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# McCleary receives Continuous Improvement Award



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**McCleary Elementary received the Continuous Improvement Award at the February School Board Meeting from Samuel Foster. Said Superintendent Jeanette Warwick, “We are very proud of Mrs. VanDyke’s leadership and of the hard work of your staff. Congratulations! I would like to acknowledge the dedication of the principal and staff for their focus on student achievement. We continue to strive to provide the best educational experience for our students.”**

**Pam Dudding**  
*Contributing writer*

Running a successful school takes a collective effort of teachers, staff and the administrative team. At the same time, being a successful school takes on even more perseverance for students to reach their full potential.

Certain individuals are filled throughout Craig County Public Schools.

McCleary Elementary was recently selected to receive the 2020 Board of Education’s Continuous Improvement Award through the Exemplar School Recognition Program.

McCleary received this award for being accredited in the 2019-2020 academic year and significantly improving academic and school quality indicators for each

See **McCleary**, page 9

# Catawba Valley student ministry dinner raises funds for teen programs



SUBMITTED PHOTO  
**Catawba Valley Baptist Church's youth were dipping wild game as fast as they could as they served over 160 meals in their youth programs and summer camps.**

**Pam Dudding**  
*Contributing writer*

Churches continuously have to think of creative ideas to fund their youth programs. The Catawba Valley Baptist Church (CVBC) hosts an annual event to help bring in funds that will allow them to continue offering their services to even more children.

The student ministry of CVBC recently hosted their annual Wild Game Dinner, which included a three-week-long auction, with door prizes and online fun. The event ended with a wildlife dinner.

“You definitely want to take advantage of this opportunity to have a wonderful time, and to partner with our student ministries as we seek to minister to students and their families in our surrounding communities,” said Pastor Stephen Vaughan. “Thank you for your support in years past, this year, and in years to come. We hope to see you next year.”

Tickets can be purchased online for one to participate in the auction, the drawings and to receive their wildlife dinner, complete with deer or bear meat and sides.

For all the “Wild Game Dinner Ticket Holders,” the pistol and hunting rifle raffles went so well, they closed them as they quickly sold out and hit their limits.

CVBC had a special giveaway this year, a Traditions G4 Pursuit Ultralight Muzzleloader as well as a raffle for a Ruger EC9s and a Savage Axis 6.5 Creed-

moor Hunting Rifle with a Bushnell Scope. And, for the VIP ticket holders, a raffle for a Barnett White-tail Hunter STR crossbow. Handguns were on their auction page too; two were a Smith & Wesson M&P 9mm and a Walther PPS M2 9mm. Guns could only be picked up at Trader Jerry’s in Salem upon completion of a successful back-ground check.

The online auction of 70 items was closed the night before, and everyone picked up their items they won the bids on.

Congratulations went to the winners:

- Grand Prize Drawing - Barry Perkins
- VIP Ticket Exclusive Raffle - Brenda Rhodes
- Hunting Rifle Raffle - Steve Crowder
- Pistol Raffle - Buddy Hodges

Though the cold weather tried to stop it, volunteers continued through it all as people did a drive-through pickup at the Roanoke Valley Moose Lodge #284, to get their wild game dinners.

“We served over 160 meals and raised over \$10,000,” Vaughan noted with joy. “Every dollar raised went to support their student ministry needs. It also gives students the ability to attend summer camp which they are truly grateful for.”

He added, “Thank you for participating in Wild Game Dinner this year. We are excited to partner with you as we continue ministering to students and their families in our community.”

# McCleary celebrates a week of fun with Humphrey the Hamster

**Pam Dudding**  
*Contributing writer*

Children always seem to be able to bring out the joy of any event and last week, McCleary students and teachers did just that during the One School One Book celebration in reading during the first week of March.

One of the saddest parts of being unable to go into the schools is missing out on seeing and experiencing the hard work that teachers and staff put into making their students at Craig County Public Schools excited about attending.

Organizer and teacher Michelle Frazier shared that though this year had to be different due to the CO-

VID-19 stipulations, the teachers went into overdrive to provide a fun-filled, yet learning experience.

The school did not raise funds this year. They had a little money left over from last year and they covered the rest.

The McCleary Reading Committee chose the book *The World According to Humphrey* by Betty G. Birney in its seventh year of celebration at McCleary.

The goal of the event was to encourage family involvement, oral reading and comprehension.

“We had three weeks of nightly reading to complete the book,” Frazier said. “Students were given

See **Humphrey**, page 5



SUBMITTED PHOTO  
**During the fun week of One School One Book, McCleary Elementary celebrated the book *The World According to Humphrey*. Here, fourth-grade student Conner Donithan joins his classmates by making a lookalike of Humphrey out of a Twinkie. As expected, it didn’t long before it was devoured.**

# McCleary “gearing up” with kindergarten registration event

**Pam Dudding**  
*Contributing writer*

Kids grow up so fast. One day they are in diapers and the next, parents are taking their children to their kindergarten class for the first time. For most kids, they fit in rather easily and instantly make new friends.

On March 25, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., McCleary Elementary is hosting a kindergarten registration event for new students.

Children who will be five by September 30, 2021, can attend the event.

The pre-registration forms are available online at [www.craig.k12.va.us](http://www.craig.k12.va.us) and on the Craig County Public Schools website.

Parents should complete this online form and choose a time slot in which they and their child may come to school to complete additional paperwork, meet the staff and tour the building.

The kindergarten registration

event will be hosted in the high school gymnasium.

To properly register for the event, adults will need to provide the following documents:

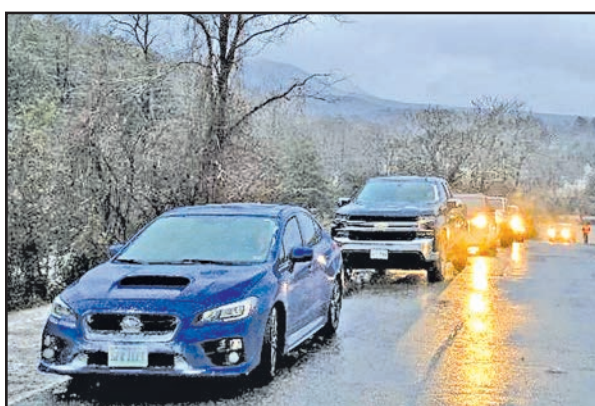
- An original certified copy of the child’s birth certificate
- School entrance health form
- Immunization record
- Proof of residency (acceptable forms are – payroll check stub within the last two months, U.S. IRS tax reporting W-2 form or 1099 form not more than 12 months old, monthly bank statement not more than two months old, current gas, electric or sewer bill (cell phone bill not accepted), receipt for personal property taxes or real estate taxes, current homeowners or renter’s insurance policy or bill or deed, mortgage, monthly mortgage statement or residential rental /lease agreement)

For specific questions on entrance, people may contact the school or Principal Gerri VanDyke at (540) 864-5173 or email at [gvan-dyke@craig.k12.va.us](mailto:gvan-dyke@craig.k12.va.us).

The teachers are looking forward to welcoming their new students for a year of laughter and fun, interesting adventures, and lots of learning.



SUBMITTED PHOTO  
**McCleary Elementary School is gearing up for their new kindergarten children by hosting their registration event on Thursday, March 25. Teachers are excited to meet their new classes for the upcoming year that will be full of fun and learning.**



**Over 160 meals were served, even though the ice and snow tried to keep people away. Many people drove through the weather just to get their wild game meal.**



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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](http://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](mailto: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.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 20

The Fincastle/Montgomery County Militia will host a living history display in Wysong Park in Fincastle. The event commemorates the 245th anniversary of the formation and mustering in of the infantry company of Botetourt County men that became part of the 7th Virginia Regiment of the Continental Army.

# Kaine applauds wins for Virginia in American Rescue Plan

U.S. Senator Tim Kaine applauded Senate passage of the American Rescue Plan, a \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief bill that includes numerous critical wins for Virginia. The bill will now return to the House of Representatives.

“Because of this bill, millions of Virginians will receive a stimulus check, unemployment benefits will last through the summer, and 85,000 of the Commonwealth’s children will be lifted out of poverty,” said Kaine. “The past year has been dark, but with this much-needed relief and the acceleration of vaccinations, a brighter, healthier, more prosperous America is on the horizon.”

Provisions of the American Rescue Plan include:

Aid for unemployed workers: The bill extends federal unemployment benefits until September, allowing Virginians who are out of work due to the pandemic pay bills while the economy continues to recover and jobs are not widely available. Senator Kaine has consistently supported expanded UI benefits and extending federal support while the pandemic continues. The nation is still down nearly 10 million jobs from when the pandemic started, and more than 250,000 Virginians would have been at risk of losing benefits in March and April without this extension. The bill also exempts the first \$10,200 in UI benefits from federal taxes for low- and middle-

income households, preventing surprise tax bills for out-of-work Virginians.

