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Craig County School Board main topic - restructure administrative pay scale



At the January School Board meeting, there was much discussion about restructuring the current (older edition) administrative pay scale. Here, Principal Melissa Whiting shares specifics.

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

Last year took a toll on America, especially the school system. In 2020, mostly due to the coronavirus, many teachers lost their pay raises and their systematic step raises. Last Tuesday, CCPS educators Donna Deplazes and Principal Melissa Whiting spoke on these two issues. Deplazes shared that she had

looked ahead at the documents of the meeting, which were made available about salaries for staff at the school. “I would like to thank the administration and the board members for what was said and the plans that are in the works for actually recognizing the hard work and dedication of the employees here at the school system,” she said. “It might not be five percent and I am still going to push for that, but we will be happy.

Two steps is really a must as it basically puts us back to where we should have been after what happened last year.” Whiting, who has worked in the Craig County Public School system for 25 years, added many statistics that helped the Board to see a wide scope of the issue. She shared that she purposefully wanted to speak to the Board after the representative spoke as

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Craig County awarded funds for emergency vehicles



Sheriff Trevor Craddock and his team are happy that a new vehicle has been purchased for them to be able to respond more efficiently to the needs of citizens, especially in the country terrain that Craig County has.

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

The emergency responders in Craig County know that without proper vehicles, they cannot respond to their citizens emergency needs with security in heart that they will make it there without a breakdown. Still, Craig County has always come through for their people, even if they have to use their own vehicles, which many have. Emergency Services Director Jim Cady shared that they had applied for a new emergency management vehicle and a police car, which were greatly needed. Recently, they were notified they would be receiving a grant from the US Department of Agriculture Rural Development. They were awarded \$49,500 to Craig County for emergency service vehicles. The funds will be used to purchase a new sheriff's vehicle and

an EMS vehicle. “We are very appreciative of the grant,” Cady said. “When we have emergencies or other needs and enter peoples’ driveways or roads to determine the situation, some people have legitimate concerns about who and why we’re there when we use our private cars. The car with county identification lets them realize who we are, and we get greeted more friendly.” He noted that their “old” car was given to them by Bobby Simmons from Botetourt County. “We wore it out,” Cady added. “The County Administrator received the grant, and we purchased a 2020 Ford SUV for patrol,” Sheriff Craddock added. “We have already taken possession of the vehicle. It is sitting on the line at my office. It is nice to have newer vehicles, it really cuts down on maintenance costs. The Ford SUV's have more room, are all-wheel drive, and just make a better choice for the terrain we have in the county.”

Craig’s County Administrator Dan Collins said that they submit a USDA grant application every year which identifies their needs and specific costs. “We have been fortunate to receive approval every year,” he shared. “Some of the past awards were for vehicles in the Sheriff’s Department, similar vehicles for EMS, a school bus for the schools (\$80,000) and tasers for our Sheriff’s Department (\$16,630).” Congressman Morgan Griffith (R-Va) issued the following statement: “Providing sufficient emergency services can be a challenge to rural jurisdictions such as those of the ninth congressional district. Today’s award of \$49,500 by USDA rural development for a sheriff’s vehicle and EMS vehicle will help the citizens of Craig County receive the public safety services they need.” Both departments were greatly appreciative to adding new and reliable vehicles for their employees to serve Craig’s residents.



Upper Craig Creek Volunteer Fire Department is hosting a spaghetti dinner as a fundraiser effort on February 27 and it will include spaghetti, garlic bread, dessert and a drink for just \$10.00. It's a great time to support the local fire department while not having to cook dinner. Also, pay it forward and buy someone else dinner as well, or take a meal to an elderly shut-in.

Spaghetti dinner fundraiser for the fire department

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

The local fire departments work diligently every day to provide the best equipment so they can respond as quickly and as efficiently as possible for their community citizens. The Upper Craig Creek Volunteer Fire Department is hosting a spaghetti dinner in hopes to raise funds for their fire departments’ needs. On February 27, they will offer a spaghetti dinner which will include spaghetti, garlic bread, dessert and a drink for a \$10 donation. It will be held at their station at 4296 Upper Craigs Creek Road in Catawba. Due to the COVID-19 stipulations, the plate will be takeout only. Preorders will be taken through their Facebook page or by phone and people are encouraged

to reserve their meals in advance. Also, the UCCVFD is hoping to increase its membership this year and is looking for interested community members. “We are looking for volunteers to be there to help neighbors during their time of need,” they expressed. “Do you have the drive to help out in your community?” Interested individuals can contact one of their members, via Facebook at Upper Craig Creek Volunteer Fire Department or leave a message after calling (540) 864-6087. If anyone would like to donate, they can be mailed to UCCVFD, P.O. Box 322, Catawba, Va. 24070. The UCCVFD sends their appreciation in advance for any who may donate and look forward to seeing many at the spaghetti fundraiser.

Local child captures the beauty of Craig County covered in snow



At only 10-years-old, Emily Smith is already taking beautiful pictures. Off her porch, she captured the silence of the American flag blowing gently in the winter breeze of a snow-covered field.




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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY

The Craig County Public Library is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Wednesday from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The library is located at 303 Main St. in New Castle. For more information, call (540) 864-8978 or visit www.craiglibrary.org.

EVERY TUESDAY

•Overeaters Anonymous (OA) meeting, 7 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church, located at 2011 Brandon Avenue in Roanoke. Contact 540-293-4065 for more information.

•New Castle Church of Christ will hold its Bible Study from 7 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. at 118 Main Street in New Castle.

EVERY SATURDAY

Overeaters Anonymous (OA) meeting, 11 a.m. at

Christ Lutheran Church, located at 2011 Brandon Avenue in Roanoke. Contact 540-293-4065 for more information.

EVERY SUNDAY

•Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, 8 p.m. at New Castle Fire Hall.

•The New Castle Christian Church, located at 282 Salem Ave, is pastored by Sheldon Cosma is having services at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., with communion at each, and is on Facebook live at 9 a.m.

•St. Johns Catholic Church, on Route 615, is having virtual masses at 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. by Father Steve McNalley. They are also live on Facebook. For more information, contact (540) 864-8686 or send an email to stjohnnewcastle@tds.net.

SECOND MONDAY

•Paint Bank Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 7 p.m. at the Paint Bank Fire Department. Call

897-5346 for more information.

•Craig County Public Library Board of Trustees meeting at 6 p.m. at the library.

THIRD MONDAY

Town of New Castle Council Meeting at 7 p.m. inside the New Castle Town Hall, located at 339 Market Street.

FIRST TUESDAY

Craig County School Board meets at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

SECOND TUESDAY

Mountain Lodge 140 AF&AM, 7:30 p.m. at Lodge Hall, 255 Main St.

