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Garden Club hosts beautiful plant auction



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With a smorgasbord of colorful plants and flowers, the Craig County Garden Club started the bidding at their annual plant auction with many people who were ready to cast their bids.

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

Flowers have a tendency to lift one's spirit as their beauty and aromas invite us into their world.

The Craig County Garden Club hosted its annual plant auction on

April 24 at the Local VFW. Though COVID had prevented them from having it last year, event organizers were very pleased with the turnout this year.

The NCGC (New Castle Garden Club) started hosting auctions in their individual homes in 1986,

having a Spring Auction to share the knowledge of plants to friends and neighbors.

Club President Darlene Charlton, who vividly remembers attending her first auction in 2000 which

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Here's the Waiteville Community Center's gleaming new roof and bell tower. "Everyone in Waiteville can be proud of this crowning improvement to the center of our community," many have said. "It truly was a community effort."

Waiteville to host Memorial Dinner

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

Any of these donations would be greatly appreciated.

Sometimes, small towns keep intimate moments because they are closer with one another.

The little town of Waiteville, West Virginia, is one of those towns and they are bringing back their Annual Memorial Dinner this year, on May 27 at 10 a.m.

"Let's get Cookin'," were their words posted on Facebook.

"Our military persons are so important to us and to our country," one resident shared. "It's a time to honor them and what they did for us, as we continue to live freely today."

At the Waiteville Community Center, located at 1735 Rays Siding Road in Waiteville, they work diligently in trying to keep up what use to be the old schoolhouse.

The mission of the Waiteville Community Center is to maintain the historic building to provide facilities for community and religious organizations, approved groups and families to meet, conduct business or provide Christian and community trainings.

Along with their dinner, they are also running a raffle for a Stihl MS-180 Chainsaw which was donated by Boone Tractor Supply in Lewisburg, West Virginia.

Tickets are one for \$2 and three for \$5, which are available at the Monroe Watchman or with any of the community members: Renee Eppling, John Furrow, Greg Hubbard, Rick Huffman, Shelby Jennings, Gary Kessinger, Janet McDaniel, Melvin Rock and Ruth Wrzosek.

The drawing will be on May 30 and one doesn't need to be present to win.

Community members Renee Eppling and Shelby Jennings are organizing the dinner.

Also, they are welcoming food donations for the Memorial Dinner. On the menu will be: ham, chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, mac and cheese, coleslaw, deviled eggs, rolls, pies, cakes and canned and bottled drinks.

Recently, it was announced that the new roof and bell tower repairs were complete. The roof had leaked so badly the inside ceiling had caved in.

By the end of 2020, the original roof and bell tower were almost 70 years old.

They noted, "As you can imagine, time had taken its toll. The roof was leaking in several places that defied attempts at repair, and the framing of the bell tower was rotting. So, last July, with widespread support from throughout our community, we replaced the roof and gutters and remodeled the bell tower."

Their all-volunteer Board of Directors did the planning and raised the funds. The job was completed by a local contractor which took five days, at a cost of \$14,800, in dollar amounts from \$5 to \$100.

"Every donation was important, and every donation counted," they shared. "We received 11 donations of \$200 and up that together totaled \$7,200. We added all the donations to the \$3,935.64 we received proceeding from the dissolution of the Waiteville Fire Department."

They added, "Thanks and appreciation go out to all those who donated. You can be proud every time you see our new roof and bell tower, knowing you helped make them happen, for all of us."

"Donor support from our community to fund this project was outstanding," they added. "Current Waiteville community members contributed, as well as former community members. People who've never even lived in Waiteville, but whose family members grew up here, contributed. It just goes to show that Waiteville lives in so many hearts."

"The roof we replaced was the original roof from 1950, and we think the bell tower was probably original to that year too," they shared. "We believe the bell

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National Day of Prayer is this Saturday

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

Confusion and disruption in our country and the world create fear and anxiety in the lives of many people.

The United States of America

was founded on principles from the Bible, which give us a one-way direct line to talk with God, the Father of Jesus Christ, to ease these feelings.

This year, May 8 is designated as the National Day of Prayer. It is an annual observance held on

the first Thursday of May, inviting people of all faiths to pray for their nation.

"It exists to communicate with every individual the need for personal repentance and prayer and to mobilize the Christian community to intercede for America's leaders and its families," Minister James Goll said. "The National Day of Prayer represents a Judeo-Christian expression of the faith, based on our understanding that this country was birthed in prayer in reverence for the God of the Bible and with a desire to see its continuance."

Many consider The National Day of Prayer to be a vital part of America's rich heritage.

History shows that because of the faith of many of the founding fathers, public prayer and national days of prayer, have a long-standing and significant history in American tradition.

Since the first call to prayer in 1775, when the Continental Congress asked the colonies to pray for wisdom in forming a nation, the

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The United States of America was initially founded on the Word of God, the Bible. On May 8, there is a call for all to participate in the National Day of Prayer. "Maybe we can get more accomplished right now, if we get 'plugged up' to the main power source, God," shared one Craig resident. "Who knows, we may see the turnaround they saw in the Bible."

Craig County schools still adjusting to COVID mandates

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

Students are still having to adjust to the continued mandates from Governor Northam on sports and various school activities.

At the last monthly School Board meeting on April 13, Principals Gerri VanDyke and Melissa Whiting updated members about end-of-the-year events for Craig County Public Schools.

