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Winebarger proudly tapped into Beta Club



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Maci Winebarger was recently tapped into the Beta Club at CCPS by Principal Melissa Whiting who once taught Maci in kindergarten. "I learn much more from Maci than she learns from me," Whiting said before adding, "I am in continuous awe of her, and I am so looking forward to witnessing her future accomplishments."

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

When children are born, a parent sees so many dreams for them through their loving eyes. However, when life brings unexpected hardships, new dreams emerge, and faith and hope becomes their “rock of Gibraltar.”

Maci Winebarger was born healthy and was active as a child. However, at age six, a brain tumor changed her life and quickly put her in a wheelchair.

Through ten years of challenges, surgeries, therapies and struggles, she continues to press forward, being “the strongest young lady I know,” her principal Melissa Whiting said. “She has never considered giving up on any of her goals and her efforts are obvious.”

Her mother, Shari, added, “Maci does what she needs to do each day. She does have moments as anyone else when she gets down. She’s a strong young woman and always pulls herself together. She doesn’t complain. I guess she’s learned throughout the past ten years that you just do what you have to do.”

Whiting added, “I have had the pleasure of knowing Maci since she

was four years old. She was, and still is, absolutely precious. Throughout the years I have grown to love her, and her entire family, as my own.”

Whiting was initially Maci’s kindergarten teacher at CCPS and shared that she has had many fond memories of Maci ever since,

“Although she was one of the youngest in the class, she was one of the strongest readers I had ever taught. We had a small reading group of two and she was especially interested in any books related to horses,” Whiting reminisced. “We spent a lot of time that winter watching a mother bear on the internet as she was hibernating while waiting for her cub to be born. We submitted a name for the cub and the website chose our suggestion...Hope! Maci, of course, offered the original suggestion of her own middle name (Maci Hope).”

Adding, that she remembers Maci loving “story-time” and that she would always rush to the story-time carpet so she could get a front-row seat. “Her laughter was infectious...and still is,” Whiting said.

Maci takes general and special edu-

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Celebrating Resurrection Life at Easter

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

Life today seems quite different from 50 years ago when I was a little girl. We always got a new outfit for Easter. Of course, my mom made ours. She was the best seamstress, and they were “so much better than store-bought.”

She always made me a shift dress with a cape or jacket to match. Then, we got out our white gloves and cute spring hat to add to the Sunday attire.

After our special church service, dad drove us to West Virginia where his parents lived. I got to be with my other 20 plus cousins and 18 aunts and uncles, plus distant kin.

It was always a happy time with family, as we celebrated this special day.

You see, my granny in WV was a born-again Christian and she raised

us all, her kids, grandkids and great-grandkids in the love of Jesus Christ. In fact, she made my mom take me to church when I was still in her belly.

So, we always gave Jesus first place, though we also received the Easter baskets and got to hunt tons of Easter eggs, (some of which my cousins loved to eat – yuk!).

Many today have no idea what the original meaning of Easter is all about. This saddens me; maybe because of what it really means, and the depth that Jesus Christ plays in my life.

In fact, today, some only know the name of Jesus Christ in a swearing manner.

Still, the special meaning of Easter holds a powerful place; one which many agree cannot be substituted or denied.

Jesus Christ was born to this world a few thousand years ago, to “save” us from ourselves, our own sins and



SUBMITTED PHOTO
Many refer to Easter as Resurrection Sunday which will be celebrated this Sunday, April 4. This year, several churches in Craig County will celebrate Resurrection Day with a special message and some will even have egg hunts and special dinners.

eternal death.

He was rejected at only 33 years of age, lied about, not believed, traded off in exchange for a murderer, beaten

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The ugly ‘hut’ got a beauty makeover



SUBMITTED PHOTOS
The green ugly Quonset Hut holds many memories for people in Craig who attended the school after it was built.



The new hut, now called the School Kids Learning Lab, is completely furnished to meet the needs of current students.

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

For many older citizens in Craig County, they vividly remember the Quonset Hut. It was where many attended first and second grades or ate lunch every day at school.

Back then, second through 12-grade levels were in the one New Castle High School, except for the classes that were in the “Hut.”

Because it wasn’t used by the county over the years, its condition became worsened. In fact, many called it an ugly green eyesore.

However, the Craig County Child Care Center (CCCCC) purchased the property from the County several years ago, with a new vision in mind.

“We, the Childcare Center Board and the Craig County Youth & Community Services, envisioned a larger space for the school-age children that would allow them a ‘big kid’ area separate from the younger children,” said Executive Director Teresa Oliver.

Wishes were granted and they received a grant from the United Way of Roanoke Valley, UWRV, to expand care for school-age children through the pandemic and are excited to be

able to offer their services to more kids again.

“After all fire inspections, licensing and health inspections were completed, we are super proud to have saved this great old space and made it usable for future kids,” said Oliver.

She added that they are grateful to UWRV for the funding and Kevin Bevins Construction for getting it done on such a timely manner. They received the grant in mid-December, and he completed his work in mid-February.

See Ugly ‘hut’, page 5



SUBMITTED PHOTO
Mike Carper is happy to announce that they recently wrote their first check from the sales of adjustable masks and gaiters to the Craig County Public Schools for \$578 and will continue donating \$2 per sale to the schools from both IGA Express Exxon and the Gopher Market.

Carpers continue to donate to CCPS

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

When the Carpers owned and operated the IGA grocery store, the community was always blessed with their open-hand policy they had regarding giving to the community and the schools.

They haven’t changed, purchasing the local gas stations in recent years.

The IGA Express and Gopher Market have been offering many different items with Craig County and the school’s names and logos on them since they were purchased by both Mike and Richard Carper.

Mike shared that they decided to order masks and then gaiters.

“I was a little skeptical about ordering these at first, because at the time, it seemed that more people were pushing against them,” he said. “However,

when you go into a restaurant or to a doctor’s office you have to have one.”

The first shipment I got in of 48 were gone so fast, Mike said, so I ordered multiple times since.

The two chose to help the schools in Craig County by donating \$2 per mask and gaiter sold at both stores and this week, they wrote their first check to the school system for \$578.

The masks sell for \$9.99, and gaiters are \$12.90 and \$2 per mask will go towards the CCPS.

Mike noticed they are getting short again and will be placing another order soon.

“Personally, I like the gaiter because it doesn’t blow off and all I have to do is this,” he said as he pulled the gaiter over his nose.

However, the masks have earpieces that are adjustable,

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Daffodils and children help bring Spring alive



SUBMITTED PHOTO
Brantley Willoughby, the grandson of Rebecca Price, takes the newly bloomed Spring daffodils to his babysitter.



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National Ag Week recognizes the essential role of agriculture

National Ag Week was observed the week of March 21-27 with National Ag Day happening on March 23. The Catawba Valley Farmers Market joined numerous agricultural advocacy groups in recognizing the work of farmers as they produce a safe and affordable abundance of food and fiber for the nation.

