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Honoring Craig County's lions of war who became the sacrificial lambs



Several Craig County citizens attended the annual Memorial Day service at the courthouse to honor those who courageously gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

Each of the Armed Forces of the United States of America upholds their own motto: U. S. Marines – Semper Fidelis (Always Faithful), the U.S. Coastguard – Semper Pa-

ratus (Always Ready), the U.S. Air Force – Aim High, Fly, Fight, Win, the U.S. Navy – Semper Fortis (Always Courageous) and the newest, the U.S. Space Force – Semper Supra (Always Above). At the end of the day, all still serve “one,” the citizens of its country.

In 1912, Craig County citizens started a Memorial Day service in honor of those men and women who had been killed in the military service and since. That tradition has carried on since.

“On that Memorial Day, a dedication was made”, Diane Givens, one of the Daughters of the American Revolution, said. “Since that time, the New Castle Town Council along with ladies of the UDC and other community groups have honored U.S. War Veterans with a service on Memorial Day at the courthouse.”

Even last year, with COVID-19 restrictions, and the county unable to hold a service, our local VFW Post 4491 held a special service at the Field of Dreams that was honorable and memorable, with spokesperson, Commander Billy Lee.

Lee, a Veteran from the Marines in Vietnam, had shared, “It is a time to pay honor to those brothers and

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Mike Carper recently was notified by ExxonMobil that through his business with ExxonMobil, Davenport Energy, \$500 was donated to Craig County High School. “Our customers never cease to amaze us with their loyalty,” Carper shared. “We owe this to them to be able to make this donation happen.”

IGA Express ExxonMobil donates \$500

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

With “hometown” businesses, comes “hometown” caring.

Mike Carper of IGA Express ExxonMobil recently announced that with the help of Davenport Energy and ExxonMobil, approximately \$500 was donated to Craig County Public Schools.

Davenport Energy awards \$28,000 in ExxonMobil education grants to various schools.

On May 29, Director of Marketing and Dealer Services Tim Davis contacted IGA Express ExxonMobil, to share that a \$500 ExxonMobil Educational Alliance Grant was awarded to Craig County High School.

“The ExxonMobil Educational Alliance Program is designed to provide Exxon and Mobil retailers with an opportunity to invest in the future of communities through educational grants to neighborhood schools,” Davis said. “Every year, ExxonMobil awards 4,400 Educational Alliance grants to K-12 institutions across the country. Since 2000, the company has committed over \$38 million to the grant program.”

Their grants target math, science, and technology, and may be used for films, speakers, or field trips to science centers; scholarships

or awards to encourage academic or leadership excellence in math or science; science fairs and parent-student events; and educational tools such as computers, math or science books, calculators, and software.

Davenport Energy Inc., the ExxonMobil-branded distributor for IGA Express, secured 58 education grants totaling \$28,000 on behalf of its Exxon and Mobil gasoline stations and convenience stores.

“We have a long history of supporting local neighborhood schools and consider it a privilege to invest our time and resources in the communities where we do business,” said a spokesman for Davenport Energy.

Headquartered in Chatham, Va., Davenport Energy supplies gasoline and diesel fuel to more than 200 convenience stores and gas stations in Virginia, North Carolina, and West Virginia.

Davenport Energy also delivers propane and heating oil to more than 35,000 customers throughout the region.

“We are so fortunate and proud to be part of our New Castle and Craig County community,” Carper shared. “Our customers never cease to amaze us with their loyalty. We owe this to them to be able to make this donation happen.”

School Board revisits Land Lab Project



The Craig County School Board was recently presented with a “re-design” of the school’s proposed Land Lab Program by Samuel Foster to include more options for all the schools, K-12.

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

Graduation is right around the corner and the Craig County Public Schools staff, School Board and Administration are working diligently to prepare for their summer classes as well as other projects.

Samuel Foster reported on the CCPS native trail, the land surrounding the School Board office which was originally a house and a farm. Part of this land had been designated for a Land Lab Project.

“In 2017, we began

the process of planning for this, focused on animal sciences, pens for large and small animals, for both long-and short-term durations, essentially a mini-farm to augment our Ag program,” Foster said. “The original design had two pens, where they could have shown animals and also a place for a longer-term stay. Different things occurred over the last few years, both in weather and what we were teaching, so we did not go past Stage 1.”

He noted that the posi-

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Warwick recognized as Superintendent of the Year

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Contributing writer

When some speak of a job that entails their everyday life, it is easy to think of the position of School Superintendent, where phone calls, texts and emails can flood their

phones and computers 24/7.

At the May School Board meeting, Chairman Susan Crenshaw announced the recognition of Jeanette Warwick, the Superintendent of Craig County Public Schools, as Superintendent of the Year from the Virginia School Board Association.



Craig County Public Schools Superintendent Jeanette Warwick was honored as Superintendent of the Year at the May School Board meeting. She was presented the award by Chairman Susan Crenshaw.

In past years, Superintendents of the Year have been selected for special recognition. This year, it was stated that in consideration of regarding professionalism, superintendent ability and community involvement, a different decision was made due to the fact, “in order to ensure the health and safety of all Virginians, schools across the Commonwealth closed on March 13, 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and were provided virtual instructions.”

Crenshaw then read a letter from the VSBA detailing their decision in recognition of Superintendent of the Year for 2020 – 2021.

•Superintendents have been vital in serving children through this pandemic and have been responsible for the health, safety and welfare of each child by creating school cultures within the pandemic to serve all children, utilizing guidance and in fulfilling leadership responsibilities

•They also worked collaboratively with other superintendents, educators, parents and community stakeholders in providing technology, resources, curriculum content, emotional support and meals for children

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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.

Roanoke College’s 428 graduates in Class of 2020 set out on ‘new journey’

After a delay of more than a year, the Roanoke College Class of 2020 walked across the commencement stage on May 22. With their senior year disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic, their commencement ceremony was postponed. Roanoke College conferred degrees in a virtual ceremony on their original graduation date, May 2, 2020. On May 22, in the Salem Stadium, the Class of 2020 returned to Salem for their in-person commencement ceremony.

President Michael C. Maxey referred to the Class of 2020 as “Roanoke College history-makers” and saluted them for their ability to stay connected to one another even as they finished their

college careers from their homes.

“Never forget that you are twice graduated from Roanoke College,” Maxey said. “No one has ever done that and I hope it leads to a special bond between and among you and between you and your college.”

The Class of 2020 is comprised of 428 graduates from 30 states and five countries. The top majors (in order) are business administration, biology, communication studies, sociology, and health and exercise science. Two hundred and fifteen graduates earned the Bachelor of Arts, 80 obtained the Bachelor of Business Administration and 133 earned the Bach-

elor of Science.

Three students earned valedictorian honors in the Class of 2020 and though not all of them were able to make it to graduation, all three were honored during the ceremony.

Benjamin Allen Vester, an economics and political science major from Morgantown, West Virginia, delivered a speech at the ceremony. Upon graduating, Vester was a field representative for Sen. Joe Manchin, D-West Virginia. Since then, Vester earned a spot as a staff assistant with the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and now works in Washington, D.C.

Vester spoke about his favorite campus traditions, saying that even as the Class of 2020 didn’t get to experience their final months on campus, the memories of those traditions shine brightly in his memory.

“We may not have had the opportunity to participate in the rituals of senior year and graduation the way previous classes have or hopefully future classes will,” Vester said. “But through these traditions, through our favorite memories of our almost four years in sunny Salem, the class of 2020 belongs in its own unique way to what is bigger than ourselves — Roanoke College, our alma mater,

which has indeed served us well.”