"With the Governor's executive orders, we have had to modify some of our spring activities," both VanDyke and Whiting said.

"Senior activities are very different, but we are trying to keep things as normal as possible," Whiting said. "Starting next Monday, we will start featuring Senior Day with a different senior posted on Facebook every day."

All 40 seniors will be given this honor.

Whiting added to the calendar:

- April 26: graduation delivery day where they get caps and gowns and announcements

- April 27: Warwick and Whiting will visit the Berglund Performing Arts Center to look at how they plan the graduation commencement, "in light of the executive order from the governor."

- May 14: Cap and gown pictures for individuals and groups and the annual senior parade where the seniors dress in their cap and gowns and parade down the halls of McCleary. "It is just as much fun for the older ones as it is for the younger ones."

- May 19: Mrs. Crowder will serve a senior luncheon and there will be a senior celebration

- June 10: Graduation practice at Berglund Performing Arts Center (if needed)

- June 11: Graduation set at the Berglund Center (The Craig County Fairgrounds is reserved as an alternate location in case something happens)

Whiting also added that currently there are nine seniors in jeopardy of not graduating - five are virtual and four who are traditional.

"However, the four that are traditional were initially virtual the first semester," Whiting said. "Three will recover very easily and will have the opportunity to do credit recovery in summer school. Once they complete their requirements, they will receive their diplomas. Any student requiring more than two credit courses will be required to return next year at the virtual Virginia summer session which begins on June 15."

VanDyke also shared:

- May 3-7: Teacher Appreciation Week "We have lots of things planned for our teachers."
- May 3-7: Spirit Week before SOL testing - Each day before SOLs they planned a fun day. The week will start with Rock Star Day on Monday and

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Governor candidate Glenn Youngkin visits area to make his case

The November 2 race for Virginia's next governor is several months away, but candidates are already

traveling the state to make their case to potential voters. Republican gubernatorial candidate Glenn Youngkin

stopped by Lydia's Restaurant in Salem on April 16 to share his vision with the community and answer questions.

A popular saying in politics – "Don't tell me what you're going to do, show me what you've done" – is something that Youngkin is all too familiar with. Asked why he is running to become Virginia's next governor, he responded, "I'm not a politician. I'm a successful business leader and political outsider who will bring fresh ideas and new thinking to the job of the Governor and will get things done."

Virginia has historically been a blue state. Only three

Republicans – George Allen (1994-1998), Jim Gilmore (1998-2002) and Bob McDonnell (2010-2014) – have served as Governor over the last four decades. As of press time Tuesday morning, former Governor Terry McAuliffe has a significant lead in the Democratic gubernatorial primary.

All five of the Republican candidates, Youngkin, Del. Kirk Cox (R-Colonial Heights)

state Sen. Amanda Chase (R-Chesterfield), Sergio de la Peña and Peter Doran, recently participated in a forum hosted by the College Republicans of Liberty University. A poll conducted afterward found that approximately 47 percent of people favored Youngkin as their first choice for Governor, followed by Chase and Snyder at 25 and 12 percent,

respectively.

After earning a bachelor's degree from Rice University in 1990 and graduating from Harvard Business School four years later, Youngkin worked as the co-CEO of Carlyle Group and co-founded Virginia Ready. The New Castle Record asked Youngkin a variety of questions pertaining to his race to become the next Virginia Governor. His responses are below.

(#1) Why are you running to become Virginia's next Governor?

I spent 30 years building business and creating jobs, and I have a proven record of delivering results. I helped grow the Carlyle Group from a small firm into one of the top investment companies in the world. As co-CEO, I led a

team of nearly 2,000 people and helped manage assets totaling more than \$230 billion, nearly four times the size of Virginia's yearly budget. Now, I want to serve the people of Virginia and use my real-world experience and skills to make our Commonwealth the best place to live, work and raise a family.

(#2) How did the April 16 visit come about?

When we launched this campaign, it was one of my top priorities to bring our message to and recruit team members from every corner of the Commonwealth. Since then, I have traveled over 16,000 miles across this great Commonwealth to meet as many Virginians as possible and continue to share my thoughts and