THIRD WEDNESDAY

The Botetourt/Craig/Roanoke Farm Service Agency County Committee meets each month at 10 a.m. at the Bonsack USDA Service Center. Please call

one day before the meeting date regarding possible cancellation information 540-977-2698, Ext. 2. The Bonsack USDA Service Center is located at 36 Executive Circle, Suite 1, Roanoke, VA 24012. All County Committee meetings are open to the public.

FIRST THURSDAY

Craig County Board of Supervisors meets at 6 p.m. at the Craig County Courthouse.

SECOND THURSDAY

Maywood Garden Club meeting at 7:30 p.m. held at Simmonsville Fire Department.

EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY

Everyone six months and up should receive a flu shot each year. A parent or guardian must accompany those under the age 18. Insurances will be billed. People are encouraged

to bring their insurance card and not attend if they have COVID-19 like symptoms. The curbside clinic schedule is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only. For more information, contact 540-864-5136.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

The Angels of Assisi Pet Health Clinic will return to Craig County from 10 a.m. until 2 pm at the Volunteer Fire Department on 443 Conrad Street in New Castle. No appointments are required.

FEB. 14 – FEB. 24, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Catawba Valley Baptist Church is hosting their first exclusive Virtual Wild Game Dinner and Auction online from Feb 14 through Feb. 24. The dinner will take place that Friday with pickup at the Moose Lodge on Rt. 311. Interested individuals may go to

their website at: <https://www.catawbavalleybc.org/wildgame-514893.html> or contact the office at (540) 380-8448 for more information.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

•A Chili Community Church Cook-off at Craig Valley Baptist will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. A little fun competition between all local churches in Craig County, there will be three entries per church and free hot dogs. The community is invited to taste and vote. To enter, contact the church at (540) 864-5667.

•Upper Craigs Creek Volunteer Fire Dept. will host a fundraiser Spaghetti dinner from 3 to 6 p.m. Due to COVID-19, it will be takeout and will include spaghetti, garlic bread, dessert and a drink for a \$10 donation. Call (540) 864-6087 to reserve your meal(s) or connect with them on their Facebook page.

MASN launches on Citizens Telephone Cooperative this week

~ Nationals and Orioles Baseball and Hokies Basketball coming to thousands of households in SW Virginia ~

MASN and Citizens recently reached a carriage agreement that will bring Nationals and Orioles baseball to thousands of households in Southwest Virginia. The 24/7 regional sports network is the home of Washington Nationals and Baltimore Orioles baseball and televises every available game live and in HD – more than 300 MLB events each year – as well as the exclusive pre- and post-game shows, Nats Xtra and O's Xtra.

"MASN has been a top requested network for some time from our subscribers," Lori Saltus, EVP of Customer

Relations and Marketing at Citizens, said. "We are happy to answer the request of our customers by adding MASN and MASN2."

In addition to its live Major League Baseball programming, MASN also carries over 175 NCAA football and basketball games, including the Virginia Tech Hokies, nationally ranked teams and regional favorites.

Upcoming Hokies games on MASN include:

•Wed, 2/3/21 7:00p Virginia Tech @ Pittsburgh (Men's)

•Thu, 2/4/21 7:00p Virginia Tech @ Pittsburgh (Wom-

en's)

•Sat, 2/6/21 12:00p Virginia Tech @ Miami (Men's)

•Sun, 2/21/21 12:00p Syracuse @ Virginia Tech (Women's)

•Tue, 2/23/21 7:00p Georgia Tech @ Virginia Tech (Men's)

•Sat, 3/6/21 2:00p Virginia Tech @ NC State (Men's)

"MASN is thrilled to partner with Citizens to bring Nats and O's baseball and Hokies basketball to thousands of households throughout southwestern Virginia," added Todd Webster, a spokesman for the network.

MASN and MASN 2 will

be carried on channels 168 and 169 on Citizens' Signature and Crest packages.

To make MASN's programming even easier for fans to receive, MASN will launch an app to stream the network on their smartphone, tablet or home computer.

MASN features the ACC sports package, featuring every team in the conference including football, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's soccer, field hockey and volleyball as well as the first two rounds and quarter-finals of the ACC women's basketball tournament and four rounds of the ACC base-

ball tournament.

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-Submitted by Lori Saltus

All new Backpack Run returning to Green Hill Park in March

~ In-person 5K and 10K on March 20, virtual 5K, 10K, half marathon also available ~

The Backpack Run, presented by the Roanoke County Public Schools Education Foundation, is back and all new. This year's Backpack Run offers the best of both worlds - in-person and virtual races for the 5K and 10K distances. The in-person races will take place on March 20 at Green Hill Park, starting at 9 a.m. The 5K and 10K races will begin at the same time. Runners participat-

ing in an in-person race will be randomly assigned a corral to stagger start times.

Also new this year is a virtual half marathon featuring a custom finisher's medal and an all-new Backpack Challenge - participate in all three race events (5K, 10K, and half marathon) to earn all three individual finisher medals and a fourth exclusive custom Backpack Challenge medal. Chal-

lenge runners participate in all three events virtually or have the option to substitute one virtual event for an in-person race (5K or 10K).

Registration fees for the 5K (virtual and in-person) run \$25-\$40. Fees for the 10K (virtual and in-person) are \$40-\$60. Registration for the half marathon (virtual only) is \$65-\$80. The Backpack Challenge (5K, 10K and half)

is \$140-\$160. Prices vary depending on age (student or adult) and team participation.

Register for the in-person 5K, 10K or Backpack Challenge by March 1 to guarantee an event t-shirt on March 20. Finisher medals and event t-shirts for virtual events will be available for pickup or shipping in late April. Register at www.supportroanokecountyed.org.

Proceeds will go to support

the Roanoke County Public Schools Education Foundation, a 501©3 non-profit organization that, since 1991, has provided more than \$1.5 million in support including grants for teachers and scholarships for students in Roanoke County.