Kyle Elizabeth Grohbrugge is a health and exercise science major and public health minor from Grantham, New Hampshire. Grohbrugge recently finished her first year at the University of Colorado, where she is pursuing a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree. She’s working at an orthopedic clinic this summer, where she works with patients who suffer from neck, back, shoulder and other pain. She is on track to graduate in December 2022.

Grohbrugge wasn’t able to attend the ceremony, but she did write a speech, which Rev. Christopher M. Bowen read on her behalf. In it, Grohbrugge compared a college career to hiking a mountain — an experience to which many Maroons can relate.

“There is still so much to explore, and I wish you all the best of luck in continuing to find your own adventures after Roanoke College,” Grohbrugge wrote.

Kaitlyn Renee Hefele is a biology major and Spanish minor from Ashland, Virginia. She just graduated from James Madison University with a Master of Arts in teaching and recently accepted a position teaching biology at Nelson County High School in Virginia. She’s teaching summer school in Augusta County this summer and starting her full-time job in August.

Three honorary degrees were conferred virtually as part of the Class of 2020 Commencement ceremony.



A group of Roanoke College graduates tossing their caps in the air in celebration of their education accomplishments.

Doreen H. Fishwick received the honorary degree of Doctor of Commerce. Fishwick is the retired General Manager of The Hotel Roanoke. Fishwick and her late husband, John Fishwick, were supporters of many worthy causes in the Roanoke Valley. At Roanoke College, they endowed the Blair Wiley Fishwick Endowed Scholarship in memory of John’s late wife and established the John P. Fishwick Professorship in English and the Doreen H. Fishwick Endowed Scholarship. Doreen Fishwick served as a consulting trustee for Opera Roanoke and was a member of the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra Board of Directors.

Tom T. Hall received the honorary degree of Doctor of Fine Arts. Hall is a songwriter, author and musician in Nashville, Tennessee. Throughout his career, his songs were recorded by dozens of country music artists, including Johnny Cash, George Jones,

Loretta Lynn, Waylon Jennings, and Alan Jackson. Hall’s own recording career included country music hits “I Love,” “Country Is,” and “I Like Beer.” His song “(Old Dogs, Children and) Watermelon Wine,” was included on Rolling Stone Magazine’s list of the 100 greatest country songs.

Dr. Donald E. Morel, Jr. Received the honorary degree of Doctor of Science. Morel is the retired Chairman and CEO of West Pharmaceutical Services. Dr. Morel joined West Pharmaceutical Services in 1992 and retired as Chairman and CEO. He was selected by NASA’s Astronaut Office in 1989 for training as a mission specialist. He served on numerous NASA scientific advisory committees focused on microgravity materials processing and stability of composites for large, deployable space structures in low-Earth orbit.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Partner to “flows”
5. French industrial city
9. Diagrams
11. Diplomat
13. Hires
15. Hawaiian island
16. Set aflame
17. Very happy
19. Blue dye
21. Small terrier with short legs
22. One thousand cubic feet (abbr.)
23. Northern pike genus
25. Expression of annoyance
26. Female deer
27. Casella and Kellerman are two
29. Actor’s lines to

audience
31. Days (Spanish)
33. Close a person’s eyes
34. Cloaked
36. Comedic actor Rogen
38. It’s all around us
39. Neutralizes alkalis
41. Native people of New Mexico
43. No seats available
44. Famed “Air Music” composer
46. Fit of irritation
48. Psychic phenomena
52. Knicks’ first-rounder Toppin
53. Seed used in cooking
54. “WandaVision” actress
56. Samples food
57. In a lucid way

58. Stair part
59. Adieu
CLUES DOWN

1. Type of moth
2. A Christian sacrament
3. It lends books to Bostonians (abbr.)
4. Turn away
5. Impersonal
6. Shortly
7. Indigenous Alaskans
8. Subtle difference of meaning
9. Sicilian city
10. Put in harmony
11. Administrative divisions
12. As happily
14. Horse mackerel
15. Muddy or boggy ground
18. Monetary unit of Italy
20. Construction site

machine
24. 22
26. Tracts at the mouths of rivers
28. Earnings
30. Insect repellent
32. Runner-up
34. Musician
35. Serious or urgent
37. Esteemed one
38. Where rockers play
40. Work furniture
42. Greek prophetesses
43. Quantitative fact
45. Missing soldiers
47. Minute
49. This (Spanish)
50. Maintain possession of
51. Assault with a knife
55. Holiday text message greeting

Craig County basketball team hosts car wash



On May 29, the Craig County girl’s travel basketball team hosted a car wash and bake sale at Food Country. Not one girl was dry (not by accident), and all seemed to have a blast raising funds for their team. Pictured from left to right, Amber Medley, Natalie Fisher, Kellie Fisher, Kailyn Jones, Annalese Zimmerman, Jenna Boitnott and Daleigh Donithan. Not pictured is Kammie Fisher who was working. An article will be in next week’s issue.

Memorial Day

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Disabled Navy Veteran and new resident Andrew Atkins wrote a special song for his comrade Veterans, singing it at the Memorial Day service. His words rang true in many hearts and lives.

sisters who have given their lives for freedom. Veterans Day is for our living Veterans and Memorial Day is for Veterans who died in the war. As a combat Marine, I personally have brothers I have fought with who have died in combat. Even though you spent only a few months with them, you become closer than people you went to school 12 years with, because in combat, you tell each other not only about your life, but all your hopes and dreams. You tell each other secrets that you would tell no one else. Personally, I wear a bracelet with the names of some Marines in my platoon I got really close to before they were killed, to honor them every day.”

On May 31, our community came together again, on this special day, which holds a deep-rooted place in many persons’ hearts that some cannot comprehend, as this saying is repeated many times during Memorial Day: “All gave some, while some gave all.”

The VFW Craig Valley Post #4491 opened the special Memorial Day service with Dennis White ringing the bell and the post, presenting the flag, bringing the flag back to half-mast, honoring the lives of those military persons who have given their lives for the United States of America’s freedom.

White then invited other Veterans to join the local VFW Post and thanked the community for always graciously supporting their Post in whatever ventures they pursued.

In his invocation, he included these words, “As our nation pauses today to remember those in the military who have given their lives for the freedoms that we enjoy, we pray You would have us all to look to you for strength, comfort and guidance. Be with all those who serve in the armed forces and bless their families. Grant your mercy upon our land even as we acknowledge with Thanksgiving, your past goodness on our country.”

The Craig Valley Daughters of the American Revolution led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the National Anthem played on the trumpet by Alyssa Schulke, Craig County’s music teacher. Hands were held over hearts, while others held their hats on theirs, and many of them seemed to be in a deep trance of allegiance.

Andrew Atkins, a Navy Veteran and new resident of Craig County, sang a song he wrote to his comrades, with words which rang true to many.

Schulke beautifully sang, “Oh Beautiful” and “God Bless America,” as David Givens set up and ran the sound system for the event.

Special speaker Lenny MacDonald was introduced by Mayor John “Bucky” Johnson.

Johnson has been on the town council for two years, graduated in Business Management, Marketing and Pastoral studies and is the Associate Pastor of New Covenant Assembly of God. He works at Cox Communications and volunteers at the Rescue Mission as a Chaplain Coordinator, is Secretary of Craig’s GOP, is an economic development authority in Craig, founding director of “Love thy neighbor” fund and he loves his country.

MacDonald shared, “Today We Remember.”

Though MacDonald is not originally from Craig County and is a new resident, he holds Memorial Day as a day to honor, sharing that he has seen so many names written on the memorials in Craig, who had given their lives.

