

Letter to the Editor

According to the American Society of Addiction Medicine, the leading cause of accidental death in 2015 was drug overdose. The life toll from the drug epidemic has been consistently growing over the past couple of years with opiate addiction and overdose being one of the lead causes.

Each year, more people use drugs for the first time and wind up addicted. Right now, the highest number of opiate overdoses are in the Northeast. The problem originally started with heroin as the main contributor however newer drugs have begun to escalate the problem. Fentanyl has begun to be mixed into heroin with devastating consequences. This combination is so potent there have been fatal overdoses of non-users who merely got the substance on their skin.

Now more than ever, those in our country who are struggling with substance abuse need help getting into a heroin addiction rehab. According to the Center for Disease Control or CDC, drug overdose deaths have increased more than 2.5 times compared to what they were in 1999. In fact, according to a study by experts at 10 universities, the problem can get much worse. At this point, the best-case scenario would be overdose deaths peaking in 2020 before going down and that would require gov-

ernment support.

Please write your local officials and senators to begin taking action to combat the opiate epidemic and steer us away from the disaster course we are on. There are many different approaches to the challenge of how to address the opiate epidemic.

For more information visit: <http://www.narcononnewliferetreat.org/blog/the-horrifying-future-of-the-heroin-epidemic.html>

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Outdoor Truths

By Gary Miller

My friend just ended his deer season in Alabama. On the last day of the month he bagged a nice eight pointer on a piece of property that had gone untended and had always been relegated as his least favorite and most undesirable. This normally would not mean very much except for the fact that he did the same thing the year before. The other leases had been given better treatment. He had spent time on them. He had planted food plots and managed the property to hold deer throughout the year. This property just looked more capable and promising than the other. And after all, since the lease on the neglected property was cheaper, it couldn't be as good as the more expensive ones. Could it? With a two year success rate, my friend is beginning to rethink the worth of that which seems unlikely.

As I listened to his story I was immediately reminded how this same scenario is played out in many different areas of our life. We simply overlook that which seems unlikely. When it comes to possessions this may not be a big deal, but when it comes to people it is everything.

Let me ask it plain and simple... Who are you overlooking because they seem too unlikely or too convenient? Whose work are you ignoring because it may not be in the forefront or exotic enough? Who have you bypassed in order to get to someone who has great references and resumes? Whose results have you ignored because those results did not come from a more polished business or ministry model? Who have you walked past in order to get to

SBA Deadline for Economic Injury Disaster Loans to is February 22

The U.S. Small Business Administration is reminding Private NonProfit (PNP) organizations in Mississippi of the Feb. 22 deadline to submit Economic Injury Disaster Loan applications for damages caused by the severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds and flooding on April 30, 2017.

PNPs that provide non-critical services located in the following Mississippi counties are eligible to apply: Adams, Calhoun, Carroll, Claiborne, Holmes, Jefferson, Montgomery, Webster and Yazoo. Examples of eligible

non-critical PNP organizations include, but are not limited to, food kitchens, homeless shelters, museums, libraries, community centers, schools and colleges.

The SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans to help eligible non-critical PNP organizations meet their working capital needs such as ongoing operating expenses. This assistance is available regardless of whether the organization suffered any physical property damage. Loan amounts can be up to \$2 million with an inter-

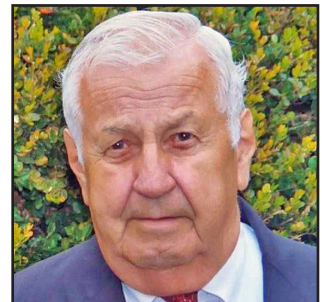
est rate of 2.5 percent and terms up to 30 years. The SBA sets loan amounts and terms based on each applicant's financial condition. To be considered for this assistance, PNPs need to apply by the deadline.

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

Disaster loan information and application forms may be obtained by calling the SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 for the deaf and hard-of-hearing) or sending an email to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Loan applications can also be downloaded from www.sba.gov/disaster. Completed applications should be mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

The deadline to return economic injury applications is Feb. 22, 2018.

Obituary



JOHN BELL ROSAMOND
COL USA (Ret.)

Col. John Bell Rosamond, (USA Ret.), 81, former Deputy Asst. Secretary of Defense, of Alexandria, VA, passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 28, 2018. He is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Clare T. Rosamond. He is survived by his daughter Ann Rosamond Repeczynski and her husband Thomas of Fairfax Station, VA; brother William Ervin Rosamond and his wife Susan of Philadelphia, MS; sister-in-law Connie Tully and her husband Don Byrne of Arlington, VA; niece Eileen Tully Funderburke of Chapel Hill, NC, and nephew William Melvin Rosamond, Jr. of Jackson, MS; and his grandchildren, Thomas John "TJ" and Marie Repeczynski. Friends may call at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Dr., Alexandria, VA on Sunday, February 4, 2018 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial at Ft. Myer Old Post Chapel with interment in Arlington National Cemetery at a future date.

someone who lives in another city or country?

I've noticed in the church world that we will send mission teams to another state and a church in that state will send their team to us. Could it be we are overlooking the obvious for the ornamental? Could it be we have spent too much time and

money on that which looks good and have neglected that which is the most productive? Maybe we need to do like my friend and rethink where we are spending our time and money. Maybe our most productive places and people are those that God puts us around every day.

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John Thomas Murtagh showed the Grand Champion Hog during the 2018 Holmes County 4-H Livestock Show that was held on Saturday, January 27 at the Holmes County Livestock Barn in Lexington. (Photo by Julie Ellison)



John Thomas Murtagh showed the Reserve Grand Champion Hog during the 2018 Holmes County 4-H Livestock Show that was held on Saturday, January 27 at the Holmes County Livestock Barn in Lexington. (Photo by Julie Ellison)



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