Americans are urged to understand how ag products are produced and to value the role of agriculture in maintaining a strong economy. Here are just a few reasons why celebrating National Ag Week is so important: agriculture provides almost everything we eat, use and wear on a daily basis; each American farmer feeds

more than 165 people – a dramatic increase from 25 people in the 1960s; young people are encouraged to consider career opportunities in agriculture; and food brings everyone to the table.

Agriculture is Virginia's largest private industry, with an annual economic impact of \$70 billion, providing more than 334,000 jobs. According to the United States Department of Agriculture's 2017 census, there were 179 farms in Craig County, with a total of 43,431 acres. These farms sold products with a market value of \$4,658,000, with a farm-related income of \$300,000.

In addition to its tangible benefits such as farm

cash receipts and jobs, agriculture provides many intangible benefits. These include recreation, tourism, wildlife habitat, biodiversity, flood mitigation, improved water quality and soil stabilization.

Local farmers and growers who participate in the Catawba Valley Farmers Market (CVFM) were busy during Ag Week caring for their young plants and crops in their greenhouses and high tunnels. Some cold-tolerant plants such as cabbage, broccoli and onions are being planted outside.

CVFM opens the 2021 season on Thursday, May 6, just before Mother's Day. Vendors will have fresh produce, microgreens, meats (beef, pork,

chicken), baked goods, hanging baskets, indoor plants, bedding plants (vegetables and flowers), and crafts on hand.

Consumers are encouraged to visit the open-air Catawba Valley Farmers Market to meet the vendors, learn how their food products are grown and purchase locally-grown foods. The CVFM is open on Thursdays from 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., beginning May 6, at the Catawba Community Center, 4965 Catawba Creek Road (Rt. 779), just off of Rt. 311 in Catawba.

Anyone interested in selling at CVFM should contact Pam Hall at pscatawba@gmail.com or (540) 580-1533.

The CVFM website (catawbafarmersmarket.com)



PHOTO BY KRISTY SOWERS
Calvin Sowers (on right) and his son, Jesse (on left) planting cold-tolerant vegetables. Calvin's wife, Kristy sells produce, meats at baked goods at CVFM.

and Facebook page (Catawba Farmers Market) feature frequent updates on available items, special events, vendors, as well as

numerous photos.

-Submitted by
Ann Harrell, CVFM
Communication Specialist

Area author uses her upbringing as the catalyst for her debut book

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Some people know exactly what their talents are at an early age in life. For others, it can take several years before that realization happens. Salem resident Teresa Killen has always had a passion for daydreaming. Possessing that talent laid the foundation for her recently published book *Wysterra*, an analogy of conquering her

depression, anxiety and OCD. As she put it, "In the land of Wysterra, the dream world affects the real world. Your thoughts and dreams influence who you become."

Killen says there are parts of her upbringing that were less than ideal. Many of the neighborhood kids and classmates that she grew up with did not reciprocate her kindness and, at times, were downright cruel.

"I remember my last bus ride before switching schools due to bullying when no one on the bus would let me sit with them. Sometimes I think I am still that little kid that just wants someone to ask her to sit on the bus with them," she said. "My imagination developed to entertain myself and distract myself when the real world was just somewhere that was too boring or too difficult to be in."

A book passage from *Wysterra* reads as follows, "How do you define what is real? What is not? Is it whether or not you can hold it in your hand? I assure you every thought is real. Every piece of your imagination is real. Whether or not you can hold something in your hand or in your mind is no different. They are only perceptions."

Killen first dreamed of *Wysterra* when she was ten and over the years, the concept has evolved numerous times. The final draft of the book was written when she was on maternity leave with her youngest son. As difficult as it may be to believe, Killen says she never planned to share *Wysterra* with anyone.

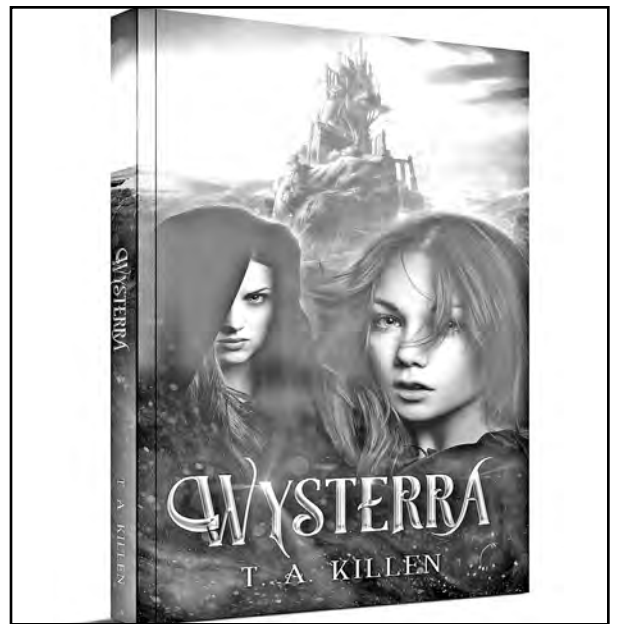
"I thought to write it all down and put all the books in a trunk that would be discovered after my time had passed. I did not want to know if anyone else thought it was silly because this world is my most precious thing and the place I escape to even now when things are difficult," she said. "No matter where I am or what is happening, all I have to do is close my eyes, and it melts away."

Killen strongly believes that all authors pull from their own lives, whether they are aware of it or not. Part of her writing process for *Wysterra* was just closing her eyes and daydreaming a movie in her mind. "I think that writing is an art form, and all artists make a lot of really bad art before they make anything anyone really wants to look at, read, or listen to," she said.

When Killen finished the book, she cried. If you pull back the layers of *Wysterra*, said noted, it



SUBMITTED PHOTOS
Writing as T.A. Killen, area resident Teresa Killen has been working on her first full-length book, *Wysterra*, for over 20 years – mostly in her head.