“I came to love Craig County and New Castle long before I had the opportunity to move here. The land called to me first, with the lush-forested mountains, the clear mountain streams and creeks, the wild game that called these hollers and ridges home. I walked the trails and knew there was something special about this place.

Then I began to learn the history of our county. I saw maps, created by Thomas Jefferson’s father from before the revolutionary war showing that men and their families were already populating these valleys. I learned of the men and women who mined these hills and cut the timber.

While the mining and timber have largely left, the greatest asset of this valley remains. It is the hardy people who cut the town out of wilderness and generations since that have stayed on to be stewards of this wonderful part of Virginia.

It is the people who are sitting before me today. It’s their names that we see today that are still here, the people of Craig County who formed it have never left.

While each name here may not represent, they still went to war with the very real risk upon their shoulders of death.

So, today we remember.

Craig County has a long history of sending its sons and daughters to fight and preserve our nation. We



Lenny MacDonald, another new resident gave a profound message, honoring our Veterans and military, saying they were, “Craig County’s lions of war who became the sacrificial lambs.”

have sent some of our very best to be as lions in the defense of our shores, our mountains, our very way of life.

These lions helped stave off the British suppressors during the Revolution, before our county was even formed. They held them off again in the War of 1812. During World War II, our boys turned up again and again at key engagements, fighting for the country, and their homes. With every engagement America has been in, our men and women have answered the call.

Today, we remember those lions that never came home to their waiting families. You see, while they left our valleys as lions and fought bravely, some transformed in the action from a lion of liberty to become the sacrificial lambs at the altar of American Freedom.

Their sacrifice, as well as their family’s sacrifice, allow us to be here this morning. It is their willingness to serve in the face of a violent enemy, with the risk of death heavily upon their shoulders, and yet going to war anyway, that allows us to live in the peace that we hold so dear.

What is it about our country that would be so important that so many of our sons and daughters would risk so much? For the answer to this question, I will refer each of us to the Declaration of Independence:

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.”

While we may find this to be obvious, it was not a form of government that had ever been tried before this great American experience. Prior to this moment, Kings and Queens ruled unilaterally without any real accountability. There was no recourse for those who were wronged by the government. These unalienable rights endowed by our creator, were never at the forefront of those who governed.

Here in America, we

had an opportunity to let our Creators’ rights rule our land at the consent of the governed. Our Creator, that is God above. The governed, that is you and I.

This was so radical an idea that the King and all of England discounted it immediately and proceeded to try and crush it.

It is here that we see the providence of God’s hand at work. Our rebellion, outmanned, outgunned, did not just survive, but we won. Right here in Virginia, at Yorktown, the British General Cornwallis surrendered his sword to General George Washington, wiping out the last real chance that the King had to stop our humble new Nation.

The Providence of God allowed us to survive the onslaught of a better trained, better experienced, better equipped Army. But not without the cost of some of our precious men’s lives. Not without the loss of some fortunes of those who believed so much in the cause of Liberty that they gave their every resource of money, crops and yes, their very lives to the cause.

It is upon this example that our forefathers have followed when faced with the enemy which would attempt to undo this miracle, that is America.

So, today we remember those who gave the last full measure.

In all the conflicts that America has been in, over a million men and women have given their lives at the altar of freedom, at the altar of liberty, for peace on this land so that we could know that God’s very hand is upon us.

And we remember their families who allowed them to serve and kept the home fires burning.

Today, we remember that freedom is not free. The cost has been measured in the lives of our family members listed upon these monuments.

The cost has been measured in the wives and husbands who continued on after the heart-breaking loss of their loved ones and now rest with the knowledge that this great country continues on. It has been



Craig Valley VFW Post #4491 posted the colors to start the event, and ended with Taps, which brought tears to many a person.

measured out with the sons and daughters who grew up without their dads.

And at this cost, with over a million American soldiers losing their lives, since the inception of our great country, I ask you today to remember:

- Those we have lost to the horrors of war

- The value of this great land we call America

- That we, in our remembrance, must live out this experiment of freedom, that we cannot let their lives be lost without living the dream that they bestowed upon us

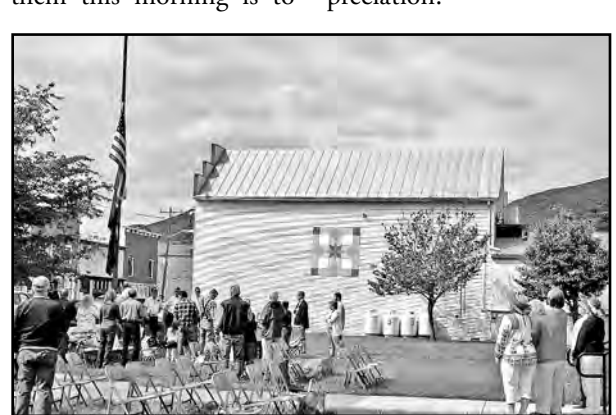
- That Liberty is a difficult idea to maintain, but incredibly sacred to our Nation, to our Commonwealth, to Craig County, our homes and to the people I have come to call neighbors and friends

It is easy to come down this morning to say thank you to those who are gone. The challenge for us who are here to remember them this morning is to

live out the great American experience, to love your neighbor, stand for liberty and freedom and never take it for granted.

Walter Marsden, a Veteran of the U.S. Navy, who served in Vietnam in 1965 as a gunner’s mate aboard USS Galveston CLG3, said, “Memorial Day means more to me because my family lost their lives from many battles. My father, from operations on his hip. His many medals did not replace him for me. My uncle from alcohol as he fought in Iwo Jima and my sister lost two husbands to agent orange. It makes me think of them more on Memorial Day.”

The service ended with the heartfelt playing of “Taps,” as most stood with hands over hearts. For some, tears were streaming with memories of loved ones who “gave it all,” while an honorable silence enveloped the entire atmosphere with deep appreciation.



Craig Valley Daughters of the American Revolution led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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OPINION

