "not guilty" — in a swift tally almost exclusively along party lines. Visitors,

including the president's allies, watched from the crowded gallery. Roberts read the declaration Trump "be, and is hereby, acquitted of the charges."

The outcome followed months of remarkable impeachment proceedings, from Speaker Nancy Pelosi's House to Mitch McConnell's Senate, reflecting the nation's unrelenting partisan divide three years into the Trump presidency.

What started as Trump's request for Ukraine to "do us a favor" spun into a far-reaching, 28,000-page report compiled by House investigators accusing an American president

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### Article I: Abuse of Power



PARTY	GUILTY	NOT GUILTY
Democrats	45	0
Republicans	1	52
Independents	2	0

Republican Mitt Romney of Utah joined Democrats to vote to convict Trump on the abuse of power count.

### Article II: Obstruction of Congress



PARTY	GUILTY	NOT GUILTY
Democrats	45	0
Republicans	0	53
Independents	2	0

SOURCE: U.S. SENATE VIA AP

## Optimism abounds with increased job projection in Dan River Region



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Mike Ownbey, president and chief operating officer of delivery-van company Morgan Olson, which is projecting to bring as many as 1,000 jobs to a new plant in Pittsylvania County, speaks at a membership event for the Danville and Pittsylvania County Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday morning.

### Delivery-van company now may provide as many as 1,000 positions

By Caleb Ayers  
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After promising 703 jobs to the Dan River Region, a delivery-van company now is projecting they will provide as many as 1,000 positions here.

At a meeting of the Danville Pittsylvania County Chamber of Commerce, Morgan Olson President and CEO Mike Ownbey highlighted some history of the Sturgis, Michigan-based company, detailed how it decided to locate in the Dan River region and provided some insights into what the company will accom-

plish in the region.

The meeting, which included business leaders, government officials and community members, was held Wednesday morning at the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research in Danville.

Morgan Olson LLC, owned by Houston-based J.B. Poindexter & Co. Inc, has exponentially increased its production over the past 12 years. The company has shifted from building 1,800 delivery vans annually to making 1,700 per month — a number that doesn't include the new Dan River plant, which is

expected to produce around 60 vehicles daily.

By the end of 2020, Ownbey said he expects the company to have hired 500 people for the Danville plant and invested upward of \$62 million in the region. In the long run, he expects the company will have as many as 1,000 employees, with starting pay of \$15 an hour plus benefits for assembly jobs and hourly rates of \$20 to \$30 or more for other positions.

"We're generally higher paid than the industries in our area,"

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## Schools consider reopening scenarios

### Educational institutions developing several plans for upcoming academic year

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Pittsylvania County Schools is working with five different contingency plans for how the upcoming academic year will happen. After the past year was upended by pandemic restrictions that caused schools around the state to halt in-person learning, the division has plans for a complete reopening, a full-on continued online learning and several variations and middle-grounds in-between.

"We're looking at all of the different scenarios that may be out there," said Superintendent Mark Jones.

As the current school year has come to a close in the past few weeks, area school divisions, colleges and universities in the Dan River Region are developing a range of plans for when and how to reopen in the fall.

*"What we anticipate is being required to do social distancing. Everything is based on that presumption."*

— John Cline, administrator at Westover Christian Academy

The best-case scenario local educational institutions are preparing for is schools would be allowed to fully reopen for in-person classes. The worst-case scenario is the same restrictions that came into effect when Gov. Ralph Northam ordered schools to close in March would continue into the fall. But schools also are preparing for various possibilities in the middle ground between those two scenarios.

Stanley Jones, superintendent of Danville Public Schools and Mark Jones said

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## Slice of normalcy

### Dining patrons, gym-goers enjoy eased restrictions under Phase 2 guidelines



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ABOVE: Brewers Justin Meadows (right) and Alexander Brown can some beers and prepare for Friday's indoor opening at 2 Witches Winery and Brewery. BELOW: Brian Zagol lifts weights at the YMCA on Friday morning, taking advantage of the facility reopening at 30% capacity.



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The Friday lunch rush is back. Well, back in a limited indoor capacity, anyway. Dining establishments around the city opened their doors again Friday, as they were finally able to offer 50% of their indoor seating space as allowed by the Phase Two reopening guidelines announced by Gov. Ralph Northam earlier in the week.

Patrons wasted no time in finding their favorite restaurant and enjoying a meal that wasn't outside or in their own home for the first time in weeks.

