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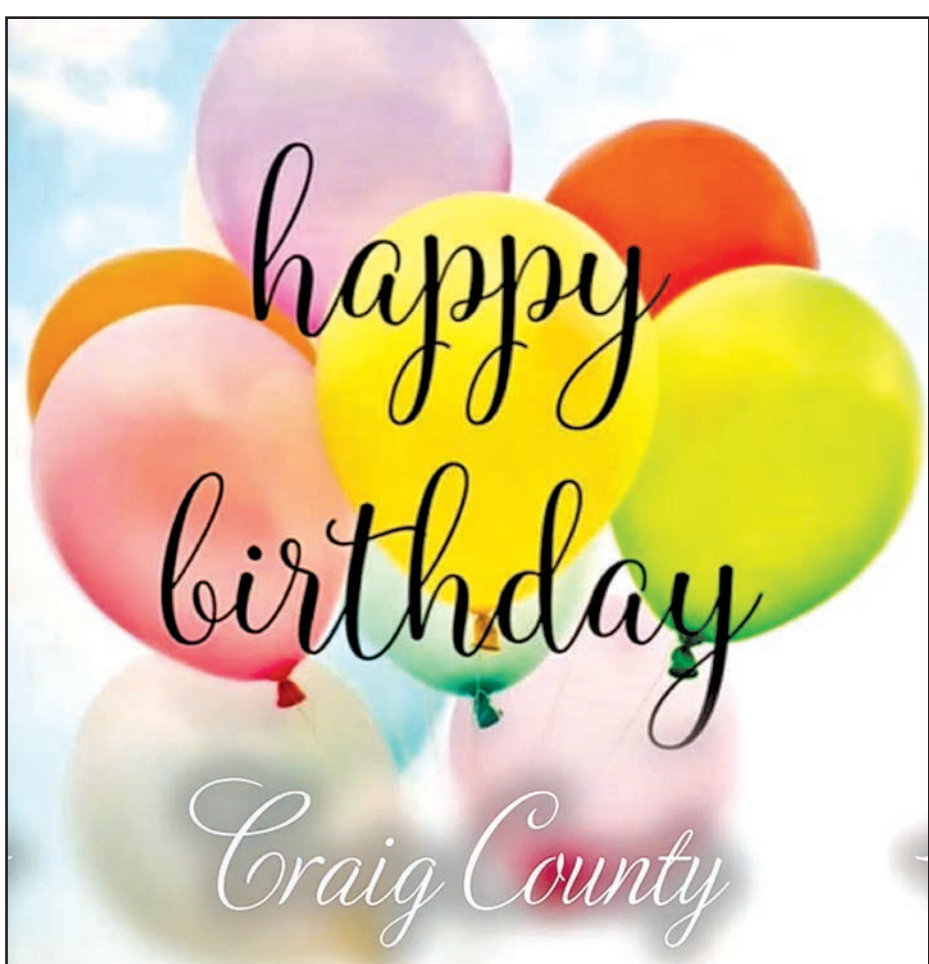


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Happy Birthday Craig County



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This week, Craig County celebrated its 170th birthday. Named after Robert Craig, a 19th-century Virginia Congressman, Craig County is part of the Roanoke Valley Metropolitan Statistical Area with a population slightly under 6,000.

Peter's legacy of love continues

At the February School Board Meeting, Superintendent Jeanette Warwick began things with a moment of silence in memory of Janie Peters, later asking everyone to "keep the CCPS family in their thoughts and prayers as this is definitely a void in our cafeteria."

She went on to read a thank-you note from the family that said, "CCPS family, our family cannot thank you enough for all the kindness you shown our family during this difficult time. Your thoughtfulness, kindness and generosity during this difficult time meant so much to all of us. You were our mother's family as much as we are, and we love you for that. Love the Peters family."

Peters started her career as a cafeteria worker full-time in the 1983-84 academic year, but was a substitute before that in the old New Castle High School and McCleary Elementary.

To keep her memory alive, the family established a Janie Peters Memorial Fund at Carter Bank and Trust in New Castle for people to make donations.

"We would like to keep feeding the kids at CCPS in our mom's memory,"



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Janie Peters, lovingly known also as Nana, Mawmaw, Ms. Moo and other special nicknames, touched the lives of countless students and people throughout Craig County schools and the community. Her job at CCPS involved more than just dishing out food, she dished out love and hugs to everyone too.

daughter Rebecca Peters Crawford shared on Facebook. "She would never let a kid go hungry or without ice cream on their ice cream day. We would like to thank everyone in advance for helping us to make this a success to keep our mom's memory alive doing what she did for over 38 years."

Within a few short days, almost 200 people on Facebook responded to the post. Some heartfelt responses that stood out were:

- "What a very compassionate thing to do! Your mom would have given anyone the shirt off her back. So loving and caring to so many young and old!! Her shoes will be hard to fill!!! Love this and so would she"

- "It is such a great testimony to your mom and the love she had for the kids of this community"

- "Your mom was an angel to so many! The least we can do is keep that alive"

- "She's smiling down on all of you for this"

- "Your mom was such an amazing woman, and this is such a wonderful way to honor her memory and continue what she always did for the kids of Craig County"

- "Craig County lost one in a million! She has left such a legacy for all who were privileged to know her. If we all had a heart like your mom's, what a beautiful world this would be"

- "I loved Miss Janie! I was forever either forgetting my lunch money or giving it away the summer of sixth grade. I didn't want my parents to know I had given my coins away so my friend and I would borrow back and forth from one another. Miss Janie never let any of us go without lunch or ice cream for any reason. She gave out so many of her own dimes for us kids. Love her always"

When Peters started working at the school, her children, Kristopher, Zachary and Rebekah were in the third, second and kindergarten grade levels, respectively.

"She would always make us ride the bus to school when we were younger, because we would make her late to work,"

See **Peter's legacy**, page 5

Learning an old art to create new beauty

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

In years long ago, ladies kept their hands busy in the evenings, as they would have to make colorful quilts to keep their families warm and cozy, as there were no Belk's or Walmart's to pop into to purchase one.

That long-lost art is emerging again, and the ladies of the Farm Bureau are taking full advantage by offering a beginner's class to those who are interested in learning.