Hooray for library volunteers

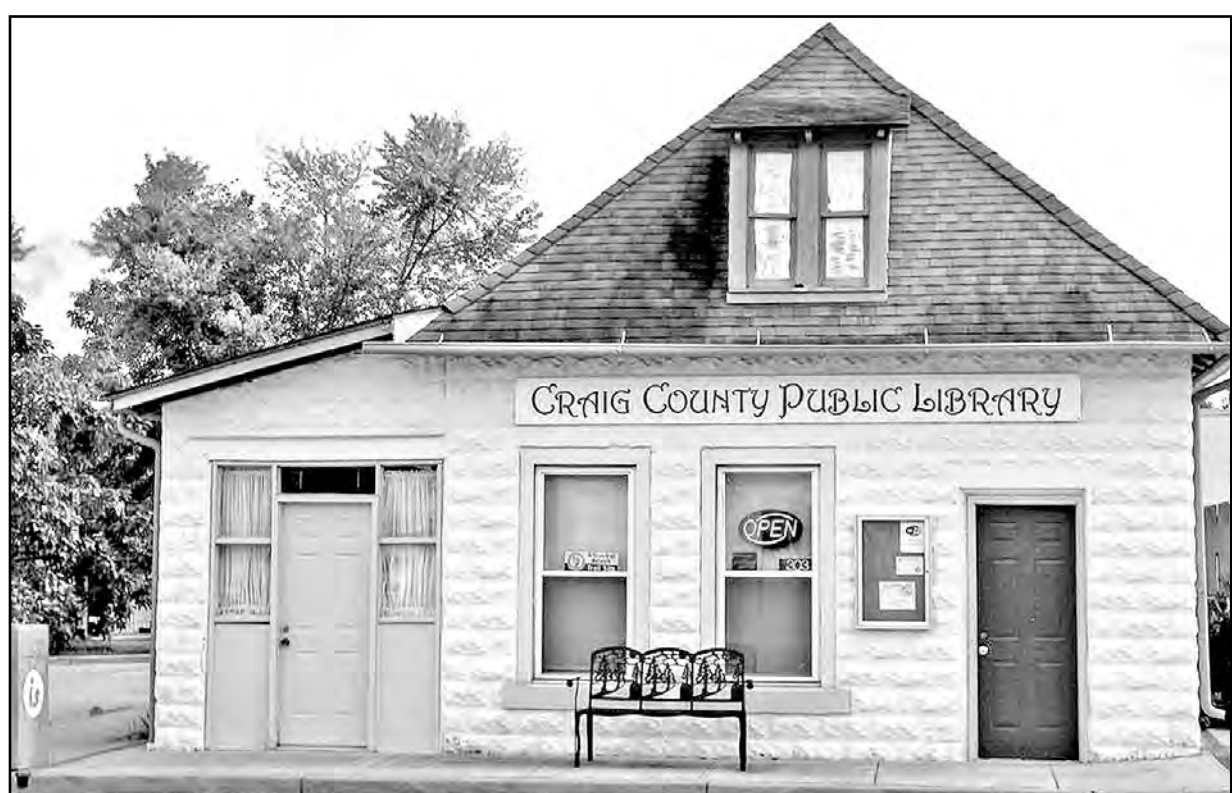
Library Corner
Empowering individuals to build a stronger community

We have been shouting out the hard work of our staff and volunteers in the past few weeks. This is the final report on volunteers honored during the May 10 the library outdoor party.

Lee Greiser was drafted to the library board by the then-current director, Marguerite Noga, only three weeks after moving to Craig County. Clearly, Marguerite made a good choice. Lee served as Secretary, Vice-President, and President from 2010 to 2013 and on some years, holding more than one office. During those years, she cataloged materials, staffed the circulation desk and book sales as needed. When many former board members step away after serving the library, Lee stays on. She has committed to maintaining our nonfiction book shed and is available to serve at the circulation desk to fill gaps. She stops by the library weekly to catch up

with Letha and discussing what's going on with the library and how she can help. Lee offers back up support to the staff and board only when asked. It is delivered affectively and with gracious kindness.

Martha Adams, like Linda and Lee, is newly retired. Martha also found the library as her plug-in to the community. She began volunteering at the library desk three years ago. Her professional skills with greeting people, making them feel welcomed and her high level of organizational computer skills made her an immediate asset. We now have a well-managed spreadsheet of library contacts, members and donors, which has made a huge difference! She let those folks know we appreciate their support for the library by beautifully written thank you notes, a true art not all of us possess. She has written 152 in just this fiscal year. The hardest part of COVID has been missing her "regulars" at the circulation desk. She is eager to get back and catch up with them. She is a great example of how that first smile by the person at the desk



The Craig County Public Library is at 303 Main Street.

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can make you feel valued at your local library.

Anita Martindell is another new-to-town library plug-in. She immediately joined the board offering her professional skills as a CPA, a natural for the Treasurer position. This is such a critical business skill need for non-profits to survive! She tackles those accounting challenges that many of us feel clueless to take on. When she first arrived, her professional work seemed to be winding down, but she changed that course and is taking on more work than she

imagined. In spite of this, she still keeps our books and advises the board on critical fiscal issues. She generously backs up the board treasurer as long as she doesn't have to attend meetings, a solution that best serves us all. Anita's time and professional skills are greatly appreciated.

Tom Spence came to the library due to a work injury. His workman's comp required 40 hours a week of community service. Both sides lucked out and since Tom is obviously not good at keeping track of his hours, he still

volunteers for the library. I think Tom grew to enjoy the "local news" that you can only find at your neighborhood library. He was always a good one to sound off ideas with. After his first 40 hours, Tom became the library handyman from mowing grass, taking trash and building shelves, just to name a few. Tom is another valuable resource, keeping this library a well-oiled machine.

Gavin Shires volunteered at the library as a high school student investing his Beta Club Community Service hours to

the library. From Gavin's view, this was a pivotal resume builder that helped him get accepted at George Mason University. The library greatly valued his willingness to step in and do the tasks that needed to be done efficiently and with a consistent positive attitude. He made us proud of the youth of this county and their place in this community. His energy engaged all of us. We look forward to the bright future he will pave. He is a one-of-a-kind leader and proudly we can claim, he is one of us!

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Virginians weigh in on state of the nation, the Commonwealth and COVID, Democrats and Republicans disagree on almost everything

Roanoke College Poll

Conducted by The Institute for Policy and Opinion Research

The latest Roanoke College Poll looks at the opinions of Virginians on a variety of issues related to the Commonwealth, to the country, and to issues related to COVID-19.

Views of the United States, Biden, spending and taxing

Virginians generally favor the large spending plans passed by Congress and those proposed by President Joe Biden, and favor taxing the wealthy and corporations to pay for them, according to The Roanoke College Poll. Pluralities think the

Democratic Party (49%) and the Republican Party (49%) are too extreme. The Institute for Policy and Opinion Research interviewed 544 Virginia residents between May 9 and May 23 and has a margin of error of +4.2%.

A plurality of Virginians (47%) approve of the way Biden is handling his job as president, while 39% disapprove. A major-

ity (53%) of respondents think the country is on the wrong track while 42% think it is headed in the right direction. The results are almost unchanged since the February Roanoke College Poll other than a rise in disapproval for Biden.

Reflecting on the present state of the nation, a

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Virginia officials react to the passing of U.S. Senator John Warner

Senator Tim Kaine
“I am stunned at the loss of John Warner. Virginia has lost an unmatched leader, and my family has lost a dear friend.

“John Warner and my father-in-law, Linwood Holton, interrupted their college studies to join the Navy during World War II. Each served in the Pacific theatre, and they met when they returned to Washington and Lee at the close of the war. Their fraternity brother days started a friendship that lasted 75 years. Lin and John worked together, built the Virginia Republican Party from irrelevance into a formidable force, competed against one another in the 1978 Virginia Senate race, and always found time for new projects and humorous reminiscence.

“When I married Anne in 1984, I entered the large circle of John’s friends. From his thirty-year post in the Senate, he helped me as Mayor and Governor again and again. In particular, I will never forget his advocacy that helped save the Metro Silver Line from the brink of extinction. His advice on matters large and small (mostly solicited but occasionally offered even though I hadn’t asked!) was always

farsighted, patriotic, and delivered in pithy and memorable phrases.

“Once I came to the Senate, I understood even more deeply the influence of John Warner. I came to know John McCain, Carl Levin, and so many others who served with him and attested to his integrity and outsized influence in a body he loved so dearly. In particular, John’s service in the Navy during World War II, as a Marine during the Korean War, and as Secretary of the Navy, made him a steady hand as Chair and Ranking Member of the Senate Armed Services Committee. And in this new chapter in my life, John’s advice again became essential.

“Not having John Warner to go to for advice leaves a big hole in my life. But we can all celebrate a public servant who stood on principle, made us proud, and exemplified the best of what politics can be.

“My condolences go out to Jeanne and the entire Warner family.”