-Chuck Lionberger, Roanoke County Public Schools Director of Community Relations

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1. Baseball team
5. Hymns
11. Actor Jared
12. Fragrance
16. ___ Von Bismarck, Iron Chancellor
17. Nordic God
18. Weighed down
19. Coppola's mob epic
24. Nanogram
25. Famed street artist
26. Identifier
27. 23rd letter of the Greek alphabet
28. In addition
29. Micturated
30. Shock
31. Accept
33. Allotment
34. Eras
38. Emerges

CLUES DOWN
1. Dress
39. Cape Verde capital
40. ___ United Arab Emirates capital
43. Small amount
44. Back of the foot
45. Pakrit language
49. Home of "60 Minutes"
50. Condemn
51. Ailed
53. Elevated railroad
54. Rebelliousness
56. Ancient Greek city
58. Clothing company (abbr.)
59. Member of the cabbage family
60. Softens or smooths
63. Mass of coagulated liquid
64. Problems
65. Irish Republic

CLUES ACROSS
2. Deadly
3. Says aloud
4. PT Anderson film "___ Nights"
5. Teacher (abbr.)
6. Anesthetized
7. Anno Domini (in the year of Our Lord)
8. ___ and behold
9. French young women (abbr.)
10. Scorch
13. Notre Dame
14. Express disapproval
15. Cars need these
20. Not off
21. Unit of mass
22. You
23. Concealed
27. Parent-teacher organizations
29. Approximately 3.14159
30. Chinese conception of poetry
31. Satisfaction
32. College degree

CLUES DOWN
33. Formerly Ceylon: ___ Lanka
34. Effeminate
35. Something to solve
36. Horses like these
37. Intelligence organization
38. Blood type
40. Exhibition
41. Poisonous plant
42. Aluminum
44. Possesses
45. Penetrate w/ a sharp instrument
46. Ring-shaped objects
47. Speaks at church
48. Form in the mind
50. Selectors
51. Probability of default
52. 2001 Spielberg film
54. Where to get a sandwich
55. Newts
57. Modus operandi
61. Exists
62. Politico-economic union

Community to judge chili cookoff between churches

Pam Dudding
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Competition is fun, and the Craig Valley Baptist Church is continuing the trend, as they get ready to host the Third Annual Church Com-

munity Chili Cookoff. Last year, the church won the contest.

The previous two years proved, without a shadow of a doubt, that Craig County loves their chili as many church members participated,

while many other community members joined in on the voting.

On February 27, from 5 to 7 p.m., churches are encouraged to have up to three different chili entries in the contest.

"While Craig County has nearly two dozen churches, I noticed that they rarely have church community contact with each other or other activities," coordinator Rich Martindell said before adding, "When I attended a Hands Across Craig church service, I was inspired by two things: first, the churches in Craig County are sincerely friendly with each other and had some great services and music. Secondly, the church members can really cook."

Martindell then brought it up with the Men's Group at New Castle United Methodist and it led to the first chili cookoff in 2019.

"Chili is a great meal during the cold days of winter when people have less contact and activities, (even without the COVID-19 conditions)," Martindell noted. "Making it into a fun



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Anticipation for the Annual Church Chili Cookoff this year is increasing as the buzz goes around the churches in the community to participate. All citizens in Craig are invited to attend, vote and have a hotdog.

COVID-19 testing throughout the Roanoke Valley: everything that residents need to know

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Virginia's first positive case of COVID-19 was confirmed on March 7, 2020. Since then, approximately 470,000 coronavirus cases have been confirmed. The

number of coronavirus patients throughout the Commonwealth, unfortunately, shows little signs of drastically declining in the immediate future. New Castle recently reported a few new cases.

Since the Pfizer and

Moderna vaccines were approved for emergency use in December, Virginians have received more than one million doses. Within his first 100 days in office, President Joe Biden said he intends on administering 100 million vaccine shots nationwide.

Many people, including countless in Craig County, have serious questions regarding the COVID-19 vaccine: Are they safe? Are there any side effects? How is it administered?

"Over the next few weeks, we will be working with healthcare systems, independent healthcare practices and retail pharmacies to identify the different options for individuals aged 75 or older to get registered for the vaccine," Health Director for the Alleghany and Roanoke City Districts Dr. Cynthia Morrow said. "Such individuals can sign up through a survey link at <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/roanoke/covid-vaccine/> to receive more information about vaccine opportunities as options emerge. Family members and caregivers can register on behalf of those who are unable to register themselves."

Last weekend, over 2,000 teachers throughout the Roanoke Valley received a coronavirus vaccination

at the Berglund Center in Roanoke. Dr. Morrow, in partnership with Carilion, coordinated the event. The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and Carilion collectively gave out approximately 6,000 shots over the three-day event.

Groups in 1a and 1b are eligible to get vaccinated in Virginia. To find out which category individuals fall under, the VDH created a vaccine questionnaire for people. Walgreens, CVS, Rite-Aid and certain other major pharmacies have announced they'll be offering the COVID-19 vaccine to qualified individuals.

"It will take time, patience and flexibility for everyone who is in Phase 1b and who wants the COVID-19 vaccine to be able to receive it. This will not happen overnight. There is a great deal of planning and logistical work that still needs to be done to ensure that we are optimizing how many vaccines we can get into the arms of Virginians

in our health districts," said Dr. Morrow.

She continued, "even though folks may qualify to receive vaccine under the guidelines of Phase 1b, there is not enough vaccine for all of them. We are focused on the first 3 tiers of employee categories in Phase 1bm and those over 65, with an emphasis on those over 75. We are not vaccinating those between the ages of 16 to 64 with medical issues at this time because we do not have enough vaccine from the manufacturers."

Virginia is estimated to receive roughly 110,000 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine each week for at least the next month. Multiple testing locations throughout the Roanoke Valley will be administering the vaccine. From 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on February 23 and March 23, a drive-thru testing event is scheduled to take place at the Salem Civic Center. More information can be found at vdh.virginia.gov.



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Said Governor Ralph Northam after visiting the Berglund Center in Roanoke on January 22, "We are rapidly scaling up our infrastructure to ensure Virginians can access the COVID-19 vaccine as more becomes available."

Nomination of Dr. Jewel Bronaugh as USDA Deputy Secretary commended by state leaders ~ VDACS Commissioner recognized for leadership, innovation, and partnership ~

Governor Ralph Northam recently commended President-elect Joe Biden for appointing Dr. Jewel H. Bronaugh to serve as Deputy Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Dr. Bronaugh has served as Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) since May 2018. Pending confirmation by the United States Senate, Commissioner Bronaugh will become the first African American Deputy Secretary of Agriculture.

"As Commissioner of VDACS, Dr. Bronaugh has been a true leader—promoting the agency's core mission while taking on new challenges, including our COVID-19 pandemic response and farmer mental health, focusing economic development to improve food access in underserved communities, and engaging youth in the field of agriculture," said Governor Northam. "I am proud that she will be representing both the Commonwealth and all Americans in such a critical role at USDA and in this new Administration."

USDA consists of 29 agencies and offices with nearly 100,000 employees

who serve at more than 4,500 locations across the country and abroad. The Department promotes agriculture production that helps feed Americans and others throughout the word, supports rural economic development, and conserves the nation's natural resources through conservation, forest restoration, improved watersheds, and healthy private working lands.

"Dr. Jewel Bronaugh has done an outstanding job for the Commonwealth of Virginia, advancing agriculture, the state's number one industry," said Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry Bettina Ring. "There is no question she will serve our great nation with distinction. It is a tremendous source of pride to have our VDACS Commissioner selected to serve as Deputy Secretary of USDA, and we know Jewel will be a true leader both at the Department and in the Biden-Harris Administration."