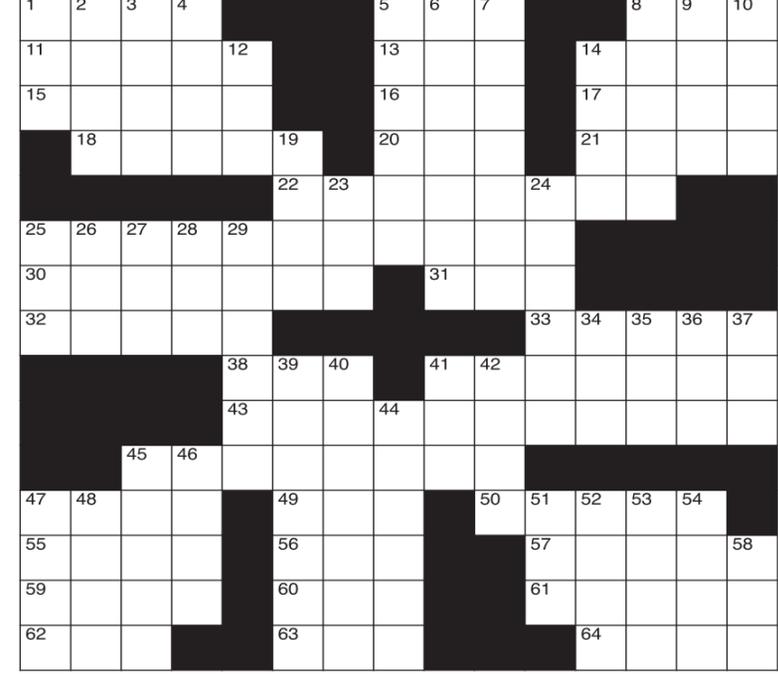
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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Republican Glenn Youngkin visited Lydia's Restaurant on April 16 to share his vision with the Roanoke Valley.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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| CLUES ACROSS | 31. Patti Hearst's captors | 64. Partner to relaxation | 27. Make a mistake |
| 1. Prevents harm to young rockers | 32. Extensive landed property | CLUES DOWN | 28. Partner to Adam |
| 5. "Losing My Religion" | 33. Male aristocrat | 1. Scientist's high-resolution tool (abbr.) | 29. Tyrant |
| 8. Partner to pan | 38. For each | 2. Type of school | 34. Unit of electrical resistance |
| 11. Cavalry unit | 41. More fidgety | 3. Formal close (music) | 35. A history of one's life |
| 13. Peyton's little brother | 43. Very happy | 4. Transmits high voltage | 36. Actor DiCaprio |
| 14. Mexican dish | 45. A place to store info | 5. A way to occupy a certain area | 37. Sea eagle |
| 15. Disseminates info to the public | 47. Helps to heal | 6. Draws out | 39. Avoiding being caught |
| 16. Set an animal on | 49. 12th month (abbr.) | 7. His Airness | 40. ___ de Mornay, actress |
| 17. Canadian flyers | 50. Broad, shallow craters | 8. Nocturnal rodents | 41. Belonging to a thing |
| 18. Elongated mouths of anthropods | 55. Nocturnal S. American rodent | 9. South American plants | 42. Not us |
| 20. I (German) | 56. Frost | 10. Homestead | 44. Motorcars |
| 21. Opposite of west | 57. Ethiopian town | 12. Bland or semiliquid food | 45. Capital of Bangladesh |
| 22. Glows | 59. Curved shapes | 14. Forest resident | 46. Ancient Greek sophist |
| 25. Measures how quickly a car moves | 60. Company that rings receipts | 19. The body needs it | 47. Practice boxing |
| 30. One who has gained wealth | 61. Spiritual leader | 23. Atomic mass unit (abbr.) | 48. ___ Grant, actor |
| | 62. Sheep native to Sweden | 24. Spell | 51. Swiss river |
| | 63. Cars need it | 25. Relaxing place | 52. S. Sudan river |
| | | 26. Political fundraising tool | 53. A bumpkin |
| | | | 54. One point south of southwest |
| | | | 58. Small island (British) |

FFA selling beautiful plants



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The FFA is now selling plants.

Pam Dudding Contributing writer

Behind Craig County High School sits a greenhouse that is full of beautiful plants, both gardening and flowering. Just like 2020, the FFA was not able to do their planting this year due to the Covid mandates. However, Adam Taylor who runs the Catawba Building Center from Va. Tech, not only donated all the soil and seeds, he and friends also planted everything.

FFA teacher Ben Flinchum was greatly appreciative, and the stu-

dents were able to help with the upkeep and watering. Now, they are grown and for sale. Flinchum opened the doors last weekend for sales which benefits their students.

People walked out with smiles as they carried out their garden plants and flowers petunias, marigolds, straw flowers, along with their tomatoes, cabbage, peppers and broccoli plants. Watch Facebook for upcoming weekly sales or call the school. Prices are \$3 for a four-pack or a flat for \$30. "We would be happy to help you with your plant needs," various members shared.

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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 FRIDAY

Craig County Genealogy Library open every Friday 1 to 4 p.m. 152 Main Street. 540-864-7023

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

- Craig County School Board meets at 5:30 p.m. in the High School Media Center.
- 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.

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

Apostles build Wall of Faith for Habitat for Humanity



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Project – 22 area churches build the Wall of Faith for Habitat For Humanity Roanoke Valley's 2021 Apostles Build.

Every alternating year, Habitat organizes a collaborative Apostles Build where churches of all sizes and denominations from all over the Greater Roanoke Valley pledge financial support and send volunteers from the congregation to help build a home for a hard-working, vulnerable family in need of safe, fair, affordable homeownership.

Brian Clark, Habitat for Humanity in Roanoke's Construction Director, explains that

“Unless you've been on a Habitat work site during an Apostles Build, you may not be able to grasp the energy and enthusiasm felt by so many churches that support that help build the ceremonial Apostles Wall of Faith build. The last 12 months have been so difficult with regard to the rising cost of supplies and the deficit in volunteer labor, so it's rejuvenating to see so many groups come together for a common goal.”

“We treasure the Apostles Build because it's Habitat's chance to honor its Christian values and fundamentals, said Director of Development, Niki Voudren. It's inspiring to build alongside 22 local, participating churches and The Journey FM join us and share the spirit of working together to improve the community through faith, sweat and fundraising.”

-Submitted by Erin White, Habitat for Humanity HR Generalist

New Friendship Health & Rehab Center, Salem Terrace at Harrogate team members announced



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Jessica Whitaker, Director of Marketing & Admissions at Salem Terrace of Harrogate

Friendship, a leader in senior living and rehabilitation recently announced they have appointed new admissions team members for both Friendship Health and Rehab Center (FHRC), located on Hersberger Road, and Salem Terrace at Harrogate.