Assistance for struggling households: The bill increases the size of the direct payments passed in December by another \$1,400 per person, bringing the total to \$2,000 per person. This round of direct checks will include adult dependents, as Senator Kaine has pushed for. The legislation also adds funding to the rental assistance passed in December and adds relief for homeowners at risk of foreclosure, similar to legislation co-sponsored by Senator Kaine. Additionally, the bill will enhance the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and Child Tax Credit (CTC), providing aid to low-income workers and families, and lifting millions out of poverty. More than 1.5 million Virginian children will benefit from the CTC expansion, including lifting 85,000 Virginian children out of poverty.

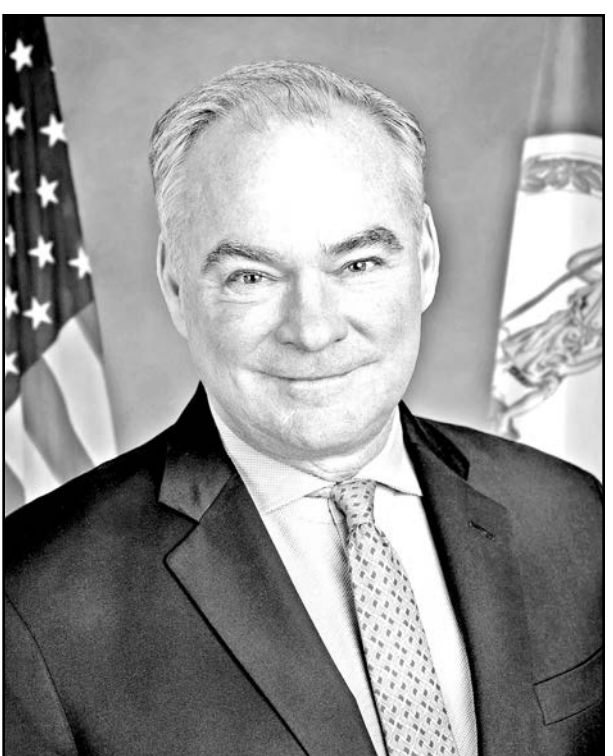
Health care provider mental health: The bill includes \$80 million to train health care professionals and public safety officers in strategies to reduce and address suicide, burnout, and mental and behavioral health conditions; \$20 million for the CDC to carry out an education and awareness campaign to encourage health care professionals and first responders to seek support and treatment for their own behavioral health concerns, identify and respond to risk factors in themselves and

others, and address stigma; and \$40 million in grants for health care providers to establish or expand programs to promote mental and behavioral health among their health professional workforce. The provisions are modeled after the Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act, legislation Kaine sponsored in honor of a physician from Charlottesville, Virginia, who died by suicide after working on the frontlines of the pandemic in New York.

Supporting public health data modernization: The bill provides \$500 million to support and strengthen our public health data surveillance and analytics systems at the CDC. Kaine has long advocated for modernizing these systems so we can better respond to public health threats in real-time, even before the pandemic. He was pleased his Saving Lives Through Better Data Act passed at the end of last year and is glad to have secured additional funding for the effort in this package.

Aid for vaccine distribution and virus tracking: The bill provides \$20 billion to improve vaccine distribution, \$10 billion for the Defense Production Act to procure essential medical equipment, and \$50 billion for virus testing, genomic sequencing to detect new variants, contract tracing, and additional PPE.

Funding to safely reopen schools: In addition



SUBMITTED PHOTO  
**Senator Tim Kaine, who recently visited the Roanoke Valley, has publicly applauded the Senate passage of the American Rescue Plan.**

to state and local relief, the bill provides \$125.8 billion for K-12 schools to reopen safely, including \$3 billion to support students with disabilities and \$800 million to support homeless children and youth. Funds could be used to purchase PPE, reduce class sizes, repair ventilation systems, hire support staff, and implement other CDC-recommended public health measures. School districts could also use funds to help students who have fallen behind catch up and get back on track. The bill also provides \$40 billion to help institutions of higher education.

Child care: The bill in-

vests \$39 billion in child care providers through the Child Care Development Block Grant Program. These funds can be used by child care providers for operating expenses, PPE, personnel cost, and financial relief for struggling families to cover tuition. As of last fall, more than a third of child care providers had closed in Virginia, eliminating 168,000 slots for children. The provisions are modeled after Kaine’s Child Care is Essential Act. Virginia is estimated to receive \$796 million of these funds.

State, local, and tribal

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1. “Be back later”  
4. Hoover’s office  
7. Brew  
8. Philo and Reglis are two (“Star Wars”)  
10. Actress Remini  
12. Moghul emperor  
13. Alaskan glacier  
14. Constrictor  
16. Prohibit  
17. Ancient Brittonic tribe  
19. Chinese pastry  
20. Razorbill is of this genus  
21. Beloved holiday decoration  
25. Dutch football club  
26. Aggressive dog  
27. Small piece of glass

**CLUES DOWN**  
1. Sea  
2. Cleans things  
3. More skinny  
4. Supervises flying  
5. Talk rapidly and excitedly  
6. Intestinal  
8. Don’t know when yet  
9. Soluble ribonucleic acid  
11. Chinese and Vietnamese ethnic group  
14. Wild cattle genus  
15. Rock formation  
18. Makes up  
19. Resembles a pouch  
20. Having an aerial quality  
22. Windpipe  
23. Million barrels per day (abbr.)  
24. Bitterly regret  
27. Soft creamy white cheese  
28. Renamed when EU was incorporated  
29. ‘\_\_\_ death do us part  
31. Sound unit  
32. Men proud of their masculinity  
33. Clergy member’s vestment  
34. Hello  
35. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls  
36. Marks  
37. Derived from benzene  
38. Low-melting alloy  
39. Lost blood  
40. Quantitative relation  
44. Academic degree  
47. Many subconsciouses

# Farm Bureau teaching new ladies to quilt



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**The Farm Bureau Ladies Committee always stay busy. They are now teaching a beginning quilting class, with more classes coming in the future. (article in next week’s issue)**



# Virtual fundraiser created to raise money, awareness for autism happening this month



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**The Blue Ridge Autism and Achievement Center provides a variety of services for clients between the ages of two and 22 as well as families affected by autism and other unique learning challenges. The organization's Inaugural Virtual Cycle Challenge will take place from March 26 through March 28.**



**Funds raised through the virtual bike challenge will help BRAAC meet the needs of individuals with unique learning challenges.**

## Shawn Nowlin

shawn.nowlin@ourvalley.org

In about two weeks, members of the Craig County community will have an opportunity to participate in a virtual fundraiser to help the less fortunate. The Inaugural Blue Ridge Autism and Achievement Center (BRAAC) Virtual Cycle Challenge is scheduled to begin on Friday, March 26 and last through Sunday, March 28.

A program of St. Vincent's Home (SVH) Services, BRACC provides education and services for clients between the ages of two and 22 as well as families affected by autism and other unique learning challenges.

"BRAAC understands the need of individuals with learning challenges vary from person to person. Individualized plans are developed to address each student's personal needs," Development Coordinator Teri Nance said. "BRAAC is committed to providing qualified trained staff, as well as resources and training to local families and professionals."

The virtual fundraiser has four challenges, the Three-Mile Fun Ride, Ten-Mile Challenge, 20-Mile Challenge and the King and Queen of the Mountain. Timed through the STRAVA app, participants can cycle solo or as a group anywhere and at any time during the scheduled dates. All registrants who participate in the event will receive a t-shirt.

Said Ally Bowersock of RunAbout Sports,

"This challenge is great timing for those wanting to get in shape, a perfect opportunity to get those miles in and benefit a worthy local non-profit at the same time."

Area native Josh Barnes says he is looking forward to participating in the virtual fundraiser. "I have two children, ages nine and six, and they both enjoy being outdoors. This event will give us a chance to bond as a family while also helping the less fortunate. It's a win-win for everybody," he said.

Those familiar with BRAAC and its impact on the community speak highly of the nonsectarian organization. Founded 12 years ago, BRAAC is funded through private grants, donations, tuition and fees.

"Blue Ridge Autism and Achievement Center's main objective is to serve children and families who are faced with unique learning challenges, specifically autism and learning disabilities, in and around the Roanoke Valley. BRAAC also provides specialized educational programs in a private day school setting as well as direct and consultative educational services in public schools," said Nance.