The Craig County Farm Bureau Women's Committee started the weekly class on February 28 at 2:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at Craig Valley Baptist Church.

The fee for the class was a non-refundable \$25 donation to the Craig County Farm Bureau Women's Committee. The donated funds will be used to support agriculture education and provide scholarships to students within the community.

Instructor Mary Hunter recently gave each new lady a miniature handmade quilted chick.

"Have you always wanted to learn how to make a quilt or just want to brush up on your skills? If so, this is the class for you," Hunter said. "We will go over

all the steps from start to finish but on a smaller scale so that it's not so intimidating by making a very simple table runner instead of a full-size quilt."

Hunter included the techniques of how to choose fabric for a quilt,

See **Quilting**, page 5



SUBMITTED PHOTO

A group of new ladies recently joined the beginner's quilting class with Mary Hunter from Farm Bureau Women's Committee and learned the long-lost art of quilting. Their first project was a table runner.

Creative scams increasing in Craig

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

With the expansion of technological advancement, there has also been an abundant increase of creative scams in America today. They are at "our back door" daily and recently been in the face of many residents on their phones.

Sheriff Trevor Craddock recently shared that he would like the citizens of Craig County to be aware of these scams.

"There are people trying to scam the citizens of our County and across the nation," he said. "We have had several instances here. As your Sheriff, I am asking you to please be aware of this type of activity."

He stressed too that one should not give out any personal information such as your date of birth, social security number, credit card numbers, bank information or pin numbers "to anyone unless you are absolutely sure of who you are talking to."

Unfortunately, there are multiple scams being created every day.

He explained some of the most recent scams which have been reported in Craig are:

- Scams that want you to give small amounts of money or gift cards to receive any large amount of money or property such as a car. These types of scams are endless and we will always have to watch out for them.

- There are scams where they try to scare you into a response, such as a family member who has been put in jail, and needs money to be released, or if you don't pay money a warrant will be sent, and you will be arrested. This type has a tendency to hit the hearts of many, not realizing they are being scammed.

- There are scams where they will

claim they are from the Social Security office of bank or credit union or the IRS.

"Most of the time people are sending monies out of state and then it is routed to various locations therefore unable to be tracked. In fact, most of the time, it is impossible to be tracked," Craddock noted. "A lot of these scammers are sitting at a computer all day, and even if they only get one person to send them \$500. Who makes \$500 in a day? To them, it is worth it if one person bites."

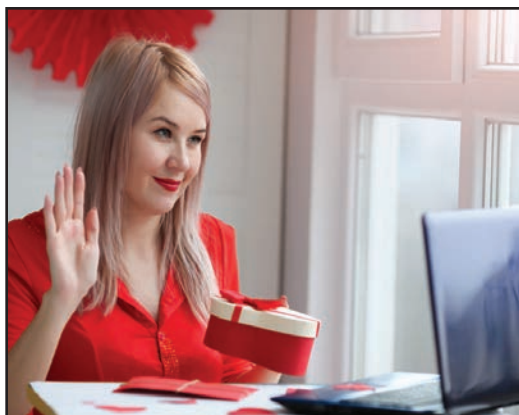
The Sheriff also suggested to always keep a check on your credit scores and added that most credit card companies now are more aware and assist their customers with warnings.

"The biggest thing is do not give anybody any personal information if you do not know who you are talking to," he said. "All we can do nowadays is protect your own identity, as scammers will take it and run with it and by the time you find out, they already have you and then it is up to you to clear everything up."

If you do suspect that it is a scam or you have been had by a scam, you can report it to the Sheriff's Office or law enforcement agency.

"Typically, if you did not give them any money the Sheriff's Department or police will take the information down but until someone is taking the money there's nothing that they can do," Craddock said. "Sometimes we will get a couple of scammers. For some scammers when they figure out that people aren't going to buy it then they will quit."

"Stay safe and stay vigilant. I really want to make people aware because I do not want to see them taken advantage of," he stressed. "Remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is."



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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.

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

EVERY SUNDAY

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

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

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

SECOND MONDAY

•Paint Bank Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 7

p.m. at the Paint Bank Fire Department. Call 897-5346 for more information.

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

THIRD MONDAY

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

FIRST TUESDAY

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

SECOND TUESDAY

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

THIRD WEDNESDAY

The Botetourt/Craig/Roanoke Farm Service Agency County Committee meets each

month at 10 a.m. at the Bonsack USDA Service Center. Please call one day before the meeting date regarding possible cancellation information 540-977-2698, Ext. 2. The Bonsack USDA Service Center is located at 36 Executive Circle, Suite 1, Roanoke, VA 24012. All County Committee meetings are open to the public.

FIRST THURSDAY

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

SECOND THURSDAY

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

EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY

Everyone six months and up should receive a flu shot each year. A parent or guardian must

accompany those under the age 18. Insurances will be billed. People are encouraged to bring their insurance card and not attend if they have COVID-19 like symptoms. The curbside clinic schedule is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only. For more information, contact 540-864-5136.

SUNDAY, MARCH 28

Grace Assembly of God will have service at 10:30 a.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 1

The Craig Valley Baptist Church will be hosting a potluck dinner at 6 pm with service starting an hour later.

FRIDAY, APRIL 2

The Lighthouse Baptist Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled to happen from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Bring your own basket, ages 2-9 and snacks will

be provided.

SATURDAY, APRIL 3

Tire amnesty at the Craig County Transfer Station at 196 Landfill Road (Route 609) from 8 am to 4 pm. For more information, contact 540-864-7105.

SUNDAY, APRIL 4

Randy Spencer from Liberty University will be delivering an Easter Message at Craig Valley Baptist Church.

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

See the story of Jesus' miracles, crucifixion, resurrection and return in drama and song at Grace Assembly of God.

Send community news and photos to shawn.nowlin@ourvalley.org

Local Garden Clubs continue to contribute to Craig County's beauty

The sun is out and beautiful colors have returned all around us, oh the magic of spring! Spring offers the promise of all growing things to bring beauty, lush hayfields and fresh food. But for those who work with the soils know, it takes work in collaboration with Mother Nature.

