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### Craig County snow covers area bridge



Craig County received several inches of snow last week. With its beauty, Carol Old captured a nearby bridge in its solace, blanketed with the fresh fallen snow. Though the bridge has no name, it is owned by Sam and Marlon, which sparked the nickname the "S & M Swingin' Bridge."

## Food Country offering both call-in and drive-up services

### Pam Dudding **Contributing writer**

Small communities strongly depend on their hometown grocery store, and Craig County is no different.

Recently, the local Food County supermarket shared that they will be offering special services to the citizens who are unable to shop for themselves, whether disabled or sickly, even though they do not have an "app" for it yet as other stores do.

With people being sick, there were posts on Facebook that Food Country had not only been shopping for citizens, but also taking the groceries to their vehicles, like a drive-up service. "Yes, that is true," Jennifer Cole, Food Country's Assistant Manager, shared.

been sick or around some that were did not want to take the chance of getting others sick. Also, some are just elderly and pushing a buggy



"It was said that many who had around the entire grocery store has become very difficult for them or disabled," Cole continued.

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Jeannie Dudding, also known as a "cattlewoman," was recently elected to a three-year term on the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation Board of Directors. She and her husband Jason consider their greatest joy raising their two children - Evie, 6, and Layton, 12, as a part of their farming operation where both started their journeys in 4-H showing cattle, sheep and goats.

### "Cattlewoman" **Dudding elected** to Federation Board

### Pam Dudding **Contributing** writer

When people refer to someone as a "cattlewoman" in a rural area, it is considered a true compliment.

Jeannie Layton-Dudding of Craig County has definitely earned that title in both life and education and fully embraces the term.

On December 5, 2020, Dudding was elected to a three-year term on the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation Board of Directors at the elections of officers and directors. The ceremony was held during the VFBF 2020 Annual Meeting of Voting Delegates. Her husband Jason was very proud and posted the information on Facebook, where Jeannie received numerous compliments. As a board member, Dudding will represent Farm Bureau producer members in Craig County as well as Alleghany, Bedford, Botetourt, Franklin, Henry, Patrick and Roanoke. Dudding said that she was encouraged to run by her predecessor in the position who held the District 4 Board seat for 34 years prior to her. "I love to serve my fellow producers and Farm Bureau members. Farm Bureau is an amazing organization that does so much to support not only the American farmer, but all of its members," Dudding said. She added, "There is a great deal that many don't realize that Farm Bureau does. Many don't realize that Farm Bureau Federation is a separate entity from the insurance agency and that there are many benefits for being a member aside from having the ability to purchase insurance." Dudding also said that she believes in servant leadership, in serving to meet

the needs of those within an organization and helping those whom she serves to achieve all that they are capable of. "It will be my job to see that the voices of Farm Bureau members in this District are heard at the state level and that they are well-represented," she said.

Dudding, however, did not grow-up on a working, production farm. Yet, her extensive education, employment and participation shows her heart for the field she loves.

Dudding's education resume is as follows: University of Connecticut, Bachelor of Science in Animal Science, Magna Cum Laude & Bachelor of Science in Education 2001; and Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Master of Science in Career and Technical Education with a concentration in Agricultural Education I 2003. Her past employment includes: •2004-2012 Agricultural teacher at Giles High School, Pearisburg •2003-2004 Agriscience teacher at North Fork Middle School, Quicksburg •2002-2003 Agriscience Graduate Research Assistant at Blacksburg Middle School

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Even though Food Country doesn't have an app, their heart speaks loudly as they have started a shopping and curbside pickup service for citizens who are disabled, sick or weak. Said Assistant Manager Jennifer Cole who does a lot of the special shopping for citizens when she is working, "We want to help our community as much as we can."

## Vietnam Veteran recounts experiences over the years

The U.S. Government sent John Barbazon's next of kin two separate telegraphs in 1966. The first regretted to inform them that

tion. The second said he was improving.

A member of the 101st Air-



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John Barbazon in front of his current project, a dome clock, which he works on about six hours a day. It is expected to be finished sometime during the summer.

their son had been killed in ac- borne Recon unit, Barbazon, who now sports a 'Sr.' after his name, was part of a squad that spent most of their time on the move, up and down mountains, and rarely in the company of other units

> "We just got orders and kept going from one place to another," he said sitting behind a workbench in a shop at the back of his four-acre property. In front of him there is a raised rotating table that holds an intricate, under-construction dome clock that stands more than three feet high. Even sitting here Barbazon isn't entirely still - he continues to move from one place to the next as he recalls his experience in Vietnam.

"We were ordered to go back, which we didn't like to do, when

See **Barbazon**, page 5

•2002 Graduate Research Assistant, Dr. William Camp, Blacksburg

•1998-2001 Student Worker, University of Connecticut Livestock and Dairy Unit, Storrs, CT

•1999 and 2000 Manager of Showstring, Driftwood Plantation, Awendaw, SC

•1995-1998 Herdsman, Hope Hill Farm, Salisbury, CT

Her added list of professional associations display her love for her county: Virginia Farm Bureau Federation (current Craig County Board Member), Virginia Farm Bureau Young Farm-

See **Dudding**, page 3



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### OMMUNITY 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, 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.