Liz Nelson has been named the new director of hospital and community relations for FHRC. A registered nurse, Nelson has over 15 years of healthcare experience, having served in both hospital and senior living settings.

“Liz has a proven success record of building good relationships and strong evaluation abilities in matching individuals with the care they need,” said President and CEO Joe Hoff. “We are thrilled to have her join the Friendship team as we continue to enhance and evolve our healthcare services.”

“Working with seniors has given me so much wisdom, incredible life experience and joy,” said Nelson. “I'm looking forward to being part of Friendship's future and growth.”

At Salem Terrace of Harrogate, where Friendship serves as the managing partner, Jessica Whitaker has been named director of marketing and



Liz Nelson, Director of Hospital & Community Relations at FHRC

“My grandfather, Papa, was a memory care resident at North. He was very happy there and the team helped him enjoy a wonderful quality of life,” said Whitaker. “It's

exciting to work for such a great company.”

Both locations are currently accepting new move-ins. Salem Terrace also welcomes guests for respite stays, as a tempo-

rary care solution or trial run of the senior living community experience.

Friendship and Salem Terrace are also seeking caring and qualified individuals to join their teams. Interested candidates should apply online at friendship.us/careers.

To learn more about Friendship, individuals

are encouraged to visit the company's website, friendship.us, or call 540.265.2100. For more details about Salem Terrace at Harrogate, visit saleterrace.com or call 540.444.0343.

-Submitted by Stephanie Landes, Director of Marketing

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Application will be accepted until position is filled. Resumes can be emailed to psagans@gmail.com or mailed to P.O. Box 128 New Castle, VA 24127, and application can be picked up in the office.

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**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE - BUDGET PROPOSAL 2021 -2022
MONDAY, MAY 17, 2021 AT 7:00 PM**

Pursuant to Section 15.2-2506 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, notice is hereby given of the public hearing to be held by **New Castle Town Council** on the proposed budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022. The hearing to receive public comments is scheduled for **Monday, May 17, 2021** at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible in the **NEW CASTLE TOWN HALL – 339 Market Street**. A copy of the proposed budget can be obtained for public review by contacting: Town Clerk, Nina Davis, at (540) 864-5380.

Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 58.1-3005, 58.1-3000, 58.1-3506B, and 58.1-3008 the proposed tax levies per \$100 of assessed value are Real Estate & Mobile Homes \$0.04, Merchants Capital \$0.50. No change in tax levies from previous budget year.

<u>GENERAL TOWN REVENUE ESTIMATES:</u>	
BEGINNING BALANCE (FROM CURRENT BUDGET)	\$ 30,000.00
WITHDRAWAL FROM RESERVE FUNDS	\$95,890.00
LOCAL REVENUE (Property Tax, Franchise Tax, Sales Tax, Interest, Permit Fees)	\$85,500.00
STATE REVENUE (Fire Grant Funds; Communication Tax-Cable TV)	\$18,920.00
TOTAL REVENUE ESTIMATES	\$230,310.00

<u>GENERAL TOWN EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES:</u>	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT LEGISLATIVE COMPENSATION & INSURANCE	\$ 12,000.00
GENERAL FINANCIAL	\$ 13,250.00
CLERK-TREASURER & ADMINISTRATIVE (Compensation, Advertising, & Office Expense)	\$ 11,000.00
PUBLIC SAFETY - (Volunteer Fire Dept.)	\$ 16,000.00
PUBLIC WORKS – (Operating Expenses, Street Lights, Mowing, Library Support, Refuse Collection, Park & Sidewalk Maintenance, etc.)	\$ 53,060.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS – Park Equipment, Sidewalks, etc.	\$105,000.00
CONTINGENCY FUND – Unallocated expenditures	\$ 20,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES	\$230,310.00

By the authority of New Castle Town Council - John S. Johnson, Mayor (540) 864-7306
Persons attending the public hearing are encouraged to wear face covering and adhere to social distancing. Comments can be sent to Clerk, Nina Davis ninad628@swva.net; phone (540) 864-5380 or by mail to: P. O. Box 347, New Castle, VA 24127.

OPINION

A celebration of staff and volunteers

Library Corner

Empowering individuals to build a stronger community

This year's Library Annual Meeting on May 10 at 6:00 p.m. is going to be an outdoor party, on the library back porch. We are giving our hard-working staff and volunteers a big thanks for all they do to keep our Craig County Library thriving.

Letha Persinger, the Library Director, works with her staff, Alex White and Jessica Hunt, to provide for the changing needs of our patrons. As part-time staff, volunteers are critical for the ongoing operations.

Aside from the members of the board, there are nine devoted volunteers who help fill in needed gaps. Those individuals are Linda Calderon, Marge Lewter, Martha Dillard, Kathi Toelke, Lee Greiser, Martha Adams, Anita Martindale, Tom Spence and Gavin Shires.

Their time is committed to financial record keeping, mowing the lawn, keeping the county informed, manning the front desk, book donation management, thanking our donors and raising funds through Barn Quilts for Books. Each one's hours of commitment to the library adds up to keeping us moving forward to better serving our community.

The small library, sitting quietly on the corner of Salem and Main, may not appear to be a hotbed of activity. The trickle of people in and out is not remarkable. Neither are the one or two cars in the lot tapping the WiFi at all hours. We don't see the patrons take home the telescope or WiFi hotspots in addition to books and movies.