In New Castle and along Route 42, working hands maintain flower-

ing beds for all to enjoy. In New Castle, the library, post office, and log cabins have lovingly tended beds maintained by members of the New Castle Garden Club. A Monarch Butterfly Way Station is maintained at the Hawkins Cabin. At Christmas, the Nativity Scene and decorations on the first floor of the Brick Hotel in support of the Historical Society Annual Christmas Din-



The New Castle Garden Club Monarch Nursery.

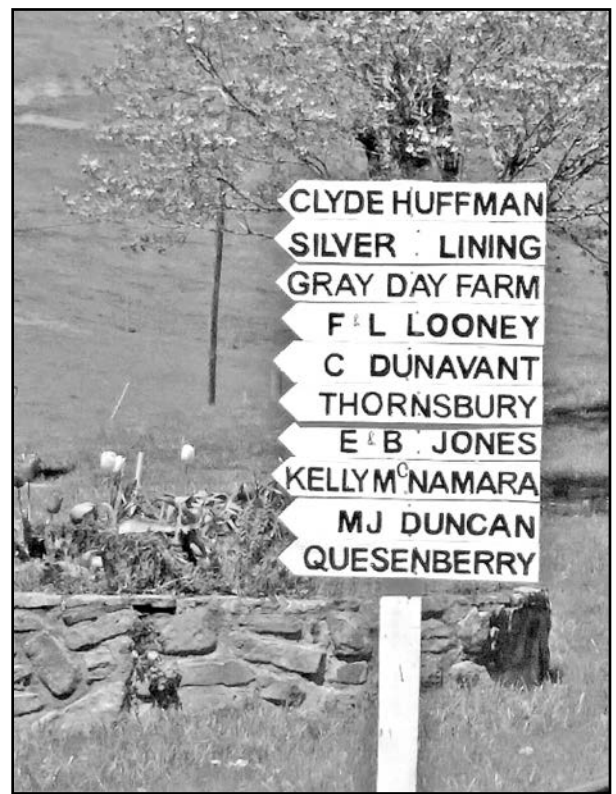
ner are the work of this club. Along Route 42 Sinking Creek Store and the Maywood Triangle are tended by members of the Maywood Garden Club. Have you noticed the painted wood name-signs by the road in Simmonsville or the Christmas Wreaths on the Brick Hotel? That's the work of the Maywood Garden Club.

These clubs have members who share the love of plants and the beauty nature gives back. They share this passion with each other and the community, helping it become a beautiful place for all to enjoy. Maywood Garden Club offers a college scholarship to one of our graduating seniors from Craig County High School. This is partially funded

by their annual live auction each November.

New Castle Garden Club is having its Annual Plant Auction on April 22 at 6 p.m. at the VFW Hall behind Camp Mitchell, 295 Hunter Drive. What a great way to celebrate Earth Day! Plants for sale at the auction will be perennials, starts and sprouts which members have taken from their yards. Outdoor plants are garden-ready. The auction will include houseplants, flowers and shrubs. Day-lilies and lamb's ear are always in plentiful supply. Refreshments and door prizes will be available. Bring cash and checks to take home your plant treasures.

Here is some exciting news for gardeners and readers: Swap Day,



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Name signs by the Maywood Garden Club.

Saturday, April 10 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Craig County Library. You're invited to bring as many plants and books as you'd like to donate, but that's not required. The library will have seeds, cuttings, and plants in addition to lots of books looking for new homes, all free, all for the taking. Start the magic of growing things for you, your family, or a

neighbor.

To know more about local garden clubs contact: Maywood Garden Club, Jane Henderson, hjhenderson68@yahoo.com, 544-6971 or New Castle Garden Club, Anita Martindell, newcastlegardencub@hotmail.com, 864-5032.

-Submitted by Jennifer W. Lovejoy

Request for Cleaning Services

The County of Craig is seeking bids for the Cleaning Services Contract for the following buildings:

- County Administration Office: One night per week (Friday, Saturday or Sunday)
- Sheriff's Office: Two Nights per week (once Tuesday night and once Friday, Saturday or Sunday)
- Court House: Two Nights per week (once Tuesday night and once Friday, Saturday or Sunday)
- Registrar's Office: One night per week (Friday, Saturday or Sunday)

Bids can be submitted to the Craig County Administrator's Office at 108 Court Street or mailed to our office at PO Box 308, New Castle, VA 24127 or sent by email to tcantrell@craigcountyva.gov. Please see the Craig County Government website www.craigcountyva.gov for a complete description. Bids will be accepted through April 1, 2021 at 3:00 PM.

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- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. As soon as possible (abbr.)
 - 5. Gateway (Arabic)
 - 8. Doctors' group
 - 11. Madder genus of plants
 - 13. A team's best pitcher
 - 14. Ancient Greek sophist
 - 15. Go up
 - 16. Neither
 - 17. Bolivian river
 - 18. Manila hemp
 - 20. Comedienne Gasteyer
 - 21. British School
 - 22. Human reproductive organs
 - 25. Surrenders
 - 30. Dog with long, silky coat and drooping ears
 - 31. Sun up in New York
 - 32. Lead alloy
 - 33. Eastern Asian plant
 - 38. Rapid deployment force
 - 41. Japanese warrior
 - 43. Festivity
 - 45. Interruptions
 - 47. Nonsense (slang)
 - 49. Data mining methodology (abbr.)
 - 50. Calvary sword
 - 55. French river
 - 56. Global business conference (abbr.)
 - 57. Afflicted
 - 59. Con man's game
 - 60. No (Scottish)
 - 61. Jewish spiritual leader
 - 62. Fish
 - 63. Camera term (abbr.)
 - 64. Impudence
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. A continuous portion of a circle
 - 2. Genus of seabirds
 - 3. Infant's dining accessory
 - 4. Native Americans from Arizona
 - 5. Popular fruit
 - 6. Poisonous plant
 - 7. Scolded
 - 8. Assists
 - 9. Hand (Spanish)
 - 10. Amazon product identifying system (abbr.)
 - 12. Basics
 - 14. Cain and ___
 - 19. Malaria
 - 23. Indicates particular shape
 - 24. Respiratory disease
 - 25. Central Standard Time
 - 26. Imitate
 - 27. Golf score
 - 28. A place to lay your head
 - 29. Three cards of the same suit
 - 34. Not in
 - 35. Human gene
 - 36. Ancient Chinese philosophical concept
 - 37. French river
 - 39. Thinks up
 - 40. Type of geological deposit
 - 41. Helps little firms
 - 42. Area units
 - 44. A device to remove
 - 45. Secret political clique
 - 46. Polite interruption sound
 - 47. Foundation
 - 48. Clare Boothe ___ American writer
 - 51. Swiss river
 - 52. Prejudice
 - 53. Actor Idris
 - 54. Resistance fighters
 - 58. Speak disrespectfully of

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Farm Bureau ladies enjoying their quilting classes



"Thanks to March Madness and my love of watching the games, I finished stitching my quilt after 50 years in the making," Looney said before adding, "I'm so happy. All hand-stitched. So, don't give up ladies... regardless of how long it takes."



