

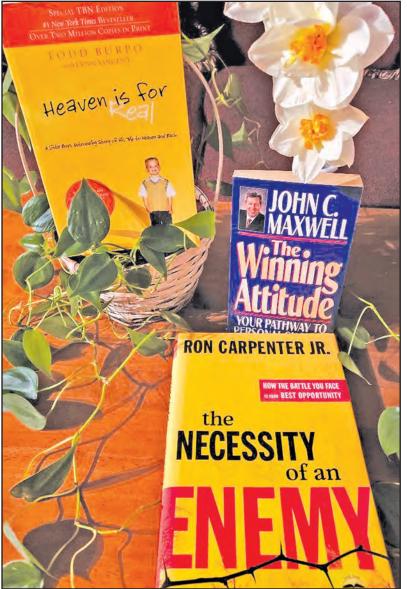
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Library hosts free plant and book event





Craig County Library will host a book and plant swap this Saturday. The community is encouraged to bring any books and plants they would like to donate in addition to taking some and giving them a new home.

Pam Dudding Contributing writer

The Craig County Library is having Swap Day on Saturday, April 10, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Plants and books will be "free for the taking."

"If you have been doing some Spring cleaning, the library can help give your excess plants and books new homes," said Vice President Jennifer Lovejoy. "We will have free plants, indoor and outdoor, and many books will be available also."

Library staff encourages people to "take all you want and to donate if you want."

Lovejoy said, "Clean out the pile of books that got you through the winter and restock your shelves with the wide range of readings at the library and add new plants to your flower beds too."

Donations are accepted at the library now through Saturday for the event.

In the past, the library has sold books to help fund staff salaries, which they shared is even more challenging now with the increase in the minimum wage.

"Yet as a library, the priority is to share the love of reading," Lovejoy mentioned before adding, "reading enriches the lives of readers of all ages."

Their goal is to put books "in" the homes and hands of readers,

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CCPS volunteer John Thomas

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Thomas pays it forward as a volunteer

There is a popular saying that goes, "When you plant seeds in one's mind, they grow deep within the depths of their hearts." This is what happened to John Thomas many years ago, as a teenage graduate.

While other teachers were signing his senior annual with kind words like "best wishes" and "good luck," one teacher decided to be more direct.

"I was a bad student," Thomas recollected. "With my yearbook in hand, I went around and got the teachers to sign it."

This one teacher wrote, "You could have been a good to 23 different countries, including Ethiopia and Kenya where he shared that he "seen children almost starving to death."

"I now have a soft spot for kids whether they're little ones or up to teenagers," Thomas shared. "After seeing those things through my military career, I feel that if I was going to do something, it would be to volunteer."

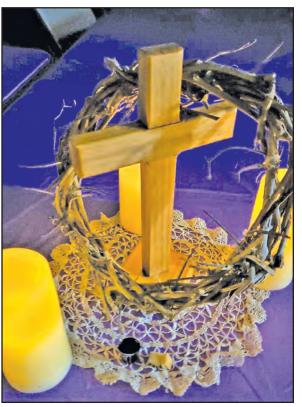
Thomas retired from the military in 2013 as a Sergeant Major in the Army Special Operations Command with a concentration in military intelligence. He reached the rank as high as he could go, yet in school he shared that he was "one of the struggling kids that wasn't very focused." He then went to work for the federal government and left in 2017 when he moved back to Botetourt and has since joined the Daleville American Legion and the VFW (as he served in five combat zones in different countries). Being retired, his thoughts were to volunteer or substitute. Thomas is now closing in on "70 years young" and has been a volunteer and assistant football coach for over three years at Craig County Public Schools. His wife, Susan, has family roots in Craig. Her greatgrandparents, the Keffers and Williams, ran a mill on Route 42. Susan's maiden name is Bishop, and her grandmother was a Williams, and she went to Maywood school. The log home near there is a part of Susan's family's history. "Craig County has a reputation like Botetourt County; they are hardwork-ing people," Thomas said. When I was growing up, some were farmers or loggers while others worked at

Craig Valley Baptist enjoys Easter celebration



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Craig Valley Baptist Church hosted their annual Maundy Thursday Easter recently along with a delicious homecooked dinner. To honor the royalty of Jesus Christ, the tables were uniquely set up in a cross, covered in purple tablecloths.



In the center of the cross tables, a wooden cross was placed, with a crown of thorns as a remembrance of the brutal crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Rick Francisco led everyone in hymns and a special message was given by Pastor Joel Ward. The event ended with a candlelit communion service of joyful thanksgiving. student."

"That really hit me because most teachers just wrote the normal, 'good luck in the future," said Thomas before adding, "She was honest and blunt and that kind of hit me, to think, yeah, 'I could have been a good student.' So, I had to think if I wanted to continue the cycle that I had been living in being a D-student, or did I want to change?"

So, he chose to venture on his new journey of change.

He went to college and obtained his associate and bachelor's degrees. After that, he joined the military, where he obtained the highest rank possible an enlisted person.

After serving 30 years in the military, Thomas and his wife moved back to Botetourt County.

"I came from a Christian background and my grandmother was probably my most inspirational influence and did the most for me," Thomas noted while reminiscing. "I was raised in Botetourt, and we attended Trinity Church of the Brethren. When I moved back, I continued to go there."

Thomas' grandparents were farmers and had an apple orchard.

In the service, he traveled

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY

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

EVERY TUESDAY

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

•New Castle Church of

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

EVERY SATURDAY

Overeaters Anonymous (OA) meeting. 11 a.m. at Christ Lutheran Church, located at 2011 Brandon Avenue in Roanoke. Contact 540-293-4065 for more information.

EVERY SUNDAY

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

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

SECOND MONDAY

•Paint Bank Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 7 p.m. at the Paint Bank Fire Department. Call 897-5346 for more information.

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

THIRD MONDAY

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

SECOND TUESDAY

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

THIRD WEDNESDAY

Botetourt/ The 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, APRIL 11

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

New Castle Garden Club Plant Auction. 6:00 p.m. at VFW Hall, 295 Hunters Drive behind Camp Mitchell. Homegrown plants and garden-related door prizes. COVID-19 protocols in place. Everyone is welcome.

Historical marker recognizes the overlooked contributions of Burrell Memorial Hospital



Dr. Nathaniel Bishop, Senior Associate Dean at the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine; Debbie Bonniwell, Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare CEO; former Roanoke Mayor Nelson Harris and Sherman Lea Sr., the current Roanoke Mayor.

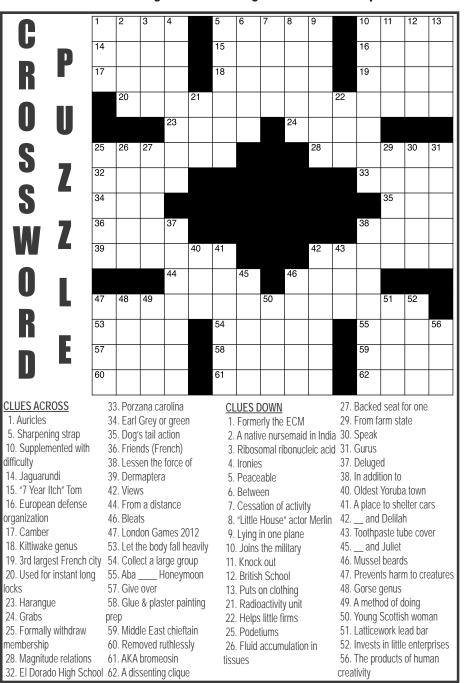




The unveiling of the historical marker happened at approximately 1 p.m. on Friday, March 26.