Senator Mark Warner

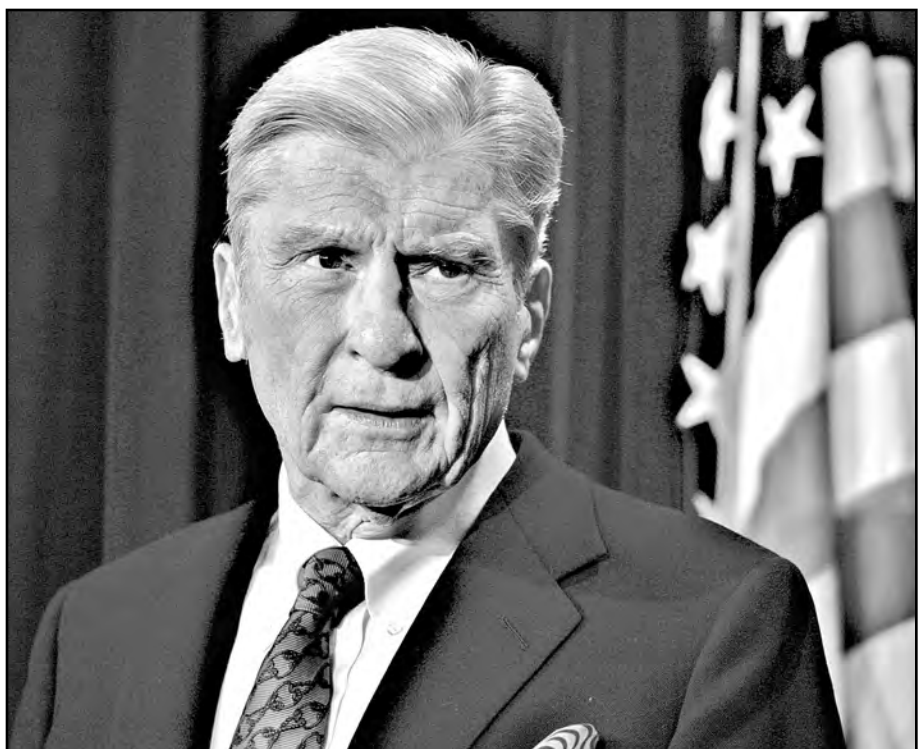
“John Warner was a consummate statesman and a public servant who always put Virginia before politics; who put the nation’s security before

partisanship; who put the country’s needs above his own.

“John Warner and I ran against each other back in 1996. I’ve often said since that the right Warner won that race. And one way that I know that is that even though we came from different political parties – even though we ran spirited, albeit respectful, campaigns that year – as soon as the election was called, it was over. And even though John Warner was already a towering institution in Virginia politics, and I was just some young upstart, he allowed me to become his friend. I felt then incredibly privileged.

“Later, when I became Governor of Virginia, anytime I had to ask folks to take a tough stand in order to do what was right for Virginia, John Warner was always right there, volunteering to put his name and his credibility on the line, because that’s who he was.

“In Virginia, we expect a lot of our elected officials. We expect them to lead, yet remain humble. We expect them to serve, but with dignity. We expect them to fight for what they believe in, but without making it personal. John Warner



Senator John Warner

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Governor Ralph Northam

“Virginia, and America, have lost a giant. As a sailor, a senator, a statesman, and a gentleman, former U.S. Senator John Warner spent his life in public service.

A World War II veteran of the Navy, he served as Secretary of the Navy, led the Senate Armed Services Committee, and was a respected voice in Washington on military affairs. “John helped build up his political party and always remained an inde-

pendent voice. He used that voice in the Senate to forge bipartisan compromise, knowing how and when to reach across the aisle. And he always put Virginia first. “John Warner truly was the best of what public service and elected leadership should be, and his loss leaves a deep void. Pam and I join the Commonwealth in mourning his death. Our prayers for comfort go out to his wife Jeanne, his three children, grandchildren, scores of friends, and all those who loved him.”

Poll

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majority of Virginians (55%) feel included in Joe Biden’s America, while 45% say they felt included in Donald Trump’s America. Six-in-ten (61%) of those polled said the government does not represent the America they love, but 89% said they prefer to live in the U.S. than any other place. Nearly two-thirds (63%) agree that people generally do better when the government leaves them alone.

About one-in-three respondents think qualified minorities should be given preferences in hiring and education (30%), feel the U.S. is a racist country (35%), and that the American people are racist (31%). About 60% disagreed with each of those statements.

As mentioned above, Virginians (56%) support the \$1.9 trillion COVID relief bill passed by Congress; 66% support the \$2.3 trillion (recently scaled back somewhat) infrastructure bill proposed by Biden; and 61% favor the \$1.8 trillion proposal to fund childcare and education. They also favor having the rich pay for that spending with majorities supporting increasing taxes for those making

\$400,000 or more annually (81%) and for corporations (79%). Many fewer support increasing taxes for everyone (26%) or the gas tax (22%).

Less than one-third (29%) favor borrowing the money for additional spending (66% oppose), and 41% say they are very concerned about the deficit and national debt.

A plurality (44%) think that election rules are not strict enough to prevent fraud, while 27% think the rules are too strict and make it too difficult for eligible citizens to vote.

More than half of Virginians report having not very much (30%) or no trust at all (31%) in the mass media to report news fully, accurately and fairly. This measure is quite stable over time.

Virtually every question in this poll is the result of averaging “two Virginias” — the Democratic Virginia and the Republican Virginia (see crosstabs at the end of topline, which can be accessed at the conclusion of this press release). Many of the disparities between party identifiers may best be described as a chasm, and they are persistent.

Governor Northam and

the Commonwealth

Job approval for Virginia Governor Ralph Northam sits at 47%, slightly off his high-level marks in 2020, while 35% disapprove of his performance. Half (50%) of respondents think that Virginia is headed in the right direction, but 40% think it is on the wrong track.

Governmental responses to the virus

Virginians give credit to the Biden and Trump administrations about equally (Biden, a great deal — 26%, some 38%; Trump, a great deal — 24%, some 41%), but are more likely to credit pharmaceutical companies (50% a great deal, 35% some) for reduced infections, increased vaccinations, and reopening economies. Nearly two-thirds of respondents (62%) report being vaccinated, while 19% said they won’t get vaccinated. Nearly half (46%) of those who will decline that vaccine cited safety concerns as the primary reason. Like most important issues today, COVID-19 is viewed through a partisan lens. (See table at conclusion of topline for partisan breakdown of some questions.)

Analysis

“The idea of uniting the Commonwealth (or the country) at present is little more than, at best, wishful thinking and at worst, delusional,” said Dr. Harry Wilson, Senior Political Analyst of the Roanoke College Poll. “We continue to see almost every issue and question break down along party lines. This is not new, but it is clear that the distance between Planet Democrat and Planet Republican is not shrinking. It may be more accurate today to refer to Democratic and Republican opinion rather than public opinion.”

Methodology

Interviewing for The Roanoke College Poll was conducted by The Institute for Policy and Opinion Research at Roanoke College in Salem, Virginia, between May 9 and May 23, 2021. A total of 544 Virginia residents were interviewed. Telephone interviews were conducted in English.

The landline sample

consisted of random-digit numbers generated in proportion to the Virginia population so that all residential telephone numbers, including unlisted numbers, had a known chance of inclusion. Cell phone samples were purchased from Marketing Systems Group. Cell phones comprised 54% of the completed interviews.

Questions answered by the entire sample of 544 Virginians are subject to a sampling error of plus or minus approximately 4.2% at the 95% level of confidence. This means that in 95 out of 100 samples the results obtained should be no more than 4 percentage points above or below the figure that would be obtained by interviewing all Virginians who have a home telephone or a cell phone. Where the results of subgroups are reported, the sampling error is higher.

