

Healthcare Reform?

The debate is heating up. This link to a Fox News video just came across my inbox from Joel Comm:

<http://www.breitbart.tv/father-of-handicapped-son-received-threats-after-confrontation-with-rep-dingell/>

It is getting pretty ugly. Recently, a state Senator was quoted as saying that the new Healthcare Reform will eliminate the need for an insurance agent in the process. Does that mean that the decisions about your healthcare will be made for you? I don't know about that, but what I do know is that there is a ton of confusion, outrage, bickering, etc. going on, but what are the facts?

This makes for an interesting debate, however, it will be of the utmost importance that your agent be 110% informed on the proposed changes and the implications.

Trust me, we are trying to figure it out.

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Next Generation

As the Mercer County Fair wraps up another successful fair, several thoughts come to mind about the "state of our economy" in the 2 Virginia's. Some good, some, not so much. Here I go:

1. The infrastructure for a great community is intact. We have beautiful old buildings, wonderful old traditions and a strong commitment to old ideas. See where this is going?
2. We celebrate being old fashioned and I love the fact that we do. As long we allow this to be not only our heritage, but our current state of mind, we will continue to be old fashioned.
3. We are in the process of skipping a generation in the area. Where is the 40-50 year old crowd and subsequently, their kids who drive teaching jobs, day care positions, VBS attendance, back to school sales at retailers, etc.?

What is currently fueling the fire and beginning to smolder hot, is that the initiatives and passions of the newly formed young professional group, Generation G.A.P., are getting mixed reviews from the community leaders. The members of Generation G.A.P. are passionate about renewing community, rebuilding infrastructure, preserving heritage and creating a sustainable place to raise a family. However, it seems increasingly apparent that there is reluctance to change and progress. So what do I

mean? I mean, frankly, the older generation is tired of carrying the baton and the young generation is moving to Charlotte, Charleston, Raleigh, Roanoke, etc. to take the path of least resistance. Why rebuild when you can move to where it is already happening?

What can we do as a community to pull the stakes out of the ground, erase the lines in the sand and build an attractive community for the next generation? You tell me- davidg@murphyagency.com