Debbie Bonniwell discussing the historical significance of the hospital.



Dr. Bishop speaking about what Dr. Burrell meant to the community.

Shawn Nowlin

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The Burrell Memorial Hospital officially put its mark on history on March 26. Built in 1915, the fourstory, 73,000 square-foot historic African American hospital is located in the Gainsboro Neighborhood of Roanoke. Thanks to a combination of generous financial backers and city leader efforts, the hospital was immortalized with a plaque from the Commonwealth two Fridays ago.

The domino effect all began when former Roanoke City Mayor Nelson Harris contacted Debbie Bonnivell, CEO of Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare (BRBH), in the fall of 2019 with the desire to submit an application for the historical marker.

We were excited to work with him to provide him access to the story on the historic panels in our Burrell Center lobby and to provide an easement to the City of Roanoke for installation and maintenance of the historic marker," said BRBH Chief Financial Officer Mark Chadwick. "This seemed like a relatively easy task, but these things take time to obtain all of the necessary documentation and approvals. The Rev. Harris deserves the lion's share of the credit for navigating with local partners and Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDHR) application and approval processes.'

Before the unveiling, Harris, Bonnivell, Roanoke Mayor Sherman Lea Sr. and Dr. Nathaniel Bishop, the Senior Associate Dean at the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine, all provided remarks in front of the hospital. Also present for the ceremony were Chadwick, Vice Chair of the Executive Board Forest Jones and BRBH Division Director of Adult and Family Services Letitia Hawkins-Beatty, among others.

"Dr. Burrell's skills as a surgeon, his integrity as a man and his general work as a citizen all serve to endear him to the people of Roanoke and beyond. When he died in 1914, his fellow doctors bought a two-story house and renovated it into a hospital in his honor," said Mayor Lea. "Soon after opening a year later, the hospital received the endorsement of the Roanoke Academy of Medicine and the Board of Charities. Today's historical marker will remind generations to come of Dr. Burrell's legacy and the impact of this institution."

It has been approximately 105 years since the Burrell Hospital first opened its doors. While many know how the origins of the facility came to be, facts such as the building housing the only African-American medical facility in Roanoke from 1915 to 1965 and being listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2003 are not as commonly known. Today, after years of renovations, the hospital is home to the Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare at the Burrell Center. People all throughout the region, including Craig County, have used the facility over the years.

"An extremely talented individual who used his talents for the good of the community and to expand access to medical care for the African American community. That is how I would describe Dr. Isaac Burrell," Jones said.

All are encouraged to visit the historical marker to learn more about the history of the hospital.

Lighthouse Baptist hosts Easter Egg Hunt



The bigger kids had to go outside to find their eggs and the squeals and laughter were both infectious, as they ran from one area to another searching for the "golden egg.



pew to find the colorful treasure.



No egg was going to stay hidden from three-year old Riley as she crawled under the 🛛 The winners from the Easter Egg Hunt at Lighthouse Baptist were Lilly (ages two through five) and Layla (ages six through nine).

Enrollment opens for year-long high school peer leadership experience peer leaders by applying Enrollment opened on conference materials, as vention remains critical, a stand to create posifor YADAPP Youth Staff April 1 for the Virginia well as year-long coachif not paramount, now,' tive change and promote Alcoholic Beverage Conexplained Virginia ABC healthy behaviors among ing and support for Adult positions and progresstrol Authority's (ABC) ing through four levels Education and Prevenyouth in the common-Sponsors as they aid their Youth Alcohol and Drug Team in implementing wealth." of leadership with in-Manager Katie tion Crumble. "Peer-led sub-Abuse Prevention Project its STAN Plan throughcreasing responsibilities. Since its inception in www.yadapp.com. (YADAPP). out the school year. These levels start with stance use prevention is 1984, approximately 450 YADAPP is a unique the Youth Leader role, During the kicka proven effective path different high schools peer leadership oppor- off conference, for young leaders to take

tunity fostering healthy communities and the their own track, receivprevention of substance ing resources and trainuse. The annual program ing on topics that will begins with a kick-off help them support their conference which will be held virtually July 19 – 21 using an online platform. Participation requires the fessional registration of a Team of hours. Law enforcement four high school student officers are eligible for participants and one Adult Sponsor.

ence, students attend vices. topical workshops facilitated by peer leaders, ing on their prevention hear from well-known motivational speakers, learn peer leadership and prevention best practices and develop a Strategies To Act Now (STAN) Plan to address substance use among their peers. Teams compete for \$250 mini-grants to use as seed money for their STAN Plan and the \$500 Wheeler Award to sustain their continued prevention efforts.

A discounted enrollment rate of \$100 per Team (\$20 per person) is offered through April 30. The price then increases to \$125 per Team until the June 1 enrollment deadline. The fee includes

Adult Sponsors participate in Team. Adult Sponsors are eligible for continuing education units and prodevelopment partial in-service credits through the Department During the confer- of Criminal Justice Ser-

> In addition to workplans, students can expand their experience as



acting as a guide for conference participants, and build to the top level of serving as conference Interns. YADAPP Interns are college students who spend 10 months planning aspects of the program including curriculum development and

Youth Staff training. "The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Virginia's youth has been dramatic, upending their lives with changes to routines, expectations and relationships. Given this unprecedented situation, substance use pre-

and community organi-

zations and more than 12,000 students have participated in YADAPP. For more information and to enroll, visit http://

> -Submitted by ABC Communications



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OPINION Spring surprises at your library

Library Corner

Empowering individuals to build a stronger community

Spring is a time of new life and renewal. At the Craig County Public Library, you can find resources for new life from the April 10 plant and seed swap. In addition, you can find new ideas from the books you take home with your plants.

The library has funds from the Library of VA that allow us to purchase new titles. Here are some of our newest additions.

Who is CJ Box? This author is a prolific writer of western novels. Wolf Pack, his 19th novel was on the New York Times Best Seller List for five consecutive weeks. CJ Box is an avid outdoorsman and lives on his ranch in Wyoming. The Western genre is extremely popular at the Craig County Public Library.

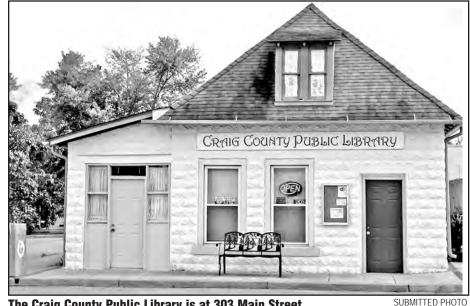
Who doesn't know Danielle Steele? She is the fourth best-selling author of all time, best known for her romance novels. Well, the new ones keep coming and we have received new novels from this prolific author. She has written over 185 books. We have many of her fiction titles for sale in the CCCPL book barn.