Quotas were used to balance regions within the state. The data were statistically weighted for gender,

race, and age.

Weighting was done to match U.S. Census counts in Virginia. The margin of error was not adjusted for design effects due to weighting. The design effect was 1.81.

More information about the Roanoke College Poll and the Institute for Policy and Opinion Research may be obtained by contacting Dr. David Taylor, IPOR director, at taylor@roanoke.edu or (540) 375-4933 or the Roanoke College Public Relations Office at (540) 375-2282.

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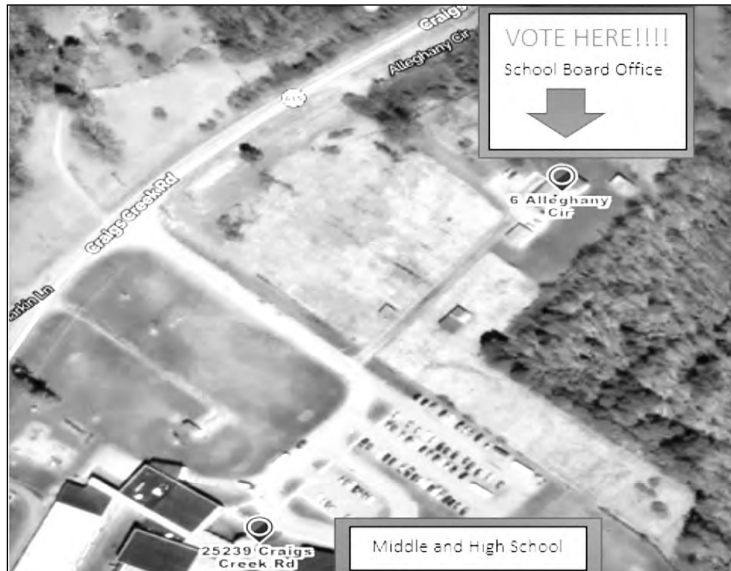
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Outdoor concert gives community opportunity to hear the best that country music has to offer

Shawn Nowlin
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Much to the delight of many Roanoke Valley residents, summer is right around the corner. New guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) indicate that if certain precautions are taken, most outdoor activities are deemed safe.

The tradition of outdoor concerts began decades ago. Since the community is filled with country music lovers, it should come as no surprise that a sizeable crowd gathered at the Salem Memorial Ballpark on May 21 to enjoy a night of country music, courtesy of multi-platinum entertainer Chase Rice and his opening act, Shelby Darrall.

Event festivities started around 5 p.m. and lasted for nearly four hours. Bean toss games were set up in the parking lot, something that dozens of people participated in. Individuals were asked to adhere to social distancing guidelines, and hundreds brought

their own chairs. Allen Cruz and his friends chose to enjoy the concert from the parking lot.

“My F-150 can comfortably seat four people. Myself, my wife and my two brothers knew how we were going to relish the concert long before we arrived in the parking lot. We had such a great time and took plenty of pictures to remember the occasion,” Hunt said.

Rice and Darrall were both met with standing ovations when they hit the stage.

As soon as she walked through the gates, Amy Childress knew that she was in for a treat. Childress says she expected a good turnout for the concert. What she didn’t expect, however, was the number of people who knew practically every word of the songs performed. “I’ve been a huge fan of Chase for over a decade and the first time I was introduced to Shelby, I fell in love with her sound. Neither one disappointed. The tickets were worth every penny,” she said.



Country music star Shelby Darrall performing her popular song “Swim.”

PHOTO BY SHAWN NOWLIN

Since his debut album “Friday Nights & Sunday Mornings” was released in 2010, Rice has gone on to release three more albums: Dirt Road Communion, Ignite the Night and Lambs & Lions. All four projects have enjoyed chart success. Jake Owen, Larry

Fleet and Josh Kerr are just some of the artists that Darrall has worked with within her short career.

Anyone who knows Leslie Emory knows that country music is by far her favorite music genre. The Roanoke County native never misses an op-

portunity to show her love for country music. When Rice performed his current hit single, “Drinkin’ Beer. Talkin’ God. Amen,” Emory found herself acting as if she was a child receiving a gift on Christmas. When she looked around, she noticed many

others doing the same.

More information about Rice and Darrall can be found at chaserice.com and shelbydarrall.com. The country concert was made possible by the Salem Civic Center, the Salem Red Sox and 94.9 Star Country.

Land Lab

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side of the Land Lab was that is paralleled with the students’ classes they were teaching at CCPS. The downside was courses they were offering were geared specifically to farm production, therefore was very narrow scoped.

“Also, we are dealing with drainage conditions on the land creating swap-like areas which are not conducive to some of the animals,” Foster said. “Another issue is how we would maintain this as it would be very muddy at times as well as having animal feces. Not everybody likes mud or the odors.”

The location is seen by all who enter the CCHS driveway, making it a prominent sight.

Foster said that he and Warwick visited several land labs, however, none were close to their schools.

“Therefore, we asked ourselves how we can maintain this with an appealing look and smell,” Foster continued. “I want to thank George Foster for reigniting the light for us on this project, as the past few weeks we have really focused on what can we do to make this a reality and meet these challenges.”

Foster gave the Board recommendations for changes to approve as well as a suggestion

for the position of an Agriculture teacher. He also proposed a goal to offer more broad range courses which do not market solely on-farm production.

“We want to make this a K-12 initiative,” he said. “The original design was geared more directly towards an Ag teacher doing an Ag class though other grades could visit.”

The new idea is to make the space cross-curriculum, a multi-use facility versus the single-use in the original design.

“With the addition of an Agriculture teacher, we would then be able to have a broader range of courses. We now have the shop side of Ag, but then we will be able to add the plants, animals and natural resources, therefore broadening our scope,” Foster shared.

As a result, he proposed the addition of an outdoor learning center with many additional features:

- Raised beds which could be used by the Ag teacher as well as the family consumer science teacher. The Ag teacher could grow the herbs and the consumer science teacher could harvest them and use them in their class

- The learning center to have an amphitheater where classes could be held to sit, write po-

etry, have math class, etc.

- Add a multi-use pavilion. To remove the old barn (which only has use as a shed) and replace it with a pavilion that would have multiple uses. It would be open on all sides and tall enough a tractor could go in for cleaning. Depending on the cost and size within the pavilion, hopes are to have the amphitheater and a show area

Another new idea is to create a nature trail.

“I was walking and looking at the marshy areas, but I noticed the birds flying, and it was kind of an epiphany so the idea of utilizing that space as a nature trail developed,” Foster said. “Included could be exhibits with native Virginia plants, to preserve the natural landscape. The benefit to that is that the fourth graders’ Virginia history class could tie this together.”

The idea is for students to take a short hike and observe the plants, foliage and birds of Virginia, the Blue Ridge Mountains on the campus of CCPS.

He suggested some classes could include making birdhouses and feeders as class projects. Also, it could be a place where the Art class could go and draw whatever they see.

“We would like this to be a place where students could take

a stroll and learn something along the way,” Foster said.

There are five projects that go into this proposal: Nature Trail, Learning Center, Amphitheatre, Pavilion, Garden beds and Landscaping. Signage would be at different areas explaining each. Additionally, there will be an animal pathway and a plant pathway.

Foster noted that Projects one through four could be done in any order, with landscaping completed along the way in each, however, does not have a timeframe for now and is currently getting quotes for the pavilion and looking at the amphitheater. He shared:

- Phase 1 - Construction will consist of several phases, the first being planning. He has connected with the extension agent Sally Ferrel, and they have completed a quick tour. Ferrell referred a master gardener who knows much about Virginia native plants and Vandyke suggested her brother-in-law who has a landscape company and sells plants

- Phase 2 - Sponsorships. Foster is hoping to have classes or groups sponsor areas of the trail. “Mrs. Boyer’s biology class may sponsor one of the exhibits and then would be responsible for keeping it maintained,” Fos-

ter said. “It is to get the whole school involved and take ownership.”