But the records show that there are 2,016 cardholding citizens in Craig County. That is 39 percent of our county. They obviously value that small library on the corner and continue coming back. They like all of us, have this small staff and handful of volunteers to thank for keeping the doors open at the corner



One volunteer taking a much-needed break.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

of Salem and Main.

If you are a member of the Friends of the Library, come join the

party! There will be refreshments and laughs guaranteed. If rain moves in, catch us on zoom.

Any changes in the plan will be announced on the Craig County Public Library Facebook page.

Auction

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was held at Craig Boteourt, shared, "A lot of love for gardening was put into digging and splitting our plants into pots to sell this year."

Club office members are: Vice President Haddi Miller, Treasurer Carolyn Fleming and Secretary Barbie Winstead.

As one entered the

VFW, over 100 plants and aromatic flowers surrounded the entire room. People were seated with their numbers, ready to bid on their favorites.

This year, they had more perennials, but had a variety of everything. There were lilac bushes, daylilies of every color, iris's, ground covering, yellow wood

poppies, gladiolas, Thanksgiving cactus, Garden of Gethsemane, Hellebores x hybrids, large hostas, sunflowers, periwinkle and many small houseplants, just to name a few.

Said Charlton, "Every year our members have really stepped up to provide our sale with great variety and quality, so we send a

big thanks to our members."

Also, they had a new to NCGC "local" as their auctioneer, Wanda Looney.

"She helped to move more plants by giving out bonuses with your winning bid, which is always fun to get," Charlton added. "We want to thank her for her hard work and participation in making our Auction a success."

Charlton noted, "Several special garden species like hostas went up to \$20 and other plants and trees even more."

The Club sends many thanks to the community who attended and supporting this year's auction.

Also, a special thank-

you goes to the many who donated handmade items, including handmade trivets, grapevine chair and birdhouses and beautifully decorated gourds.

"This is our major fundraiser," Charlton explained. "We use the money strictly for community projects such as providing meals for two local families at Thanksgiving and two families at Christmas, donating to the Field for Dreams, paying for a student to go to 4-H Camp each year, donating to the Historical Society and maintaining the grounds at the Log Cabin Gardens and Post Office, among other things."

This year, the Club also chose some of their donated items to be door prizes. Numbers were drawn every 15 minutes which added to the excitement of the evening.

The NCGC meets the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Craig Valley Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, however, their next meeting will be their "Officers Installation" at the Old Brick Hotel at 6 p.m. on May 6. To join, connect on Messenger with Anita Martindell or feel free to attend a meeting.

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Youngkin

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policy ideas that I will implement as governor. I've been humbled by the overwhelming support we've received. I want to earn everyone's vote and so I came to ask the people for their support.

(#3) What do you consider some of the most important issues facing the Commonwealth today?

As Governor, I will build a rip-roaring economy, lower the cost of living for families, lower taxes, create more jobs and opportunities and cut the expensive and unnecessary red tape that is hurting our small businesses. We will put Virginia at the top of the list of places that companies want to do business. I also have plans to restore Virginians' confidence in the in-

tegrity of our elections, fight back against big tech censorship, protect our Second Amendment rights, respect the sanctity of human life, and support our law enforcement heroes. We will open our schools five days a week and give parents the power to choose the school that is best for their child. If you want to make Virginia number one again, please sign-up to support me on May 8.

(#4) What separates you from the other candidates?

I am a political outsider and bring a completely fresh perspective. With my 30-year business career, I have thought about things differently and know how to deliver results. There is no candidate in this race either Republican or

Democrat that has the extensive real-world business experience that I have. I look forward to reinvigorating, revitalizing, and rebuilding Virginia's economy, business culture, creating jobs, and getting Virginia moving again - there is no other candidate with the experience to do that.

(#5) How did you become a member of the Republican Party?

I've always been a Republican because it's been the party of free-market ideas, limited government, family values and liberty.

(#6) If elected, what will be some of your first initiatives?

My first action in office will be to open up Virginia's schools, businesses, and houses of worship. Un-

fortunately, Governor Northam has unnecessarily extended the shuttering of Virginia's establishments. We know what the science says about this. Yet, too many elected officials are failing to lead on this issue. Instead of dragging my feet like the current governor, I will make reopening Virginia a top priority. Additionally, I will work to get Virginia back on top. That means cutting our taxes, identifying waste, and finding inefficiencies in the state budget. As governor, I will utilize my 30-year business career of delivering results to make the necessary changes in Virginia's budget and taxes. As governor, I will always stand up for and protect Virginians' constitutional rights. I've called for a federal investigation into the Pa-

role Board cover-up. As governor, I will hold people accountable and get to the bottom of this scandal. The decisions and actions of the Virginia Parole Board are rotten to the core. The board has appeared to violate the law, a whistleblower was fired for bringing attention to the issue, and we have a governor that won't investigate. This is unacceptable and I plan to resolve this issue immediately.

(#7) What message would you like to convey to the Craig County community?

I am with the community and here to serve them. As their governor, I would fight to make Craig County and Virginia the best place in America to live, work and raise a family.