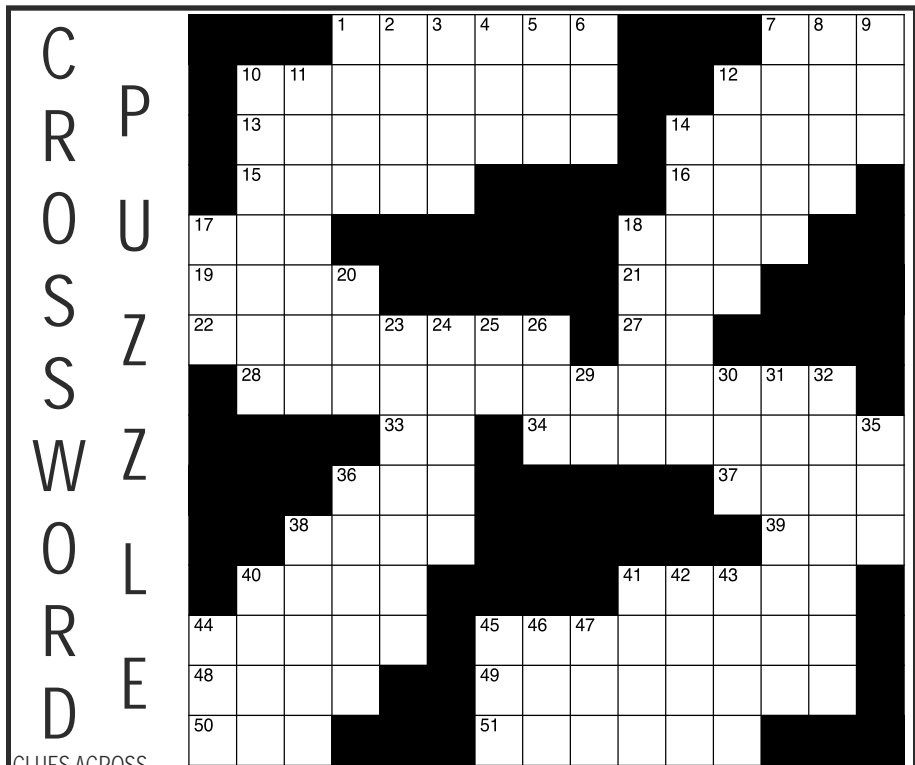
Paperback copies of *Wysterra* sell for \$14.99 on Amazon.

is more than just a novel, adding, it is an analogy of the human mind and my journey back from depression and finding a way to conquer my OCD.

"Growing up with tales of knights in shining armor and princes, I wanted to give little girls a different kind of story. Part of my goal with this book is to provide them

with a different sort of narrative," she said. "I wanted them to know they are strong, and they can be or do whatever they want. Be your own knight in shining armor."

Killen already has *Wysterra* sequels in her mind. For more information about the book, including how and where to purchase it, visit wysterra.com.



CLUES ACROSS

- Most favorables
 - 23rd Greek letter
 - Rated higher
 - Immature herring
 - Malignant skin neoplasm
 - Orange-red spinel
 - Hunted beings
 - Be obedient to
 - Excavate with a shovel
 - = to 100 cauris
 - Lose hold of
 - Highest card
 - Western Union message
 - The "Show Me" state
 - Early photo process
 - A public promotion
 - A group of statues
 - A single thing
 - Ireland
 - A raised speaking platform
 - Leavened bread
 - Farm animal shelter
 - Oral polio vaccine
 - Chinese fine silk silver
 - Chocolate-colored acidic pulp pod
 - ____ off
 - Hagiographa
 - Manuscripts, abbr.
 - Over the sea
- ## CLUES DOWN
- Stare impertinently
 - Address a deity
 - Converts hide into leather
 - Matrimonial response
 - 13th Hebrew letter
 - Dentist's organization
 - Fleshy fungus caps
 - Kill violently
 - License & passport
 - Refereed
 - Arbor framework
 - Luxuriant dark brown fur
 - Group purchasing protest
 - Insecticide
 - An island group of the S Pacific
 - A wooden hole plug
 - A purine base found in DNA and RNA
 - Spanish park
 - Atomic #18
 - Married woman
 - And, Latin
 - Cantonese dialect
 - Causing physical hurt
 - Short trips or tasks
 - Small craving
 - Paddled
 - Leuciscus leuciscus'
 - Parting phrases: good-____
 - Figure skater Yuka
 - Opera song
 - Create social or emotional ties
 - Opposite of LTM
 - ICAhn's airline
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

EVERY TUESDAY

•Overeaters Anonymous (OA) meeting. 7 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church, located at 2011 Brandon Avenue in Roanoke. Contact 540-293-4065 for more information.
•New Castle Church of Christ will hold its Bible Study from 7 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. at 118 Main Street in New Castle.

EVERY SATURDAY

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

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

EVERY SUNDAY

•Alcoholics Anonymous meeting. 8 p.m. at New Castle Fire Hall.
•The New Castle Christian Church, located at 282 Salem Ave, is pastored by Sheldon Cosma is having services at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., with communion at each, and is on Facebook live at 9 a.m.
•St. Johns Catholic Church, on Route 615, is having virtual masses at 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. by Father Steve McNalley. They are also live on Facebook. For more information, contact (540) 864-8686 or send an email to stjohnnewcastle@tds.net.

SECOND MONDAY

•Paint Bank Ladies Auxiliary meeting. 7

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

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

THIRD MONDAY

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

FIRST TUESDAY

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

SECOND TUESDAY

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

THIRD WEDNESDAY

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

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

FIRST THURSDAY

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

SECOND THURSDAY

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

EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY

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

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

THURSDAY, 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

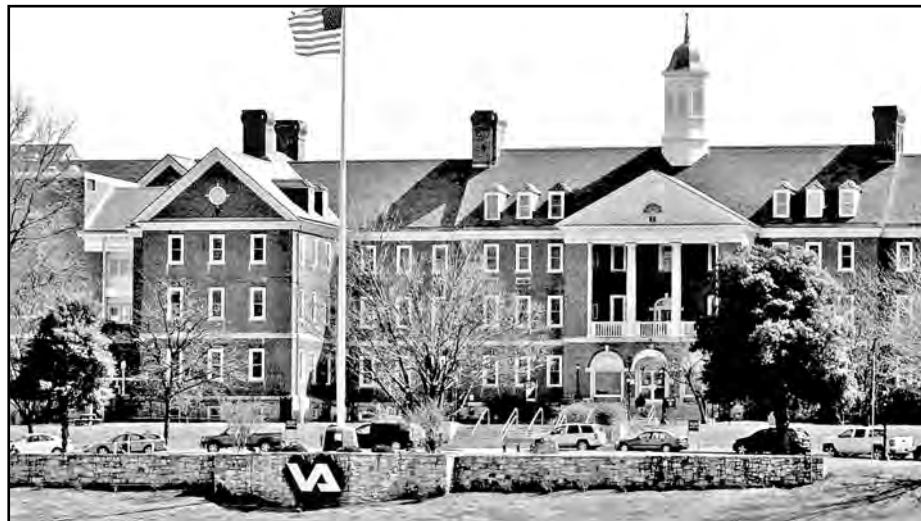
Randy Spencer from Liberty University will be delivering an Easter Message at Craig Valley Baptist Church.

SUNDAYS, APRIL 4 AND APRIL 11

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Salem VA Health Care System offers COVID-19 vaccine to enrolled Veterans of all ages



The Salem VA Medical Center is located at 1970 Roanoke Blvd.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Salem VA Health Care System has opened scheduling of COVID-19 vaccines to Veterans of all ages effective immediately. The two-shot series Moderna vaccination will be given at the Salem VA Medical Center, and the single-dose Janssen vaccination will be available at Community Based Outpatient Clinics in Tazewell, Lynchburg, Danville, Wytheville and Staunton.

"The Salem VA Health Care System is excited to be able to open vaccination appointments for all of our en-

rolled Veteran population," said Dr. Jeffrey Thompson, Chief of Pharmacy at the Salem VA Medical Center. "Individuals are encouraged to reach out to their primary care teams or call our vaccination hotline between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday to schedule their appointments."