She added, "An after-school tutoring program provides continuity and reinforces consistency for students and families. BRAAC provides specialized services for children in their homes as well as in-home training for parents too."

For more information, visit <http://braac-roanoke.org>.

## Tanglewood Mall begins construction on new outparcels, announces new tenant line-up

Birmingham, AL-based Blackwater Resources, LLC recently announced the tenant line-up for two new outparcel buildings to be constructed at Tanglewood, the nearly 800,000 SF mixed use center that sits at what is known as the gateway to Roanoke County and the Electric Road 419 corridor. The property, which is anchored by Kroger, AMC, Belk, TJ Maxx and Carilion Clinic, will welcome the following new businesses Panda Express, Jersey Mikes, Aspen Dental, Blaze Pizza and Chipotle in two new buildings that will be located along Electric Road in front of the new Carilion Children's (former JC Penney) space. Blackwater will begin construction in March 2021, with tenants to begin opening at the start of 2022.

John Abernathy, President of Blackwater Resources, explains, "The addition of these buildings and the discussions with a long list of interested retailers and restaurants have

been ongoing for some time; the improvements being made to the property including the announcement of the new Carilion Children's Clinic were major drivers that allowed the project to move forward. We are excited to begin construction and offer new dining and service options to the area." Additional announcements of more retailers and restaurants are expected in the coming months.

The announcement of five new businesses at Tanglewood is exciting news for Roanoke County," said Jill Loope, Roanoke County Director of Economic Development. "Tanglewood is the retail anchor for the 419 Town Center and serves as a primary economic driver for our community. We are looking forward to welcoming these new businesses and to revitalizing the 419 corridor over the next several years."

-Submitted by John Abernathy

## Kaine

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aid: The legislation will provide \$350 billion in relief to state, local, and tribal governments, a top priority of Senator Kaine. It also includes more than \$31 billion in targeted resources to Native American communities, which will benefit Virginia's federally recognized tribes. Virginia has used past federal funding to provide hazard pay for direct care workers, support rental and mortgage relief, and expand broadband access. This new round of funding will help Virginia continue to take public health measures and address the negative economic effects of COVID while also including more flexibility to help local Virginia governments experiencing revenue shortfalls prevent budget cuts.

Helping restaurants and other small businesses: In addition to providing an additional \$7.25 billion to expand access to the Paycheck Protection Program

(PPP) for nonprofits and other organizations, the bill establishes a \$25 billion Restaurant Revitalization Fund to provide grants for restaurants. The bill also adds \$15 billion for the Targeted Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) Advance program to help the hardest-hit small businesses.

Broadband: In addition to the opportunities provided through aid to sup-

port state, local, and tribal governments, \$7 billion is provided for the Federal Communications Commission to operate the Emergency Connectivity Fund. This fund will support broadband access for students by providing telecommunications services to schools and libraries.

-Submitted by Katie Stuntz, Communications Director

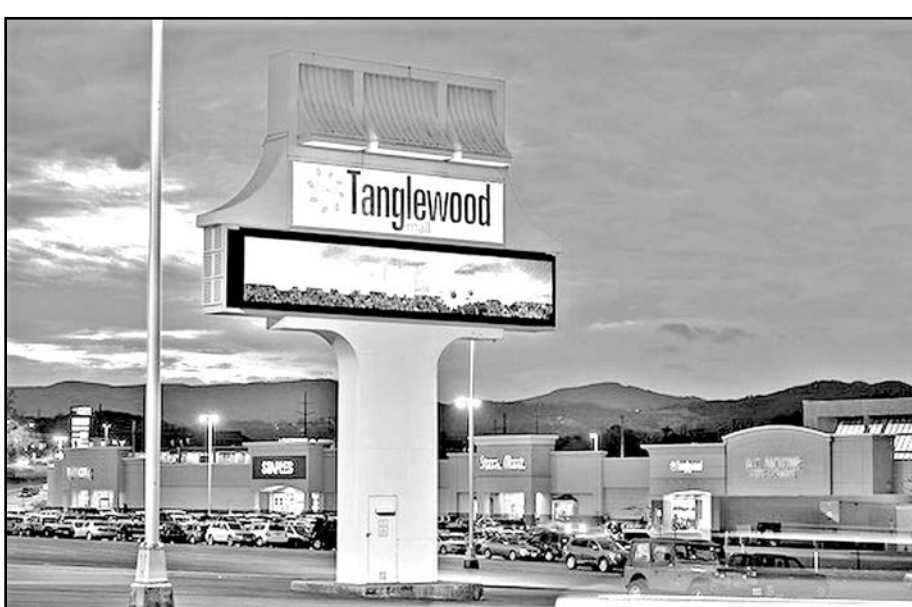
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# OPINION

# Roanoke Valley gives and so did you

## Library Corner

Empowering individuals to build a stronger community

The Craig County Public Library wishes to thank all of our donors who provide support for the library operations, children's programs and expansion dreams. The giving event was a success and will help us to continue the Take and Make Program each month for children, ages 1-10.

Take and Make is the creative result of libraries trying to continue to serve their patrons during the pandemic. Curbside kits for children will be available each month free of charge. These may include coloring

pages, word search, recipes, craft ideas and reading activities. They are intended as enrichment activities for children to encourage creativity and active learning.

Jessica Hunt, a part-time library employee, had the idea and has been hard at work putting together packets for pick-up. Thank you, Jessica! If anyone would like to help Jessica with this children's program, they can call the library and leave her a message at 540-864-8978.

Fostering a love of learning and independent education is something that benefits all children. This year they have had perhaps a little too much independent learning, but it is hoped that some benefit has been gained from their elementary

education under adverse circumstances.

The library offers a safe place for learning as well as computers and free Wi-Fi. As the days begin to warm up, our outdoor spaces are available with free Wi-Fi for anyone to use.

The library continues to support adult education with GED materials and practice tests. It also offers a vast array of classes on the website under the education tab that anyone with a library card can sign up for. You should "Check it out!"

**Library news:**  
Mark your calendar for April 10. There will be an outdoor plant swap and seed exchange at the library. Bring something and take something home! Stay tuned for



The Craig County Public Library is at 303 Main Street.

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more details.

If you have an interest in being more active with your local public library, you could be nominated to be on the

Board of Trustees. You also could volunteer to be a committee member to help with Friends of the Library activities. Please contact the

craiglibrary@swva.net if you would like to help out.

*Note: the source of last week's article was everylibrary.org*

# One-year observance of first known VA COVID-19 case

## Dr. Cynthia Morrow

Roanoke City and Alleghany Health Districts Health Director  
Guest Contributor

It has been almost one year since we learned of

the first known case of COVID-19 in Virginia. As we commemorate this solemn anniversary and honor what we have lost, it is also important to reflect on what we have accomplished and what we can look forward to. Let us take

stock of where we are by celebrating the past accomplishments of the incredibly challenging year that we've all had, and by looking forward to the joy of what lies ahead of us.

Partnerships: One of the most important accomplishments over the past year has been building meaningful partnerships. Understandably, many people in our communities remain focused on when they will be able to get vaccinated. The Roanoke City & Alleghany Health Districts will continue to work in partnership with healthcare systems, healthcare providers, emergency managers, local officials, community-based organizations and volunteers in order to get shots in arms as quickly, safely and efficiently as possible.

Decreasing COVID-19 activity: Last week, we celebrated our

sixth consecutive week of declining COVID-19 activity in our health districts after reaching peak activity in January. Despite this wonderful news, as spring beckons us to plan gatherings, now is not the time to relax our prevention practices. Research has confirmed that wearing masks, maintaining six-feet of distance from others and hand-washing have the power to reduce the transmission of the disease. The guidance has not changed: avoid crowds, wear a mask, stay home when you are sick and take the vaccine that is available to you when it is your turn

Vaccine: This week is our 12th straight of vaccine clinics. At times, it feels like it was just yesterday that we received our first shipment of vaccine, and at times it feels like we have been holding vaccine clinics forever. Based on data

reported to the Virginia Department of Health, over 90,000 vaccines (including both first and second doses) have been administered to the Roanoke City and Alleghany Health Districts' residents through our efforts and the efforts of our partners. That is truly something to celebrate.

Virginia Army National Guard: Five members of the Virginia Army National Guard (VANG) have been posted to our districts for the past several weeks to support our vaccination efforts in the community. Last week we welcomed 38 more VANG members to support our Salem and Berglund vaccination clinics. Their skills were quickly put into good use this past weekend as troops spectacularly planned and executed traffic flow at large drive-through clinics at the Berglund Cen-

ter. With the support of VANG and volunteers, our partner Carilion Clinic vaccinated approximately 8,000 people this weekend.