Governor Northam appointed Dr. Jewel Bronaugh to serve as the 16th Commissioner of VDACS in 2018. She was previously Executive Director of the Center for Agricultural Research, Engagement, and Outreach at

Virginia State University (VSU). She also served as State Executive Director of the USDA Farm Service Agency and as Dean of VSU's College of Agriculture. Dr. Bronaugh holds a bachelor's degree in Education from James Madison University. She earned a master's degree in Education and doctorate in Career and Technical Education from Virginia Tech.

During her tenure as Commissioner, Dr. Bronaugh created the Farmer Stress and Mental Health Taskforce to address critical mental health issues facing farmers and families in rural communities. She also helped create the Virginia Food Access and Investment Fund Grant Program to invest in new and expanding grocery stores and food retailers and support innovative food retail projects that address food access issues in historically marginalized communities. Additionally, she established the Southern Association of State Departments of Agriculture Career Development Scholarship Program to provide opportunities for minority students to study and participate in national agricultural policy development.

Dr. Bronaugh will join the list of historic and notable Biden-Harris appointees that reflect the nation's diversity and will work to unify the United States.

The Commonwealth has been fortunate to benefit from Dr. Bronaugh's

outstanding leadership at VDACS these past three years and in other important roles throughout her entire career in Virginia. The work she has done to promote agriculture, ensure food security, address farmer mental health, and advance diversity, equity,

and inclusion is of great importance to all Virginians, and Dr. Bronaugh will carry on this work in her new leadership role in Washington, D.C.

*-Submitted by
Alena Yarmosky,
Office of the Governor*



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Said Governor Ralph Northam, "As Commissioner of VDACS, Dr. Bronaugh has been a true leader - promoting the agency's core mission while taking on new challenges, including our COVID-19 pandemic response and farmer mental health, focusing economic development to improve food access in underserved communities, and engaging youth in the field of agriculture."

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competition where we can get some communing in as well is good for the soul."

The Championship Trophy Cup is presented to the church of the winning chili cookoff chef, to be displayed in their church until the following year cookoff.

Also, individual trophies will be presented to the top three chili cookoff chefs.

An extra benefit is that they will have hot dogs and drinks for everyone who attends and votes for the best chili.

"We really have a lot of fun presenting the championship trophy at the winner's church too," Martindell added. "They get to keep it and the bragging rights all year, until the next chili cookoff."

The competition rules are as follows:

- Each church may enter up to three chilis
- Each chili will be presented for tasting on

tables in the competition area

•Everyone attending will receive a voting ticket upon entering the church

•Everyone can taste the various chili's and vote and place their voting ticket at their favorite chili

•Winners will be awarded that night (In case of a tie, a mini cookoff will be held, with

new tickets given to those still in attendance to vote.)

Churches are asked to register with Craig Valley Baptist Church at (540) 864-5667 and encouraged to attend for an evening of fun and food.

Also, community citizens are encouraged to attend and join in on the event for an evening of taste testing and a "community good time."

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OPINION

Library has hot spots

Library Corner
Empowering individuals to build a stronger community

In case you are wondering, a “Hot Spot” is a portable device which gives you Wi-Fi signal for internet wherever you are. As long as you can get cellular reception, you can use a hot spot to get access to the internet. Most areas of the county now have US Cellular access and some areas also have Verizon access. Other areas do not have cell reception at

all due to our mountainous terrain. Believe it or not, everyone in Craig County does not have a smart phone. Families with children may need multiple devices so everyone can attend school from home. Whether that be a smart phone, a tablet, iPad or a personal computer, a high-speed internet connection would be required. Reliable internet is just not available in many parts of Craig County even if you have the devices to use it. And, like it or not, internet is becoming essential in today’s school

and business world. Many people have internet access through their land line which does not depend on the cellular tower to provide access. Still the internet is notoriously slow through the land lines. Higher speed internet is required for some applications to work and for working with photographs and videos. Zoom meetings can be difficult without higher speed internet. Subscriptions for internet cost money and higher speeds cost more. Because of these challenges, the Library Board

decided to purchase two hot spots to be checked out by library patrons. The fees for their subscriptions are paid by the library. This is a new item in the budget, but a highly popular one. We would love to have at least ten hot spots for patrons to check out if we could find funds for that purpose. Each one costs \$80 and there is a monthly subscription fee. Students doing school from home have had hot spots provided by the school, but when these are no longer available, we anticipate a greater

need for internet access. Otherwise, students must travel to a place like the library or school parking lot where they can receive free high-speed internet. Since transportation is necessary for this, a parent must then take the child to such a place. Because our library is so small, we can only allow one patron at a time to enter the building for using the internet, so parents cannot drop kids at the library to use the computers like they used to. Using a portable hot spot can be one solution. It’s as easy as checking out a book. Anyone with a current library card can check out a hot spot. There is no fee or deposit required. Your borrowed hot spot must

be returned in one week and the late fees are the same as for movies - a dollar a day. You can call the library if you have any questions at 864-8978. This is just another way the Craig County Public Library seeks to fulfill its mission of empowering individuals to build a stronger community. Helping students with their education and helping adults to navigate today’s digital world are ways we can contribute to greater prosperity. Creating this ripple effect multiplies your financial gifts and our local tax dollars. Thank you for supporting your library!

-Marge Lewter, DVM, Library volunteer

Gov. Northam, other elected state leaders say marijuana legalization is a 2021 priority

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Much is often said about marijuana and what impact decriminalizing it could have throughout New Castle and the entire Commonwealth. Advocates of legal-

izing marijuana argue that doing so would boost the economy, decrease teen use, provide consumer safety, free up police resources and create thousands of potential jobs. Critics, on the other hand, adamantly believe that if marijuana is legalized, traffic acci-

dents and deaths would rise, dependency on the drug would increase and there would be more marijuana-related medical emergencies. Twenty-six states have reformed their laws regarding marijuana possession and usage. Until July 2020, possession of

a half-ounce or less of cannabis was punishable by a \$500 fine or up to 40 days in jail. While still illegal in Virginia, the maximum penalty for individuals caught with an ounce or less is now just a \$25 civil fine. All ethnicities use cannabis. Data and mar-

ijuana statistics, however, would suggest otherwise. A report conducted by the American Civil Liberties in 2019 found that African Americans are 3.6 times more likely than white Americans to be arrested for marijuana, despite the same usage rates.