James Patterson is a passionate campaigner to make books and reading a national priority. He is also a generous donor to grants and scholarships which encourage reading. Your Craig County Library has many old and new James Patterson thrillers to keep you up at night!

DVD titles are extremely popular and there is a sizable collection of adult and children's titles within our tiny space. New movie titles are Let Him Go with Kevin Costner, Greenland, Dreamland and News of the World.

In our tiny space, when a new item comes in, an old item must go to live in the book barn until the next book sale.

So, come in and check out the new things your library has to offer. Be sure to come on Saturday, April 10, for totally free books and plants. A swap will be going on. We just want to find new homes for a large number of books and plants. You brary Week April 4-10. don't have to bring anything to swap, just come and browse our outdoor collection and enjoy some new reads for spring.



The Craig County Public Library is at 303 Main Street.

Library News:

National It's Li-Come by and thank a library worker or signup to volunteer! Let us know what you'd like to see happening in the

months to come. April 10 - Plant and Seed Swap with books too! Come by between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. for some reading and some plants to take home. Stay tuned to the CCPL Facebook page for weather and lastminute updates.

Nominations are being taken for Board of Trustees so if you know a library lover who can give energy to the cause, send them our way!

Glorious weather returns to Southwestern Virginia

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

weather in Southwestern Virginia coincides with reasons to feel hopeful about the future. Case counts are down since their peak in January, and we

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The New Castle Record encourages letters from our readers on topics of general interest to the community and responses to our articles and columns. Letters must be signed and have a telephone

The return of glorious have made considerable progress in getting our community vaccinated.

Still, we need to remain vigilant in our battle against COVID-19. While the rates of infection have slowed, we still have widespread community transmission. In fact, last week we actually had an increase in the number of new cases of COV-ID-19 compared to the week before and we had 40 people hospitalized with COVID-19. Furthermore, we know that more variants of the virus are being identified in Virginia, as they are across the country.

Many people have been asking questions variants. about the Questions include: what are variants and why are they important? While

they may have complicated sounding scientific names, the variants that you are hearing about simply refer to mutations, or changes, in the COVID-19 virus. Like many other viruses, when the virus that causes COVID-19 is replicating (making copies of itself), mutations can occur. Such changes might affect how the virus spreads (transmissibility), how sick you could get (disease severity), and how well tests, medical treatments, and vaccines might work on different variants.

The best way to decrease the risk of variants is to decrease disease activity. This is one of the reasons why it is so important for all of us to get vaccinated when it is our

turn and to continue to keep our distance, wear our masks and wash hands. Through our our case investigations and contact tracing, we know that most of our recent cases are associated with social gatherings and household transmission. As families consider their Easter and Passover gatherings or their plans for spring break, it is essential that we all work together to continue to observe public health recommendations. It is simply too soon to resume large social gatherings, especially those that are indoors and those that involve eating or drinking together which require the removal of masks.

Even though we are not yet where we need to be with respect to CO- VID-19 disease activity, we do have many reasons to be hopeful. Every day, more people are fully vaccinated and those who are can safely gather in small groups as long as everyone in the group is at least two weeks past their second dose of Moderna or Pfizer vaccine or two weeks past their dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

For time being, we all need to continue to wear a mask in public, observe physical distancing and wash our hands. And most importantly, get the COVID-19 vaccine when it's your turn. There is no one single step or policy that can stop the spread of COV-ID-19, but if we all follow these recommendations, we will finally be able beat this pandemic.

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

number where you can be reached to be considered for publication. All letters will be verified before publication. The Record reserves the right to deny publication of any letter and edit letters for length content and style. News of public interest is solicited from all sections of the county.



Area student Lydia Galbreath wins Rotary Speech Contest



Lydia Galbreath

Meg Hibbert *Contributing writer*

Salem High School student Lydia Galbreath has won a Rotary District Speech Contest and \$700. Galbreath competed in the Rotary Youth Leader-

Library

ship Awards (RYLA) during District 7570's Virtual Annual Conference in March.

She was chosen from 12 students who made YouTube recordings submitted to the district committee.

Galbreath's talk was selected for her animated six-minute persuasive talk directed toward her peers, to promote ethical standards in daily life as they relate to the Rotary Four Way Test of things members think, say and do.

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The library hours of operation

are: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

brary," Lovejoy shared.

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Her talk was titled "Talk Saves Lives." She noted The New York "Gossip says, Times makes up 80 percent of our conversation" How sad is it that the easiest way to build yourself up

is to tear others down. grade student sitting in

"Secondly we must look outwardly. Will our actions build goodwill and better friendship?"

She gave an example of her own brother who made poor choices and was picked up by police for marijuana, when she was a fifth grader. She added that people she knew and loved ignored their morals and be crushed by the weight of their poor choices.

"Let's choose kindness over gossip. Stop using harmful messages to numb the pain...It's not too late to turn your life around."

As Rotarian Tommy Barber said, "Her stirring and powerful speech addresses the essence of what high school students face everyday: peer pressure and the agonizing need to be 'cool' and accepted in the eyes of their peers."

Barber went on to say, "I wish that every 8-12 health classes could experience Lydia's thoughtprovoking speech and benefit from her heartfelt advice." Barber is a former president of the Rotary Club, and a retired school psychologist and mental health provider.

The annual compe-tition is open to high school juniors and seniors in the 7570 district that stretches from Front Royal to Eastern Tennessee.

She said she plans on using the \$700 check toward her college savings account. Galbreath has a 4.4 GPA and is a state forensic competitor. She volunteers weekly with the Young Life organization "Wildlife" that helps develop middle school leaders.

Galbreath is secretary of the SHS National Honor Society and said she enjoys cooking.

Her talk can be heard at https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=bNK6CjXPN6w.

out a book and enjoy the pas-

time of reading or get a CD or

movie or video book. As more

people share their extra books

and movies, the choices are

becoming endless.

not in book barns behind the library.

They shared that they are greatly appreciative of the generous donors who continue to keep their supply of

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Thomas General Electric and such

and they were good honest people."

Thomas noted that the reason he chose Craig was because it was a smaller school. "I prefer the smaller classes where I can get to know the students," he explained.

"It seems that many concentrate on the urban kids, however, I feel that the rural areas also have disadvantages living so far apart and away from necessities. Some innercity kids do have money so they can walk to a store and get something to eat. I wonder if America has lost focus on the rural areas; we hear so often about all the food that is being handed out in the Roanoke area, but what are these organizations providing for Craig County?"

"Mr. Thomas is a one-ofa-kind individual," Principal Melissa Whiting said. "He wears a variety of hats and contributes to our school community in many different aspects. He is an excellent role model for all of us. The students, faculty, and staff at CCPS are very fortunate to have him on our campus." Thomas has also spearheaded many donations for the school, including almost \$1,000 donated in supplies from Lowe's in Salem for the Ag Department, he and his wife have given many donated items for the students

books, but also in giving financial contributions in sup-

books fresh.