Projections: Based on the most recent information, we are expecting to see a very significant increase in our vaccine supply by the end of March. If the supply is delivered as predicted, we can expect that most of the population who wants to get vaccinated will have the opportunity to do so by the end of May. This means that we may even be able to reclaim our summer - now surely that is something to really celebrate!

The past year has challenged us in ways we could not have imagined. By continuing to follow our community mitigation strategies and by getting vaccinated when it is our turn, together, we have much to look forward to.

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# Humphrey

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Prizes such as games, keychains, stuffed mice and more were given away during the day. Students squealed with glee when their names were called out over the intercom.



The bouncy houses are always a big hit at McCleary. Here, kids play as hard as they can and fill the gymnasium with laughter.



Classes got to take turns during the day, playing soccer darts.

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a schedule of what to read each night and the goal is for all ages to listen to the story each evening and share the enjoyment of a great book.”

The next morning at school, the students were given a question during the morning announcements and teachers selected a winner from their classroom of who answered the question correctly, with a prize awarded each afternoon to the winners.

“We have an area where students pass by each day and observe the vignette where we portray events from the reading done the night before,” she added. “Sometimes clues are given to answer the question of the day.”

This year, the One School-One Book event coincided with the Read Across America event.

As Frazier explained, “We had activities each day ending with our celebration of the reading of The World According to Humphrey on Friday when students were to dress as their favorite book characters. We also had students who dressed as Winnie the Pooh characters, Officer Buckle, The Grinch and even a few who dressed as Humphrey, along with many other characters.”

Frazier noted that this year things had to be done differently as they were not allowed to have the “open school” celebration, where families are usually invited.

“Students had various activities in the afternoon inspired by our very own specialty teachers,” Frazier said. “They built an editable snack of Humphrey and enjoyed a virtual trip to a pet store with popcorn.”

Principal Gerri VanDyke added that the kids

participated in a list of activities during the OSOB celebration.

As she put it, “They made a snack that resembled a hamster out of a twinkie, participated in a maze, drew their own Humphreys with a step-by-step directions, had a talent show and took an accelerated reading quiz on the story, had a dance party to the hamster dance, filled in the blanks with words that described Humphrey and the story and also sang the song to the tune of twinkle, twinkle, little star.”

One of the biggest things that the students were excited about was getting to play on their new playground for the first time. Squeals, laughter and endless running from one end to the other to experience all the different things it had to offer.

“Even though we could not make it a family celebration this year, I heard nothing but exciting comments about what a fun day they had celebrating the reading of The World According to Humphrey,” Frazier and other teachers noted.

Over 400 students, families and friends attended their school’s annual event last year.

The students’ excitement rose as prizes were randomly drawn all afternoon for the possibility of winning various items like hamster keychains, talking hamsters, a hamster in a ball and a large stuffed hamster.

Mill Mountain Zoo donated two sets of four passes to award a couple of lucky students.

“Every child received a Reading Certificate that came with a SeaQuest pass for the student and one adult, as well as a goody bag,” VanDyke said.

“This all happened be-

cause a wonderful little hamster taught us a great deal about what you can learn about life by observing another species,” Frazier said. “That’s what Humphrey was told when he arrived in Room 26 in the story. Humphrey learned to read and write and shoot rubber bands in self-defense.”

Adding more context, Frazier said, “Humphrey had many classroom escapades and traveled on the weekends to the students’ homes. He even made friends with the teacher that he thought was out to get him.”

“One School-One Book is a wonderful program, because it gives us a lot to talk about when we are all reading the same book,” Frazier explained. “Thanks to all the teachers and staff and administration who did their part to make this a wonderful event for our school.”

“I was so proud of how the event turned out and the support of the staff, community, and students,” VanDyke shared. “This year was a little different, however, it was still a very successful event for both our students and staff.”

Throughout the entire school, there was lots of laughter, kids smiling and an atmosphere that parents could appreciate their child being exposed to. “It’s all in a day’s work,” shared numerous teachers. “They are worth it.”

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

COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA, a Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Complainant, v. POLK BAULDOK, ET AL, Respondent(s). **Case No. CL20-1238**  
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:  
Tax Map No. 38-64  
Account No. 18946  
All that certain lot, piece, or parcel of real property, lying and being situate in Botetourt County, Virginia and being 4.78 acres more or less, known as Tax Map Number 38-64.  
And being a portion of the real property conveyed to Polk Bauldock from George Bauldock and Hannah Bauldock, his wife, by Deed dated July 27, 1886 and recorded on July 27, 1886 among the records of the Botetourt County Circuit Court Clerk's Office in Deed Book 44 at Page 65.  
This description is made

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subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described.  
Tax Map No. 38-65  
Account No. 18947  
All that certain lot or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in Eagle Rock, Botetourt County, Virginia, containing 12.23 acres more or less, now or formerly owned by George Bauldock, and being known on the Tax Rolls as Tax Map Number 38-65, Account Number 18947. This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described.  
Tax Map No. 38-66  
Account No. 18948  
All that certain lot, piece, or parcel of land, lying and being situate in Eagle Rock, Botetourt County, Virginia, located near Lapsley's Run Road containing 5.1 acres more or less, being known on the Tax Rolls as Tax Map Number 38-66, Account Number 18948. And being the same property conveyed to Hannah Bauldock from George Bauldock by Deed dated February 14, 1921 and recorded February 25, 1921 among the records of the Botetourt County Circuit Court Clerk's Office in Deed Book N at Page 406. This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described.  
Tax Map No. 38-67  
Account No. 18949  
All that certain lot, piece, or parcel of land, lying and being situate in Eagle Rock, Botetourt County, Virginia, located near Lapsley's Run Road containing 0.63 acre more or less, being known on the Tax Rolls as Tax Map Number 38-67, Account Number 18949. And being the same property conveyed to Hannah Bauldock from Jno. B. Wilhelm, et als, by Deed dated July 15, 1911 and recorded September 24, 1913 among the records of the Botetourt County Circuit Court Clerk's Office in Deed Book H at Page 333. This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described.  
Tax Map No. 38-68  
Account No. 18950  
All that certain lot, piece, or parcel of land, lying and being situate in Eagle Rock, Botetourt County, Virginia, located near Lapsley's Run Road containing 0.75 acre more or less, being known on the Tax Rolls as Tax Map Number 38-68, Account Number 18950, formerly owned by Hannah Bauldock. This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described.  
Tax Map No. 27B(1)SEC44A-5A  
Account No. 18332  
All that certain lot, piece, or parcel of land, lying and being situate in Botetourt County, Virginia containing 1.5 acres more or less, being known on the Tax Rolls as Tax Map Number 27B(1)SEC44A-5A and further being designated as Lot Nos. 1 and 2 as shown on a survey made by C. W. Switzer, Sur. Botetourt County, dated August 31, 1916, which survey was recorded on July 31, 1923 in the Circuit Court Clerk's Office of Botetourt County, Virginia in Deed Book P at Page 376. And being the same property conveyed to Hannah Bauldock by W. W. Cash and Mattie V. Cash, his wife by Deed dated July 30, 1923 and recorded July 31, 1923 in Deed Book P at Page 377 and by Deed dated January 2, 1924 and recorded January 19, 1924 in Deed Book P at Page 601. This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described including but not limited to those recorded in Instrument Number 100001589.  
IT APPEARING that an Affidavit has been made and filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the identity and location of certain parties to be served, that the last known

addresses for the Respondents herein are as follows: Polk Bauldock, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is c/o Eva Grant, 7610 Reading Road, Suite 30, Cincinnati, Ohio 45237; Josephine Bauldock Penn, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Gladys Penn, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Carey W. Penn, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Carey W. Bauldock, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Florence Bauldock Moore, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Linwood L. Moore, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Linwood L. Moore Jr., who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Katherine Priscilla Moore Fisher, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Morris Fisher, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Kevin Fisher, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Philip Fisher Sr., whose last known address is unknown; Florence Moore Dillard, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Gary Moore, whose last known address is unknown; William John Moore, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Dorothy L. Douglas Moore, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; William Keith Moore, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Karen Moore Haynes, whose last known address is unknown; James Franklin Moore, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Margaret Western Moore, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; John Moore, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Norman Moore, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Florence Richards Moore, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Guy Warner Moore, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; George Amos Moore, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Rickey Provo, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Sonya Provo, whose last known address is unknown; Timothy Adams Sr., whose last known address is unknown; Darren Adams, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Iven Hueston Moore, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; George Bauldock, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Elizabeth Bauldock, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Elise Bauldock, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Naomi Bauldock, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Eva Bauldock Grant, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is 7610 Reading Road, Suite 30, Cincinnati, Ohio 45237; Emma Jane Bauldock, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Virginia Ann Bauldock Jones aka Jenny Bauldock Jones, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Franklin Bauldock, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Dorothy Bauldock, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Robert Lee Bauldock, who is believed to be deceased

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and whose last known address is unknown; Esther Marie Bauldock Glover, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Hannah Bauldock, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; George Bauldock, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Samuel Bauldock, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Myrtle Bauldock, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Antonio Bauldock, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; James Garfield Bauldock, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Deston Bauldock, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Cora Lee Bauldock, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Polk Bauldock, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Marcella Bauldock, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Robert Leftwich Bauldock, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Nina Crawford Bauldock, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Amelia Bauldock aka Armelia Bauldock, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; and that any officers, heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the Respondent named herein are made parties Respondent to this action individually and/or by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties herein and all Parties Unknown and/or whose location cannot be ascertained appear on or before April 16, 2021 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Botetourt, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause.  
Entered on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.