Several ladies who have been quilting for some time now recently joined a class for beginners. The participants worked on colorful and unique quilts. The new class will begin soon, and people are welcome to contact Mary Hunter at huntermd56@gmail.com or 540-309-2525 for more information.



Carol Looney, a newer quilter, is working with other ladies in making larger quilts. Looney chose to add her personal touch and cross-stitch each square by hand.

Vietnam Veteran Day is March 29

Monday, March 29, National Vietnam War Veterans Day will give Craig County the opportunity to commemorate the sacrifices and accomplishments of Vietnam-era Veterans and their families. The day honors anyone who served in the military from 1955 to 1975, regardless of location, and is part of a national effort

to recognize the men and women who were denied a proper welcome upon returning home more than 40 years ago.

Understanding that in most cases it was not the soldiers' choice to go to war, U.S. Senators Pat Toomey, R-Pa, and Joe Donnelly, D-Ind., introduced legislation proposing the anniversary of

the withdrawal of military units from South Vietnam as an appropriate date for this designation. On that day in 1973, the last combat troops withdrew from Vietnam and the last prisoners of war held in North Vietnam were returned to American soil. It is also the date President Nixon chose for the first Vietnam Veterans Day in 1974.

The Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act was signed into law by President Donald Trump on March 28, 2017 and called for U.S. flags to be flown on this date

to honor Vietnam Veterans.

Craig Valley Chapter, NSDAR, is one of over 9,600 organizations across the country that have joined the Commemorative Partner Program in an effort to recognize and thank local veterans and their families for the Vietnam service and numerous contributions. Other groups in the program include Lions Clubs, military organizations, high schools, and national cemeteries.

Information online can be found at www.vietnam-50th.com and on Facebook

at Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans.

In 2016, as part of this 50th Anniversary Commemoration, a bronze plaque was placed in the Craig County Courthouse to honor local Vietnam Veterans.

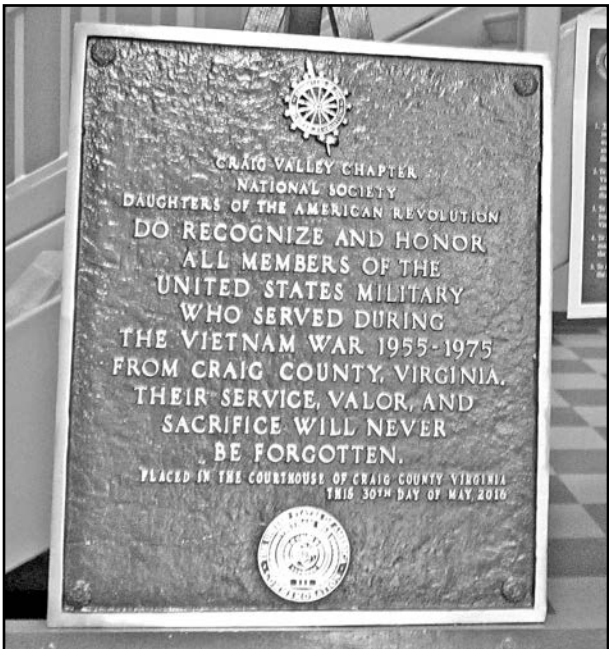
National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in 1980 with the mission of promoting historic preservation, education and patriotism. It now boasts over one million members.

The DAR Service to Veterans committee supports

Honor Flights, Wreaths Across America, VA Hospital projects such as stamp therapy for wounded soldiers and Fisher Houses as ways to thank and assist the country's veterans.

The local DAR chapter, Craig Valley, encourages citizens to fly the American Flag on March 29 and to look for ways every day to thank a Vietnam Veteran for their service. For information about DAR, contact Margaret Hines at 540-864-8447.

-Submitted by Craig Valley NSDAR



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This plaque hangs on the stairs in the Craig County Courthouse to honor Craig County Vietnam Veterans.

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Antiques & Collectibles: Craig Healing Springs 1/2 gallon bottle; Pepsi wall mount thermometer; Hand operated Well Pump; 1924 and other auto plates and county tags; Pepsi & Coke wooden crate; RR Simplex jack; Blackhawk corn sheller; Post drill; Wilton, Scout & Morgan vice(s); Tractor & implement seats; Hames; Corn planters; 22K Gold Plated Craftman anniversary ratchet; Yankee drill; Sealtest milk crate; Clover, Garst, Salem Creamery milk bottles; Blue / Green Mason jars; White House vinegar jars, jugs & decanters; Oil lanterns; Vintage teal wall phone; Bob Sled; Small Stone Churn; Assortment of petroleum cans , also food and tobacco tins; Wooden boxes including Explosives, Corn Beef, Booker Produce Roanoke Va; Sausage Grinders; #3 crock; Washboard; Locks; Vintage kitchenware; Firestone & Michelin Man ashtrays; Refrigerator water bottles; Pie Safe; Tonka trucks; Blank Auto Keys display; assortment of Pyrex including Amish Butter Print 4 bowls, 2 refrigerator dishes & butter dish also Spring Daisy pattern; McCoy bean pot; cookie cutters; several Fireking dishes; Desk chair; Oil Lamps full size and miniatures; 24 K gold Chokin plate; Franklin Treadle sewing machine in Oak cabinet; early 1940's Lionel trains; Old Ledgers; Picture & Bowls; Chamber pot; Dale Earnhart memorabilia; Reading #78 apple peeler; Butter print; Brace & bits; Books