Dinner

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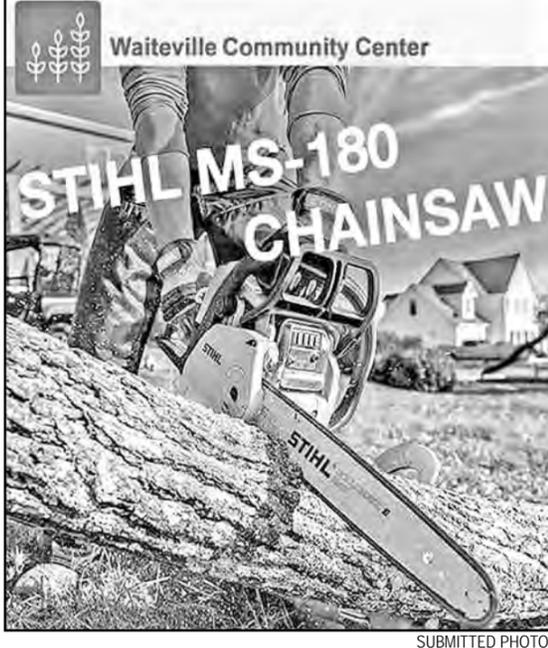
was used to call students in from recess, back when the community center was still a school, and that it still would work today - with the addition of a rope pull."

The committee encourages people to share their story of when they heard the bell ring, or their memories.

Their goal of the Waiteville Community Center is to preserve its building for future generations.

Repairs and maintenance are ongoing, and help is needed. Please contact the community center if you or someone you know has expertise, labor or materials they could use. Monetary donations are also always needed and appreciated.

The committee sends their invitation out to all to attend their Memorial Dinner and fellowship.



The community center is hosting its annual Memorial Day Dinner on May 27 at 10 a.m. They are also having a raffle for a Stihl Chainsaw. Tickets can be obtained from any member or at the Monroe Watchman.

Prayer

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call to prayer has continued through history, including President Lincoln's "proclamation for a day of humiliation, fasting, and prayer" in 1863

•In 1952, a joint resolution by Congress, signed by President Truman, declared an annual National Day of Prayer. The Supreme Court affirmed the right of state legislatures to open their sessions with prayer in Marsh vs. Chambers (1983)

•In 1988, the law was properly amended and signed by President Reagan, permanently setting the day as the first Thursday of every May

•Each year, the president signs a proclamation, encouraging all Americans to pray on this day. (Last year was significant indeed as all 50 state governors, plus the governors of several of the U.S. territories signed similar proclamations.)

The Bible tells us to pray for those who are in authority.

In 1 Timothy 2:1-4: (1) it says "so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity" and (2) so that God can bring those in authority - as well as those under their

authority - to Himself. He 'desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.'

One international pastor compared prayer-less intentions to a building that is wired for electricity but not connected to a power source; so, "nothing will work, even if the wires are in good order and the light fixtures are beautiful."

We should pray for those who are in authority, to be obedient to the will of God.

With the turmoil in the world right now, the unrest of politics and many other unknowns that have plagued our nation, maybe all of us should take a few minutes and "take" the time to pray, seeking wisdom and asking for forgiveness where needed.

God says that, "We receive not because we ask not."

Let's ask, believing that we will receive and look forward to a turning of the tide for all good to visit our doorsteps. Peace is a needed commodity right now and time in prayer can help to bring it to pass. Shalom Craig County.

Schools

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conclude with Spirit Day on Friday when they will have their pep rally

- May 7: SOLs start
- June 7: Pre-K promotion ceremony
- June 8: Kindergarten and fifth-grade promotion ceremony - current plans for promotion ceremony will again be a drive-through

Whiting added updates for spring athletic sports, "We did not have enough eligible students for varsity or JV baseball nor any interested or eligible students for track. Soccer and softball seemed to be the first choice."

She explained that they were unable to double sport for spring season this year due to the lack of players.

"For example, student-athletes this year cannot do soccer and track or softball and track because the numbers in the team sports are so limited that they will not be able to have an effective practice if the whole team is not there," Whiting said before adding, "However, one eligible athlete is interested in track and field, in discus

and shotput. Her father is the assistant coach; therefore, she will be able to continue to practice and compete on their own schedule."

Whiting continued:

- Varsity softball has 11 players. Alana Carper is the coach and Leanne Mattox is the assistant

- Varsity soccer has 14 players with Coach Robin Nobles and assistant Jeff Hickson. Both of those sports only participate in district competition

- Coach Harrison and Coach Simpkins will continue conditioning and weightlifting program throughout spring - Monday through Thursday for an hour to student-athletes who were not able to have a team for various reasons. Since they could not play their sport, we wanted to honor them and give them something they could do.

She noted that they have spoken to other pioneer district and regions and all the schools are playing with limited participation, "being in the same boat that we are."

Soccer, softball and track

are all up and running.

Warwick updated the Board on the new "Boost" program which will concentrate on students who have reading and math needs.

"We are now able to do pre-K through second-grade special education students and other grades to qualify for extended school year services and students that are in our high school regional program," Warwick said. "We followed the model that the state gave us."

It will be a four-week "Boost" class, from June 21-23. There will not be classes the week of July 5 as it is a holiday. Student hours will be from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and breakfast and lunch will be provided on those days.

High school students will be doing Virtual Virginia in this year's Craig Recovery Program.

"We have structured this Boost Academy to be like a summer camp with athletic activities and science experiments as well as reading and math classes," Warwick said. Warwick also reported

on the update of FFCRA leave which was previously approved to be extended to the end of the school year on June 11.