Last month, the House of Representatives controlled by Democrats, passed a bill to decriminalize marijuana at the federal level. In addition to expunging low-level cannabis convictions, the MORE Act removes pot from the controlled substances list and imposes a five percent tax on legal marijuana sales. Met with derision and mockery by some congressional Republicans, the legislation was voted largely along party lines, 228 to 164. On the state level, Del-Sally Hudson (D) HJ 530, introduced a joint resolution earlier this year that would task the crime commission with studying alternative approaches to drug enforcement. Said Governor Northam in his 2021 State of the Commonwealth Address, “it is time to join 16 other states and make marijuana legal, and end the current system rooted in inequity. We’ve done the research, and we can do this the right way, leading with social equity, public health and public safety. Reforming our

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If fully implemented by Congress, the MORE Act would remove pot from the controlled substances list and impose a five percent tax on legal marijuana sales.

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marijuana laws is one way to ensure that Virginia is a more just state that works better for everyone.”

He continued, “Marijuana has become a cash crop that rivals tobacco. But as an illegal crop, it makes no money for Virginia. By legalizing and tax-

ing it, we can use the revenue to help communities most disproportionately impacted by the inequities in our laws.”

In recent years, there have been more arrests in the United States for marijuana annually than all violent crimes combined. According to the

yearly Crime in Virginia Report, 26,470 people were arrested for marijuana in 2019. If the MORE Act is fully implemented, it will be a misdemeanor for most educational institutes and employers to ask applicants to discuss past convictions.

Roanoke County resident Jaime Edwards, in large part because of her parents, has always felt that marijuana has never been as dangerous as some suggest. “My parents never hid the truth from me. I can remember being in high school and us having fully

transparent conversations at the dinner table,” she said. “Because of what I was taught, when it came time for me to choose if I would partake in marijuana or not, I was well-informed. I wish more parents would take a similar approach with their children.”

School board

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she did not want to conflict with her message.

“Please know that my statements are not a plea for Melissa Whiting to get a raise. This is a request to reevaluate and to restructure the administrative pay scale,” she stated.

“We have five individuals on the administrative pay scale and the superintendent pay scale is a part of that which is part of the details in the contract,” she said. “There are three administrative pay scales - high school principal, elementary principal and assistant (which also includes the program supervisor and other coordinators).”

Whiting spoke on the high school principal scale, though she reiterated repeatedly that “All of the scales are in dire need of attention.”

For Whiting, the most recent data shows

that there are currently five individuals that she supervises that have a higher salary than she or are within a few hundred dollars annually.

“All of those individuals are either ten-month or eleven-month employees and as you know, I am a 12-month employee,” she explained. “All of those employees also deserve every penny that they make, however, the pay scales are off-kilter.”

She continued, “If I would have remained a classroom teacher, and remained a ten-month employee with my stipend for obtaining my master’s degree, my compensation would be within \$5,000 of my current salary as a 10-month employee.

Had I remained on the classroom teacher pay scale and transitioned to a 12-month employee with my master’s degree

stipend, my compensation would be more than my current salary.”

“There are several similar situations with other CCPS administrators, but I can only speak to mine,” she said. “Again, this is not a plea for Melissa Whiting to get a pay raise but a request for you to please reevaluate and restructure the administrative pay scale.”

Additional School Board agenda included Denny Williams sending a request to the Board to surplus three items which he feels they no longer need or can use: a 1997 bus with 212,000 miles, a salt spreader which came with the dump truck that was purchased but they do not need and a 2009 Ford Crown Victoria which had been wrecked. Everything was approved.

Superintendent Jeanette Warwick gave a

report on the changes of the budget which the Board approved in their last meeting.

The first shared was the Governor’s proposed amendments to the budget, recommending no loss funding, and in order to compensate for enrollment loss, it would go back to before the pandemic so the school will not lose funding for students.

“They are stating the sales tax estimates are back up to the proposed levels and will be restoring that,” she said. “There will be a two percent bonus for instructional support positions and will change this to a salary increase if revenues are where they should be.”

Also noted was the counselor ratio was set as one to every 325 students which does not affect CCPS.

Warwick continued, “They are providing an extra payment to VRS and want to restore funding to maximize pre-kindergarten access. Also, we are preparing a needs-based budget. They will offer a savings account for employees who wish to take advantage of it and health insurance will see a 4.1 percent decrease this year.”

Warwick said they did research other quotes, but none better were found.

A happy moment for the teaching staff was announced that a step increase plus a two percent salary increase which will place the staff on their current step.

Added to the budget was another needed bus.

Warwick is seeking gym floor bids and parking lot sealing which will come out of the capitol budget.

Based on requests, additional budget considerations were made.

“McCleary staff gave data showing great need for a general pre-school teacher as the kids are entering school much less prepared, year af-

ter year and the daycare doesn’t have enough slots and has a waiting list,” Warwick said. “The Governor is putting funding into Pre-K and Warwick is looking at that.”

She also informed that surveys for middle and high school would be conducted, to see what type of classes students would like to see for CTE and Core.

“Based on that, we may be coming back for an additional teacher,” Warwick added. “And, as Mrs. Whiting said, to begin exploring the administrative salary scales as well.”

Hopes are to have a preliminary budget by end of January 2022 for review, however, they are unsure when they will receive numbers from the House and the Senate, therefore the Governor’s budget will be their guideline until then.

Warwick gave updates on COVID-19 effects too.

“Virtual Virginia started January 4 with the elementary school and some families choosing not to have that option, but the majority are enjoying the fact that their kids can see the teacher and their classmates, which is much more engaging,” Warwick shared.

Classes are from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, where students get direct instruction from their teacher. On Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. they have times they can sign up for tutoring.

McCleary has 35 students enrolled in Virtual Virginia, five have decided to homeschool and 11 students have returned to traditional.

“Parents have given us great feedback and have made some modifications. Things are going really well,” she added. “Second semester, we will be enrolling as many high school students as we can.”

Samuel Foster shared that the middle school

is a year-long program, therefore there isn’t a way to put a child in the Virtual Virginia program in the middle of the school year.

“Next year we will be using Virtual Virginia as much as possible and will be enrolling students who wish to utilize it,” he said. “We do maintain ADM. They are still our students and participate in things we do, it’s just that their teacher will be a Virtual Virginia teacher. That is the plan moving forward.”

Warwick ended the meeting on a good note by announcing that the schools have received a second round of coronavirus response and relief supplement appropriation of \$575,452.

There are very specific ways in which those monies are to be distributed within the school system such as: facility upgrades, indoor air quality and focus on learning loss. Plans will be reviewed in the February Board meeting.

Warwick also reported that there was a vaccination clinic held on January 12 for school staff and first responders and approximately 49 percent elected to be vaccinated.

Member Gina Smith added a special thanks to the teachers and staff for all the extra work they have had to do during this pandemic adjustment. “I know when we sit up here and make these changes, it affects you guys a lot. I appreciate all your hard work, because I know it is a lot more legwork for you to make sure our kids are safe,” she said.