Farm & Garden: Stainless Steel water trough; Round bale feeder; Calf puller; Cattle medical equipment; layoff plow; Log Dogs; Grain scoop; Electric fence controller(s); 3 Homelight chainsaws; Hay hooks; Cattle prod; Lawnmower cart; Log chain; Wooden fence post; Metal fence post and driver; Wire stretcher(s); Hand tools; Echo weed trimmers; Flower pots; Chemical sprayers; Chain hoist; Load Binders

Household Items: Kitchen Aid mixer, 42" Samsung flat screen TV; Galvanized tubs; coolers; Wood Stove; Chest Freezer; Enamelware; Stock pots; Pressure cookers and canners; Roasting Pan; Tupperware; Rooster Lamp; Christmas items; Glass cake dish; Pole Lamps; Sofa; Ladder back chairs; Magnovox dvd/vcr combo; Boom Box; Table Lamps; Singer sewing cabinet ; Full size beds; Round DR table; Panasonic Microwave; Cast iron frying pans; Baking pans; Cake pans; Dresser with mirror; Stanley Chest of drawers; Cook books; Porch swing

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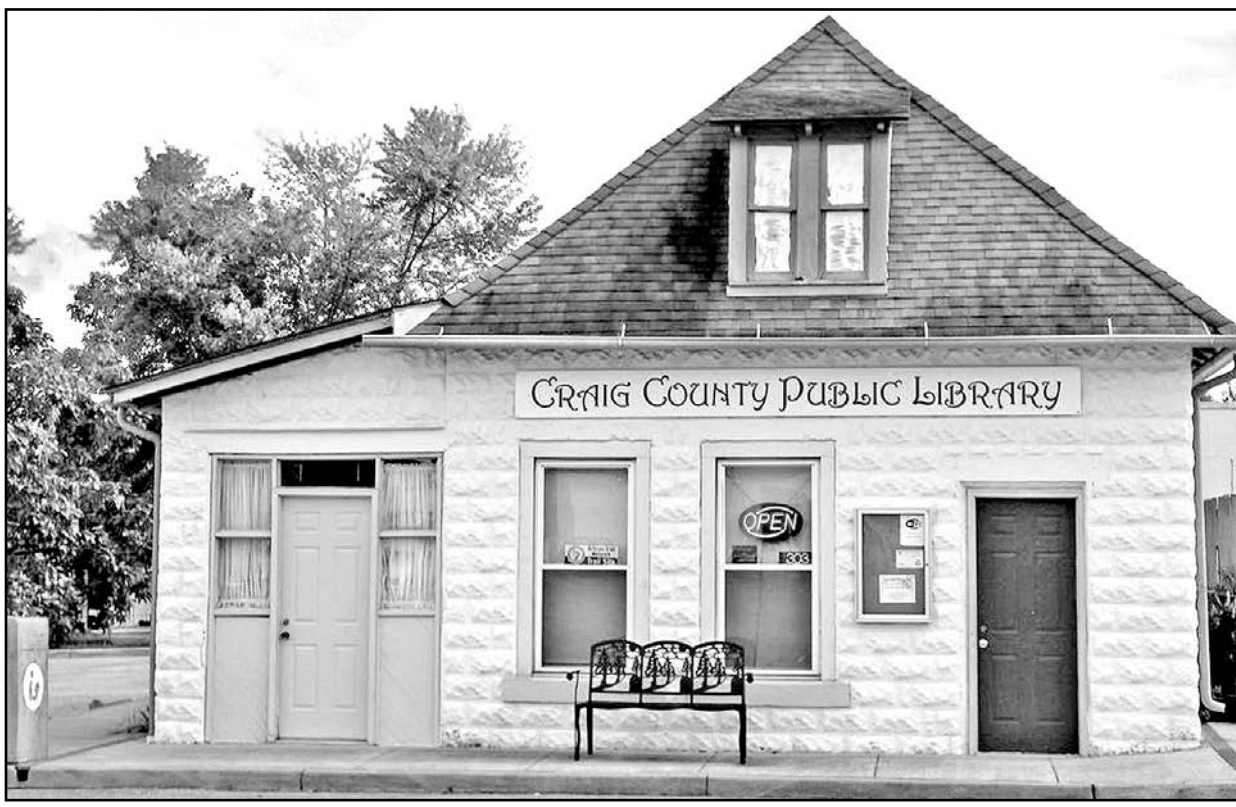
The Craig County Library has a Board of Trustees who are elected at the annual meeting of the Friends of the Library each May. They serve as an oversight partner to the business and finances of the library as well as programs and fundraising. They meet monthly to exchange ideas on how to make the library a relevant and vital service to our county. With limited space, funds and manpower, we are challenged to creatively solve how the library can best play a supportive role.

Uniquely, libraries not only fuel the love of reading and learning, but can connect and provide

a wide range of free resources customized to the people they serve. The more resources they can connect, the more opportunities they can provide to the citizens of our county.

Our library community is growing. Former members continue their work, helping to carry a part of the load that fits their specific interest: accounting, book donation management, barn quilts, circulation desk workers and others. Their work helps expand our impact throughout the community.

Presently the board is looking for new ideas, young and old faces, problem-solvers, and community-focused volunteers to help us with this work. If you would like to learn more or join the board, we invite you to attend a meeting, ask questions, or say "yes" to join the board. Please contact us at friendsofcraiglibrary@gmail.com or speak to the board president, Ned Savage at 540-520-4154, nedsavage@gmail.com. New



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board nominations are welcomed now, and the new library board again is elected by the Friends of the Library at the annual May meeting. Stay tuned for details on the annual meeting and program! Please come and join us.

Everyone is welcome!
-Jennifer Lovejoy

Library News:
Thank you to all the donors who supported us during Roanoke Valley Gives!

The "Take and Make" program is on. Craft kits are available for children. Please call the library at 864-8978 to reserve yours. Mark your calendar for the outdoor Plant and Seed Swap: April 10 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

National Library Week is April 4-10. The theme is: Welcome to your Library, promoting the idea that libraries extend far beyond the four walls of a building and that everyone is welcome to use their services.