Thompson also said that Veterans who received the first of a two-dose vaccination at a community hospital must get their second dose at the same location; he also encourages Veterans who have been fully

vaccinated at community hospitals to bring their vaccination card with them to their next VA appointment so their medical records can be updated.

To schedule a COVID-19 vaccination appointment, Veterans should call 540-982-2463 and choose Option 2.

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

-Submitted by Rosaire Bushey, Public Affairs Officer

Carpers

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unlike most that people purchase. They have a variety of colors and plain camo along with those that have Craig County, Rockets or Cougars written on them.

Mike also added that they are assisting people in downloading the new Exxon app to get their

points - Exxon Mobil Rewards+, which gives people points towards their gas purchases.

"I have some people who have over 1,000 points," he said. "That is \$10 off your fuel purchase. If you got 10 gallons, that means you only paid \$1.69

per gallon. It's crazy!"

They are still running the donation of giving \$2 per mask or gaiter sold to the Craig County Public Schools. He also noted that the company that makes the masks for him, Ohio Pyle Company, also donates seven percent

of his purchase cost to the CCPS.

"It feels good to be able to help our schools," Mike shared.

The Gopher Market is also already setting people up for gardening with broccoli, cabbage, cherry tomato plants as well as beautiful hanging baskets from

Craig Creek Gardens, with potting soil ready at hand. They will add their full line of plants after the frost season ends.

They invite you to add the Exxon App to get your gas discounts and buy a mask or gaiter to help support CCPS.

Easter

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"beyond recognition" (can you even imagine that?) and then crucified on a cross for people to make fun of.

Many refused to accept Him as the true Son of God, the Messiah that was prophesied to come to earth, in the Old Testament of the Bible.

However, because He was the Son of God, He did not stay in the grave. He came to earth (to us) to fulfill a purpose.

The Bible prophesied that on the third day, He would rise from the dead. And He did, after going to the pits of hell and taking back the "keys from Satan" so that one day, we could live eternally with He and God in His Heaven.

That's what Easter is celebrated for. Some Christians call it Resurrection Day instead, as the term Easter is actually named after a pagan goddess of spring.

According to historic records, it is said to be "the most important and oldest festival of the Christian Church" and is celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the Northern Spring Equinox.

There's something special about rising early on Easter. To stand atop a hillside, as the sun rises, singing joyful songs amidst others, seems to bring a more powerful meaning to the day, representing new life, a new start and a hope for our today and eternal tomorrow.

This year, several churches in Craig will celebrate Resurrection Day with a special message and some will even have Easter egg hunts and special dinners:

•Craig Valley Gospel Fellowship: 7 a.m. - Easter

Sunrise service

•Mt. View Baptist: 11 a.m. - "The Light Shines Brightest on Easter Sunday Morning"

•Lighthouse Baptist: 11 a.m. - Special Easter message and The Lord's Supper with Easter egg hunt on Friday, April 2 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. (bring your own basket, and snacks will be provided)

•Craig Valley Baptist: Apr 1 - Maundy Thursday service at 7 and potluck at 6, 11 a.m. - Easter message from Dr. Randy Spencer from Liberty University

•Grace Assembly of God: 10:30 a.m. (In drama and song) Easter Sunday - Crucifixion message, April 1 Jesus' Return

•Cornerstone - New Castle: 10:30 a.m. - Easter service

•St. Johns Catholic Church: 11 a.m. - Easter mass

•Forks for Johns Creek Christian Church: 10 a.m. Easter service

•New Castle Christian Church: 10 a.m. - "You are The Resurrection and The Life"

Many churches have an Easter Sunrise Service and a Seder feast, commemorating the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

This is also the time the Hebrew writings call, Passover, which many still celebrate today.

In Biblical time, King Herod ordered every boy child two years and younger to be killed as he was trying to execute the baby Jesus at that time as he had heard that this to be the new king. But God told His people if they would kill a lamb and place the blood on their doorposts, then the death angel would not touch their child.

Also, Jesus was crucified during this season as well, creating a 'pass-over from eternal hell, for people to become cleansed from their sins, if they repent and follow Him.

Why repent? Because is it stated that there is a Heaven and a Hell. Everyone will go to one or the other for eternity, when they leave this earth. No one just "dies."

Jesus Christ, The Master Craftsman, created a one-

way avenue for all mankind to live forever in Heaven with Him.

He chose to give His life, shed His blood, enter hell to get the keys from Satan (which man gave him), and rise again, so that every man and woman could enter the gates of Heaven for eternity. Resurrection Day or Easter

is celebrated in America on Sunday, April 4, during the Passover season.

It is a time to remember the Creator of the world, who created man and woman and who still wishes to create a new heart in everyone.

For many, it is a time of new birth or remembrance

of the 'reason for the season' and to "choose whom they will follow" as choices are made to "passover" a life of sin and death and into a life of peace and eternal salvation with a Savior who loves endlessly.

May this Easter bring you resurrected life, hope and new beginnings.

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OPINION

National Library Week: April 4-10, 2021

Library Corner

Empowering individuals to build a stronger community

The theme for National Library Week, "Welcome to Your Library," promotes the idea that libraries extend far beyond the four walls of a building – and that everyone is welcome to use their services. During the pandemic, libraries have been going above and beyond to adapt to our changing world by expanding their resources and continuing to meet the needs of their users. Whether people visit in person or virtually, libraries offer opportunities for everyone to explore new worlds and become their best selves through access to technology, multimedia content, and educational programs.

Every day, librarians help people access information, discover the joy of reading, and feel welcome in their com-

munities.

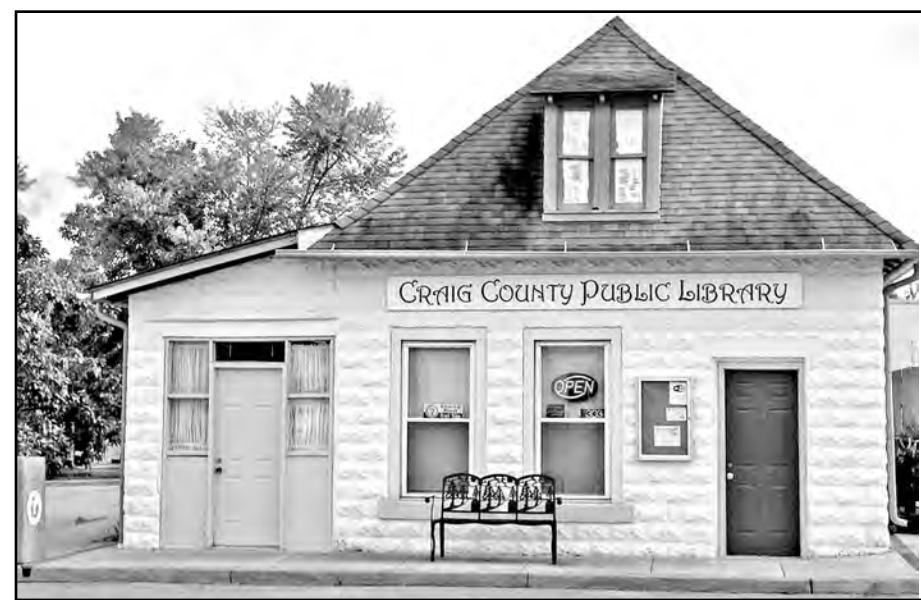
We asked I Love Libraries readers and the American Library Association's social media followers to share how librarians have impacted their lives over the years. Here are a few of our favorite stories:

"I was six-years-old in first grade and we had a class trip to the library to get our first library card. We had to be able to write our names in script. I was so nervous my hand kept shaking and I couldn't get a legible signature. The librarian took pity on me, took me aside and quietly invited me back for a tour with my mother (thought I would be calmer then) and she would personally have me sign and get my library card as a reward for being such a good reader. I have been reading, of course, ever since. Librarians rock!" —Judith E.