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA,

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Case No. CL19-619
Complainant,
v.
GARLAND L. BROWN, ET AL,
Respondent(s).
ORDER OF PUBLICATION
The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Complainant, County of Botetourt, Virginia, for delinquent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the County of Botetourt, Virginia, described as follows:
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Case No. CL20-2497
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The object of this suit is to: Obtain a divorce based on a one year separation. It is ORDERED that Timothy Roger Mullins appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before 2-26-2021 @ 4:30pm.

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Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Board of Appeals (Building) of the City of Salem, Virginia will hold public hearings, in accordance with the provisions of Section 18-38 Code of City of Salem, Virginia, on February 24, 2021, at 3:00pm in the Community Room at the Salem Civic Center, 1001 Roanoke Boulevard, in the City of Salem, Virginia. The purpose of the meeting and hearings shall be to determine if certain structures are dangerous to the inhabitants of the City and whether such structures should be ordered to be repaired or demolished. The structures are located as follows:

- (1) A dilapidated structure located at 625 Union Street, Salem, Virginia (Tax Map # 161 – 7 – 5); and
- (2) A dilapidated structure located at 329 Chestnut Street, Salem, Virginia (Tax Map #144-9-6).

All parties in interest at the public hearings will be given an opportunity to be heard, present evidence, and show cause why action by the City and Board to remedy a

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potential dangerous situation should or should not be granted. For additional information, contact the Building Official's Office, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia (Phone 375-3036).

THE BOARD OF BUILDING APPEALS OF THE CITY OF SALEM

BY Troy D. Loving
Troy D. Loving,
Building Official

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Board of Building Appeals of the City of Salem, Virginia will hold a public hearing, in accordance with the provisions of Section 36-105 Code of the State of Virginia, on February 24, 2021, at 3:00pm in the Community Room of Salem Civic Center, 1001 Roanoke Boulevard, in the City of Salem, Virginia, regarding the following:

Appeal the decision of the building official regarding the property located at 901 S. Colorado Street (Tax Map #184-4-8).

At the hearing all parties in interest will be given an opportunity to be heard, present evidence, and show cause why the decision should or should not be upheld. For additional information, contact the Building Official's Office, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia (Phone 375-3036).

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BY Troy D. Loving, CBO

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Pursuant to an Order of Sale entered in United States vs. Aimee E Reese, and Randall J. Reese, Civil Action No. 7:19-cv-00645, United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia Roanoke Division, the United States will offer for sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, according to law and pursuant to the terms and conditions set in herein, the property described below:

Date: February 25, 2021
Time:10:00AM
Sale Location: Front of the Montgomery County Courthouse 1 E Main Street Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. All prospective bidders will be required to wear a face mask and maintain a social distance.

Title Offered: The property shall be offered for sale at public auction, free and clear of all liens and interests of the parties to this action.

Description of Property: Being all of Lot 45, containing approximately 1.978 Acres, The Ridges Subdivision Phase 6, located in Montgomery County, Virginia. Parcel ID number 140178. Pin number 045-9-45.

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Minimum Bid: \$7,800

The Terms of Payment: See Below

Form of Payment: All payments must be by Certified or Cashier's Check made payable to the United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE:

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The successful bidder shall tender the balance of the purchase price, in certified funds payable to the United States District Court, at the office of the IRS on or before March 25, 2021.

In the event the successful bidder defaults on any of the terms contained in the Order, the deposit shall be forfeited and retained by the IRS as part of the proceeds of sale, and the real

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property shall again be offered for sale, without further permission of the Court, under the terms and conditions of the Order, or, in the alternative the real property shall be sold to the second highest bidder.

The United States may bid as a creditor against its judgments without tender of cash.

The sale of the real property shall be subject to confirmation by the Court. Upon confirmation of the sale and receipt of the entire purchase price, the Court shall issue and the IRS shall deliver to the purchaser, a deed conveying the real property to the purchaser. Upon confirmation of the sale, all interests in, liens against, or claims to, the real property that are or may be asserted by any of the parties to this action are discharged and extinguished.

The United States reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to withdraw the property from sale.

*******IMPORTANT INFORMATION*******

This is not an advertisement of a sale of administratively seized property. This is an information notice only regarding a sale being conducted by the Internal Revenue Service as a result of the foreclosure of an Internal Revenue Service Federal Tax Lien by the Department of Justice.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Virginia VA CODE § 8.01-316
Case No. JJ018725-06-00
Montgomery County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court
In re Dejah Moser
Montgomery County DSS /v.

Telisha Leigh Moser Gebhart
The object of this suit is to: Terminate the residual parental rights of Telisha Moser Gebhart legal parent of Dejah Moser a minor, in that said parent has, without good cause, failed to correct the conditions which resulted in the child entering foster care and it is not reasonably likely that they will be able to do so in a reasonable amount of time, failed to maintain continuing contact with the child and substantially plan for the child's future. Residual parental rights include, but are not limited to the right to visitation, consent to adoption, the right to determine religious affiliation, and the responsibility for support. The termination of residual parental rights will permanently end all of your rights and responsibilities to the child named in the petition. It is ORDERED that Telisha Leigh Moser Gebhart appear at the above-named Court and protect her interests on or before February 16, 2021.
1-12-21
Amie Blankenship Clerk

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In accordance with Section 2-13 of the Code of Montgomery County, the Montgomery County Sheriffs Office will be holding a public display of unclaimed property prior to disposing of the property. The display will be available on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 from 1pm to 2 pm at the Sheriffs Office.

The items to be displayed are as follows:

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Knife (2016-008611)	Backpack, knife, money (2013-001546)
Two pistols, gun magazines, badge, Tactical bag, knife (2014-002843)	Jewelry (2015-002376)
Knife (2014-001212)	Pistol, magazine (2017-000296)
Kent Bicycle (2018-012088)	Two knives (2012-002371)
Socket set (2012-002004)	Schwinn Bicycle (2017-007462)
Kent Bicycle (2016-014558)	Ring (2016-015823)
Knife (2015-001261)	Leaf blower (2020-014036)
Pistol (2017-007034)	Shotgun (2015-001964)
Cash (2018-010212)	Tile saw (2014-000994)
Television (2017-000323)	Pistol & holster (2013-002647)
Five Knives (2018-012137)	Knives (2015-002103)
Knives (2019-018922)	Coins (2014-002664)
Coins (2013-001546)	Necklace (2017-006830)
Rifle (2007-001520)	Compressor (2014-000688)
Kent Bicycle (2018-015382)	Huffy Bicycle (2014-000589)
Roadmaster Bicycle (2014-001197)	Huffy Bicycle (2020-000118)
Raleigh Bicycle (2020-001628)	Dyna Craft Bicycle (20 17-0 14863)
Necklaces, ring, bracelet (2018-022727)	Silverware (2018-022667)
Pistol, magazine (2019-003133)	Coins (2015-001759)
Two jackets (2019-018717)	Battery powered grease gun (2018-024165)
Coins, binoculars, camera (2016-015899)	Pistol (2012-002370)
Cell phones (2017 -006327)	Knives (2016-015980)
Drill, vacuums (2019-004610)	Paint, paint kit, door kits, comforters, clothing, Knife (2018-016829)
iPad (2016-006994)	Camera, faucet set (2018-015997)
Box cutter (2018-011507)	Knife (2018-022118)

The purpose of this display is to locate the owners of the listed items. Anyone claiming ownership of an item must provide adequate proof of ownership. **This is NOT a public sale of these items.**

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Football practice scheduled to begin this week

Craig County High School football practice is scheduled to begin on Thursday of this week, as outlined by the fall sports calendar set by the Virginia High School League.