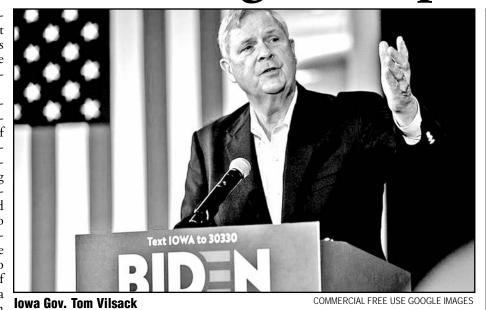
## Biden taps Vilsack as USDA secretary, and Virginia's Bronaugh as deputy secretary

As the new administration settles in, President Biden is delegating his leadership picks for the U.S. agricultural, environmental and trade sectors.

Biden nominated former Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack to serve as secretary of agriculture. Vilsack previously led the U.S. Department of Agriculture during the Obama administration. Biden also nominated Dr. Jewel Bronaugh, who heads up the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, to serve as deputy secretary of agriculture. Bronaugh is a lifelong Virginian, born in Petersburg and educated at James Madison University did not actively seek the and Virginia Tech.

Virginia Farm Bureau "However, I am absolutely Federation President Wayne honored with this oppor-F. Pryor said Virginia has tunity to serve our nation's been fortunate in benefit- farmers and agribusinessting from Bronaugh's lead- es," she said. "I am lookership as VDACS commis- ing forward to promoting sioner, state Farm Service U.S. agricultural products, Agency executive director, improving economic opand her roles at Virginia State University. promote agriculture and tural industry, and preaddress the many issues serving our nation's natufacing farm families and ral resources." rural Virginia, and we support her swift confirma- Federation President Ziption," Pryor said.

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nomination shows that Biden is carefully considering the challenges facing U.S. farmers. Her track record of experience "has established her as someone who understands the needs of America's farmshe said. "I would like to help raise awareness of farmer stress and mental health on a national level and develop a network of resources, with a focus on

rural areas."



**Dr. Jewel Bronaugh** 

Duvall said the Vilsack tary. And, we must end Katherine Tai has been

portunities, helping to end hunger, ensuring fairness "She has done much to and equity in the agricul-

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American Farm Bureau py Duvall said Bronaugh's ers. We also appreciate the work she has done to address mental health issues in rural communities.<sup>2</sup>

Rural mental health is a priority Bronaugh plans to continue at the federal level.

"Farmers have a strong sense of pride, and often they do not like to talk about their problems,"

and Bronaugh nominations are welcome news.

"Together, we must prepare to tackle a new farm bill and build on efforts to create a fair marketplace for U.S. agriculture to compete globally," he said. "It is essential we ensure climate policies respect farmers and remain market-based and volunthe digital divide that puts rural America at a disadvantage."

Vilsack received bipartisan backing during his Feb. 2 confirmation hearing, and a Senate panel voted to advance his nomination to the full Senate for approval.

House Ways and Means Committee trade lawyer

Citizens bills undelivered in January

mailed as scheduled and

unfortunately, customers

did not receive the Janu-

ary bill. No late fees are

being charged for Janu-

ary 2021 statements,"

said Greg Sapp, CEO &

General Manager of Citi-

zens. "To make matters

worse, the February bills

are also being delivered

which reflects that the

January bill was not paid.

This situation was out of

our control. We also ap-

selected as the next U.S. trade representative. Michael Regan, North Carolina's top environmental regulator, was picked to lead the country's Environmental Protection Agency.

> -Submitted by Matt Herrick, USDA communications

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Telephone Citizens (Citizens) Cooperative recently announced that customers receiving paper invoices for their January statement had been delayed. As of last week, customers started receiving the January 2021 bill. In addition, due to the statement cycle, February bills are also being delivered.

"Please accept our apologies for the late January bill. Bills were

### Surplus Sale

Craig County Public Schools are taking Sealed Bids for the following Vehicles:

### 2009 Ford Crown Victoria (wrecked) VIN#2FAHP71V49X136590 (Parts missing, must be towed)

### 1997 Blue Bird School Bus, 64P, mileage 212793 VIN#1BAAGC5A6VF072441

Vehicles may be seen and inspected at the CCPS Bus Garage, 112 Marshall Ave, New Castle, VA 24127, from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm. Bids must identify the item, bid price, name, address and phone number of the bidder. Place bids in a sealed envelope and submit to Craig County School Board Office, 6 Alleghany Circle, New Castle, VA 24127, by 2:00 pm on February 24, 2021. For more information call Denny Williams at 540-580-8617.

preciate customers who were proactive and used Citizens E-Care to view and make payments online."

Sapp stated that the situation should resolve itself with the next billing cycle. Any Citizens customer with questions should contact the office by calling a local num-540.745.2111 ber 276.637.6485.

For more information, visit www.citizens. coop. Citizens is a member-owned Cooperative providing Internet, TV and telephone. The Cooperative has served Floyd County, Ft. Chiswell and portions of New Castle and surrounding communities in rural Virginia for over 100 years. Citizens offers global business solutions with symmetrical business Ethernet, Security and Automation Systems, Citizens Medical Alert and more. Citizens is located at 220 Webbs Mill Road in Floyd. Lobby and drive-up hours are 8 a.m. through 6 p.m. Monday through Friday; and 9 a.m. through 1 p.m. on Saturday.

> -Submitted by Lori Saltis, Customer Relations EVP

## USDA announces February 2021 lending rates for agricultural producers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently announced loan interest rates for February 2021, which are effective February 1.

Operating and Ownership Loans

FSA offers farm ownership and operating loans with favorable interest rates and terms to help eligible agricultural producers, whether multi-generational, long-time or new to the industry, obtain financing needed to start, expand or maintain a family agricultural operation. For many loan options, FSA sets aside funding for histori-

cally disadvantaged producers, including beginning, women, American Indian or Alaskan Native, Asian, Black or African American, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander and Hispanic farmers and ranchers.