"Our last book giveaway

was rewarded not only by

people rehoming box loads of

and obtained two checks from American Legion in Botetourt County to provide necessities and food for the students at the schools and for the CC DSS.

Thomas has helped in previous years with Craig Valley Baptist backpack program for students and currently serves as a town council member in Fincastle where he resides.

"Shortly after we met, he made a point to find out if we had any needs in our shop. He was instrumental in us securing a donation for much needed building materials," Ag teacher Ben Flinchum said. "Many people see needs and even talk about them, but few actually desire to be part of the solution to meet those needs. Mr. Thomas cares about being part of the solution and is a testament to how much of a difference one man can make. I am glad to know him and find myself respecting him more after each conversation we have. The world could use a few more men like Mr. Thomas.' Thomas shared his feelings about the love of community in Craig. "One year I went to Commander Lee at the VFW and explained that the team was having their first scrimmage football game, and would the local VFW host a barbecue for them," Thomas explained.

Though Thomas offered to donate towards the expense, Lee immediately assured him that the VFW would take care of the entire event which ended up being a great success.

'One of the things I have seen about Craig County is anytime I have asked people or businesses to help they are always willing - immediately they are willing," he added. "If I need it, I have always gotten it when I explained the reason."

Thomas is an assistant coach for middle and high school football and hopes that they will be able to have a team this year and play. He also hopes that they will be able to have a JV and varsity team too.

We could certainly use many more role models like Mr. Thomas," Whiting said. "This gentleman is amazteers and community members, Thomas would like to see the students have more options for after school and weekend activities.

He and Robin Nobles may be connecting to see if there is the possibility of future creative ideas at Ćlub Camp Mitchell and they welcome volunteers who will be needed for any of these activities.

He also noted that Craig County has the wonderful Field of Dreams and would love to see the county come up with more funds to assist the kids in different functions there as well.

"Once COVID-19 regulations are lifted, it would be nice to open the school on the weekends so the kids can shoot basketball or play volleyball or just to get together and talk to their classmates," he shared.

Sometimes kids can be

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The library always encour-

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ages the community, young

and old, to pop in to check

"The military gave me structure. It explains to you how to learn your job and how to plan as well as the importance of leadership and following directions," he added. "A lot of people say they do not want to go into the military because they do not want someone telling them what to do. However, even in a civilian job, your boss tells you what to do and if you do not then you are fired."

Thomas explained that in going thru life, you have to make a plan to reach a goal.

"If you want to be an airplane pilot, then research what needs to be done and check the education and standards you need to achieve that goal," he said. "That applies to any career and life change you want to make."

He also shared ideas about

for kids in their areas, such as up Route 42, Paint Bank and other areas not close to the town limits.

"We could have it spread throughout the entire community," he shared with zeal.

"Mr. Thomas is a man I am always excited to see and have an opportunity to talk to," Flinchum added. "I have known him only a short time, but it didn't take long to see how much he cares about helping students and being a positive influence in their lives."

"I do hope that I can have a positive influence on some of the students," Thomas said. "I am always willing to sit down and talk to any student that just wants to talk."

Whiting and the staff at CCPS greatly appreciate the love and time all volunteers give to their students. And, there are still many open doors for others who wish to volunteer, who have a "heart for our youth."

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"There doesn't seem to be enough students to have both teams and without an activity bus to take them home that prevents many students from participating in sports," he noted. "If we had an activity bus, I do believe many more students would be able to participate."

(This is one of his "wishes" for Craig County and hopes someone with grant writing expertise would help with this.)

Along with other volun-

PUBLIC HEARING

The Craig County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing (which may be continued or adjourned) in the County Courthouse in New Castle, Virginia at 7:00 p.m. on April 15th, 2021 (or as soon thereafter as the matter is heard during the Board of Supervisors meeting) to receive comments on a proposed resolution entitled:

<u>TAX YEAR 2021</u> (FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022)

The purpose and intent of this notice is to establish tax rates for Tax Year 2021, (Fiscal Year 2021-22), to support and fund the budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22.

<u>C</u>	URRENT FY 2020-21	PROPOSED FY 2021-2022	
Personal Property	\$ 3.50 per \$100 assessed value	\$ 3.50 per \$100 assessed value	
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Real Estate	\$0.59 per \$100 assessed value	0.64 per \$100 assessed value	
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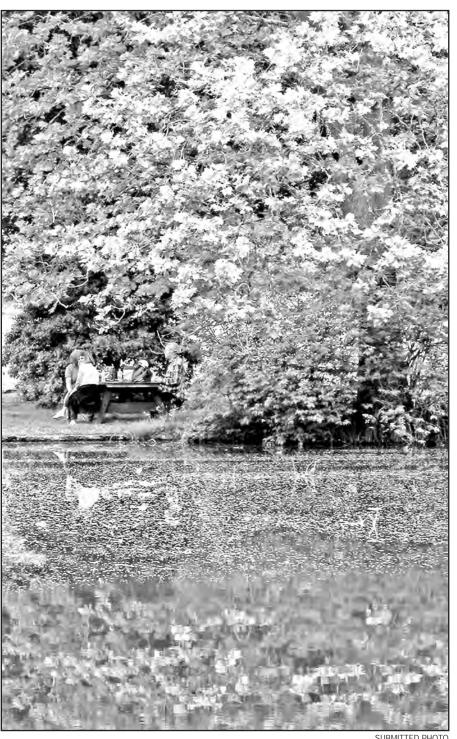
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Recreation sites open for visitors on the Eastern Divide Ranger District



Reservations to the Eastern Divide Ranger District can be made by visiting the website.

The George Washington and Jefferson National Forests are opening recreation sites on the Eastern Divide Ranger District in Bland, Botetourt, Craig, Giles, Montgomery, Pulaski, Roanoke, Smyth, Tazewell, and Wythe Counties, Virginia and Monroe County, West Virginia this spring for the 2021 recreation season.

The Eastern Divide Ranger District on April 15 will fully open for the 2021 recreation season the following reservable group campgrounds: Boley Fields, Caldwell Fields, Craig Creek and Steel Bridge. Reservations can be made at recreation.gov or by calling 1-877-444-6777. On May 13, the Eastern Divide Ranger District will open on a first come-first serve basis the following campgrounds: The Pines, White Rocks and White Cedar. The White Rocks and White Cedar Campgrounds will be opened with reduced services as their water systems are currently not operational. There is the possibility that the water system at the White Cedar campground will be repaired by early summer. The White Rocks Campground's water system will not be available for the 2021 recreation season and porta-potties will be in place. Note that the Walnut Flats Campground will not be open during the 2021 season due to muchneeded construction upgrades.

Day-use recreation areas across the Eastern Divide Ranger District will be open; however, their restrooms will be temporarily closed due to COVID-19 concerns. If local pandemic conditions improve, there is the possibility that restrooms at these day-use areas could open at some point in the 2021 season. Many recreation areas, including hiking and biking trails, are open year-round. For the most current conditions on the status of recreation sites, contact the Eastern Divide Ranger District at (540) 552-4641; visit our website www.fs.fed.us/r8/ gwj; or follow us on twitter: https:// twitter.com/GWJNF1.