The Rockets will begin workouts at 3:45 pm Thursday, most likely in the gym if the field is still covered with the past week-end's snow. Coach Mark Harrison is taking it day by day due

to the coronavirus pandemic restrictions.

"I really don't know what to expect," he said. "I'm not sure how many players we'll have. As far as I know we're starting Thursday but

there's still a lot of stuff I have to find out."

The Rockets are scheduled to open on Monday, February 22nd, against Covington.

All fall sports will be played in

the spring in Virginia this year after being cancelled in the fall due to the pandemic. Volleyball and cross country practices are scheduled to begin February 15 with the first competition on March 1st.

How to win money on the Super Bowl!!

So you want to bet on the Super Bowl game Sunday. I suspect the NFL football championship game draws the highest amount of action of any event of the year. Just a guess, but I don't know what would surpass it.

The current line, as I write this column, finds the Chiefs as three point favorites with an "over-under" of 56 points. That could change a little by Sunday but I don't expect it will vary a lot, at least not unless something drastic happens like Tom Brady gets COVID or Tyreek Hill gets arrested.

Many people enjoy betting, albeit winning is a lot more fun than losing. Lots of folks like to play those games where you pay for a square at random and hope the score coincides with your space. Of course, that's nothing but luck and a missed extra point can change a bad number to a good one just like that, and vice versa.

While the most common bets are placed on who wins the game, and by how many, there's a plethora of other things you can bet on before, or even during, the game. I received an email this week from Josh Burton of the "Sports Betting" website with a list of "proposition bets" for the game. All prop bets are courtesy of SportsBetting.ag, and again they can change by Sunday.

If you like you can bet on the "Tailgate Show." It's even money whether Miley Cyrus' navel can be seen and you can bet on what color hair she has. . .on her head that is. Blonde/White and Brown are co-favorites but you can get odds on red or purple.

The national anthem is a big prop bet opportunity. You can bet on whether Jazmine Sullivan shows cleavage(odds say she will

and whether any player will kneel during the anthem. You can bet on who will appear on your television screen first, Patrick Mahomes or Tom Brady, and that's even money. It's the same thing for coaches Andy Reid and Bruce Arians. And, of course, there's always an over-under for length of time it takes to sing the song.

You can bet on six things involving the coin toss alone, which will be called by the Chiefs; heads or tails, was it called correctly, what will they call, what will they elect if they win, what will the Bucs call if they win and will the team that wins the coin toss win the game?

Once the game starts there's all kinds of things you can bet on, stuff like which team, or individual, will score first, how long will the drive be, etc. etc. That's just boring football stuff.

However, once you get to half-time it gets to be fun again. "The Weekend" is performing and you can bet on whether he wears sunglasses, wears gloves, the color of his jacket(black is favorite) and many other things. You can get odds on who his final guest will be and the favorite is Ariana Grande, but you can also bet on Drake, Doja Cat, BTS and Kenny G. And, if you're really daring, you can bet on whether a Michael Jackson hologram appears, and the favorite is YES!!!! I can hardly wait.

You can bet on who will be shown on a players' cleat first, Breonna Taylor or, the odds-on favorite, George Floyd. You can bet on whether the broadcasters say "Groin" or "Hamstring" first, so if you bet on the latter you're hoping to see someone hopping off the field in agony on one leg.

There are also plenty of bets on the commercials. You can actually



Brian Hoffman

Sports Editor

bet if the first interracial couple in a commercial will be a white woman and black man or a black woman and white man. You can also bet on the color of the first baby in the "Huggies" commercial. You have to lay money for "white," you're getting odds back for "black" and "other" is a long shot. As for who determines "other," your guess is as good as mine.

You get the idea. There's virtually nothing you can't bet on Sunday to try and make a buck and make the game a little more interesting if it's a blowout.

Personally, I just hope it's a close game and we get to see Miley's navel.

SCHARNUS PLAYED WITH ARIANS

Jerry Scharnus, who was an assistant football coach under both Willis White and Stephen Magenbauer for over 25 years, has a special interest in Sunday's Super Bowl. His friend is coaching the Buccaneers.

Scharnus played for Virginia Tech in the '70s and was a teammate of Tampa Bay coach Bruce Arians. The two have remained close over the years and get together for a golf outing every summer along with a half dozen or so of their other teammates who played for Tech under head coach Charlie Coffey.

"We've been getting together for almost 50 years," said Scharnus. "This year we played near his(Arians) house at the Lake Oconee Golf in Greensboro, Georgia. We played golf for a week. Ben Roethlisberger has a place near there and he plays with us sometimes, and Frank Beamer had a place there."

Jerry said Arians almost didn't make it this year, as he was near someone with COVID shortly before the golf week. However, Bruce tested negative and was able to play.

"At that point he hadn't talked to (Bucs QB Tom)Brady in person, just on the phone," said Scharnus. "Brady was getting his receivers together to work out. He(Arians) said Brady is unbelievable. He's very meticulous."

Jerry doesn't talk with Bruce much during the season, but they text back and forth. After the win over Green Bay that clinched a spot in the Super Bowl the old Hokies were excited.

"We had a group text and we were all going nuts," said Scharnus, who plans to watch the game at home this Sunday.

"I don't like to be with a crowd when I watch the game," he said. "I like to watch the game."

STAGG BOWL TIES

Nick Sirianni, who was recently named the head coach of the Philadelphia Eagles, knows his way around the Roanoke Valley. . .at least a little bit. He visited five times as a player and coach for the Mount Union football team when the Purple Raiders played in the Stagg Bowl at Salem Stadium.

Sirianni was a receiver from 2000 to 2003, and all four years the Raiders made the Division III

championship game. They beat St. John's, Bridgewater and Trinity the first three years but lost to St. John's in 2003 in a memorable game his senior year. The "Johnnies" were led by legendary coach John Gagliardi, who the Division III Player of the Year is named after.