"Middle school is tough, and this was no different for me. I was in 8th grade and had

moved to a new school. I walked into the library while most students were eating in the school cafeteria. The librarian smiled at me and said, 'Do you need any help?' I responded, 'I love to read but I don't know what to pick.' She made a recommendation, and I was hooked. I will never forget that she was always happy to see me, and I read everything she recommended. Her kindness helped me get through middle school and further instilled a love of reading. You never know how a book can change a student's life." —Bay C.

"My daughter's school librarian, Suzanne, provided a port in the storm for our family when we were struck by tragedy. We were not prepared, obviously, and she allowed my daughter to take refuge in the library and find solace in the books and in her gentle presence. It has been 22 years since that awful time, but the memory of Suzanne's kindness has



The Craig County Public Library is at 303 Main Street.

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never left me." —Cindi W.

Source: I Love Libraries blog

This week, take time to thank your librarian for keeping the library open during the pandemic and being there for you! Remember that the library extends beyond our four walls. Literally, our free high-speed Wi-Fi extends around the block. The hot spots available for

check-out bring Wi-Fi to your home. Our Little Free Libraries are in the far reaches of Craig County. Our book club serves everyone who attends. The Take and Make crafts are available to children up to age ten. Income tax resources are available and adult education GED practice tests can be checked out. Take time to let your board of supervisors know that the

public library is a good investment in our youth and community.

Library News:

April 10 - Plant and Seed Swap in the parking lot from 10-3. Stop by for some books and plants!

May 2021 Annual Friends of the Library meeting and election of board members. Nominations for the Board of Trustees are being taken now. Craiglibrary@swva.net.

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

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Dr. Cynthia Morrow

Roanoke City and Alleghany Health Districts Health Director

Guest Contributor

I recently visited our vaccine clinic in Covington and had the opportunity to talk with some residents while they received their shot. One gentleman told me, "I'd rather be uncomfortable for 12 hours after getting a shot than get COVID-19. I don't want to end up in the hospital with COVID."

It is heartening that many of our residents like him have reached the same conclusion: that the possibility of some mild discomfort from the vaccine is much better than having COVID-19. We know that the disease can make peo-

ple very sick, especially the elderly and those with underlying conditions. COVID-19 disease can have many long-term complications affecting the heart, lungs, skin and nervous system.

In contrast, we currently have three very safe and effective vaccines that can prevent COVID-19. The vaccines were evaluated in tens of thousands of people before being approved for use. Although they were developed in record time, the COVID-19 vaccines authorized by the Food and Drug Administration have gone through all of the same steps and requirements as every other vaccine, meeting all safety standards. As of this past week, over 120 million doses of the vaccine had been administered in the United States under the most intense safety moni-

toring in U.S. history.

The three vaccines available in the United States have been proven to be safe as they help your body fight COVID-19. Some people may have no side effects at all after receiving the vaccine while other people may have some mild effects. For example, you might have a sore arm or may not feel well for a day or so, with mild fever or body aches or fatigue. But it is important to know that these effects are temporary, and they mean the COVID-19 vaccine is working. We have also learned that for some people, the second dose of the vaccine can have more side effects. Thankfully, even with the second dose, side effects are mild and self-limited.

We continue to learn more about the disease or the vaccines that prevent

it every day, but there is so much that we do know. We know that certain people, such as older adults and people with underlying medical conditions, are at much greater risk of getting seriously ill if they get COVID-19. We know that people who become infected can pass the virus to friends and loved ones. And we know that there are minimal risks of an effective vaccine. At the end of the day though, every person has to make the best decision for themselves. If you have questions or concerns about the vaccine, consider writing them down and talking to your doctor about them.

As a public health professional, I am thrilled that over two million Virginians have received vaccine, including the 115,000 first and second doses we have now delivered to residents in our health districts. With every vaccine that is delivered, we are one step closer to ending this pandemic.

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Winebarger

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cation classes at CCPS. She works hard each day and has physical and visual challenges as well as having a traumatic brain injury due to the brain tumor.

“Everything is a challenge to do but she doesn’t complain except maybe in math,” her mom shared with a little giggle. “The area of the brain most affected seems to be the part that handles math. Science is her favorite subject.”

The school also provides an aid to assist her in getting around as well as with her studies and working as a scribe.

“This has definitely been a collaborative effort,” Shari explained. “When her journey began, Jeanette Warwick was her principal. She always supported Maci and us in whatever she needed to succeed in school. Melissa Whiting was Maci’s kindergarten teacher (and now her principal). She is wonderful about giving Maci emotional support. The special education teachers do an amazing job day in and day out. Elaina Carper is over special education for Craig County. She has a heart for each child and has a way to reach them that is amazing. Each aid at school Maci has worked with has been professional. Maci also has lots of ‘mothers’ at school who really look after her. The aids have always taken her in and treated her like their own child.”

During the beginning of Maci’s journey, Warwick helped the family figure out “just where the best fit for Maci would be.” They visited other schools they thought would be better equipped. “Finally, Jeanette Warwick looked at me and said, ‘I think we can teach her better in Craig,’” Shari said. “She was so right. Our school system has done a phenomenal job. It has definitely been a collaborative effort by every teacher, aid, Maci, and the administrative staff.”

Jerry, the father, added, “Whenever I am asked how I would describe Macy, I tell them first off she’s as tough as a \$2.00 steak, mentally hard as any General, and is soft-hearted as a little Bunny. When the child sets her mind to something, she will exhaust all her abilities making it happen. She cries at sad songs and is ready to fight the next second if she needs to. She’s warm, loving, sentimental, concerned, empathetic, considerate and funny.”

Whiting shared that she feels Maci’s strongest attribute is that “she listens intently and thoughtfully contemplates before acting. She exhibits determination in a manner that I have never before witnessed.”

And Maci Hope has shown just that. Now a 16-year-old junior, she was recently tapped into the Beta Club. Whiting shared on Facebook, “I found myself a bit choked up on the stage with her this morning. I’m afraid I’ll be a blithering idiot at her graduation. I love you girl.”