Roanoke County Fire & Rescue Chief officially named



Travis Griffith

Roanoke County Administrator Dan O'Donnell recently announced the appointment of Travis Griffith as Fire & Rescue Chief. Griffith assumed his new position on March 8.

"We held a nationwide recruitment process and had many qualified applicants from several states," said O'Donnell. "It reflects highly on the quality of our employees that the best choice was already here in our Fire & Rescue Department. We have an excellent department and Chief Griffith will be able to hit the ground running with his thorough knowledge of our people and operations."

Board of Supervisors Chairman Jason Peters added, "Travis is a dedicated servant to his profession and to the citizens of Roanoke County. I know he will step seamlessly into this role and provide the leadership and vision to prepare the department for future growth."

"I am humbled to have been chosen to stand beside the women and men of this great department as their Fire Chief," said Griffith. "I am thankful to have received this opportunity and everything we do will continue to be based around providing superior service to those in need."

Griffith began his service with Roanoke County Fire & Rescue in 2002 as a Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician for the department. He was promoted up through the ranks becoming a Lieutenant in 2005, Captain in 2008, Battalion Chief in 2012, and to his most recent position in 2015.

During his tenure Griffith has coordinated and implemented over \$4.9 million in federal funding for the department for equipment and staffing. Griffith collaborated with the County's other public safety agencies to develop a leadership academy to provide valuable training and professional growth for personnel. He has also led the department's COVID response to ensure the safety of personnel, as well as equip all County employees with supplies to ensure a safe workplace.

Griffith holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Virginia and is a graduate of the National Fire Academy's prestigious Executive Fire Officer Program. Griffith resides in Roanoke County with his wife Ellen and daughters Carly and Claire.

Griffith follows Fire & Rescue Chief Steve Simon who retired in February 2021 after serving 27 years with the department.

The Roanoke County Fire & Rescue department is a combination system, utilizing career and volunteer personnel to provide fire and rescue services. The department responds from 13 stations, employs 200 full-time career personnel, and has nearly 200 active volunteers.

> -Submitted by Amy Whittaker, Public Information Officer

OBITUARY Whitlock, Misty Lee

-Submitted by Recreation Manager Erik Taylor Misty Lee Whitlock passed away March 24, 2021. She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Jack Anderson; grandmother and grandfather, Verlie and Irving Whitlock.

Left to cherish her memory are her mother, Cynthia Anderson; father, Timothy Whitlock; grandmother, Pearl Anderson; sisters, Joanna Crawford, Shannon Whitlock, and

Madison Franklin; brothers, Allen Anderson and Jason Pentecost; several nieces, nephews, aunts, and uncles.

Misty was born November 24, 1983,

in Roanoke and lived her life in Roanoke and New Castle. Misty loved life, her family, friends, and the flower Bleeding Heart.

A special thank you to Carilion Trauma, Roanoke and The Brian Center in Fincastle for taking care of Misty the last eleven years and five months.

Due to a long illness and COVID-19, memorial services will be pri-

vate. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Humphreys United Methodist Church, c/o Judy Bess, PO Box 2 Paint Bank, VA 24131.



BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

CHESTNUT GROVE CHURCH

Duane Wente, Minister, Rt. 42, New Castle, 540-864-5692. Sunday: Worship 10:00 a.m.

CORNERSTONE CHURCH

Pastor Don Brown, Corner of Salem and Wagner, New Castle, 580-3228. Sunday Worship 10:30am (Children meet separately, Nursery provided). Bible Study - Wednesday 6p Teens - Wednesday 6p. Ministries: Men, Ladies, Young Adult, and Seniors. Times vary, call for details.

CRAIG HEALING SPRINGS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

Pastor - Kenneth W. Davis, Jr., 6 Grannys Branch Road (Johns Creek), New Castle, Phone: 864-6102. Sunday School at 10 am. Sunday Worship at 11 am every Sunday. Fellowship meal after Sunday Worship on second Sundays. Everyone is welcome!

CRAIG VALLEY BAPTIST

171 Salem Avenue, New Castle, 864-5667; Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m., Wednesday: Prayer Service and Bible Study 7:00 p.m., Youth Group 6:30-8:00PM, Bible Buddies at 6:30-8:00PM. Transportation provided - call the church. Hearing devices also available. www.craigvalleybaptist.com

CRAIG VALLEY GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP

HWY 621, Pastor Roy Lee Law Jr., "Jay", 864-8984. Sunday School 10:00am; Worship 11:00am., Wednesday night Bible study 7pm, from HWY 311, up HWY 621, 8 miles on left.

CROSSROADS CHURCH

21892 Craigs Creek Road, New Castle. Pastor Gary Burch. 864-7520. Sunday School- 10-10:45AM, Sunday Worship - 11AM-Noon.

FIRST BAPTIST

Pastor Kevin Altizer, Corner of Main Street & Boyd Ave., New Castle. Church phone 864-5919. Sunday School 10:00AM, Sunday Worship 11:00AM and 6PM. Wednesday Evening Bible Study 7PM, Youth Group 7:00PM, Reformers Unanimous Addiction Recovery every Friday evening at 7PM.

GRACE ASSEMBLY OF GOD

5530 Catawba Valley Drive, Catawba, VA, 540-384-7075. Pastor Loraine Taylor, agladypastor@msn.com. Sunday service begins at 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday Evening service at 7:00 p.m.; Youth (ages 13-18) & Super Church (ages 4-12) Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. You can also watch on Facebook Live at 10:30 a.m. www.graceassemblycatawaba.org

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

159 Old Railroad Ave, New Castle, 540-864-PRAY, Sunday School 9:30AM, Sunday Worship Service 10:00AM, Wednesday Night Services 7:00PM.

HEBRON UNITED METHODIST

Pastor Rodney Longmire, Rt. 606, 1981 Caldwell Mt. Rd., New Castle, 540- 400-3419. Worship 11:15AM.

LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST

Rev. Lee Looney, Rt. 311 N., New Castle. Sunday: Sunday School 10AM, 11AM, & 6PM. Wednesday Bible Study 7PM.

LEVEL GREEN CHRISTIAN CHURCH

3388 Cumberland Gap Rd. Newport, Duane Wente, Minister, 540-544-7179. Sunday School 10:00am, Sunday Morning Worship 11:00am, Children's Church 11:00am. Choir Practice, bi-weekly 7:00pm, Ladies meeting first Monday of each month at 7:00pm.

LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST

Pastor Lee Looney, Rt. 311 N., New Castle, 540-525-7662. Sunday: Sunday School 10AM, 11AM, & 6PM. Wednesday Bible Study 7PM.