She added, "Another leave was put into effect on April 1. If employees have used their ten days bank time, it starts all over April 1, up to ten days. You can use this leave to get this vaccine and recover and also recover if there are side effects or when you are seeking or waiting for COVID diagnosis or test results if you have been exposed. It was extended through September 30.

Warwick shared that though it is a cost to the school division, it is necessary.

"If they are asking people to stay at home because they have been exposed or have COVID, we do not want to encourage people to be sick and come to work because they do not have leave and I have a difficult time telling people, since it is available, that they cannot use the leave," she informed to the Board. "We just want to protect our employees."

The Board ultimately approved the extension.

Director of Instruction Samuel Foster shared the Perkins CTE plan.

"The Board approved the CTE funding of approximately \$14,000 to be used for students who attend Btech, used to replace equipment in CTE - computer and Ag classes, for family consumer science and to fund career exploration and academic planning," he said.

Board member George Foster inquired about the property which was to be used for the Ag class.

Foster explained that they have a CTE Advisory committee that was formed several years ago to assist teachers.

"There was gravel donated and there were other goals which did not come into fruition. Currently, it is so wet there we cannot do a lot. We are looking forward to some drier times so that people can come in and do what they need to do over there," he said. "We still have the land lab as a goal.

We are going forward to help make that happen."

Warwick added, "Our kids really respond to Ag. I would still love to see more animals and things that we had talked about over there. Mr. Flinchum is going to try to move the chicken coops closer to the school hoping that no other animals will get to them."

Hopes are that these goals will soon come to fruition.

The next monthly School Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 11, at 5:30 p.m. in the Auditorium. All citizens are encouraged to attend, or view via live on the school's website.

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1) Hold public hearing to consider the request of Scott A. Boggs, property owner, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow retail sales on the property located at 407 East Burwell Street (Tax Map # 120-1-5).
2) Hold public hearing to consider amending Chapter 106, Zoning, Article III Use & Design Standards, Section 106-308 pertaining to office uses, and Article VI, Definitions and Use Types, Section 106-602.5 Civic Use Types and 106-602.7 Office Use Types, pertaining to guidance services, medical offices/clinic, and outpatient mental health and substance abuse clinics, 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. Tallaferro, II Executive Secretary

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Legals - Montgomery County

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:

1. A request by JBC Properties, LLC, to rezone approximately 4.82 acres of a 5.311-acre parcel from A, Agricultural to R-1, Single-Family Residential. The subject property is located at 345 John Lemley Lane, S.E. and is identified as Tax Map 502-((17))-23 (Parcel ID 120239). The property is designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

2. A request by New River United Soccer Association for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a club soccer facility within the A, Agricultural zoning district. The subject property is approximately 4.901 acres in size, located at 1200 Buffalo Drive, N.W. and is identified as Tax Map Number 556-((A))-84 (Parcel ID 111028). The property is designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

Town Hall will be open and available to receive public comment in-person at the time of this Public Hearing. Additionally, the meeting will be streamed live on the Town of Christiansburg's YouTube channel at www.christiansburg.org/youtube and will remain on the Town's YouTube page once the meeting concludes. For information on contactless methods for submitting public comment, please visit www.christiansburg.org/publichearings.

Copies of the applications are available for review at the following link: www.christiansburg.org/publichearings. A copy of the applications, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Margaret Barden, Planning Director, at (540) 382-6120 ext. 1117 or by email at mbarden@christiansburg.org with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

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Jones fans 19 in win over Narrows



The Craig County softball girls picked up their first win of the season last week when the Rockets beat Narrows in New Castle, 14-11.

Pitcher Sara Jones led the Rockets to the win. Sara struck out 19 Lady Waves and was also three for four at the plate.

"She's a natural and she works hard," said Craig coach Elaina Wolfe-Carper of Jones. "I was very impressed by Sara's pitching. To face that many batters and still be going strong at the end of the game is outstanding for any pitcher, especially a sophomore who didn't get to have a season last year."

Hannah Ratliff was four for five at the plate while alternating between short and catcher with Lily Hutchison. Lily had a steal of home.

"There were still just entirely too many errors, including mental er-

rors, but this group is still learning," said Wolfe-Carper. "I only have a few girls playing in spots that they've even played in practice before this year. We've got a lot of potential so long as the girls continue to work hard and stay committed."

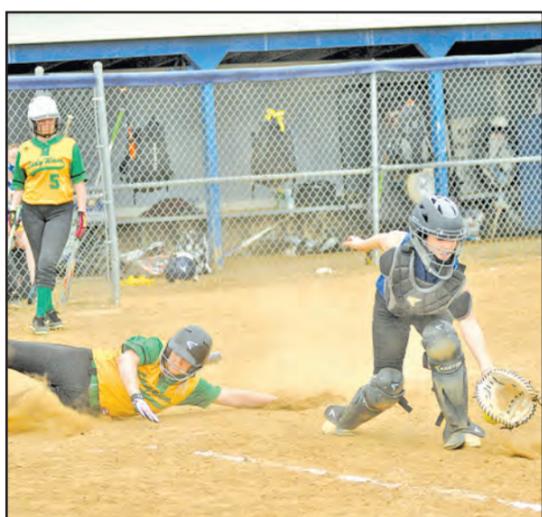
The win evened Craig's record at 1-1. The Rockets lost their opener to Alleghany, 24-0. Jones had Craig's only hit.