Shari responded, “You’ve been with us every step of the way. She loves you too.”

Jerry added, “She loves you. And will always be at your hand if you want her. She thinks the whole world of you and Bud.”

The Facebook picture brought out almost 300 comments and likes. Some of the encouraging words were:

- You go Maci girl! Great job!!!!
- Proud of You!
- Awesome job Maci, Melissa and CC school system!
- Congratulations Maci! You are an inspiration!
- I just can’t love this enough, everything about this is amazing!
- Wonderful Maci! What an accomplishment! Whoot! Whoot!
- Give her a big-huge hug for me and make sure she knows how proud I am of her!!!
- You’ve come a long way Baby!
- Absolutely awesome. You are amazing!
- You are my hero!
- Congratulations on all your hard work Maci. Love you young lady!
- Along with lots of congratulations, thumbs up and dancing icons

Whiting was asked,

“What is it that makes you proud of her accomplishments?”

She responded, “I have had many opportunities to spend quality time with Maci and consider myself fortunate to have these experiences. Without question, I learn much more from Maci than she learns from me. I am in continuous awe of her, and I am so looking forward to witnessing her future accomplishments. Maci will graduate from CCHS in just a few short years. I get choked up just thinking about her leaving and will likely be quite emotional when the day arrives. I consider myself very fortunate to call her my friend.”

Jerry noted, “These two have been together all the way through. I’m proud of them both!”

He added, “One more thing I’d like to add is that this community, these loving and caring children she goes to school with, and the whole staff at Craig Schools, grades K – 12, thank you for your treatment of my daughter. You’ve been wonderful!”

“We’ve definitely had many ups and downs during the past 10 years. Maci’s had surgeries, chemo on two different occasions when her tumor started growing again, more than 60 MRIs, thousands of hours of PT and OT, seen doctors from Baltimore to Fort Worth,” Shari explained. “She’s not had an



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Maci Winebarger joined her dad and brother, Jerry and Cole in “proudly supporting Amanda Chase for Governor” last week.

easy journey and it’s far from over, but Maci definitely has had the love and support of a community and school that is second to none.”

Maci says that she has thought about her future. She loves children and animals and is currently looking at what she wants to do in those areas.

“We are hopeful she will be able to maybe help out with the preschool program after graduation,” Shari said. “She also wants to volunteer during her free time at Healing Strides where she does therapeutic riding.”

“We are proud of all our children, and don’t mind telling it,” Jerry continued. “Macy is not a better kid than either of the others.

But given her situation, and her few limits, she always has smile for anyone who would notice her and speak. She smiles here all the time, bearing her world and taking it in stride as she constantly strives for more. She’s not perfect, but she is special. I can’t wait to see what Macy ends up becoming.”

“I love school and I like being with my friends (and enjoys keeping up with them on Facebook and Snapchat),” Maci said “To encourage them, I would tell them to continue to do your work and always ask for help because the teachers are always willing to help you if you just ask. Also, don’t (EVER) give up!”

Ugly ‘hut’

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Oliver noted, “Both the teaching staff and the children have been closely waiting and watching the progress Mr. Bevins and his crew have been doing and eagerly await-



Because the interior had become so dilapidated, a major renovation was warranted.

ing this new big space.”

The new building is officially under the Craig County Child Care Center’s license, but is referred to as the School Kids Learning Lab and is being

used for children ages five through 12.

“This will serve as a before and after school-age classroom currently, but full-day services once school is out,” Oliver noted. “The new learning lab affords the school kids their own space not shared with “little kids”, as this allows them their own “big kid” areas.”

They have also received five new laptops for the children to use for homework and reading programs and are patiently awaiting new Wi-Fi boosters to arrive so they can install them, as well as a water fountain which is on back order. Oliver added that though they cannot use it until after the COVID pandemic is concluded, they are excited to get it installed.

Now, since the school kids moved out to the Learning Lab, this has freed up space to construct a large motor room for the Infant - Preschool classes.

“This will allow the smaller classes to have a

space to go to when bad weather permits them from going outside,” Oliver said. “We have been very blessed through our partnership with TAP Early Head Start that they were able to help equip this new large motor room with some great new equipment as well.”

When Oliver shared the old pictures of the Hut on Facebook and then the new pictures of the complete renovations for the Learning Lab, people responded with kudos, and many older folks recalled memories of their school days:

I had Economics class in the building and was used for summer computer classes

I remember chocolate milk and great pizza (when it was a cafeteria) – back when the only places to get pizza was Pizza Hut in Salem and Briz’s (in the ’70s)

Many shared that is where they attended first and second grades. One remembered playing her organ for the classes while

attending second-grade, laughing, “The acoustics were wonderful in that tin building.”

I had Ms. Inge for first-grade in 1957

It was also used as the Glee Club music room, Health classes and study hall

Some even remembered the first custodians, Fleetwood Stanley and Mullin Smith

Many also sent Oliver compliments for turning “that arched ugly green thing” into a wonderful building which will be used by local children for many years to come.

“The New Castle High School was built in 1927,” Diane Givens said.

Patricia Carper added, “Mrs. Carper taught second grade in a Sunday School room at the Christian Church in the fall of 1945, then on the stage at the high school while waiting for the hut to be built. It will be 84 this year! (See the 2007 edition of the School histories

by the Craig County Historical Society.”

Oliver noted that before COVID-19, she enrolled many more kids at CCCCC.

“Now that the building is complete, I will be able to have capacity again,” Oliver mentioned before adding, “We do have openings to serve an additional 12 children, ages five to 12 years.”

Their full summer rate without discount is \$100 weekly or \$70 for before and after school care. They also have separate rates for just before, and just after school.

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Oliver and her staff are excited to welcome the new kids to their childcare center.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I’ve been watching, from a strictly non-political standpoint, the fall of these past few years.

Of our alleged beloved country. It ain't pretty y'all. Somehow, something, has managed to turn us on ourselves. You mean literally we are killing ourselves!

Getting killed for a request to wear a mask for a pandemic protection? Someone help me understand. You can't gather in my complex community room for

Bingo. But I can take six people into the liquor store? Please, help me understand.

-Cathy Bittler

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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 (adjacent to Radford Child Development, Inc.), 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 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

City of Radford CDBG Annual Action Plan

The City of Radford invites comments on its 2021 Annual Action Plan, which will be submitted to the US Dept of HUD on or about May 10, 2021. The Annual Action plan serves as the City's grant application for Community Development Block Grant Funds and sets the goals and budgets for the use of funds. A copy of the Annual Action Plan is available for review online or at the City Manager's Office. Comments may be given via e-mail to: melissa.skelton@radfordva.gov, by phone at (540) 731-3603, or by mail to Community Developer, 10 Robertson St, Radford, VA 24141. Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. May 7, 2021.