MOUNTAIN VIEW CHRISTIAN

4199 Craig Valley Drive, New Castle, 864-6622. Sunday: Worship Service 9:00 a.m., Children's Church 9:15 a.m., Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

NEW CASTLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH "WHERE YOUR HEART CAN FEEL THE DIFFERENCE"

Sheldon Cosma, Senior Minister, 282 Salem Ave., New Castle; 864-5212; Sunday Mornings: 9 A.M. Contemporary Service and 10:45 A.M. Traditional Service with Sunday School at 10 A.M.; Sunday night adult Bible study at 7 P.M.; Sunday Night Youth Bible study (6-12) at 6:30 P.M.; Wednesday night Bible study at 5:30 P.M. for K-5; If you need a ride to church, please contact Calvin Duncan by 8 P.M. on Saturday at 864-5321; www.nc-cc.org.

NEW CANTERBURY PENTECOSTAL FELLOWSHIP

Pastor John D. Abbott, Hwy 621 (10 miles), phone: 864-8242, Sunday Morning Lesson 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday Night Service 6:00 pm.

PAXTON CHAPEL

Pastor Kenny Davis, 17 Sage Brush Lane, New Castle; "Presenting God's Word Faithfully"; Sunday School 10:00 AM; Sunday Worship Service 11:15 AM; visit us on the web at www.paxtonchapelchurch. com; email at paxtonchapel@ yahoo.com.

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Contact person: Panco Cantley, 864-5035, 118 Main Street, New Castle. Service Times: Sunday, Bible classes-10 a.m., Worship-11:00 a.m., Evening Worship-6 p.m.; Wednesday, Bible classes - 7 p.m.

NEW CASTLE UNITED METHODIST

Rev. Charles Stacy, 364 Main St., New Castle, Va. 864-5242; Sunday School 10AM, Worship 11AM; Monday Adult Choir 7PM, UMW 3rd Wednesday 7PM, Youth and other programs, Bible Studies.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

99 2nd Street, New Castle. Rev. Stephen McNally. 540-473-3691. Mass is on Sunday at 11:15 AM.

CRAIG COUNTY COMMUNITY CHURCH -'WELCOME HOME!'

Sunday service 9-10:15am at the VFW building in New Castle. Casual dress if you desire and contemporary praise and worship. If you don't have a 'home' church, please join us at ours with Pastor Gary Burch. Check us out on facebook or contact us at: craigcountycommunity-church@gmail.com.

ST. THOMAS ANGLICAN CHURCH

Located at 4910 Hubert Rd, NW Roanoke, Va. Traditional Liturgical Lenten Services, Sunday at 10:30 am. Call (540) 589-1299 or visit www.sttofc.org for midweek masses and events. (In Roanoke, go E on Hershberger, L on Hubert to 4910).

If your church is not listed and if you are interested, call Randy Thompson at 540-389-9355 or email at advertise@mainstreetnewspapers.com

Current RCPS hybrid students have option of returning to in-person instruction four days a week

The percentage of posi-tive COVID cases in Roanoke County Public Schools (RCPS) has remained very low throughout the academic year. As a result, the RCPS Board has expressed support for a third expansion of the Expandable Schedule Plan by bringing back all current hybrid students to inperson instruction four days a week. Wednesdays will continue to remain a virtual learning day.

"Since the first day of school, our ultimate goal has been to bring all students back for fulltime in-person instruction and we have steadily been making strides to meet that goal," said Roanoke County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Ken Nicely.

"All this time, we have remained committed to following the guidance of public health experts."

High and middle school students currently on the hybrid plan had the option of starting four days a week of in-person instruction on March 22. Students who currently are enrolled in 100 percent remote instruction have the option of remaining remote. Any 100 percent remote student that wishes to switch to in-person must inform their school by March 15.

Roanoke County resident Ashley Brown is a mother of three high school students, and she says although there have been challenges, her children have handled the adversity with great maturity. "Something like the coronavirus pandemic was an unfathomable thought just a decade ago for most people, but here we are. My children

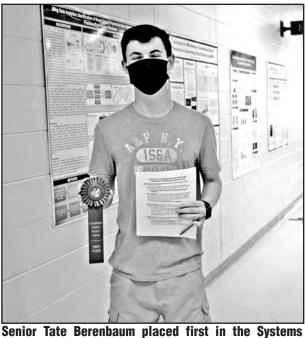
have relied on their classmates a bunch this year and vice versa," she said.

To adhere to the Centers of Disease Control (CDC) guidelines and recommendations, students will be placed at desks that will be spaced at least three feet apart. Additionally, lunch for the students will be staggered as needed to maintain at least six feet of physical distance.

"The CDC and Virginia Department of Health (VDH) have maintained that six-foot distancing should be observed to the extent possible, but a minimum of three-foot physical distancing is acceptable so long as students and staff are wearing masks. Now that a significant number of our staff and many at-risk members of our community have received vaccinations, combined with the continuing decline of cases in our community, we are adopting the more flexible CDC and VDH guidelines, which would allow us the space to bring back our hybrid students for in-person instruction four days a week," said Dr. Nicely.

Talented teens participate in annual student project forum





RVGS sophomores Trey Joyce and Ayla Lampos placed second in the Animal Sciences category. Their project was titled, "The Effect of Holothuroidea on the Regeneration Rate of Dugesia tigrina."

Shawn Nowlin

shawn.nowlin@ourvalley.org

The 2021 Roanoke Valley Governor's School (RVGS) Student Project Forum recently took place. Cre-ated 11 years ago, the RVGS event annually attracts gifted students from seven school districts across the Roanoke Valley to come together and celebrate science.

Place award winners receive certificates, ribbons and cash prizes for their accomplishments.

This year, seniors Fady Abdelmalak, Tate Beren-baum and Simran Gill; juniors Katelyn Crumpacker, Minhir Miller and Paige Netting; and sophomores Reese Radford, Ayla Lampros TJ Hinson and Thomas Joyce were among the students who participated "Every student's preparation is different. Some research and perform their experiment just in the school year. Others have been working for a full year or longer on their projects. The majority of the students perform their research at RVGS under the mentorship of the faculty," RVGS Community Outreach Coordinator Teri Janiga said. "Some students are able to gain internships at area labs and perform their research under a mentor at the site."

Lampros and Joyce titled their project "The Effect of Holothuroidea on the Regeneration Rate of Dugesia tigrina." For their efforts, they placed second in the Animal Sciences category.

"We studied the effect of a sea cucumber and what impact it had with this worm called a Planarian. The little worm has a special ability where you can cut it in half, and it'll regenerate. Our project was trying to see if sea cucumbers could also boost that regeneration," Joyce said.

her partner ultimately decided to do an examination of the single-cell disease using differential gene expression analysis. "My partner was interested in single-cell disease and basically what we did was find a bunch of genes in the database and we ran some comparison tests. She created a cool program, and that helped us determine which genes are differentially

expressed from two groups," she said.

RVGS winners have the option to further compete at the Western Virginia Regional Science Fair. They can also apply to compete at the Virginia Junior Academy of Science or the Virginia Junior Science and Humanities Symposium. Many of the judges involved are either active teachers, scientists or retired teachers.

"Our students have been working hard on their experiments for months with support from our teachers. The school needed to assemble a large group of volunteer judges to cover the various categories students compete in," RVGS Director Mark Gill considered a few ideas Levy said. "Of course, there for her project, but she and is a host of logistical issues



that we needed help with, and we are fortunate to have a large number of parents who volunteered to help. Melissa Fisher, a teacher at

RVGS, was instrumental in planning the event."