Email letters to the editor to shawn.nowlin@ourvalley.org

Reassessing the risks and benefits of COVID-19 responses

Dr. Cynthia Morrow
Roanoke City and Alleghany Health Districts Health Director
Guest Contributor

As the incidence of COVID-19 has decreased and vaccination rates have increased, it is important to reassess the risks and benefits of responses to the COVID pandemic. In February, Governor Northam asked all localities to offer an in-person option to get kids back to classrooms by this week. Locally, our school systems had already taken steps to carefully increase in-person options for children to safely return to classrooms, especially for elementary school-aged children. By the end of March, all school systems in the Roanoke City and

Alleghany Health Districts will offer expanded in-person school options for children in their districts.

Research by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) shows that in-person school settings have not been significant contributors to the transmission of COVID-19 when standard mitigation strategies such as masks and physical distancing are used. Our local experience has been consistent with this research. I think this is, in large part, due to our school superintendents' ongoing commitment to ensuring a consistent approach to prevention. As a result, school leaders and students alike have made mask-wearing, hand-washing and physical distancing a routine part of their daily interactions.

Each week I join a

conference call with all of the superintendents of the seven school systems in our districts: Roanoke City, Roanoke County, Salem, Botetourt, Alleghany, Craig and Covington. Since the beginning of the school year, we have discussed strategies to decrease the risk of spreading of COVID-19 in schools. They have succeeded in protecting the health of the children and the families that they serve while creating plans to optimize in-person education while offering robust virtual learning opportunities.

As an example of optimizing in-person education, one of the biggest challenges has been providing enough space to allow adequate physical distancing. Our school leaders have been very creative with ideas such as

staggering bus routes so that children can maintain distance when riding to and from school, and staggering lunches, sometimes using the school gym as a place to eat, in order to give everyone room to spread out.

While the arrival of vaccines - and our ability to prioritize vaccinating our local public and private school teachers and staff - has been a positive step to making schools safer, it is important that each of us continue to follow our prevention strategies to protect children and their families, as well as teachers and staff. The importance of education for our society, including our economy, cannot be over-emphasized - education is essential. Let's all do our part to help get and keep children in classrooms.

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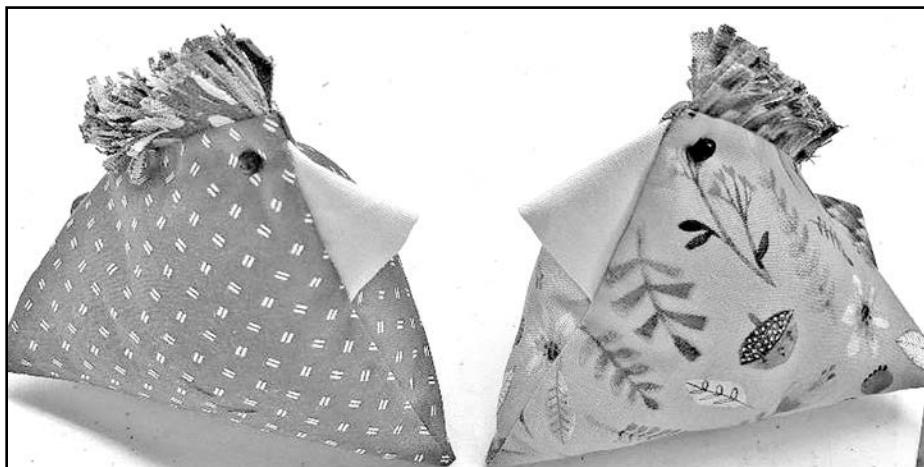
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Instructor Mary Hunter gave each new person a miniature quilted chick for joining the class.

Peter's legacy

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Family was first and foremost in Janie Peter's life. Pictured from left to right, Rebekah Crawford, Kristopher Peters, Janie Peters and Zachary Peters.

Rebekah said. "As we got older, she started letting us go with her and we would have to sit in the cafeteria until it was time to go to class." They joked later in life, as they said that once they entered high school and were driving themselves, she somehow always knew when they were late, skipped or decided to leave early. "She always knew what we did sometimes before we even knew we were in trouble," they all laughed. Musician and CCPS graduate Joe Francisco was also a friend to Peter. He recorded a song and

posted it on Facebook in her honor. "I'm dedicating it this evening to her family. May it bring them a little peace in this hard time! We love you, Janie," he said before playing the beloved song, "Amazing Grace - My Chains are Gone." "Every kid loved her," Rebekah noted before adding, "They knew she would help them in any way she could rather it be just keeping them out of trouble, helping with school work, buying them what they needed for sports, and of course making breakfast and lunch along

with extras and snacks if they wanted. She always paid for anything that she gave to a child at that school." Shared CCPS School Nutrition Supervisor Sherry Crowder, "Janie was a loving lunch lady that always looked out for her kids and of course that was any student that passed through the cafeteria for the past 30 plus years. She always had a 'Good Morning', a hug for someone that was not having a good day or just willing to listen to their problems. Janie was a selfless person and always thinking of herself last.

She was kind, sweet and had a way of making you smile even if you were having the worst of days." Not just Janie, she was also known as Mrs. Janie, Mom, Momma, Momma Janie, Mammaw, Grandma, Grandma Janie and Nana by so many. "She also had fun and personal nicknames with some kids such as her lil' moo that called her Ms. Moo. Then there is Sweet Lips and BO time and plenty more nicknames that have inside jokes with individual students and staff at CCPS," Rebekah added. Fellow cafeteria employee Nancy Fisher said the following, "I can't say enough good things about Janie. We've been friends for 40 years and worked together for over 30. She would always look out for the kids whether it was a smile, a hug or a child who wanted a snack or extra food, but they didn't have money for, she would use her own. She has always been a giving person and never expected anything in return. She will be missed by so many."