Interest rates for Operating and Ownership loans for February 2021 are as follows:

•Farm Operating Loans (Direct): 1.375 percent •Farm Operating Loans (Mi-

croloan "Special Interest Rate"): 5.000 percent

•Farm Ownership Loans (Direct): 2.625 percent

•Farm Ownership Loans (Di-

rect, Joint Financing): 2.500 percent

•Farm Ownership Loans (Down Payment): 1.500 percent •Emergency Loan (Amount

of Actual Loss): 2.375 percent FSA also offers guaranteed loans through commercial lend-

ers at rates set by those lenders. Individuals can find out which of these loans may be

right for them by using the Farm Loan Discovery Tool.

Commodity and Storage Facility Loans

FSA provides low-interest financing to producers to build or upgrade on-farm storage facilities and purchase handling equipment. FSA also offers commodity loans that provide interim financing to help producers meet cash flow needs without having to sell their commodities when market prices are low. Funds for these loans are provided through the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) and administered by FSA.

•Commodity Loans (less than one year disbursed): 0.125 percent

•Farm Storage Facility Loans: -Three-year loan terms: 0.250 percent

-Five-year loan terms: 0.375 percent

-Seven-year loan terms: 0.750 percent

-Ten-year loan terms: 1.000 percent

-Twelve-year loan terms: 1.125 percent

•Sugar Storage Facility Loans (15 years): 1.375 percent

Producers can explore available options on all FSA loan options at fsa.usda.gov or by contacting the local USDA Service Center.

> -Submitted by Kateri Smith, USDA Program Technician

## Want to take your sweetheart to a special dinner?

### Pam Dudding

### **Contributing writer**

Craig County may be small, but the restaurants they have try to offer very nice meals to fit the pallets of the community.

The Pine Top Restaurant has always offered quality hometown cooking, with dinner specials, including all the fixins' and a lot of gravy.

This Valentine's Day weekend, February 13 - 15, they are offering two different "Sweetheart Specials."

The first includes two 12-oz ribeye steaks, two baked potatoes, two side salads and two desserts. Also, they are adding a free appetizer of one's choice for \$40.

People can also choose two parmesan-

### crusted chicken dinners with the same sides and desserts and an appetizer for only \$28.

The current hours of operation are Sun-day, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Reservations can be taken in advance if one prefers. Interested individuals may call Pine Top at (540) 864-5864 with the number in the party, which preferred date and arrival time.

Their hopes are to help people enjoy a little bit of life again by going out for a wonderful meal, while being surrounded by friends and citizens of Craig.

The Bible says "laughter doeth good like a medicine" and being around people enjoying a great meal may even double the outcome.



The Pine Top Restaurant is home for many, including David LaPrad, who enjoys their country cooking and homemade desserts, while being able to see many friends who frequent there. This Valentines weekend, the restaurant will be offering a ribeye special that includes homemade desserts.

### Dudding from page 1

ers member, Virginia Asso- very young age which then ciation of Agricultural Edu- led to showing cattle in 4-H cators (VAAE) and National and FFA," Dudding noted. Association of Agricultural "I have always had a love of Educators (NAAE), Virginia animals which ultimately Association for Career and led to a love of the agricul-Technical Education and ture industry. American Association for Career and farmers make up less than Technical Education, Giles two percent of the American Education Sigma Alpha Sorority (Rush to provide food for not only Chair, Vice President, Alum- our country but exports that ni Liaison), UConn Dairy are the backbone of our Club (Vice President) and American economy." UConn Block and Bridle (Beef Chairperson), FFA letter she wrote to the Board, (1992 - 1998 held various she shared, "I have been acoffices), 4-H (1986 - 1998 tively involved in Virginia

Association, population, yet they manage

In Dudding's proposed held various offices), Vir- Farm Bureau for 14 years ginia Tech Clay Target Team, serving as a Craig County has been my first serving as County President. I was an Added to all this she has active member of the Young like accomplishments: my involvement sooner as I was aging out."

ers in Giles, we were able to successfully make that happen," she said. "I am proud to say that I was a part of the planning and inaugural class of the Growing Leaders Academy. The Growing Leader experience gave me many opportunities for personal and professional growth."

Also, in her tenure, she mentored three Outstanding VAFB Young Agriculturists.

Dudding has attended the Virginia Farm Bureau Annual Convention for seven of the past nine years and attended the American Farm Bureau Convention twice. She currently serves as the District 4 trustee for the AgPAC Board. In college, she worked as a freelance fitter and showman for various beef cattle farms on the East Coast which is what brought her to Virginia from Connecticut and ultimately Virginia Tech for her master's degree. In her last semester of graduate school, she met her now husband, Jason, a native of Craig County. "Our herd of 70 head has grown from those last three show heifers that moved to Virginia with me in 2001," Dudding explained. "As first-generation farmers, we raise registered and commercial Angus cattle." They market most of their calves through Virginia Quality Assured sales and also market some registered bulls and replacement heif-Dudding shares that their greatest joy is raising their children, Layton, 12, and Evie, 6, as a part of their farming operation were both started their journeys in 4-H showing cattle, sheep, and

goats. "In my opinion, there is no better way to raise your children than on a farm."