Software category.

What goes into a student project forum - teamwork, overcoming obstacles, perse-

verance - are all life lessons that will benefit these talented students as they enter the next chapters of their lives, added Janiga.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COUNTY OF CRAIG, VIRGINIA PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2021-22

Pursuant to Section 15.2-2506 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, notice is hereby given of a public hearing to be held by the Craig County Board of Supervisors on the proposed County Budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2021-22 (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022). The Public Hearing, which may be continued or adjourned, will be held April 15th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter is heard during the Board of Supervisors meeting at the Craig County Courthouse in New Castle, Virginia. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public review at the County Administrator's Office and can be requested by email or phoning the office.

GENERAL COUNTY FUND – REVENUES

ocal including State and Federal funds for local purposes	\$ 7,409,730
itate - School	\$ 4,720,516
ederal - School	\$ 677,572
ocal Contribution to School	\$ 1,820,000

School Generated Revenue TOTAL

\$14,809,646

181,828

TOTAL REVENUES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22......\$ 14,809,646

GENERAL COUNTY FUND - EXPENDITURES

General County Fund		\$ 7,409,730
Component Unit-School Board		<u>\$ 7,399,916</u>
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22.....\$14,809,646

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LEGALNOTICE **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 Sheltman 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		FY 2022		Increase
CENERAL COVERNMENT				Advertised		Increase (Decrease)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT: Board of Supervisors	\$	Budget	\$	Budget	\$	(Decrease) 11,793
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County Administration		1,956,788	\$	2,104,749	\$	147,961
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surance	\$	208,195	\$	210,695	\$	2,500
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ommissioner of the Revenue-State	\$	561,856	\$	588,651	\$	26,79
ssessment-100% County	\$	479,677	\$	490,370	\$	10,69
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ollections-100% County	\$	531,481	\$	506,505	\$	(24,97
lectoral Board/Director of Elections	\$	485,484	\$	473,570	\$	(11,91
ommonwealth Attorney	\$	1,249,358	\$	1,282,063	\$	32,70
ourts	\$	262,008	\$	267,247	\$	5,23
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heriff-100% County	\$	7,178,602	\$	7,323,178	\$	144,57
re Departments and Rescue Squads	\$	1,487,781	\$	1,494,981	\$	7,20
nimal Care and Adoption Center	\$	631,681	\$	652,869	\$	21,18
eneral Services	\$	6,348,344	\$	6,685,685	\$	337,34
hildren's Services Act	\$	1,651,969	\$	1,651,969	\$	
uman Services	\$	378,338	\$	392,725	\$	14,38
ublic Health Department	\$	604,488	\$	604,488	\$	
ocial Services	\$	6,228,024	\$	6,364,979	\$	136,95
arks & Recreation	\$	1,257,701	\$	1,296,123	\$	38,42
egional Library	\$	2,246,303	\$	2,347,680	\$	101,37
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conomic Development	\$	434,156	\$	460,975	\$	26,81
ther Agencies	\$	2,708,739	\$	2,762,426	\$	53,68
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chool Operating	\$	113,745,153	\$	121,984,741	\$	8,239,588
chool Capital	\$	2,146,173	\$	2,195,645	\$	49,47
chool Nutrition	\$	5,228,004	\$	4,633,474	\$	(594,53)
Subtotal:	\$	121,119,330	\$	128,813,860	\$	7,694,530
County Capital	\$	3,531,173	\$	3,580,645	\$	49,472
ebt Service	\$	24,722,725	\$	24,722,725	\$	
conomic Development	\$	380,000	\$	380,000	\$	
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urrent Property Taxes (1)	\$	101,562,376	\$	103,807,971	\$	2,245,59
elinquent/Other Property Tax Revenue	\$	2,996,000	\$	2,996,000	\$	
ales and Use Tax	\$	10,301,540	\$	10,081,222	\$	(220,31
ndesignated Consumer Utility Tax	\$	1,659,000	\$	1,628,000	\$	(31,00
lotor Vehicle Licenses	\$	800,000	\$	800,000	\$	• •
Il Other Local Taxes	\$	1,370,000	\$	1,325,000	\$	(45,00
terest on Investments	\$	895,999	\$	113,268	\$	(782,73
II Other Undesignated Revenue	\$	546,384	\$	620,384	\$	74,00
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of Salem, Virginia will hold a public hearing, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2309 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, on April 22, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Salem Civic Center, 1001 Roanoke Boulevard, in the City of Salem, Virginia, to consider the following applications.

The request of Aquarius Pools, Inc., contractor, and James and Kathryn Long, property owners, for a variance from Section 106-202.3(B)(2) pertaining to site development regulations, for the property located at 825 Pendleton Drive, Tax Map # 67-6-1. The petitioners are requesting to construct an in-ground pool encroaching into the side yard.

At this hearing, all parties in interest will be given an opportunity to be heard, present evidence, and show cause why such requests should or should not be granted. For additional information, contact the Office of the Zonina Administrator, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia (Phone 375 3032).

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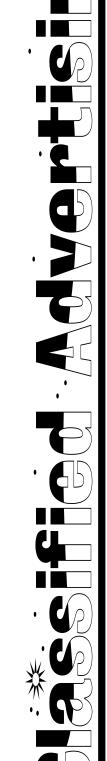
BY: Mary Ellen H. Wines, CZA, CFM Zoning Administrator

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 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.



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F. Craig Meadows, County Administrator

County of Montgomery, Virginia

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Rocket volleyball season comes to untimely end



2021 volleyball managers were, left to right, eighth grader Bethany Saunders, sophomore Tyler VanDyke and seventh grader Mackenzie Lucas.

Craig County volleyball coach Geoff Boyer knew this was going to be his last season. He just didn't know it was going to end when it did.

The Rockets saw their season come to an end last week when one of the players on the team tested positive for COVID. With that result the entire team was to quarantine for two weeks, ending the season for the Craig girls. The team was scheduled to play matches with Parry McCluer, Bath County and Eastern Montgomery last week, and this week the Rockets were planning to participate in the Pioneer District tournament. Instead, the balls are going back in the equipment room until the fall season.

'That ended our season," said Boyer. "We did accom-plish our goals of playing volleyball matches and honoring our seniors."

The Rockets finished the abbreviated season with a 4-5 record. Seniors Autumn Hutchison and Nicole Austin were four year varsity players for Craig and they went out in style. Autumn led the team with 101 kills and 28 blocks and was second on the team with 26 aces. Nicole missed

Geoff Boyer watches the action at a recent match.

five games with a sore knee but in the four she played she was fantastic, finishing second on the team in kills, with 50, and blocks, with five.

Junior Kaylee Stroop led the Rockets with 176 assists and 38 aces. She was third on the team with 37 kills and served 94.8 percent for the season. Senior Samantha Sarver was good on 89 of 90 serves to lead the team while Kylee Clifton earned a captain's spot on the team and finished second on the club with 11 assists.