- Phase 3 - Construction which will happen as each project progresses

- Phase 4 - Grand opening and a tour

- Phase 5 - Maintenance, having a concern that “the one thing I have to keep in the back of my head all of the time is that we want this to be a showcase for Craig County schools as it will be front and center.”

Crenshaw asked when cost analysis would be conducted. Foster shared he is doing it as he goes, making decisions about funding on each.

“My hope is that we will be able to do much of it inexpensively, excluding the pavilion,” he said. “I feel pretty good about where we could go.”

Foster expressed that he was glad to see the project was going forward.

Samuel Foster added that he has already received some quotes.

Warwick added, “There are so many more possibilities than just bringing a cow over for students to see. We want to make this a true Learning Land Lab for our students. Later, the teachers will be a part of the specific details.”

Warwick

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- One hundred and thirty-three Virginia superintendents had extraordinary exhibits of all these qualities, therefore, it was agreed to recognize and honor all public-school superintendents as Superintendents

of the Year to be presented with this honor by their local school board

Crenshaw then presented Warwick with the award saying, “Craig County School Board therefore does recognize Jeannette

Warwick as Superintendent of the year for 2020-21.”

“I would say thank you,” Warwick responded. “It has been a year like no other and it is truly a team effort. We met weekly for many, many months

with our State Superintendent and with all 132 superintendents online solving problems. I just have to say I am very proud of Craig County Public Schools. We have been having in-person instruction since August and

now it is five days a week for pre-K through 8. I appreciate everybody on our team, as that is that is not the case in other school divisions, so I thank everybody for all of their hard work.”

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Legals - Botetourt County

**ORDER OF
PUBLICATION**
Commonwealth of Virginia
VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Case No. JJ013851-08-00
BOTETOURT JDR
DISTRICT COURT
Juvenile and Domestic
Relations District Court
Commonwealth of Virginia,
in re JOYCE, AUDREY
ELIZABETH
COMMONWEALTH OF
VA - DSS
/v.
UNKNOWN FATHER
The object of this suit is to:
TERMINATION OF
PARENTAL RIGHTS TO
AUDREY E. JOYCE
It is ORDERED that the
defendant UNKNOWN
FATHER appear at the
above-named Court and
protect his or her interests
on or before 07/20/2021
01:00 PM
05/03/2021
Pamela Jarvis
CLERK

Legals - City of Radford

**Request for
Proposals
City of Radford
East Main Street
Sidewalk
Improvements
UPC 117992**

(State Project # EN20-126-
225, P101, R201, M501)
May 17, 2021

The City of Radford is
seeking expressions of
interest from consulting
engineering firms who wish
to be considered to provide
professional engineering
services for: The City of
Radford East Main Street
Sidewalk Improvements,
Transportation Alternatives

Legals - City of Radford

Project. The project is
funded through a Federal
Highway Administration
(FHWA) and Virginia
Department of
Transportation (VDOT)
grant. This project shall be
developed utilizing VDOT
policies and FHWA
guidelines. In addition, the
project design shall meet or
exceed current American
Association of State
Highway and Transportation
Official (AASHTO)
standards. The estimated
cost of the proposed project
is approximately \$477,000.
Design and construction of
the project is anticipated to
take approximately 3 1/2 -
years.

The objective of this project
is to improve the safety of
pedestrian access along US
Route 11 creating a safe
walking passage for
Radford University students
and staff while providing
safer access to existing
businesses. Moving
pedestrians away from
empty lot paths, the new
sidewalk follows US Route
11 (East Main Street)
between Jefferson Street
and University Drive. This
project will construct
approximately 900 linear
feet of new sidewalk and
remove a midblock
crosswalk currently used by
Radford University students
in the City of Radford.

Services may include, but
not be limited to: planning,
design, developing
construction documents,
environmental review,
submittal of applications to
VDOT, surveying, bidding,
construction management
(including pay requests and
VDOT reimbursement
submittals) and other
professional services as
required to complete the
project.

The full RFP may be
obtained from the City of
Radford Website
www.radfordva.gov or on
the eVA website
<https://www.eva.virginia.gov>

Submit four copies of the
proposal along with a
searchable PDF file to the
City Manager's office, at 10
Robertson Street, Radford,
Virginia 24141 attention Jay
Eanes. The proposal must
be received at the City
office no later than 4:00 PM
on Jun 7, 2021.

Legals - City of Radford

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owned business firms are
encouraged to apply.

Legals - City of Salem

PUBLIC HEARING
The City of Salem School
Board will hold a public
hearing for comment on
the Plan for Safe Return to
In-Person Instruction and
Continuity of Services on
Tuesday, June 8, 2021. The
hearing will begin at 6:30
PM at South Salem
Elementary School, 1600
Carolyn Road, Salem, VA
24153.
Any citizen of Salem who
wishes to address the
Board should contact
Kathy A. Jordan, Clerk of
the Board, at 389-0130 by
Monday, June 7, in order to
be placed on the agenda.
Individuals who plan to
address the Board are
requested to bring copies of
their remarks for the record.
In accordance with Board
Policy KD, Public
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plan to address the Board
are requested to:
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address,
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the Board,
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stated concerns to the chair,
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minutes per speaker is
allotted,
• Provide 8 copies of their
remarks for the record, and
• be prepared to answer
questions from the Board,
• In unusual cases or cases
of emergency, the Board,
by consensus, may allow an
individual or organization to
speak if not on the agenda.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Total Action Against Poverty, Inc. is preparing to carry out the INDOOR PLUMBING REHABILITATION FLEX PROGRAM, through the use in whole or in part of HOME INVESTMENT PARTNER-SHIP PROGRAM FUNDS.

The implementation of this project will require the use of General Contractors, Septic Contractors, and Well Drillers, for housing rehabilitation and the installation septic systems and wells. These projects may occur in any of the following jurisdictions; Counties of Allegheny, Bath, Bedford, Botetourt, Craig, Floyd, Franklin, Giles, Henry, Montgomery, Patrick, Pulaski, Roanoke, and Rockbridge.

TAP is soliciting the participation of Minority and Female owned businesses, contractors and suppliers in carrying out this project. Contractors must have at least a Virginia Class B License, proper insurance, and be eligible to work in the designated areas. Such business may be included on appropriate bid and procurement list by submitting a written request within ten (10) days of this notice.

Requests should include name, address, product or service and how the firm qualifies as a Minority or Female concern.

Such requests should be addressed or faxed to:

Total Action For Progress
ECHR Department
P.O. Box 2868, Roanoke, VA 24001
Attn: Lee Lovern (540) 353-2961
Or Attn: Liz Puckett (540) 283-4882
TTY: Dial "711" (540) 283-4897
Fax: (540) 777-4833

All contracts will be made on a competitive basis.
TAP is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Business and Employment Notice

Total Action For Progress is preparing to carry out the Indoor Plumbing Rehabilitation Program through the use of federal HOME grant Funds. In the implementation of this project the following job types may be available:

Carpenter
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In carrying out this project, Total Action For Progress its contractors and subcontractors will, to the greatest extent feasible, will utilize qualified persons who permanently reside within the Counties of; Rockbridge, Botetourt, Roanoke, Bath, Alleghany, Henry, Franklin, Floyd, Pulaski, Patrick, Giles, Montgomery, Bedford, and Craig for employment and training positions.