Sirianni returned to Salem in 2005 as a member of the Mount Union coaching staff and the Raiders beat Wisconsin-Whitewater that season, 35-28, in the first of many meetings between the two. Sirianni's older brother Mike played for Mount Union in the first Stagg Bowl held in Salem in 1993.

After the 2005 season Sirianni moved around, climbing the coaching ladder to the point where he was the offensive coordinator for the Indianapolis Colts. That led him to Philadelphia as an NFL head coach, but he's never forgotten his Mount Union roots. In a story by Steve Doerschuk of "The Repository" Sirianni relates the following story about his former college coach, Larry Kehres, who has been in Salem enough times to pay taxes.

Doerschuk wrote. . .When he(Sirianni) began to explore coaching, he interviewed with his college coach, Larry Kehres, for Mount Union's offensive coordinator job. Kehres asked Sirianni what kind of offense he might like to install. Sirianni presented some specific ideas and was surprised when Kehres pounded the table. "You don't even know what players we'll have," Kehres said. "Until you know that, you won't know what our offense needs to be."

Sirianni applied the concept after he actually landed a job with Kehres, and 15 years later he's an NFL head coach.

Tech's Super connection in NFL championship game

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Bruce Arians, the head coach of the Super Bowl bound Tampa Bay Buccaneers, definitely remembers his early football roots in Blacksburg. After the NBC championship game he sported a Virginia Tech shirt during post-game interviews and is proud of his Hokie heritage.

The 68-year-old has been the coach of the Bucs for the past two years and 2020-21 has proven to be his best yet, leading the team to this Sunday's Super Bowl. Previously Bruce had coached the Arizona Cardinals from 2013-2017 after serving as the interim coach for the Indianapolis Colts. He was also the head coach at Temple University from 1983-1988. Arians was named the NFL Coach of the Year with

the Colts, and then again with the Cardinals in 2014. There's a good chance that will happen again this year.

Bruce's connections to Virginia Tech run deep, as he played quarterback at the school in the early 1970s. As a senior in '74, he completed 53 of 118 passes for 952 yards with two touchdowns in a wishbone-style offense. He left Blacksburg with the most rushing touchdowns in a season by a quarterback with 11. His mark wasn't even broken by all-world Michael Vick, although Jerod Evans passed Arians in 2016.

While at Tech, Arians became the first white player to share a dorm room with a black player in the history of the school, rooming with runningback James Barber. Barber is the birth father of Ronde and Tiki Barber, who set several NFL marks.

It was the Hokies that gave Arians his start in coaching as a 1975 graduate assistant. He later served as an assistant at Mississippi State and running backs coach at the University of Alabama under the legendary Bear Bryant. He then took a leap to the professional ranks as a running backs coach with the Kansas City Chiefs, the team his Bucs face in the Super Bowl. Additional stints included time with the Pittsburgh Steelers, Cleveland Browns and New Orleans Saints.

His trademark phrase that he has said through it all is, "No risk it no biscuit. You can't live scared." That philosophy has made him a coach many people would love to play for, including his current quarterback, Tom Brady, who left New England to join the Bucs this season. Arians, who has

been called a quarterback whisperer, has also coached Peyton Manning. Almost all of his players have said Arians treats them in a different way than others.

"My quarterbacks have to be a member of my family, and that has nothing to do with football," said Arians. "Trust is everything. We have to connect on a deep level in order to really be able to build something together. Trust brings a higher level of communication and a higher level of commitment and accountability. We have to care for one another. It's all about family, family, family"

Arians started a charity called "The Arians Family Foundation," which supports and develops programs to prevent and remedy the abuse and neglect of children. The Arians Family Foundation supports the Court Appointed Special

Advocates (CASA) program.

Arians is a survivor of prostate cancer and his wife, Christine, is also a Hokie. The two met while students at the Blacksburg school.

In addition to Bruce, Tech alums Cody Grimm and Nick Rapone are also on the Buccaneers coaching staff. Rapone played collegiately at Tech from 1974-78 before embarking on a coaching career. He previously coached with Arians at Temple and with the Arizona Cardinals. The New Castle, Pennsylvania native spent over 30 years in the collegiate ranks before joining the Cardinals in 2012. He enjoyed stints at Delaware, Pitt, East Tennessee State and Connecticut, in addition to his time at Temple.

Grimm joined the Buccaneers coaching staff after serving in various capacities on the Tech coaching staff

for four seasons. He lettered four years (2006-09) as a linebacker for the Hokies after originally joining the team as a walk-on. As a senior, Grimm led the nation with seven forced fumbles and amassed 106 tackles, 12.5 tackles for loss and four sacks, earning first-team All-ACC and third-team AP All-America honors.

Cody was selected by the Buccaneers in the seventh round of the 2010 NFL Draft as a safety. He appeared in 23 games, including 12 starts, for the Bucs, totaling 62 tackles, three passes defended and two interceptions with one TD.

This Sunday the three Hokies will be on the sideline when the Bucs play the defending NFL champion Kansas City Chiefs, and when the dust clears the Hokie products could be Super Bowl champions.

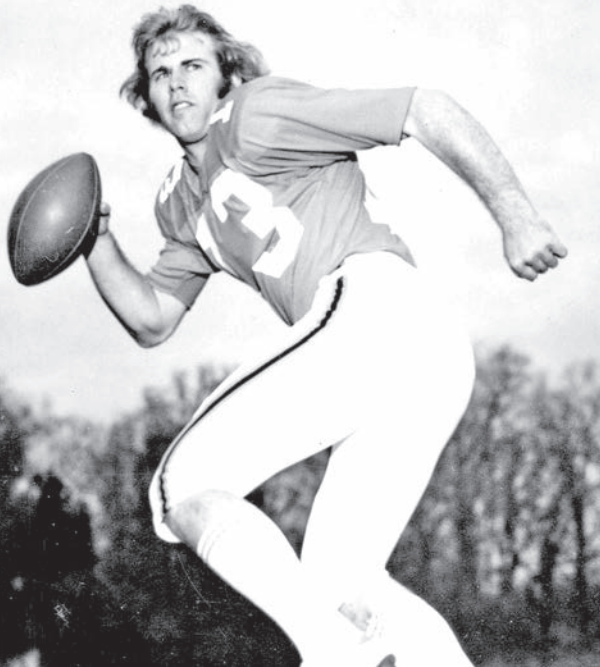
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Bruce Arians was a one-time quarterback at Virginia Tech and held the record for most rushing touchdowns by at QB until 2016, when it was broken by then-QB Jerod Evans.



Bruce Arians (right) and his wife, Christine (left), are Virginia Tech graduates. Arians led the Tampa Bay Buccaneers to this year's Super Bowl.

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