"It was a very different spring volleyball season filled with many memories," said

Boyer. "It was certainly a good lesson that you never know when your last match will be, so enjoy the time you have to play."

the past four years.

Boyer is retiring from the bench to spend more time with his family. His twin boys are in the school system and Geoff doesn't want to miss their activities.

This was Boyer's second stint as volleyball coach at Craig and he finished with a 36-39 record, highlighted by the 2019 district tournament championship. The plan was to hang the banner at the last home game last week, but

when that was cancelled it will be done during a ceremony at a later date.

together on the Craig County varsity volleyball team for

Boyer's total record as Craig coach is 161 wins and 138 losses over 299 total matches spanning 14 and a half seasons. He's not discounting a return to the bench to pick up that 300th match and more.

"I'm looking forward to more family time and will most likely return again to the court to lead the Rockets," he said. "Long past my competitive playing days, it's the players that make coaching such a great part of my life, not the volleyball itself."

Harvick is veteran of Martinsville Speedway races



clip-shaped track (19), but in Series wins at Martins-his last two NASCAR Cup ville came in 17 starts. He starts there, Harvick won on March 30, 2009 ing on a trip with somebody said. "Martinsville is the one starts there, Harvick won on March 30, 2009 ing on a trip with somebody ably more often than some (defeated Ron Hornaday Jr.), March 27, 2010 (defeated Hornaday again) and March 31, 2012 (defeated Tv Dillon). The Truck Series is where Harvick made his first start of any kind at Martinsville -Sept. 26, 1998 when he finished 25th. Harvick earned his first top-10 at Martinsville on April 17, 1999 in a Ford F-150 for team owner Jim Herrick.

we don't know. For instance, when we go to Road America this year, we're racing gokarts the week before we race the Cup car, and then we race go-karts again the week after at Road America. So, I've been trying to convince my wife that we should just get in the motorhome, drive it ourselves, go up there and go somewhere, and she said absolutely not, it would be a complete train wreck. But it could also be made for TV, so who knows?"

Kevin Harvick

When the green flag drops on Saturday night's Blu-Emu Maximum Pain Relief 500, Kevin Harvick will make his milestone 40th NASCAR Cup Series start at Martinsville (Va.) Speedway. The driver of the No. 4 Busch NA Ford Mustang for Stewart-Haas Racing (SHR) has the second-most starts at Martinsville among active Cup Series drivers (39).

Kurt Busch leads the series with 41 Cup Series starts at the .526-mile oval. However, Busch and Harvick are Martinsville neophytes compared to NASCAR Hall of Famer and seven-time series champion Richard Petty who leads the series with 67 Cup Series starts at the track in a career that spans more than three decades (1959-1992)

Harvick's best Martinsville finish since joining SHR in 2014 is a pair of fifth-place finishes - Oct. and is alone at ninth on the 29, 2017 and March 20, all-time win list. Next on the 2018. That fifth-place drive all-time win list is NASCAR in 2017 came in a No. 4 Hall of Famer and seven-Busch NA Ford and, for time series champion Dale the first time in four years, the Busch NA paint scheme is back on the No. 4 Ford. Busch NA is a fully-brewed, non-alcoholic beer using premium hops, barley malt, July 22, 2006 when in his grain and water to produce a smooth, malty flavor.

results at Martinsville and win by .271 of a second over has finished in the top-10 in Clint Bowyer. half his starts at the paper-

has finished 15th and 17th, respectively. If the Busch NA paint scheme can help deliver Harvick back to the topfive, he'll take it. Speaking of delivery, Busch delivers. Get your Busch NA delivered right to your doorstep by visiting Busch.com/delivery.

Kevin has tasted success in every type of car he has raced at Martinsville. He has a NASCAR Cup Series win, a NASCAR Xfinity Series win and three NASCAR Camping World Truck Series wins.

Harvick's lone NAS-CAR Cup Series victory at Martinsville came on April 3, 2011 when he beat Dale Earnhardt Jr., by .727 of a second. It was Harvick's 20th Cup Series start at the track and his 16th career Cup Series victory. Harvick now has 58 career Cup Series wins Earnhardt with 76 victories.

Kevin is batting .1000 in the Xfinity Series at Martinsville. He earned the equivalent of a walk-off homer on only Xfinity Series start at the track, he led three times for a Harvick has five top-five race-high 149 laps to take the

Harvick's three Truck

The NASCAR Cup Series had a rare off-weekend prior to Martinsville. What did Harvick do during his week off?

"I'm going to tell you what I want to do, but I've not been able to convince my wife of this," said Harvick. "I want to load everybody up in a motorhome and take our own road trip as a family. I think the things we would learn and experi-

Martinsville can be a frustrating track. Harvick finished in the top-10 in half his races there, but he's also left that place shaking his head.

"Look, I've done this a long time, and there's really not going to be a racetrack that I go to that I don't leave thinking that I could've done better," he

of the others, but it's going to be the exact same as any other racetrack when I get to Monday - it's just going to be in the past and I'm not going to think about it. But I definitely would tell you it's not a racetrack that I would say, 'This is where I want to go.' It's just not been a place where I've had streaks of success. It's been a racetrack where you just never know what's going to happen. It's just one of those places that's been like that. I have no idea how we've won there, but we have. At KHI, it was one of our most successful racetracks in the Truck Series, and I was able to win an Xfinity race there back in '06. We've won in all the divisions there. It's just one of those places that's frustrating. Even on a day when you do well, you just leave there with your wires crossed."



- · Location: Martinsville (Va.) Speedway
- Layout: .526-mile oval
- Laps/Miles: 500 laps/263 miles
- Stage Lengths: Stage 1: 130 laps / Stage 2: 130 laps / Final Stage: 240 laps
- TV/Radio: FS1 / MRN / SiriusXM NASCAR Radio

2020 VHSL Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will go virtual this year

Charlottesville, Va. - The Virginia High School League (VHSL) Class of 2020 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony is going virtual on Sunday, April 25. Due to the COVID pandemic and restrictions on gatherings, the VHSL is disappointed that it will not hold

its annual in-person ceremonies to honor this inductee class and their outstanding achievements. However, we will still celebrate each inductee as in past years, but it will be done virtually. In addition to this virtual celebration, the VHSL will recognize the 2020 Class at the next inperson banquet as well.

The presentation hosted by the NFHS and will be free to the general public, with no registration or fees required. Further details on the virtual ceremony will follow soon as the VHSL celebrates the Class of 2020.

The Class of 2020 includes eight athletes (Frank Beamer – Hillsville, Barney Cobb –John Marshall, Wheeler Hughes -Dunbar, Leroy Keyes – G. W. Carver, Cora Jackson-Robinson – Essex, Jeff King – Pulaski County, Tara Sheets – Gate City, Jasmine Thomas – Oak-

ton), three coaches (Gregg Conner – Powhatan, Darnell Dozier – Princess Anne, Jim Larkin –Chancellor), and three contributors (Charlie Cloe – Central Virginia Football Officials, Tom Dolan -Jamestown HS/VHSL, Valerie Kibler – Harrisonburg).