Joel R. Branscom  
Judge

I Ask For This:  
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## Legals - City of Radford

### LEGAL NOTICE Tyler Avenue/East Main Street Connector – Phase 1 City of Radford Notice of Public Review

Find out about a project to construct Phase I of a new 2 lane connector road from Tyler Avenue to East Main Street. Phase I shall include reconstruction of the existing skewed Tyler Avenue/Auburn Avenue intersection, construction of approximately 620LF of the Connector Road, and the construction of approximately 900LF of re-aligned Auburn Avenue.

Review project information and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation in the form of a Categorical Exclusion (CE) are available at 10 Robertson Street, Radford, 540-731-3603. Please call ahead so the City can make arrangements for personnel to share more information or answer your questions.

If your concerns cannot be satisfied, City is willing to hold a public hearing. You may request that a public hearing be held by sending a written request to Radford City Manager, the City of Radford Office located at 10 Robertson Street, Radford, Virginia 24141 on or prior to April 9, 2021. If a request for a public hearing is

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received, notice of date, time and place of the hearing will be posted.

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State Project: U000-126-106, C501, P101, R201  
Federal Project: STP-5126(107)  
UPC: 76402

## Legals - City of Salem

### IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE 26TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COLUMBIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: ADOPTION OF: L. H. NO.: 2020 OC 264  
ADOPTION NOTICE  
TO:  
Corina Y. Houk  
973 Paint Bank Road Salem, VA 24153  
A petition has been filed by Julie and Benjamin Shultz asking the court to put an end to all rights you have to your child. The court has set a hearing to consider ending your rights to your child. That hearing will be held via zoom on March 22, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. The court has not yet produced the zoom link, a copy of the zoom link will be mailed to you once I receive it, or you can contact the Columbia County Courthouse for the link. You are warned that even if you fail to appear at the scheduled hearing, the hearing will go on without you and your rights to your child may be ended by the court without your being present. You have a right to be represented at the hearing by a lawyer. If you wish to defend, you must enter a written appearance personally or by attorney and file your defenses or objections in writing with the court. You are warned that if you fail to do so the case may proceed without you and a judgment may be entered against you without further notice for the relief requested by the plaintiff. You may lose money or property or other rights important to you. YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS PAPER TO YOUR LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A LAWYER, GO TO OR TELEPHONE THE OFFICE SET FORTH BELOW. THIS OFFICE CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT HIRING A LAWYER. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO HIRE A LAWYER, THIS OFFICE MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT AGENCIES THAT MAY OFFER LEGAL SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE PERSONS AT A REDUCED FEE OR NO FEE.

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The Court of Common Pleas of Columbia County is required by law to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. For information about accessible facilities and reasonable accommodations available to disabled individuals having business before the Court, please contact our office. All arrangements must be made at least 72 hours prior to any hearing or business before the Court. You must attend the scheduled conference or hearing.

LAW OFFICES HUMMEL, LEWIS & SMITH, LLP  
Rebeka M. Buczieskie, Esquire  
Attorney for Petitioners

## Legals - Montgomery County

### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Virginia Va. Code Ann. §§ 8.01-316,-317  
**Case No.CL21000021-00**  
Pulaski County Circuit Court  
Hope Marie Moles LONG v Robert William LONG, Jr.

The object of this suit is to: obtain a divorce from the bond of matrimony from the Defendant on the grounds of living separate and apart for a period exceeding one year. It appearing by affidavit that the Defendant's last known address of residence was 1670 Spruce Drive, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073; that the Defendant's present whereabouts are unknown; and that diligence has been used by or on behalf of the Plaintiff to ascertain Defendant's whereabouts without effect; that the Plaintiff previously sought service of process on the Defendant at his last known address stated above; and the Sheriff of Montgomery County, Virginia has filed a return of service stating that the process has been in his hands for 21 days and that he has been unable to make service of process; it is ORDERED that the Defendant appear before this Court on or before April 15, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. and protect his interest herein.

It is ORDERED that Robert William Long Jr. appear at the above-named court and protect his interests on or before April 15,2021 at 9:00 a.m.

2-16-2021  
Trish L. Albert  
Deputy Clerk

### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104  
**Case No. CL21000326-00**  
MONTGOMERY CIRCUIT COURT  
55 EAST MAIN STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073  
CHARLES PHLEGAR  
KAREN PHLEGAR v. JAMES FULTON HOGE, DECEASED  
UNKNOWN OF HEIRS OF JAMES FULTON HOGE  
The object of this suit is to: REMOVE THE REMAINS FROM ABANDONED FAMILY GRAVEYARD  
It is ORDERED that THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JAMES FULTON HOGE, DECEASED appear at the above-name court and protect his/her interests on or before APRIL 26, 2021.

FEBRUARY 24, 2021  
Bridget Adams  
Deputy Clerk

### Public Auction

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## Legals - Town of Vinton

### NOTICE:

COUNTY OF ROANOKE, VIRGINIA v. BARBARA WILCHER MOORE, ET AL  
Roanoke County Circuit Court Hearing on 4/8/2021 at 10:00 AM regarding proceeds from sale of property. Any legal heirs with an interest in Ms. Moore's estate must appear at this hearing to protect their interests.

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**LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:  
Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, the Board of Zoning Appeals of the Town of Vinton, Virginia, hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on **Tuesday, March 30, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.** The Board of Zoning Appeals will also hold a work session at **6:15 p.m.** prior to the public hearing. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comments concerning:  
1. A request by the Town of Vinton, for a variance of specific requirements set forth in the FO-Floodplain Overlay District of the Vinton Zoning Ordinance. The purpose of this request is to allow for the redevelopment of the historic Gish Mill properties, located at 350 and 0 Gus Nicks Boulevard, Vinton, Virginia, Tax Map Numbers 060.11-04-22.00-0000 and 060.11-04-23.00-0000. The variance, if granted, will include all necessary redevelopment activities for the conduct of a functionally dependent use provided that:  
a. The criteria of Article IV, Division 13, Sec. 4-73 of the zoning ordinance are met, and  
b. The structure or other development is protected by methods that minimize flood damage during the base flood and create no additional threats to public safety. Further information concerning the public hearing, may be obtained from the Planning and Zoning Department located at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia 24179, by phone-540-983-0605. Interested persons may be heard at the above public hearing. In light of the ongoing COVID-19 emergency, participation in this public hearing by BZA members, staff, and the public will be available through electronic or other alternative means. The public may comment on this request by emailing nmccclung@vintonva.gov, by calling 540-983-0605 or writing to the Principal Planner, Town of Vinton, 311 S. Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia 24179. Voicemails, emails and other messages containing comments on the request will be provided to the BZA members. The public also may be able to comment during the electronic public hearing. Citizens interested in this option must register in advance by calling the Town Clerk's Office at 540-983-0607 or sending an email to sjohnson@vintonva.gov by

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12 Noon on Monday, March 29, 2021. The public can observe this meeting through a livestream on the Town's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/vintonva. Additional information concerning the meeting and the public hearing will be made available on the Town's website at least three days before each meeting date. Comments and grievances can be submitted in writing to the Town Manager's Office, Town of Vinton, Virginia at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, VA 24179 or by phone at (540) 983-0607, or Virginia Relay Service 711 until March 30, 2021 at 5pm. Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate in this public meeting should contact the Town Manager's Office at (540) 983-0607.