Legals - City of Salem

Notice is hereby given to

all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on April 14, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., in the Community Room at the Salem Civic Center, 1001 Roanoke Boulevard, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1) Hold public hearing to consider amending Chapter 66, Article I In General, Section 66-9, Article III Construction Location, Division 1 Generally, Section 66-73, Article IV Permitted Signs by Use and District, Section 66-107, and Article V Definitions, Section 66-151, of the CODE OF

Legals - City of Salem

THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA pertaining to signs.

2) Hold public hearing to consider amending Chapter 106, Zoning, Article II District Regulations, Sections 106-204.3(B)1, 106-208.3(B)1, 106-213.3(B)1 pertaining to single-family dwellings; Article III Use & Design Standards, Section 106-304.5(B)(D) pertaining to home occupations, Article IV Development Standards, Section 106-404.11(A)(E) pertaining to parking, Article V Administration, Sections 106-504(A), 106-514, 106-518 pertaining to zoning permits, enforcement, and civil penalties of the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA.

Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be obtained from the Office of the City Planner, Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia.

At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY
James E. Taliaferro, II
Executive Secretary

Legals - Montgomery County

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

LEGAL NOTICE

County of Montgomery, Virginia Synopsis of Advertised Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022

This budget synopsis is prepared and published pursuant to Section 15.2-2506 of Code of Virginia, for information and fiscal planning purposes only.

A hearing will be held by the Board of Supervisors on April 8, 2021 at 6:15 P.M. at the County Government Center Board Room, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia at which time any citizen of the County shall have the opportunity to attend and state his or her views on the advertised budget.

A copy of the Advertised Budget is available for inspection at the County Government Center, in the County Administrator's Office, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg; the Blacksburg Library, 200 Miller St., Blacksburg; the Christiansburg Library, 125 Shelton St., Christiansburg; the Meadowbrook Library, 267 Alleghany Springs Road, Shawsville; the Blacksburg Community Center, 725 Patrick Henry Dr., Blacksburg; the Christiansburg Recreation Center, 1600 N. Franklin St., Christiansburg; the Blacksburg Municipal Building, in the Town Manager's Office, 300 S. Main St., Blacksburg; and the Christiansburg Town Hall, in the Town Manager's Office, 100 E. Main St., Christiansburg.

EXPENDITURES:

	FY 2021 Budget	FY 2022 Advertised Budget	Increase (Decrease)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
Board of Supervisors	\$ 270,632	\$ 282,425	\$ 11,793
County Administration	\$ 1,956,788	\$ 2,104,749	\$ 147,961
County Attorney	\$ 382,368	\$ 383,225	\$ 857
Financial & Management Services	\$ 1,225,460	\$ 1,018,450	\$ (207,010)
Insurance	\$ 208,195	\$ 210,695	\$ 2,500
Information Technology	\$ 2,015,760	\$ 2,135,796	\$ 120,036
Commissioner of the Revenue-State	\$ 561,856	\$ 588,651	\$ 26,795
Assessment-100% County	\$ 479,677	\$ 490,370	\$ 10,693
Treasurer-State	\$ 482,702	\$ 492,165	\$ 9,463
Collections-100% County	\$ 531,481	\$ 506,505	\$ (24,976)
Electoral Board/Director of Elections	\$ 485,484	\$ 473,570	\$ (11,914)
Commonwealth Attorney	\$ 1,249,358	\$ 1,282,063	\$ 32,705
Courts	\$ 262,008	\$ 267,247	\$ 5,239
Clerk of the Circuit Court	\$ 715,542	\$ 779,147	\$ 63,605
Sheriff-State	\$ 8,066,081	\$ 8,213,115	\$ 147,034
Sheriff-100% County	\$ 7,178,602	\$ 7,323,178	\$ 144,576
Fire Departments and Rescue Squads	\$ 1,487,781	\$ 1,494,981	\$ 7,200
Animal Care and Adoption Center	\$ 631,681	\$ 652,869	\$ 21,188
General Services	\$ 6,348,344	\$ 6,685,685	\$ 337,341
Children's Services Act	\$ 1,651,969	\$ 1,651,969	\$ -
Human Services	\$ 378,338	\$ 392,725	\$ 14,387
Public Health Department	\$ 604,488	\$ 604,488	\$ -
Social Services	\$ 6,228,024	\$ 6,364,979	\$ 136,955
Parks & Recreation	\$ 1,257,701	\$ 1,296,123	\$ 38,422
Regional Library	\$ 2,246,303	\$ 2,347,680	\$ 101,377
Planning & GIS	\$ 948,750	\$ 948,167	\$ (583)
Economic Development	\$ 434,156	\$ 460,975	\$ 26,819
Other Agencies	\$ 2,708,739	\$ 2,762,426	\$ 53,687
Contingencies-General	\$ 526,307	\$ 536,307	\$ 10,000
Contingencies-Special	\$ 7,836,404	\$ 526,000	\$ (7,310,404)
Revenue Refunds	\$ 195,000	\$ 195,000	\$ -
Subtotal:	\$ 59,555,979	\$ 53,471,725	\$ (6,084,254)
Law Library	\$ 17,600	\$ 17,600	\$ -
SCHOOLS:			
School Operating	\$ 113,745,153	\$ 121,984,741	\$ 8,239,588
School Capital	\$ 2,146,173	\$ 2,195,645	\$ 49,472
School Nutrition	\$ 5,228,004	\$ 4,633,474	\$ (594,530)
Subtotal:	\$ 121,119,330	\$ 128,813,860	\$ 7,694,530
County Capital	\$ 3,531,173	\$ 3,580,645	\$ 49,472
Debt Service	\$ 24,722,725	\$ 24,722,725	\$ -
Economic Development	\$ 380,000	\$ 380,000	\$ -
COUNTY TOTAL	\$ 209,326,807	\$ 210,986,555	\$ 1,659,748

RESOURCES:

	FY 2021 Budget	FY 2022 Advertised Budget	Increase (Decrease)
REVENUE:			
General Undesignated Revenue:			
Current Property Taxes (1)	\$ 101,562,376	\$ 103,807,971	\$ 2,245,595
Delinquent/Other Property Tax Revenue	\$ 2,996,000	\$ 2,996,000	\$ -
Sales and Use Tax	\$ 10,301,540	\$ 10,081,222	\$ (220,318)
Undesignated Consumer Utility Tax	\$ 1,659,000	\$ 1,628,000	\$ (31,000)
Motor Vehicle Licenses	\$ 800,000	\$ 800,000	\$ -
All Other Local Taxes	\$ 1,370,000	\$ 1,325,000	\$ (45,000)
Interest on Investments	\$ 895,999	\$ 113,268	\$ (782,731)
All Other Undesignated Revenue	\$ 546,384	\$ 620,384	\$ 74,000
Total Undesignated Revenue	\$ 120,131,299	\$ 121,371,845	\$ 1,240,546
General Designated Revenue	\$ 20,009,464	\$ 14,833,608	\$ (5,175,856)
Law Library Designated Revenue	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ -
School Operating Designated Revenue	\$ 62,326,540	\$ 68,516,128	\$ 6,189,588
Other School Designated Resources	\$ 5,228,004	\$ 4,633,474	\$ (594,530)
Debt Service Designated	\$ 1,613,900	\$ 1,613,900	\$ -
Total Designated Revenue	\$ 89,192,908	\$ 89,612,110	\$ 419,202
Law Library Fund Balance	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,600	\$ -
Total Fund Balance	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,600	\$ -
TOTAL RESOURCES	\$ 209,326,807	\$ 210,986,555	\$ 1,659,748

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By Order of the Board of Supervisors:
F. Craig Meadows, County Administrator
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Rockets hang last season's championship banner, look to add another in coming pioneer tournament



PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Autumn Hutchison goes up for a kill against East Mont.