"They're a strong team and they played an errorless game," said Wolfe-Carper. "They put the ball into play and we just didn't make the plays we needed to make."

The Rockets are back home on Thursday to host Parry McCluer. They were scheduled to play at Eastern Montgomery on Monday but that game was in jeopardy at press time due to inclement weather.

Kylee Clifton makes a putout at first for the Rockets.

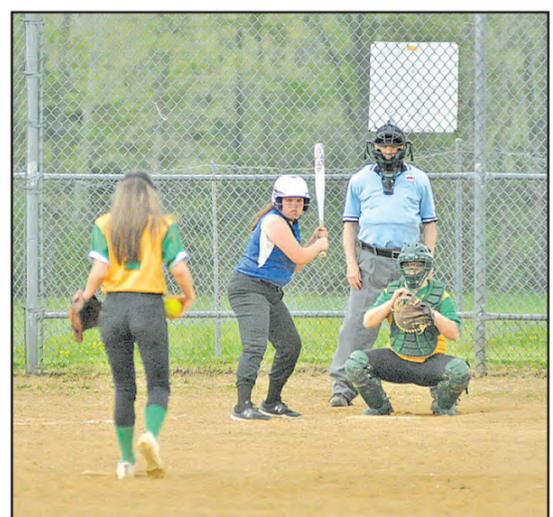
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Craig catcher Lily Hutchison takes a throw from the outfield.



Sara Jones slides safely into third.



Gabby Hypes bats in last week's win over Narrows.

Craig shuts out Narrows in soccer, 1-0, for first win

This is Mason Huffman's first year playing on the Craig soccer team and he picked it up quickly. Mason recorded his first shutout in goal last week as the Rockets downed Narrows, 1-0.

"For a first year player he's done really well," said Craig coach Robin Nobles of her keeper. "He would be playing baseball if we had a team this year, but since we don't he decided to play soccer. We're glad to have him."

The Rockets scored in the first half on a goal by Dalton Henderson and they made it stand up. As usual, it was a very physical game

with Narrows but the home team didn't back down. Nobles had praise for Lucas Taylor, Claire Deplaizes, Logan Kittler and senior Alexis Jones, another first year player.

"She's very coachable and gives 100 percent all the time," said Nobles of Jones.

The Rockets are now 1-1. They lost to a strong Auburn team, 5-2, in the season opener in Craig County. Henderson and Clayton Owens had goals for Craig.

The Rockets have two more home games this week, on Tuesday against Bath and on Thursday against Parry McCluer.



Bryce Drake of Craig battles a Narrows opponent for the ball.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



Dalton Henderson has a leg up in last week's win over Narrows.



Mason Huffman makes a save in the goal for Craig.



Alex Drake defends the field for the Rockets.

Salem Red Sox will open this week in Maryland, home opener is next Tuesday against Lynchburg

With just six days until the home opener and 618 days since the Salem Red Sox last took to Haley Toyota Field, the 2021 Low-A East League season stage is set for an exciting and competitive return.

The Sox season is scheduled to open on the road this week against the Delmarva Shorebirds, an affiliate of the Baltimore Orioles located in Salisbury, MD. The Sox will play six games in Maryland, then take off on Monday before hosting the Lynchburg Hillcats for six games in six days.

The Sox announced the

2021 Opening Day roster this week, headlined by a dynamic duo of 19-year-old, prospects. 2020 First Round Draft Pick, Nick Yorke, and 2019 Second Round Draft Pick, Matthew Lugo, will man the middle infield for Salem. Joining them in the lineup will be the organizations fourth ranked prospect, Gilberto Jimenez, who led all Red Sox minor leaguers in batting average in 2019. Lastly, toeing the rubber for the team will be Aldo Ramirez, who offers a three-pitch mix and checks in as Boston's tenth overall prospect.

"We have a very good group of guys with a high-energy vibe," said Salem Red Sox Manager Luke Montz. "It's been a little over a year since a majority of these guys have played an official game. The want, the care, the readiness, and the fight were all on display during Spring Training."

The 2021 season marks Montz' first managing Salem after serving in the same role for Short-A Lowell (2019-20) and serving as a coaching assistant for Double-A Portland (2018). In 2019, Montz led

the Spinners to the Stedler Division title and a 42-34 record in the regular season.

"We talked about consistency with our group as we head into the season," said Montz. "Each and every day we have a job to do to better ourselves in all aspects of our game."

The entire roster is as follows:

Pitchers (18): RHP Merfy Andrew, RHP Jacinto Arredondo, RHP Brock Bell, RHP Bradley Blalock, RHP Casey Cobb, RHP Jordan DiValerio, LHP Shane Drohan, RHP Ryan Fernandez, RHP Robert

Kwiatkowski, RHP Cole Milam, RHP Aaron Perry, RHP Aldo Ramirez, LHP Jorge Rodriguez, RHP Devon Roedahl, RHP Cody Scroggins, LHP Brandon Walter, LHP Jeremy Wu-Yelland, RHP Ryan Zeferjahn

Catchers (3): Alex Erro, Jaxx Groshans, Stephen Scott
Infielders (6): Joe Davis, Matthew Lugo, Jake Mackenzie, Nicholas Northcut, Cedanne Rafaela, Nick Yorke

Outfielders (5): Jecorrah Arnold, Wil Dalton, Nick Decker, Gilverto Jimenez, Dean Miller