child's outstanding lunch charges for those in need (if funds are available and it is approved by the family), or sports startup as an occasional meal or donation may be made to help feed the players before the game. "She spent most Friday evenings after work preparing the meals for the football team," the Peter's recalled. "You could find her there on Friday afternoon still helping Sherry get stuff prepared before the games. She helped get that started way back when." It has been repeated by many that she loved everyone, not just the kids and she would freely give lots of hugs in a day's time. "For some kids, she knew it would be the only hug they would get for the day," Rebekah said. "It didn't matter who you were or who your parents, grandparents or any other family members were. It didn't matter rather they were rich, poor, clean, dirty, special needs or anything in between, she would love you just as you were." They added, "She would also make sure the staff was taken care of if needed. If you forgot your wallet that day, it was ok because she would pay and let you give it back when you had it. If she knew you liked something and it was for breakfast or lunch that day, she would set it aside for you if she knew you couldn't make it before everything would be cleaned up. She also made sure no one was hungry." Janie's kids shared that she loved to support the kids in and out of school and when her own kids were in school, they said she was at every practice. "She was also at every game. If she wasn't there it was because she couldn't be at two games at the same time. She would travel no matter where the game was played or if you had a school play, graduation or activities not school-related," they said. "If you asked her to come, she

worked on their full-size quilts, which were absolutely beautiful. The new quilters are almost complete. The first set of classes will be completed the end of March. "We are excited about having these younger girls in our group now and learning this craft," Hunter said. "They will be ready to tackle the next class which will be a larger project, the Curved Log Cabin Quilt." To sign up for future classes and pay the class fee (which ensures your space) or get more information, email Mary Hunter at huntermd56@gmail.com or call 540-309-2525. "The class does have limited space, so it's first-come, first-serve," Hunter said. Peter's family remembered that she also spent many nights sitting in the emergency room with kids other than her own, and, "if a child needed a ride, a place to stay, baby-sitter or just a listening ear, she was always willing to be that person." Rebekah fondly added, "Parents have even been known to come visit their kids at her house because kids would come stay days, weeks or even months at a time if they needed a place to stay. It didn't matter the reason; you were always welcome." Peters would also always "cook dinner for a small army" because they never knew who was going to show up for a meal. "Our dad was a truck driver and would come home usually on Friday nights and he always laughed and said he never knew who he would have to step over to get in the house because there would be kids sleeping everywhere on the floor, couches, recliners or beds," Rebekah said. "She loved her family very much, all of them the ones near and far. Even if she didn't get to see you often, I guarantee you she loved you with all her heart." Crowder added, "Janie was a precious friend and co-worker that I loved very much. She will be missed greatly but will live in my heart forever." Noting in honor of Janie from an unknown author, "When someone you love becomes a memory, that memory becomes a treasure."

OBITUARY

Smith, Lillian

Our mom Lillian Smith, 1926 - 2021, of Craig County has gone on her next great adventure, where many loved ones are waiting for her, including her husband, George E. Smith. Lillian is survived by her three children, Susan Blick (Jeffrey), Nancy Carroll (John) and Lisa Bradfield (Brad). Ever the patriotic woman, Lillian answered the need for her country's safety while in her teenage years as a civil servant in the WWII conflict. Lillian was in the last graduating class of the U.S. Cadet Corps of Nursing. Upon graduation she practiced as a Registered Nurse for the remainder



of her working career. Mom/Aunt Lil/Granny Smith, we love you, a bushel and a peck, and a hug around your neck - we'll be dreaming in our sleep about you. Food and flowers are greatly appreciated, however, a donation to the ASPCA, Angels of Assisi, the League of Older Americans, or a charity of your choice in Lillian's memory would serve her soul far better. A service will be held at a later date privately with her family. Thanks, and much love to Pete and Shelby French. Pete thanks for all the Scrabble games and everything else! Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.paitself.com.

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Busy week for Craig County volleyball team



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Samantha Sarver goes up for a kill for the Rockets



Autumn Hutchison prepares to serve.



Craig County coach Geoff Boyer talks things over with the girls.

The Craig County volleyball team has four matches on the schedule in a span of four days as they try to make some headway in the Pioneer District standings.

The Rockets were scheduled to open the week on Monday with a trip to Covington. On Tuesday the Highland County girls had a doubleheader with Craig in New Castle, and that was Senior Night. Finally, on Thursday of this week the Rockets are at Eastern Montgomery for an important rematch against a Mustangs team that beat Craig in a prior match.

"I'm glad we're getting to play and honor our seniors," said Craig coach

Geoff Boyer. "At one time I didn't know if we'd even have a season."

Craig comes into the week with a 2-3 record after losing their only match last week, at Bath. A Thursday match at Narrows was postponed due to inclement weather and rescheduled for April 1.

The Rockets dropped the first two sets at Bath, 25-17 and 25-23, before rallying to win a marathon third set, 29-27. Craig tied things up with a 25-22 win in the fourth set but Bath prevailed in the deciding set to 15 by a score of 17-15. Craig was up by as many as four points in the final set before letting it slip away.

"It was a little disappointing," said Boyer. "We didn't play as well as we can."

Samantha Sarver led the Rockets with 13 kills. Kylee Clifton, a junior who was recently promoted to be a team captain, had five kills, five assists and four serving aces.

Autumn Hutchison was her usually fine self with 15 kills and six blocks at the net. Jen Fitzpatrick had four kills and Kaylee Stroop had 33 assists, eight kills and six aces.

Senior captain Nicole Austin missed last week's game with a knee injury. She's going to the doctor this week to determine her status going forward.

Salem Red Sox release promotional schedule



The Salem Red Sox have released their promotional schedule as they plan to return to action after a one year hiatus due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The Sox open on Tuesday, May 11, as the team takes on the Lynchburg Hillcats. The Red Sox will offer fans unique promotional nights, fireworks, exciting giveaways and much more as the team enters their 13th season as a Boston Red Sox affiliate. Salem Memorial Ballpark continues to provide safe, fun, affordable, family-entertainment as the Red Sox welcome fans of all ages.

The Salem Red Sox game times are set for 7:05p Tuesday-Friday, 6:05p on Saturday, and 4:05p on Sunday. The 2021 home schedule boasts 10 weekend series, including Memorial Day Weekend, with a league-wide off day every Monday. All series are six games, running Tuesday through Sunday.

Fans can expect the team to take the field every Thursday as the Salem Beer Mongers, presented by Bud Light, in a nod to the local craft beer industry, offering drink specials and a large variety of craft beers. Each month will feature post-game fireworks (5/28, 6/25, 7/23, 8/27, and 9/17). Saturdays will feature "Nine Innings of Winning" to create an exciting atmosphere in which fans will be eligible for free prizes over the course of the night. In addition, every weekend game will highlight a player poster giveaway presented by Blue

Eagle Credit Union. Bark in the Park returns this season with ten designated dates (5/13, 5/30, 6/10, 6/22, 7/14, 7/24, 8/6, 8/24, 9/2, and 9/19).