Dudding has been the Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Agent in Giles County for eight

"I am very fortunate to love what I do for a career. I love to serve the producers and clients that I work with in my community," Dudding said. "My position allows me to provide educational opportunities for my producers to help them to be more successful in their operations. The bonus is

nications Coordinator for the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation, said, "With 130,000 members in 88 county Farm Bureaus, VFBF is Virginia's largest farmers' advocacy group. Farm Bureau is a non-governmental, nonpartisan, voluntary organization committed to supporting Virginia's agriculture industry."

"I have always been active in the professional organizations associated with my career. I am proudly serving as the Presidentelect for the Virginia Asociation of Agriculture Extension Agents. I love to serve, teach and mentor which I hope shows by the career I have chosen and the successes I have had as both a teacher and agent," she noted. "As a Board member, I promise to listen to and serve our members making sure their voices are heard through the grassroots effort that is Farm Bureau."

Dudding also serves as the Virginia Cooperative Extension agriculture and natural resources agent for Giles County in addition to being President of the Craig County Farm Bureau, serving as CCFB Board Member for 14 years, Chairman of the Craig Farm Bureau Young Farmers Committee for two years and as the president-elect for the Virginia Association of Agriculture Extension Agents, currently.

For any questions, Dudding encourages people to contact her via at jdudding@vt.edu or call the Craig Farm Bureau office 540-864-6428. "I feel that my experiences through Farm Bureau our farming operation, and 'boots on the ground' involvement in agriculture through my career equip me to serve our district well," she said.

American Angus Association Board Member. This year and the Blue Ridge Evening Association.

also received many awards Farmers although, and completed countless many, I wish I had begun other NAAE Teachers Turn the Key Award Winner (2006), NAAE Outstanding Young Craig County Young Farm-Member (2007), DuPont er Chair for two years and National Agriscience Am- mentored YF Chairs that bassador Program (2009 present), National Agriscience Integration Institute Summer and Winter Ex-(Virginia Tech team), Workshop presenter at National Farm Bureau Young Farmer FFA Convention, Workshop and Rancher Leadership presenter at NAAE National Conference. I was successful Conference, Workshop presenter at VAAE Summer Sweet Sixteen finish nation-Conference, Worked with Virginia Tech Pre-service teachers, Chesapeake Bay mittee has also been a part Foundation grant recipient, Building Our American Communities grant recipient, Alternative Agriculture honored to serve as Farm grant recipient, FFA National Chapter Award (gold, two-star, and three star recipient), Virginia FFA Horse Evaluation State winning County (the county where I team (2006), Block and Bridle Horse Evaluation High a WLC established. With Team (2006), Block and the help of one of my past Bridle Livestock Evaluation students and other produc-High Team (2006), Eastern States Exposition Livestock High Team (2006), Virginia FFA Livestock Evaluation State winning team (2007), Job Interview State Winner (2006), Virginia Agriscience Fair winners (2006 & 2007), along with multiple Virginia State FFA degree recipients including a State Star in Agriscience, multiple American FFA Degree recipients, National Finalist for American Star in Agriscience, multiple FFA National Scholarship recipients, two State FFA Officers and a National Chorus participant.

"I did show horses from a

Dudding also served as served after her.

"I have attended multiple pos as well as the American in Discussion Meet with a ally," Dudding shared. "The Women's Leadership Comof my Farm Bureau involvement.'

In 2015, Dudding was Woman of the Year by the VFBF Women's Leadership Committee.

"For several years, Giles work) had been trying to get

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| alongside them."           | ]   |
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Prior to her new position, Dudding was the Agriculture teacher and FFA Advisor at Giles High School for eight years and taught in Shenandoah County at North Fork Middle School for one year before accepting the position at Giles.

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## **U**PINION

# View from inside the library

Library Corner Empowering individuals to

build a stronger community

Last year, after hours of planning and dreaming of an expanded li-brary, the Resource Center came to an end. It was not a fit for the financial resources our county had at the time. Then COVID-19 came, leaving many libraries to close their doors to patrons, but not ours! The Board of Trustees

and staff met outside and rallied to respond to our patrons' changing needs.

Patrons without internet access at home discovered the resources they needed at the library to file for unemployment, search for jobs, schedule DMV appointments, reserve computer time for online classes at VA Western and conduct doctor appointments. In response to improving privacy and improving online communication, we upgraded our computers with cameras, headsets and microphones. Additionally, we purchased Hot Spots (wi-fi connections) which can be checked out allowing free internet access at home.

Our biggest limitation to broadening our services to the needs of the community is space. We continue to resolve the question of what the right fit by is listening to users and finding better ways to provide essential tools for building the prospercommunity's ity through education,

information and social interaction.

Who are we? 36 percent of the county are library card holders. Two hundred and eighty-one barn quilt owners supported us through the Barn Quilts for Books Program. Countless volunteer hours ensure that the doors stay open and needs of the community are met.

What resources does the Craig County Public Library provide? Computer access assistance is a major need in this rural area. Computer literacy is essential in today's site free of charge. Little business world. Legal libraries, book club, and forms such as voter reg- children's programs all istration and tax forms keep people connected allow citizens to stay to learning, entertainconnected. faxing and notarizing are all available at the erating costs are \$40,579library. Visitors to the of which 52 percent county usually stop first comes from the county, at the library for infor- eight percent from the mation. From where to town of New Castle, 21 find a campsite to where percent from Library of to put in your kayak, Virginia, and 19 percent we can help! A thriving from Friends of the Lipublic library is often brary donations. Togeththe friendly face of the er we make a difference community to a visitor. in the lives of others!

from media to computer support!

access. The library provides online classes and professional certifications through its web-Printing, ment and each other.