Nicole Austin goes high to tip one over the net.



Lucy Rigney digs one out in Thursday's match.

The Craig County volleyball team will open the Pioneer District tournament on Monday of next week as the higher seeds get home games. Craig is near the middle of the pack and a first round site or opponent was yet to be determined at press time.

The tournament will continue on Tuesday of next week with the semifinal round. The championship match and consolation match will be held on Thursday, April 8, and all games are at the higher seeds.

On Tuesday of this week the Rockets were scheduled to hang their Pioneer District championship banner from the 2019 sea-

son, the last fall season played in the Virginia High School League calendar. The 2020 fall sports were moved to the spring and they're currently wrapping up the regular season. The Rockets were scheduled to play host to Parry McCluer on Monday and Bath County on Tuesday before wrapping up the regular season with a trip to Narrows on Thursday of this week.

The Rockets had four district matches last week and came out with an even split for a 4-5 overall record. The week began with a match at Covington and the host Cougars took a three set win, 25-19, 25-21 and 25-9.

"I thought we played well," said Craig coach Geoff Boyer. "We played with a lot of energy. Covington played really well but we hung tough. I was happy with our intensity."

Kaylee Stroop had seven assists and six kills for the Rockets while Kylee Clifton had three assists.

On Tuesday the Rockets hosted Highland County in a district doubleheader, with each match being a best-of-three. The Rockets needed three sets to win the first match, 25-14, 22-25 and 15-9, then swept the second in two, 25-20 and 25-18.

"It was the best team Highland has had in some time," said Boyer.

It was also "Senior Night" for the Rockets who honored senior players Nicole Austin, Autumn Hutchison, Samantha Sarver and Lucy Rigney. It was also a night where Austin returned to the line-up after missing time with a knee injury. She didn't miss a beat with 13 kills, two blocks and seven serving aces. Hutchison had 15 kills and five aces, Sarver had four kills and four aces and Rigney did a great job on defense as all four seniors had a good night. Stroop, a junior, had six kills and nine aces while dishing out 25 assists.

The Rockets played their fourth match in as many nights on Thursday as they traveled to

Elliston for a rematch with Eastern Montgomery. The Mustangs had won the first match in New Castle and they were able to hold off the Rockets again at their place to improve to 7-2 on the season. East Mont won 25-18, 25-22, 21-25 and 25-10.

Austin had 14 kills and four aces for Craig while Hutchison had 13 kills and five blocks. Stroop had 25 more assists to go with five kills and four aces and Jen Fitzpatrick played well all around.

"We've gotten better every match," said Boyer. "I'm glad we have Nicole back and I'm anxious to see what we can do in the tournament."

Martinsville Speedway to Host Limited Fans for Spring NASCAR Weekend on April 8-10

First-Ever Three Race Weekend of Night Races Featuring Blue-Emu Maximum Pain Relief 500 NASCAR Cup Series Race on Saturday, April 10

MARTINSVILLE, Va. — As NASCAR returns to the fierce half-mile short track at Martinsville Speedway, the track will host a limited, reduced number of fans throughout the first-ever three race weekend of night races on April 8-10. Martinsville Speedway will host the Virginia is for Racing Lovers 200 NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour race on Thursday, April 8, the 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.

The reduced capacity for

the 2021 spring event weekend is due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and continues in accordance with enhanced safety protocols and procedures to provide a safe environment for fans, competitors, employees and industry personnel.

"With the increase in limited fan capacity for entertainment venues across the Commonwealth of Virginia, we will be ready to welcome back more race fans for a safe, exciting race experience at Martinsville Speedway," said Martinsville President Clay Campbell. "We look forward to hearing more of our loyal race fans cheer on the action

for our first-ever three race weekend of night races on April 8-10."

As a result of the seating capacity limitations, many guests have had their grandstand seats relocated. In addition to encouraging distancing throughout the venue, all guests will be screened before entering the facility at staggered entry times and will be required to wear face coverings. Multiple handwashing and hand-sanitizing stations will be placed throughout the operating areas and entrances and a "clean team" of staff, clearly identified for guests, will be cleaning or disinfecting at all times.

Martinsville will once again host the penultimate races 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 doubleheader 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.

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To learn more about the spring NASCAR event weekend at Martinsville Speedway and its safety protocols, visit martinsvillespeedway.com/return.

Pulaski River Turtles name Clark Crist manager

An Arizona native has been tasked with developing the Pulaski River Turtles into the hottest team in the Appalachian League.

Major League Base-

ball veteran Clark Crist from Phoenix, AZ, was recently named the manager of the Pulaski River Turtles. Crist most recently served as a National Junior College

Cross Checker for the Arizona Diamondbacks, overseeing all junior college prospects nationwide for the club from 2015 to 2020.

"I am very excited to

be a part of the inaugural season of the new Appalachian League," says Crist. "It is an honor to be allowed to work with these young, talented college players and

I am thankful to Major League Baseball and USA Baseball for giving me this opportunity. My goal is to provide these athletes an understanding of the game while enhancing their abilities. I am also looking forward to working with the Pulaski ownership and front office and meeting the wonderful, supportive fans of the River Turtles!"

A native of Tucson, AZ, Crist played collegiate baseball at the University of Arizona, where he was the starting shortstop for the 1980 team that authored 19 late-inning comebacks en route to the national championship.

Crist was drafted by the Seattle Mariners in the 14th round of the 1980 MLB June Amateur Draft and spent four seasons in Minor League Baseball, eventually serving as a player-coach for the Mariners

Double A affiliate, the Chattanooga Lookouts, from 1982-1985.

Crist's tenure in Major League Baseball includes scouting roles for the Houston Astros (1985-1992), Boston Red Sox (1992-1994), Cleveland Indians (1994-2000), New York Mets (1995-1997), St. Louis Cardinals (1997-2006) and the Cincinnati Reds (2006-2015). Crist oversaw the signing of many notable names during his career as a Major League Baseball scout, including All-Stars Kenny Lofton and Albert Pujols, Covelli "Coco" Crisp, Mike Leake, Tommy Pham, Chris Duncan and Amir Garrett.

Crist and his wife of more than forty years, Leslie, have two children and a grandchild. Crist's son, Justin, played minor league baseball for the Los Angeles Dodgers. Crist's daughter, Randi, and her husband, Jack, have one son, George.



Clark Crist is the new manager of the Pulaski River Turtles baseball team.

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