Nathaniel S. McClung,  
Principal Planner

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Planning Commission of Town of Vinton, Virginia, hereby gives notice of a work session on Thursday, March 25, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the work session is to receive comments and discuss the request to rezone the historic Gish Mill properties, located at 305 and 0 Gus Nicks Boulevard, Vinton, Virginia, Tax Map Numbers 060.11-04-22.00-0000 and 060.11-04-23.00-0000, from M-1 Limited Industrial to Mixed Use Development (MUD) District, and to review the proposed Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) of the Town of Vinton. Further information concerning the work session, may be obtained from the Planning and Zoning Department located at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia 24179, by phone: 540-983-0605. Interested persons may be heard at the above work session. In light of the ongoing COVID-19 emergency, participation in this work session by Planning Commission members, staff, and the public will be available through electronic or other alternative means. The public may comment on this request by emailing nmccclung@vintonva.gov, by calling 540-983-0605 or writing to the Principal Planner, Town of Vinton, 311 S. Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia 24179. Voicemails, emails and other messages containing comments on the request will be provided to both the Commission and Council members. The public also may be able to comment during the electronic work session. Citizens interested in this option must register in advance by calling the

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Town Clerk's Office at 540-983-0607 or sending an email to sjohnson@vintonva.gov by 12 Noon on Wednesday, March 24, 2021. The public can observe this meeting through a livestream on the Town's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/vintonva. Additional information concerning the work session will be made available on the Town's website at least three days before the meeting date. Comments and grievances can be submitted in writing to the Town Manager's Office, Town of Vinton, Virginia at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, VA 24179 or by phone at (540) 983-0607, or Virginia Relay Service 711 until March 25, 2021 at 5pm. Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate in this public meeting should contact the Town Manager's Office at (540) 983-0607.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO COMPLY WITH DISABILITIES ACT

Reasonable efforts will be made to provide assistance or special arrangements to qualified individuals with disabilities in order to participate in or attend the meetings. Please call (540) 983-0605 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting so that proper arrangements may be made.

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:  
Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, the Town of Vinton, Virginia, hereby gives notice of a joint public hearing to be held by the Planning Commission and the Town Council on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comments concerning:  
1. Petition of the Town of Vinton, to rezone the historic Gish Mill properties, from M-1 Limited Industrial to Mixed Use Development (MUD) District, in order to redevelop them into mixed-use properties that will accommodate restaurant, retail, residential, and lodging uses. The properties are located at 305 and 0 Gus Nicks Boulevard, Vinton, Virginia, Tax Map Numbers 060.11-04-22.00-0000 and 060.11-04-23.00-0000. Further information concerning the public hearing, may be obtained from the Planning and Zoning Department located at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia 24179, by phone: 540-983-0605. Interested persons may be heard at the above public

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hearing. In light of the ongoing COVID-19 emergency, participation in this public hearing by Planning Commission members, Council members, staff, and the public will be available through electronic or other alternative means. The public may comment on this request by emailing nmccclung@vintonva.gov, by calling 540-983-0605 or writing to the Principal Planner, Town of Vinton, 311 S. Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia 24179. Voicemails, emails and other messages containing comments on the request will be provided to both the Commission and Council members. The public also may be able to comment during the electronic public hearing. Citizens interested in this option must register in advance by calling the Town Clerk's Office at 540-983-0607 or sending an email to sjohnson@vintonva.gov by 12 Noon on Monday, April 5, 2021. The public can observe this meeting through a livestream on the Town's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/vintonva. Additional information

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concerning the public hearing will be made available on the Town's website at least three days before the meeting date. Comments and grievances can be submitted in writing to the Town Manager's Office, Town of Vinton, Virginia at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, VA 24179 or by phone at (540) 983-0607, or Virginia Relay Service 711 until April 6, 2021 at 5pm. Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate in this public meeting should contact the Town Manager's Office at (540) 983-0607.

Anita J. McMillan,  
Planning and Zoning Director

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# Historical events throughout the month of March

- March may be most synonymous with the start of spring and St. Patrick's Day, but there's much more to the third month of the calendar year. The following are notable events that occurred between March 1 and March 31 throughout history.
- March 1: The Articles of Confederation are established in 1791. Nine years later, Congress would authorize the first United States Census on this date.
  - March 2: Fans are treated to a sci-fi masterpiece when images of a giant gorilla first appear in the film "King Kong," which premiered in New York in 1933.
  - March 3: Telephone inventor Alexander Graham Bell is born in Edinburgh, Scotland. In March of 1876, he electronically transmitted sounds.
  - March 4: In 1681, King Charles II of England grants a large parcel of land in the New World to William Penn to settle an outstanding debt. That area would later become Pennsylvania.
  - March 5: The Boston Massacre occurs in 1770.
  - March 6: Fort Alamo falls to Mexican troops led by General Santa Anna in 1836.
  - March 7: The Beatles release the album "Past Masters, Volumes 1 & 2" in 1988.
  - March 8: The New York Stock Exchange is founded in 1817.
  - March 9: In 1864, Ulysses S. Grant is commissioned as a lieutenant general and becomes commander of the Union armies.
  - March 10: Daniel Boone begins his expedition of Kentucky in 1775.
  - March 11: The Lend-Lease program begins in 1941, enabling Britain to receive American supplies.
  - March 12: The island of Bermuda is colonized by the British in 1609.
  - March 13: Sir William Herschel discovers Uranus in 1781.
  - March 14: Albert Einstein is born in Germany in 1879.
  - March 15: Julius Caesar is assassinated,



- fulfilling the prediction of "Beware the Ides of March."
- March 16: Nathaniel Hawthorne's "The Scarlet Letter" is published in 1850.
  - March 17: Golda Meir becomes the prime minister of Israel in 1969.
  - March 18: In 1974, the five-month Arab oil embargo against the United States is lifted.
  - March 19: In 1965, teenage diver E. Lee Spence discovers the wreck of the Confederate cruiser the S.S. Georgiana, which is valued at more than \$50 million.
  - March 20: In 1852, "Uncle Tom's Cabin" is first published.
  - March 21: Johann Sebastian Bach is born in Germany in 1685.
  - March 22: In 1765 the Stamp Act was approved.
  - March 23: Patrick Henry utters "Give me liberty, or give me death" in 1775.
  - March 24: In 1988, the Exxon Valdez spills 11 million gallons of oil.
  - March 25: RCA first produces color TVs in 1954.
  - March 26: Playwright Tennessee Williams is born in 1911.
  - March 27: Juan Ponce de Leon sees Florida in 1513.
  - March 28: In 1979, a nuclear power plant on Three Mile Island overheats.
  - March 29: Future U.S. president John Tyler is born in 1790.
  - March 30: Vincent Van Gogh is born in Holland in 1853.
  - March 31: "Oklahoma!" opens on Broadway in 1943.

# Professions that may be thriving in 2030

New Year's resolutions can serve as valuable motivational tools as people look to make positive changes in their lives. Health-related goals like quitting smoking and losing weight annually appear at or near the top of lists documenting the most popular resolutions. But many people also see New Year's resolutions as a great vehicle to kick-start positive changes in their professional lives.

According to Statista, finding a new job was the eighth most popular New Year's resolution in 2019. And finding a new job figures to be an even more common resolution for 2021, as the global COVID-19 pandemic of 2020 has sparked a recession that saw millions of people across the globe lose their jobs.

Professionals who want to switch careers in the near future may want to consider professions that are expected to experience significant growth in the years ahead. According to the Bureau of Labor

Statistics, demand for the following professions is expected to grow considerably between now and 2029.

- Wind turbine service technicians - Expected growth (between 2019 and 2029): 60.7 percent
- Nurse practitioners - Expected growth: 52.4 percent
- Solar photovoltaic installers - Expected growth: 50.5 percent
- Occupational therapy assistants - Expected growth: 34.6 percent
- Statisticians - Expected growth: 34.6 percent
- Home health and personal care aides - Expected growth: 33.7 percent
- Physical therapist assistants - Expected growth: 32.6 percent
- Medical and health services managers - Expected growth: 31.5 percent
- Physician assistants - Expected growth: 31.3 percent
- Information security analysts - Expected growth: 31.2 percent

## Did you know?

The official beginning of spring is a highly anticipated day among people who can't wait to put away their winter coats and soak up some warm sunlight. But the day of the spring equinox is just as worthy of celebration for its uniqueness as it is for its symbolic connection with the end of winter.

According to the Old Farmer's Almanac, on the spring equinox, which is sometimes referred to as the "vernal equinox" or the "March equinox," the sun crosses the celestial equator going south to north. Equinoxes (there's another one in September each year) are the only two times a year that the sun rises due east and sets due west for everyone on Earth.