Our little library's op-Education is available Thank you all for your

## What do proposals that aim to decriminalize marijuana mean for U.S. residents?

### Patrick **Bailey** Guest Contributor

On Friday, December 4, 2020, the U.S. House of Representatives approved decriminalizing marijuana at the federal level. The vote mostly followed party

lines as one independent the U.S. Senate. and five Republicans joined Democrats to pass the bill. developments, the legaliza-

na Opportunity Reinvest- of marijuana has occurred ment and Expungement in individual states. To inates cannabis from the states, plus the U.S. Virlist of federally controlled gin Islands, have decrimilevel federal marijuana- other states, Guam, the related arrests and convic- District of Columbia and tions. Experts don't know the Northern Mariana Is-

Aside from such federal Known as the Marijua- tion or decriminalization (MORE) Act, the bill elim- date, more than a dozen substances and cancels low- nalized marijuana, while if this measure will pass in lands have fully legalized the substance.

### Decriminalization versus legalization

Even if a certain locality has decriminalized marijuana, people charged with possessing it could still face legal penalties. Instead, decriminalization refers to the legal consequences for possessing a small amount of marijuana, consequences that are often less severe than in the past.

The Marijuana Project Policy notes that in such places, an individual caught with a small amount of marijuana will not be subjected to prosecution or jail time or have the incident added to their criminal record. But according to the National Conference of State Legislatures, such individuals may need to pay fines if their offenses are considered civil infractions or minor misdemeanors. Being caught with small amounts of marijuana in states that have decriminalized could be like receiving a speeding ticket. You are breaking the law and will have to pay a fine but will probably not be going to jail. On the other hand, the legalization of marijuana refers to giving individuals the right to legally possess, use and grow the substance for personal use.

What proposals could mean for U.S. residents

With the MORE Act and other proposals, it is important to understand what the decriminalization of marijuana could mean for U.S. residents. Since decriminalization does not mean legalization, marijuana might be considered a federal infraction that is subjected to a fine.

The U.S. federal government might establish specific quantities of marijuana that it considers civil offenses. Possessing small amounts could lead to smaller fines, while larger amounts could incur higher fines.

Decriminalization might eliminate state-bystate regulations, so there may be some confusion about different marijuana laws in different places. U.S. states that have already legalized the substance might keep regulating it. If the federal government decriminalizes marijuana, other states might adopt those federal laws.

While there may not be an overall decrease in marijuana use following decriminalization (people are still finding and using black-market marijuana), government agencies do not expect a major increase. There is no evidence that there is a link among marijuana decriminalization, increased alcohol use, and more attendance at non-religious AA meetings.

Another interesting aspect of the MORE Act is that it expunges cannabis arrests, charges, and convictions at zero cost to the guilty party. This means there could be fewer people in jail and prisons, which could help lower the current strain on the overpopulated prison system.

Such measures could also help put citizens' tax dollars to better use than housing people who have been convicted for nonviolent marijuana-related offenses. Furthermore, decriminalization could reduce the burden on law enforcement. Instead of citing people for marijuana offenses, it can free manpower and budgets to focus on more dangerous crimes.

housing marijuana drug dealers could reap benefits for the entire judicial system, including police officers to prison guards, judges, lawyers, detectives and others.

Furthermore, the MORE Act may create a division called the Office of Cannabis Justice to ensure there are social equity provisions within the law. This could help ensure that all citizens have the same federal rights regarding marijuana possession. Under the law's provisions, the federal government cannot discriminate against individuals due to cannabis use, including immigrants who might have been under the risk of deportation.

The act could also create new government jobs at a variety of levels.

While many U.S. states are more lenient than the federal government by legalizing marijuana, decriminalization would be a historic step toward tolerance. Even if the MORE Act does not pass, it illustrates that the federal government may be reconsidering its positions on drugs.

If federal decriminalization occurs, will full legalization across the United States be next? If it occurs, the U.S. could reap the benefits seen in states with legalization.

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According to the CATO Institute, freeing up resources that would normally be related to arresting, convicting and



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we were attacked."

Getting hit seven times, Barbazon believes he was the only one of his company to survive.

"I got shot and I was lying on the ground, my right arm mostly gone, and my right leg and I stick this finger in a sucking chest wound right here to stop the bleeding." Barbazon holds up a thick index finger and jams it into a space just below his right shoulder. Each time he repeats the motion, the finger hits the same spot as if there is a muscle memory leading it back.

"I was on the ground and my cousin called out to me, told me to crawl to him. I crawled thirty to forty feet to a medic. I found out later my cousin had died in a car wreck – he wasn't even there, but if I hadn't seen him call to me, I would have died right there bled to death."

Soon after reaching the medic he was placed in a body bag being mistaken as having been killed in action, but the medics carrying him dropped him. Later, one of the medics would visit Barbazon in the field hospital.

"He said that if I would have died, I'd have to go to Hell because I called him things he'd never heard of, in Cajun. I was cussing him out for dropping me."

Barbazon laughs at the memory now, but he spent a month in the field hospital before being shipped to California where surgeries saved his arm and leg. Now he walks with a slight limp, but he doesn't let it do more than slow his walking speed.