To kick off an exciting return of Salem Red Sox baseball, Salem Memorial Ballpark will host Sox Fest, presented by Coke, on April 22 (4-7p), April 23 (4-7p), and April 24 (10-2p). This year's three-day event will feature the Red Sox Grill, drink specials, entertainment, and more. Season ticket holders will have the opportunity to pick up their ticket packages and gifts. The event is free and open to the public. Salem Memorial Ballpark will follow MLB fan safety protocols and state guidelines which include the following practices; physical distancing, face coverings, sanitation stations, and enhanced cleaning protocols.

There is something for everyone at Salem Memorial Ballpark as the 2021 season arrives. Single game tickets will be available 48-hours prior to day-of-game, based on availability due to capacity restrictions. A variety of ticket packages are available for purchase now and are the best opportunity to see the Salem Red Sox in 2021. For more information and to secure your tickets for 2021, call (540) 389-3333.

- Among the notable highlights:
- Opening Night featuring Magnet Schedule Giveaway courtesy of Magnets USA on Tuesday, May 11th
 - Free T-Shirt Friday on Friday, May 14th
 - Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle Night featuring Michael Chavis/Rafael Devers TMNT Bobblehead giveaway presented by Comfort Suites on Saturday, May 16th
 - Foam Finger Giveaway on Wednesday, May 26th
 - Frontline Workers Appreciation Night on Friday, May 28th
 - Salem Red Sox Hat Giveaway presented by Rowe Fine Furnishings on

- Saturday, June 12th
- Pride at the Park on Thursday, June 24th
- African American Heritage Night on Friday, June 25th
- Copa de la Diversión (Hispanic & Latin America Heritage) featuring Pedro Martinez Hall of Fame plaque giveaway on Saturday, June 26th
- PBS Kids Night on Sunday, June 27th
- Wizard Night featuring T-shirt Giveaway Friday, July 16th
- Teacher Appreciation Night on Friday, July 23rd
- Pirate and Princess Night featuring visor giveaway, courtesy of Member One on Saturday, July 24th
- Beach Night featuring Island Music Trio on Thursday, August 5th
- Frontline Workers Appreciation Night featuring Xander Bogaerts Bobblehead giveaway on Saturday, August 7th
- Augtoberfest featuring Salem Red Sox beer stein giveaway on Thursday, August 26th
- First Responder Night presented by ServPro on Friday, August 27th
- Dinos at the Diamond/Kids Take Over the Ballpark presented by Blue Eagle Credit Union featuring a dinosaur exhibit throughout the ballpark on Saturday, August 28th
- Nickleback Night with photograph frame giveaway presented by AlSCO on Friday, September 3rd
- 20th Anniversary of Salem Avalanche Championship featuring t-shirt giveaway on Saturday, September 4th
- Hockey Night on Thursday, September 16th
- Tyler's Amazing Balancing Act on Friday, September 17th
- Military Appreciation Night on Saturday, September 18th
- Fan Appreciation Night featuring Replica Ballpark Seat giveaway on Sunday, September 19th

Martinsville Speedway & Cook Out Fire Up Entitlement for Cook Out 250



Martinsville Speedway and Cook Out have announced a partnership on the entitlement of the spring NASCAR Xfinity Series Dash 4 Cash race on April 9. Cook Out, one of the fastest growing family-owned restaurant chains in the nation, will also become the Official Quick Service Restaurant of Martinsville Speedway. The official name of the spring Xfinity Series race at Martinsville Speedway will be the Cook Out 250.

"Cook Out has been serving fresh burgers, barbecue, hot dogs and shakes to NASCAR fans across the south for over 30 years, so we are proud to welcome them as an official partner of Martinsville Speedway," said Martinsville President Clay Campbell. "We look forward to Cook Out helping us fire up the NASCAR Xfinity Series over our spring race weekend with the Cook Out 250."

On Friday, April 9, the future stars of NASCAR will compete in the Cook Out 250 Xfinity Series race under the lights at 8:00 p.m. The race will also be the first race in Xfinity's Dash 4 Cash. The track last hosted a spring Xfinity Series race from 1982 to 1994. This will mark the first spring Xfinity Series race at Martinsville since 1994, and its first-ever at night.

Cook Out will have a substantial presence with at-track signage this race season at Martinsville Speedway. As part of the partnership, Cook Out will have additional sponsorship rights with Martinsville for point-of-sale, advertising collateral, in-market promotions, consumer sweepstakes and integrated digital campaigns. The brand is also an official partner with NASCAR legacy tracks, Darlington Raceway and Richmond Raceway; including the entitlement for the 72nd running of the Cook Out Southern 500®, which

will launch the NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs for the second consecutive year on Sunday, Sept. 5.

"We are excited and thankful to expand our NASCAR partnership with the Cook Out 250 at Martinsville Speedway, a track that's close to home," said Jeremy Reaves, CEO, Cook Out.

Martinsville will host its first-ever three race weekend of night races on April 8-10. For the first time since 2010, the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour will compete in the Virginia is for Racing Lovers 200 on Thursday, April 8. Martinsville will host a Cook Out 250 NASCAR Xfinity Series Dash 4 Cash race on Friday, April 9 at 8:00 p.m. and the Blue-Emu Maximum Pain Relief 500 NASCAR Cup Series race on Saturday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Martinsville will once again host the penultimate race of the NASCAR Cup Series, NASCAR Xfinity Series, and NASCAR Camping World Truck Series seasons on Oct. 30-31. On Saturday, Oct. 30, Martinsville will host a double header with the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series Playoff race at 1:00 p.m. and the Dead On Tools 250 NASCAR Xfinity Series Playoff race at 6:00 p.m. The NASCAR Cup Series' Championship 4 will be set in the Xfinity 500 on Sunday, Oct. 31 at 2:00 p.m.

The ValleyStar Credit Union 300, the nation's biggest, richest and most prestigious NASCAR Late Model Stock Car race, will return for an evening of intense competition on Sept. 25.

NASCAR race tickets are available for purchase today via phone at 877-RACE-TIX or online at martinsvillespeedway.com. Fans can view the NASCAR Cup Series, NASCAR Xfinity Series, NASCAR Camping World Truck Series schedules and purchase tickets at nascar.com/tickets.

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