As the sun passes overhead on the equinox, the tilt of Earth is zero relative to the sun. That means that the planet's axis neither points toward or away from the sun. Though it's understandable why so many people appreciate the spring equinox, which ushers in increasing sunlight hours and later sunsets, the day's uniqueness makes it even more worthy of celebration. This year the spring equinox happens on Saturday, March 20 at 5:37 a.m. EDT in the northern hemisphere.



# Salem VA HCS begins Janssen COVID-19 vaccinations

The Salem VA Health Care System began COVID-19 vaccination with the Janssen vaccine March 8 at Community Based Outpatient Clinics in Lynchburg, Staunton, Danville, and Wytheville following the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Emergency Use Authorization for this vaccine.

In clinical trials, the Janssen vaccine showed an efficacy of 66

percent against moderate to severe/critical COVID-19 disease occurring at least 28 days after vaccination — and demonstrated greater than 85 percent efficacy in preventing severe/critical COVID-19 disease occurring at least 28 days after vaccination.

“The Salem VA Health Care System is eager to be able to offer a second highly effective

vaccine to more Veterans,” said Dr. Jeffrey Thompson, Chief of Pharmacy at the Salem VA Medical Center. “This one-dose vaccine will help us reach our ultimate goal of offering COVID-19 vaccination to all Veterans and employees who want to be vaccinated.”

As of March 3, the Salem VA HCS has provided the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine first doses

to more than 9,330 Veterans, employees and federal partners — and both doses to more than 2,942 of these individuals.

Veterans who are enrolled and receiving health care in VA are eligible to get the vaccine when their facility has vaccine supply and reaches their risk category. Veterans are required to enroll with VA in order to receive health care. However, to receive

care in VA, enrollees must meet certain eligibility requirements under current law, which may include income limits.

Veterans can get the latest information and sign up to receive updates on VA's COVID-19 vaccine webpage.

*-Submitted by Rosaire Bushey, Salem VA Medical Center Public Affairs Officer*

## McCleary

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of the past three years.

Superintendent Jeanette Warwick and Samuel Foster presented Principal Gerri VanDyke with a certificate at the February monthly school board meeting.

“We are very proud of Mrs. VanDyke’s leadership and of the hard work of your staff. Congratulations!” Warwick said. “I would like to acknowl-

edge the dedication of the principal and staff for their focus on student achievement. We continue to strive to provide the best educational experience for our students.”

The award is based on performance and practice during previous years for items that were “significantly improved academically.”

Continued VanDyke,

“Schools recognized for continuous improvement were rated ‘Accredited’ or ‘Accredited with Conditions’ for 2019-2020 and met at least one of the following four criteria based on performance during 2018-2019:

- A 10-point increase in the combined rate in reading and math and the pass rate in science

- A 10-point increase in the

combined rate in reading and math for two or more student groups across three years

- A decrease in the chronic absenteeism rate for three years

The “school quality indicators” are: academics (math and English), chronic absenteeism, dropout rate, graduation and completion index.

“In receiving this award, I

felt very proud of all the hard work that my staff and students put in year after year week after week, and day after day,” VanDyke said. “I am very proud of all the staff at McCleary. Craig County is a very tight-knit community and I appreciate all the support from my staff, parents, community members, administration and school board.”

# Why seniors are at greater risk for COVID-19



It has been more than a year since the world learned about the novel coronavirus COVID-19. Since December 2019, there have been tens of millions of reported cases and nearly two million deaths worldwide attrib-

uted to COVID-19, according to data from the Johns Hopkins University Center for Systems Science and Engineering.

Experts are still unclear how prevalent the virus really is because a large number of cases are

not reported due to mild or asymptomatic infections. But there’s no denying COVID-19 can be very risky for one large segment of the population.

The chances for severe illness from COVID-19

increases with age, with older adults at the greatest risk, offers the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The CDC further indicates that eight out of 10 COVID-19 deaths reported in the United States have been in adults who are 65 and older. Compared to younger adults, older individuals are more likely to require hospitalization if they contract the illness. People between the ages of 75 and 84 are at eight-times more likely to be hospitalized and 220 times more likely to die from COVID-19 than the youngest patients.

There are some key reasons why older adults are at higher risk. Vineet Menachery, an immunologist at the University of Texas Medical Branch who studies coronaviruses and their effects on aging immune

systems, older adults are more likely to suffer from underlying conditions that can hinder the body's ability to recover from illness. In addition, a greater propensity for inflammation in the body and changes in the way the immune system responds with age are other mechanisms that increase seniors' risk for COVID-19. Furthermore, COVID-19 affects the part of the lungs that delivers oxygen to the bloodstream and removes carbon dioxide. As a person gets older, the lungs are not as elastic and this can affect gas exchange and other functions. Being older coupled with having cardiovascular disease, asthma and diabetes also can raise the threat level of COVID-19.

Seniors must be extra diligent to engage in behaviors that reduce their

risks. Epidemiologists recommend the following:

- Wash or sanitize hands whenever possible, especially upon entering and leaving public buildings.

- Shop and travel during off-peak hours, such as early in the morning, to avoid crowds.

- Use contactless payment methods rather than handling money.

- Ask friends and family to do your shopping and run errands for you.

- Wear masks over the nose and mouth and stay at least six feet away from others.

- If the COVID-19 vaccine is available to you, ask your doctor more about it and get vaccinated if it's safe to do so.

Learn more about at-risk groups at [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/index.html).

# The top distractions behind the wheel

Did you know that a vehicle driven at 55 miles per hour or faster can traverse the length of an entire football field in a matter of seconds?

Driving requires not only knowledge of the rules of the road and skill behind the wheel, but also concentration on the task at hand. Data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration indicates distracted driving has been a significant factor in fatal car crashes. NHTSA says as many as one in 10 deaths are now attributed to driver distraction.

Distractions can come in many forms but fall into one of three categories: manual, visual and cognitive. Any distraction has the potential for serious consequences, including deadly acci-

dents. Here's a look at some of the common distractions and how to avoid them.

- Mobile phone use: Texting while driving is one of the most dangerous forms of distracted driving. Texting combines cognitive, manual and visual distractions. Turn off phones while behind the wheel to help reduce the temptation to grab the phone.

- Daydreaming: Being lost in one's thoughts can be a big distraction. Driving with something heavy on one's mind can cause a person to lose track of the road. This may occur when experiencing intense emotions, particularly anger or stress. There's also a condition called "highway hypnosis" that causes drivers to "zone out" while driving. It

often occurs while driving on open highways for extended periods of time. Taking breaks and pulling over if you notice your mind wandering can help.

- Pets and children: Young children or unsecured pets can be very distracting in the car. As a child calls out, begins to cry or wants his or her needs met, drivers may turn to address those needs and take their eyes off the road. Pets that are moving around the vehicle also may distract a driver. All pets and children should be secure in the vehicle at all times.

- Adjusting the GPS: Recalibrating the GPS or entering an address while driving can be a distraction. It's best not to touch the GPS unless the car is in park and at



a complete stop.

- Eating or drinking: Taking hands off the wheel to enjoy that drive-thru meal can be a mistake. Looking down at food and removing hands from the wheel

reduces one's ability to steer and react immediately to sudden traffic hazards.

If drivers become knowledgeable of the significant hazards of distracted driving, they

can make changes to improve overall safety. Completing certain tasks before leaving home or while the vehicle is parked can reduce the need to multitask while driving.

# What protein, carbs and fat do for your body



A nutritious diet is a vital component of a healthy lifestyle. When paired with physical activity, a nutritious diet can serve as the foundation for a long, healthy life.

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics defines nutrition as how food affects the health of the body. Food provides nutrients that are vital for survival. Food is made up of macronutrients like protein, carbohydrates and fat, each of which play different roles in promoting short- and long-term health.

- Protein: Protein provides the body with amino acids that are essential for growth and development. The amino acids found in protein also

help the body maintain itself and help body tissue recover after certain activities, including exercise. Protein also plays a vital role in immune system function, helping the body to fight inflammation and infection. The AND notes that beef, pork, chicken, game and wild meats, fish, seafood, eggs, soybeans, and other legumes are great protein sources.

- Carbohydrates: Carbohydrates do for the body what gasoline does for an automobile. Carbs provide the body with the energy it needs to function at peak capacity. The carbs found in foods like whole grains, rice, potatoes, bread, and more deliver sugars and starches that provide the

carbs the body needs for energy. That energy is vital when moving around during the day, but it's also essential when the body is at rest, as it ensures the heart continues to beat and facilitates digestion.

- Fat: The dietary fat found in oils, nuts, milk, cheese, and other foods provides structure to cells and prevents damage to cell membranes. The AND also notes that oils and fats absorb fat-soluble vitamins like vitamin A, which is vital for healthy eyes and lungs.