Unasked, Barbazon launches into what has brought him here - to a place where he is happy and busy. "I haven't talked about it

(Vietnam) until oh, eight or ten years ago. I was in Ocala (Florida) at the VA hospital, and I was talking to a doctor I'd been seeing when she said, 'John, I need you to talk to a friend of mine'." Barbazon laughs again and continues, "she takes me to a psychiatrist. And I'm glad. A lot of Veterans need to do this. I found out things I was doing that I was doing in Vietnam – carrying a knife in my pocket for protection; going to the top row in a movie theater with my back

against the wall. I was on guard too much and need to relax. I think (talking to the psychiatrist) was the best thing I've done, and I talked to him for about four years. Now I know I was really dysfunctional and didn't realize it. Veterans today, they need to get out and find out – they need to talk to somebody, and they have to listen.

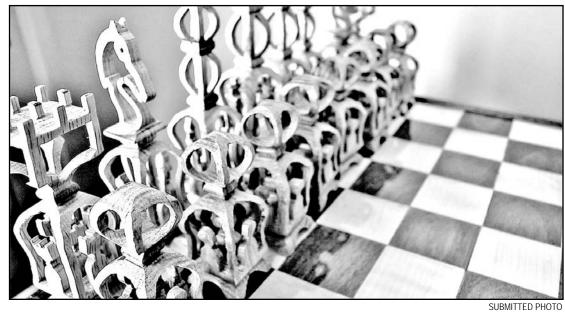
"He told me, you're not

cured, I'm not going to cure you, I'm just going to make you aware of what you're doing so you can be more relaxed. That's why I enjoy doing this (woodworking) now and that's why I say Veterans need to talk to somebody and they need to get a hobby. If they are sitting home disabled, there's something they can do - I don't care if it's going fishing – you've got to do something.

Today, Barbazon's sister has the telegrams and he has a house full of delicately cut artwork that will soon include a dome clock that he's spent the last six months working on for six hours a day.

"I'm very lucky. I've been a lucky person."

> -Submitted by Rosaire Bushey, Salem VA HCS Public Affairs Officer



A chess set John made won him an award at the National Veterans Creative Arts Competition.

### 'UARIES Hypes, Frank Douglas "Doug"

Frank Douglas "Doug" Hypes, 78 of Roanoke, formerly of Eden, NC, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, January 30. Born on October 6, 1942, to the late Elbert and Tula Hughes Hypes.

Doug loved to hunt and fish, but most of all he loved his Lord. He played the guitar, banjo, harmonica; music was his passion. He played

and sang with various church groups throughout his life.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his wife, Juanita Bailey Hypes; sisters, Varina Hypes Ryan and Marie Hypes; brothers, Levi, Junior,

Sidney and Nelson. He is survived by his daughter Trina Lynn Hypes; one sister, Yvonne Lucas; granddaughters; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A funeral service, officiated by Pastor Kenny Davis, was held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 4, at Paitsel Funeral

Home in New Castle. Interment followed at Craig Healing Springs Christian Church Cemetery. The family received friends one hour prior to the service. Arrangements were by Paitsel Funeral Home. www.paitselfh.com

### Hannah, Lewis Edward

Lewis Edward Hannah of New Castle passed away Tuesday, February 2. He was preceded in death by his mother Jeanenne Hannah.

He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Deborah Hannah; stepson, Shane Gills (Jessie); stepdaughter, special niece, Susan Lane Amber Blake; daughter, Ashley Hanand husband Randy; two nah; grandchildren, Richelle (Philip),

### Austin, Landon, and Andrew; two great-grandchildren; and father, Ducy Hannah.

A Graveside Service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 4, at Crossroads Church Cemetery with Pastor Bill Frazier officiating.

Arrangements by Paitsel Funeral Home. www.paitselfh.com

### Stebar, David Neil

David Neil Stebar, 60 of New Castle, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, February 6. He was born on August 16, 1960, to the late Marilyn and Garland Stebar.

He is survived by sister, Karla Stebar; brothers, Michael Stebar and Robert "Bob" Stebar and wife Rita; niece, Lydia Stebar; nephew, Reece Stebar; longtime friends, Stanley Tolley and Gilbert Perkey. A Graveside Service was held 1:00 p.m.

on Tuesday, February 9, at Huffman Memorial Park in New Castle.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the New Castle Fire Department of Craig County Rescue Squad.

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Still another group are parents who have kids that they have to take with them. This service prevents them from having to get out of the vehicle in winter or inclimate weather, as well as take them through the store, especially when one is not feeling well.

Then, they additionally took the groceries out to their vehicle for them.

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they continue to provide as much as they can, or-"There is no certain dering again and again,

Food Country. However,

days and Thursdays for now. For more information, people are encouraged to call (540) 864-6221



SUBMITTED PHOTO Food Country just received more than 60 new large and small buggies for the shoppers to enjoy using.

One thing people can agree on is that everyone has to have food to eat, and Food Country is the local large grocery store.

We welcome them to call the store and place their order with us," Cole said.

The service began when someone called in and the employees agreed to help.

service," Cole said. "Anyone can utilize this service, as we are more than willing to help anyone."

Citizens can call their grocery list to the store. Specifics are greatly appreciated, such as if one has bread on their list, which kind do they prefer. The same is true with many other products like milk, juice, sandwich meats, etc.

Cole did share that COVID-19 has made getting products from warehouses a struggle for

prefer and need.

Cole wanted to add that Food Country is also accepting employment those applications for looking for a job.

She did note that due to truck deliveries, they prefer to fill orders on Mondays and Fridays, but will fill try to fill them on any day.

Cole added, "On some days, we may have to set up a later time in the day to fill orders, because of it being truck days." These will probably be on Tues-

Their goal remains, "to help everyone we can and provide a service that helps our community."