"We had six tables waiting outside

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## With federal aid in hand, localities look to help economy recover

### Have found creative ways to spend allotment, such as providing vouchers and donations

By Michael Martz  
Richmond Times-Dispatch

RICHMOND — The distribution of \$646 million in federal aid to local governments in Virginia this week came with a big question — how can localities spend the money on their most pressing needs without facing a big payback later?

They're coming up with some creative answers, such as giving

vouchers to residents to spend at local businesses in the towns of West Point and Middleburg, or closing streets in historic Williamsburg to allow restaurants to expand outdoor dining and buying from farmers' markets to donate to local food banks, or helping poor people pay their delinquent utility bills.

"It's bigger than just local government expenses," said Jim Regimbal, a fiscal consultant



Regimbal

businesses, do it," Regimbal said. "That's the key to getting the economy and revenues back on a normal footing."

The money sent to cities and counties Monday was part of a \$3.1 billion allotment to Virginia for state and local governments

under the CARES Act adopted by Congress in late March. The \$2.2 trillion fiscal stimulus package included money to combat the coronavirus pandemic in hospitals and long-term care facilities, bolster businesses shut down to stop the spread of COVID-19 and give taxpayers a one-time \$1,200 payment try to soften the impact of lost wages.

Fairfax County, the largest locality in Virginia, received \$200 million directly under the law. However, the \$1.5 billion share for the rest of local governments went through the

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state, which is making similar decisions about how to spend \$1.8 billion it received under federal guidelines that prohibit using the money to offset the loss of revenues necessary to pay for essential services.

State and local governments have to give the money back if they don't spend it by Dec. 30, but they also could be forced to repay the money with interest if federal audits later deem the

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Long-term pandemic house guests while schools are out

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## NAACP leader calls for changes

Push made to have city school renamed, statue removed from building

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The head of the Danville branch of the NAACP wants to remove the names of Woodrow Wilson Intermediate School and see Mayor Harry Wooding's statue gone from the front of the Municipal Building.

"I want this to happen now," Danville NAACP President Tommy Bennett told the Danville Register & Bee.

Wooding fought for the Confederate Army during the Civil War.

Confederate statues are coming down in other cities, and Princeton University announced June 27 it would remove Woodrow Wilson's name from its school of public policy.

It's only appropriate Danville takes similar steps, Bennett said.

"Everything around the world is happening now — why wait?" he said, adding he would like to see the names changed before the upcoming school year starts.

Bennett said he would take his request for the name changes to the Danville School Board.

Danville School Board Chairwoman Crystal Averett Cobbs said the topic has not been discussed among board members.

"We haven't talked about it," Cobbs said Thursday. "It's not something that's been brought up to the board."

Whether the names would be changed should be up to the community, she said.

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# ROARING BACK

In first big event since pandemic, tank museum's vehicle demonstration draws a crowd



PHOTOS BY PARKER COTTON/REGISTER & BEE

ABOVE: Hattie DiMario, 5, is camera-ready as her father, Kyle, convinces her brother, Thatcher, 6, to take a photo in front of a tank Saturday at the AAF Tank Museum. BELOW: An M20 armored car is one of four vehicles on display during Saturday's vehicle run event.



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Hattie DiMario and her brother, Thatcher, were both lucky enough to win a ride on one of the AAF Tank Museum's giant armored cars last year during one of the venue's vehicle run days.

They were back Saturday with their father, Kyle, in hopes of getting another ride atop one of the many war machines featured in the expansive exhibit.

The museum has been open for a couple of weeks now following an extended closure brought on by the coronavirus pandemic, and it hosted three demonstrations of four of its vehicles throughout the

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# Coronavirus deaths take a long-expected turn for the worse

A tent outside the Magic Kingdom screens arriving guests during the first days of reopening at Walt Disney World in Lake Buena Vista, Florida.



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COVID-19 has killed more than 130,000 people in the US

By Mike Stobbe and Nicky Forster  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A long-expected upturn in U.S. coronavirus deaths has begun, driven by fatalities in states in the South and West, according to data on the pandemic.

The number of deaths per day from the virus had been falling for months and even remained down as

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states like Florida and Texas saw explosions in cases and hospitalizations — and reported daily U.S. infections broke records several times in recent days.

Scientists warned it

wouldn't last. A coronavirus death, when it occurs, typically comes several weeks after a person first is infected. And experts predicted states that saw increases in cases and hospitalizations would, at some point, see deaths rise too. Now that's happening.

"It's consistently picking up. And it's picking up at the time you'd expect

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