A nutritious diet is a building block of a healthy lifestyle, and no healthy diet is complete without protein, carbohydrates and fat.



# SPORTS

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## Rockets hang tough despite loss of standout senior



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Craig County's Lucy Rigney is ready on the back row.



Kylee Clifton of the Rockets receives a serve.



Kaylee Stroop has her eyes on the ball.

The Craig County Rockets volleyball team suffered a tough blow when senior Nicole Austin was derailed by a leg injury. Austin was last year's Pioneer District runnerup for Player of the Year, and she'll be out indefinitely.

"Jen Fitzpatrick and Abby Price have been filling the void left by Nicole," said Craig County coach Geoff Boyer. "We struggled through a different lineup and personnel."

The Rockets split two matches last week without Austin, who was key in a season-opening win over Covington. Craig lost at home to Eastern Montgomery but bounced back to win in Buena Vista against Parry McCluer. The Rockets were scheduled to play at Bath County to begin this week's schedule but results were too late for publication.

Against East Mont the Rockets fell in three sets, 25-16, 25-

17 and 25-8. The Mustangs have their best team in years.

"It was the strongest East Mont team I've seen," said Boyer. "It was only my second loss in 33 matches against them. It's nice to see their program playing well."

Every Rocket on the team played in this match. Kaylee Stroop has 12 assists while Autumn Hutchison had a dozen kills and four blocks. Lucy Rigney and Samantha Sarver had

two aces each.

Last Thursday in Buena Vista the Rockets defeated Parry McCluer in four sets, 21-25, 25-21, 25-21 and 25-6.

"After a slow start we showed some confidence in taking down the Blues in four sets," said Boyer. "We got career nights from Autumn and Kaylee and an impressive 25-6 fourth set."

Stroop had 32 assists and 13 aces for Craig while Hutchison

had 22 kills, 10 aces and three blocks. Kylee Clifton had eight kills and two aces while Price contributed two aces and Fitzpatrick had three kills.

The win gave Craig a 2-1 record and put the Rockets in third place in the district behind Narrows and East Mont. The Rockets can make up some ground Thursday when they travel to Narrows for a big district match.

## Averett University is newest ODAC member



The Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) President's Council has approved Averett University as a full-time conference member. The Cougars will officially become a member on July 1, 2022, and begin active league participation in the 2022-23 academic year.

"I am excited to welcome Averett to the ODAC," said ODAC Commissioner Brad Bankston. "The Cougars' addition to the conference culminates a membership process that has worked diligently to bolster competitive opportunities for our conference members. We know Averett and its leadership very well. Its institutional philosophy and athletics prowess fits nicely with our membership."

"All ODAC member institutions know Averett University well, and we are pleased they are join-

ing us," said Dr. David Bushman, President of Bridgewater College and current Chair of the ODAC President's Council. "I am grateful for the good work of all those who helped bring this process to a successful conclusion, especially the leadership at Averett. I look forward to watching AU begin competition and become part of the ODAC family."

Averett is a natural fit with current ODAC membership from a number of perspectives. That includes geography with the Danville, Virginia-based campus fitting well within the conference's established footprint. The Cougars current and future sports sponsorship profile compares well with ODAC members. Averett features 16 programs that match ODAC sponsorship including men's and women's programs in basketball, cross country, lacrosse, soccer, and tennis in addition to baseball, equestrian, football, men's golf, softball, and women's volleyball. The University announced the addition of women's golf in December, which will begin competition during the

2021-22 season. Averett features an established men's wrestling program, which several ODAC schools have added to their sports offerings over the past year-plus. AU also boasts thriving cheerleading, dance, and esports programs.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for our institution and student-athletes, and one for which we have aspired for years," stated Dr. Tiffany M. Franks, President of Averett University. "The Old Dominion Athletic Conference is steeped in history and tradition, and we are most honored to join."

Averett's introduction to the ODAC comes on the heels of a pair of previously announced membership changes. Emory & Henry College, a charter member of the ODAC, will leave the conference ranks following the 2021 spring season as it transitions to NCAA Division II. Southern Virginia University will also exit the league after the 2021 season, completing its two-year associate membership in football.

The loss of Emory & Henry and Southern Virginia impacts the

ODAC's sports sponsorship, especially in football. E&H will continue to play an ODAC football schedule in the fall of 2021, but it will exit the league for all other sports by June 30, 2021. SVU's departure, following this spring, drops the league's football sponsorship to eight programs. Averett's inclusion in the fall of 2022 returns most of the ODAC's overall sponsorship to participation levels prior to Emory & Henry's exit.

"Averett is excited to continue its tradition of success within a new conference that features great institutions," said Meg Stevens, Averett Vice President, Director of Athletics and Operations. "We are very familiar with the ODAC member institutions and we look forward to continuing our relationships on and off the field as conference opponents."

Averett University, founded in 1859 as a Baptist women's college, traces its sports and recreation roots to the 1920's. The University's official NCAA-sponsored athletics history began in the mid-1970s when it joined the then Di-

xie Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, which became the current USA South Athletic Conference in 2003.

Basketball, cross country, men's golf, men's soccer, and tennis were among Averett's first varsity NCAA sports in the 1970's. Softball and women's volleyball were added in the 1980's, followed by women's soccer and baseball in the 1990's and football and women's lacrosse in the 2000's. Averett revived its women's lacrosse program and added men's lacrosse and men's wrestling for the 2017-18 academic year.

Averett has a rich history of more than 40 years of competing in NCAA Division III athletics. The Cougars have won 54 conference championships, made 24 NCAA Tournament appearances, and have earned one team and one individual NCAA national championship. Averett has produced more than 60 All-America selections and nearly 50 conference players of the year, along with garnering numerous other national, regional, state, and conference accolades.

## Joe Frazier's family and friends gather to dedicate and unveil statue to commemorate 50th anniversary of 'Fight of the Century'

Friends and family of former World Heavyweight Champion Joe Frazier unveiled a nine-foot-tall, 1,600-pound statue on the 50th anniversary of the legendary Joe Frazier-Muhammad Ali fight on Monday, March 8. The fight was held on March 8, 1971.

The statue will be the new signature piece of hope, dreams, and inspiration to future generations of fighters who train inside the new Joe Hand Gym in Feasterville, PA. Joe Hand, Sr. was one of Frazier's managers, and he shared insight, memories,

and why his company is featuring the statue in their new gym.

Frazier's daughter, Weatta Frazier Collins, and Frazier's son, Joe Frazier, Jr., represented the late champ's family. Weatta Frazier Collins is working to extend her father's

legacy with "The Legacy Exists: Joe Frazier Scholarship Fund" to pay homage to and honor the legacy of the great Boxing Champion, Joe Frazier. Scholarships are awarded for educational, recreational, and social programs to at-risk youth, 13-19 years of age.

These applicants must reside in the United States.

The statue was designed by Chris Collins and its bronze casting and base are from Laran Bronze, Inc., of Chester, PA. It was originally commissioned by Dr. Nicholas DePace for use in the future Philadelphia Museum of Sports but will reside in Joe Hand's Gym.

Sculptor Collins was born and raised in Philadelphia, establishing "Collins Studio" in 1995, a full-service fine art studio providing custom work for institutions and private collectors. His training in sculpture, painting, and sculpture reproduction/restoration has been passed down through the time-honored European tradition of master to apprentice. After receiving a BFA degree in 1988 from the School of Visual Arts in New York City, he worked in various studios in Philadelphia, New York, and Boston.

During the ten years that he lived in Boston, he was fortunate to befriend, work with and study under classi-

cally trained master sculptors Walker Hancock and Moisey Altshuler, master realist painter Thomas Ouellette, as well as master craftsman (restoration, mold making, casting, and patina) Lino Giust, of the Giust/Caproni gallery of Boston.

Billed as "The Fight of the Century," Frazier entered the ring at Madison Square Garden in New York City on March 8, 1971, and defeated Ali in a sensational 15-round unanimous decision, claiming victory to the WBC/WBA Heavyweight Championship.

Joe Hand Promotions is the leading provider of live content to bars, restaurants, and other public viewing venues. Joe Hand Promotions has been bringing fan communities together to watch sporting events since 1971. Over its history, Joe Hand Promotions has presented more than 25,000 events to commercial establishments, helping them boost their food and beverage sales, expand their customer base, and increase their late-night revenues.



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This sculpture of the 1971 fight between Joe Frazier and Muhammed Ali was recently unveiled at the Joe Hand Gym in Feasterville, PA. Joe Hand, Sr. is admiring the statue.

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