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### BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

11599 Cumberland Gap Road/Rt. 42, New Castle, 864-5242; church phone:544-7040 Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m., Sunday School 10:30 a.m., Choir Tuesday 7:30p.m., Youth Outreach and Missions Program. Rev. Charles Stacy.

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PUBLIC HEARING The Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:

1. A Rezoning request by Gay and Neel, Inc. (applicant), for an approximately 1.38 acre property owned by Depot Street Development LLC, located at the intersection of Depot Street, N.E. and Harless Street, N.E. (tax map nos. 497-A-288, 497-A-288A 497-A-288C 497 A-285, 497-A-286, 497-13-3. 497-13-1E). The request is to rezone the property from B-3, General Business to R-3, Multi-Family Residential with proffers. The property is designated as residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

2. Two Conditional Use Permit requests by Balzer & Associates, Inc., on behalf of SHAH Development. LLC (applicant/owner), for an approximately 3.2 acre property located at 1145 West Main Street (tax map no. 556-A-39) in the B-3, General Business District:

1. A conditional use permit request for residential uses as permitted in the R-3, Multi-Family Residential District. Residential uses as permitted in the R-3. Multi-Family Residential District include single-family dwellings, two-family dwellings, townhouses, and multiple-family dwellings at

Legals-Montgomery Co. a density of development of up to 20 units per acre. 2. A conditional use permit request for a proposed planned housing development to consist of single-family, two-family, and multiple-family dwellings at a density of development not to exceed 10 units per acre. The property is partially designated as Business/Commercial and partially designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan. Town Hall will be open and available to receive public comment in-person at the time of this Public Hearing. Additionally, the meeting will

be streamed live on the Town of Christiansburg's YouTube channel at www.christiansburg.org/ youtube and will remain on the Town's YouTube page once the meeting concludes. For information on contactless methods for submitting public comment, please visit www.christiansburg.org/ publichearings.

Copies of the applications are available for review at the following link: www.christiansburg.org/ publichearings. A copy of the applications, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Andrew Warren, Assistant Town Manager, by phone at (540) 382-6120 ext. 1130 or by email at awarren@christiansburg. org with any guestions or if vou require reasonable accommodations.

LEGAL NOTICE ROANOKE **COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** The Roanoke County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 23, 2021, in the Board Meeting Room of the Roanoke County Administration Center, 5204 Bernard Drive, Roanoke, Virginia on the adoption of a resolution establishing certain policies and procedures to guide the redistricting process of Roanoke County, Virginia Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, all are encouraged to view and participate in meetings through electronic means Meetings may be viewed live on RVTV, Channel 3, or on the County's website https://roanokecountyva.gov and click on the "Watch Board Meetings Online" box/button. Prior to and during meetings, citizens may email comments to djacks@roanokecountyva.g ov. When submitting comments, please include vour name and address. Comments will be read aloud during meetings, subject to reasonable time limitations. Additionally, if you would like to call in your comments, please call 540-776-7278 and provide your comments, which will be read during the meeting. For those individuals who desire to attend the meetings in person, please be advised that seating modifications and limits have been established in order to facilitate social distancing; attendees who are not of the same household must sit six feet apart and attendance at meetings will be limited to 25 individuals. Dated: February 4, 2021 Deborah C. Jacks, Chief

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### Rockets miss out on high school basketball season, Football and volleyball seasons to be debated next

The Pioneer District basketball tournaments were held last week and the Region 1C tournaments will be this week, but Craig County High School did not get to partici-

The Rocket boys and girls teams were not given permission to play in the Pioneer tournaments, as the Parry Mc-Cluer boys and girls swept the championships. Both teams beat Narrows in championship games in Buena Vista Friday, with the Blues defeating the Green Wave 43-34 in the boys' championship and the Parry McCluer girls taking a 40-28 win over Narrows.

Consolation games were held at Eastern Montgomery Friday, and the host Mustangs swept Bath County with the boys winning 47-36 and the East Mont girls taking a 76-20 win. Highland County joined Craig in opting out of the Pioneer tournaments.

Parry McCluer and Narrows advanced to the Region 1C tournaments. The girls were scheduled to play Tuesday of this week with Narrows going to George Wythe and Parry McCluer hosting Grayson County. The Narrows boys are at Wythe tonight, Wednesday, while Parry Mc-Cluer hosts Auburn. Championship games are at George Wythe High, with the girls playing Thursday and the boys Friday.

Next on the agenda is fall sports, which have been moved to the winter-spring season due to the coronavirus pandemic. The Virginia High School League allowed football practices to start on Thursday of last week but Craig County did not allow the team to practice. The VHSL is allowing volleyball practice to begin on February

15 but Craig is on hold.

"On Tuesday they will vote for the season," said Craig volleyball coach Geoff Boyer. "My guess is that we will start on the 15th and matches will begin on March 1. We will be wearing masks everywhere except while playing on the court and players will be screened before practice. Varsity only, no JV, no middle school."

More information should be available after Tuesday.

## Hipes will try his hand at kayak bass fishing tour



Lee Hipes holds up a fish.

Lee Hipes is excited to start competing in the world of bass fishing in the coming months. He recently received his new jersey and he's excited to get started.

"Ever since I could stand on two legs I've had a pole in my hand," said Hipes, who was raised in Fincastle and now lives in, appropriately named, "Troutville." The 42 year old has been fishing all his life but started to compete in tournaments after joining the Navy. "When I was a teenager I would fish every chance I'd get," he said. "Then when I was in the Navy I was stationed in Seattle and I started entering tournaments." While Lee is getting ready to enter the Bass Fishing tour, he's mostly dabbled in the trout fishing waters to this point. His trout fishing accomplishments include seven top 15 finishes in the Washington State Olympic Peninsula Open, five first place finishes at the Kamp Grounds of America Open, two top three finishes at the South Platte Pro-Am and a top 10 finish at the Lovin' Everyday Foundation Charity Tournament. The biggest trout he's ever caught was 14.3 pounds and his top bass was 6.1 pounds. He caught a six and a half foot shark in salt water that he threw back before he could weigh it, and it was too big to



hold up for a picture. That was day of the tournament you'll off the coast of Wilmington, get beat." North Carolina.

tournaments. The better he does, the more tournaments he'll be able to compete in for better prizes.

Hipes is especially proud Lee works at Altec Indus- of his kayak, a Bonafide 127. tries on Center Drive in Da- The sleek Special Edition Black leville and they've been good Widow is one of only two in about letting him work around the state of Virginia, and on their schedule to compete in this tour you have to use a kayak. "There are only certain motors you can put on a kayak," he said. "I have a Torqueedo motor and a Carman display fish finder with a micro power pole on the back to anchor it down. The average person is not going to have my kayak." Lee has a measuring device called a "catch bump board" that is used to determine how big the fish is. You have to take a picture of the fish on the bump board, and the com-

Lee will compete in his Special Edition Black Widow kayak.

bined length of your top five catches determines the winner.

"You also have to have a GPS locater," he said. "They have to know exactly where you are. That keeps people from cheating."

Different contests pay different amounts of prize money. Some professional fishermen travel full-time, earning their living catching fish. Payouts for the Kayak Bass Fishing and Bass tournament trails from last year were between 30 and 48 thousand dollars. The Basscast Tournament trail is based on the number of boats entered in the tournament. Lee wouldn't mind being able to fish full-time, but he needs to be sure he can support his family. He has a wife,

Tiffanie, and two sons, 23 year old Brandon and 12 year old Lucas, who attends Read Mountain Middle School. Brandon also likes to fish and Lucas has fished in some tournaments for kids.

Lee has worked hard to

"It can be kind of stressful, but you get used to it," he said. "I'll be fishing against some of the best in the state."

Lee will be in the very competitive Kayak Bass Fishing tour. Smith Mountain Lake will host tournaments in April and September and Lee is hoping to have an edge on his home waters.

"Smith Mountain Lake is my home lake and I should do well there," he said. "It could make me or break me."

He said the secret to success is the time you spend on the water, and he's knows Smith Mountain Lake well.

You have to establish a pattern of where the bass are biting," he said. "You try different lures and techniques to try to get the bass to bite and find out what they like. Then, you have to catch them on the day of the tournament. You can catch all the fish you want before the tournament, but if build a name for himself and promote sponsors within the trout fishing community. Now, with the tremendous growth of kayak bass fishing, he's looking to bring his talents to the kayak fishing nation.

Hipes has 11 sponsors and is hoping a successful season leads to more. If you'd like to join his sponsors you can contact him at tundra7342@yahoo.com and he'll be happy to get back to you as soon as he gets back on dry land.



you can't catch them on the Lee recently received his new jersey for the bass fishing tour.

### Calfee Park Baseball debuts new name for Appalachian League team

Prepare to be "shell" shocked. The excitement surrounding the rebranding of Pulaski's baseball franchise culminated last week with the unveiling of the organization's new name: The Pulaski River Turtles. With a nod to its New River Valley heritage, the inspiration behind the River Turtles name was a renewed commitment to Calfee Park's family-friendly culture.

When considering the name, we weighed feedback from the local baseball community, Calfee Park's history, and our location in the New River Valley," says General Manager JW Martin. "After

thoughtful consideration, we wanted a brand that represents what our ballpark is really all about. We have a welcoming, fun, family environment that puts smiles on faces. We think this brand captures that."

Pulaski's new brand identity is part of the evolution of the restructured Appalachian League. In September, the league announced it would transition to an elite, wood-bat summer league for the top 300 college players in America. Structurally, the Appalachian League will serve as an entity of Major League Baseball and USA Baseball's

Prospect Development Pipeline for the 2021 season and beyond.

Though teams in the Appalachian League will no longer be affiliated with Major League Baseball organizations, MLB will have a supporting role in league operations, and athletes will have extensive exposure to MLB club scouts.

2021 will mark Pulaski's 55th season fielding teams in the Appalachian League. The 2021 Pulaski River Turtles schedule includes 27 home games, with Opening Night slated for Saturday, June 5th. The schedule features 12 home games in June, 11 home games in July, and four home games in August, with the regular season finale scheduled for Saturday, August 7th. In total, the 2021 schedule boasts 54 dates.

The anticipated return of Appalachian League baseball to Pulaski will headline an action-packed summer schedule at Calfee Park. The organization anticipates an additional lineup of special events and independent youth baseball dates; a complete calendar of events is coming soon.

'Our focus is to continue to build on the solid foundation of success this organization has enjoyed since 2015,' says Martin. "Our fans and corporate partners are an integral part of that success, and we hope everyone will join us in making the first season of River Turtles baseball a memorable one."

Season tickets for the 2021 season are on sale now and can be purchased by calling 540-980-1070. Additionally, a very limited number of boxes are available. Individual game tickets will go on sale later this spring. Pulaski River Turtles merchandise is available for purchase online with many more offerings coming soon.