All job openings will be listed with the local office of the Virginia Employment Commission. Persons qualified for the jobs listed should register at the following location: 3601 Thirlane Rd NW suite 2, Roanoke, VA 24019 Additionally, the following contracts and procurements will/may be made: General Contractors, Septic System Contractor, Well Diggers and HVAC Constructions materials, building supplies, appliance suppliers and HVAC suppliers. Total Action For Progress will, to the greatest extent feasible, use businesses located in and owned by persons residing in Section 3 in the Counties of; Rockbridge, Botetourt, Roanoke, Bath, Alleghany, Henry, Franklin, Floyd, Pulaski, Patrick, Giles, Montgomery, Bedford, and Craig.

Any person residing or firm located in the above named localities may request to participate in procurement opportunities associated with this project by contacting the following person within ten (10) days of this notice.

Liz Puckett
302 2nd Street SW, Roanoke, VA 24011
Phone: 540-283-4882
Virginia Relay: 711
Fax: 540-777-4833

Written requests should include the name, address, product or service and phone number. All above-referenced procurements will be made on a competitive basis. The names of businesses who respond to this notice will be included on procurement lists for this project. Names of job seekers will be given to contractors.



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TAP will carry out this project with contractors qualified to work in the designated program area. Any contractor may request to be added to the contractors list for this program by contacting TAP at the information below. Contractors must have at least a Virginia Class B License, proper insurance, and be eligible to work in the designated areas.

Requests should include name, address, contact information, product or service.

Such requests should be addressed or faxed to:

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ECHR Department
P.O. Box 2868
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Notice is hereby given to

all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on June 16, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., in the Community Room of 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 the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. Consider the request of Bethel Baptist Church, Inc., property owner, for rezoning the property located at 6 Front Avenue (Tax Map # 234-6-2) from RSF Residential Single-Family District to HBD Highway Business District with proffered condition.

2. Consider the request of Peter R. Fields and Vivian D. Fields, property owners, for rezoning the property located at 303-305 South Colorado Street (Tax Map # 121-10-4) from RMF Residential Multi-Family to TBD Transitional Business District.

3. Consider the request of MCLIP Properties, LLC, property owner, for rezoning the property located at 901 South Colorado Street and 110 7th Street (Tax Map # 184-4-8) from LM Light Manufacturing District to CBD Community Business District.

4. Consider the request of Timothy J. Toohig and Lonzie L. Linkous, Jr., property owners, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow a two-family dwelling on the property located at 335 Roanoke Boulevard (Tax Map # 146 - 1 - 3).

5. Consider the request of Total Motion Performance, lessee, and 751 Union Station, LLC, property owner, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow athletic instruction services on the property located at 773 Union Street (Tax Map # 183 1 1).

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

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

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

Tips for family camping trips

For nature lovers, perhaps nothing is more enjoyable than packing up the camping gear, traveling to a favorite campsite and getting away from it all while sleeping under the stars. Such an experience can be transformative, turning first-time campers into lifelong enthusiasts.

The opportunity to turn youngsters into nature enthusiasts who can't wait to spend time outside may be one reason why so many families go camping. A 2018 report Kampgrounds of America found that 52 percent of campers have children, making camping among the most popular and family-friendly ways to enjoy the great outdoors.

Camping with youngsters can help families make lasting memories. Parents who have never before taken their children camping may benefit from employing a few strategies to make the trip as fun as possible.

- Make a trial run in the backyard. A night camping in the backyard won't be exactly the same as a night in the woods, where wildlife, and particularly insects, may be less welcoming hosts. But a backyard camping night can acclimate children to their sleeping bags and their tents. A fun night sleeping under the stars in the backyard also may make kids more enthusiastic about an upcoming camping trip in the woods.

- Go over safety early and often. Use every opportunity to explain camping safety measures to youngsters in advance of your trip. Emphasize the importance of staying together in the woods, and teach youngsters how to identify potentially harmful plants like poison ivy, making sure they know to avoid coming into contact with these and other poisonous plants. Contact your local parks department, or the campground where you will be staying, for some additional advice on camping safety.

- Let kids help when choosing camping equipment. Youngsters may be more excited about camping if they're allowed to choose certain equipment, including their sleeping bags and tents. Before visiting your nearby camping retailer, explain to kids that tents come in various styles because they're designed to protect campers from certain elements that may be more common in certain areas than others. Such an explanation can make it easy to explain to youngsters why you're



purchasing certain items, even if those items weren't kids' top choices.

- Plan the family menu in advance. Plan the menu in advance so you can ensure everyone will continue to eat healthy. But make sure to include a few kid-friendly camping classics, like s'mores, in the meal plan as well.

- Prepare a camping-friendly first-aid kit. Bandages and topical antibiotic creams are part and parcel of any first-aid kit, regardless of where you're going. But the elements pose a different set of challenges that require a more extensive first-aid kit. When designing a first-aid kit for your camping trip, be sure to include all the usual items but also over-the-counter medications that can treat pain, allergies, constipation, and diarrhea. An extra gallon or two of water also makes for a wise addition to campers' first-aid kits.

Family camping trips can instill a lifelong love of the great outdoors in youngsters. A few simple strategies can help parents make such trips safe and memorable.

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Strategies to spend less time on your smartphone

Smartphones are a significant part of life in the 21st century. According to the technology, data and analytics experts at Zenith, in 2019 the average American adult spent three hours and 30 minutes using mobile internet every day, with estimates suggesting that number could increase to more than four hours per day by 2021.

It's no secret that many people struggle when it comes to putting down their smartphones. The secret lies in learning how to unplug from smartphones, especially for the millions of people who are spending untold hours on such devices every day. A strong will to put smartphones down can help people do just that, and some additional strategies might make it easier to unplug as well.

- Keep your phone in another room. Many people are drawn to their smartphones by a seemingly endless stream of notifications. The addictive nature of notifications is debatable, but blaming notifications and merely turning them off may not be as effective a means to reducing smartphone reliance as you think.

- A 2020 study by researchers at the London School of Economics and Political Science found that 89 percent of interactions with phones were unprompted. That suggests people are simply picking up their phones even when notifications or incoming calls aren't making them do so. Keeping a phone in another room when dining, reading a book, engaging with family members, or participating in other activities can help people avoid that familiar urge to pick up their phone.

- Utilize apps to curtail your usage. Various apps allow users to block their own access to other apps and websites. These apps, which include Flipd and Freedom, are designed to help smartphone users regain productivity they might have lost due to their smartphone usage. The apps can be utilized in various ways, and one such way is to restrict access to games and websites during the workday. They also can be used to restrict access during family time or other hours of the day when people don't want to be distracted by the internet.



- Set up auto reply. Many professionals set up out-of-office messages to notify colleagues and clients when they're on vacation or engaging in projects that will prevent them from answering emails. The same principle can be applied to text messages. According to a 2019 survey from CTIA, which has tracked the evolution of the United States wireless industry since 1985, two trillion text messages were exchanged in 2019.

That's a lot of messages, and texting is a significant reason why so many people have problems putting down their phones. An automatic response informing friends, family and colleagues that you're away from your phone can be a great way to spend less time texting.

Smartphone usage is on the rise, even among people who want to put their phones down more often. Such users can try various approaches to spend less time on their phones.

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Legals - Craig County

Public Notice Code of Virginia, Title 58.1 Section 3911

Craig County 2021 1st half real estate taxes are due on Monday, June 7, 2021. Taxes must be paid or postmarked by midnight on this date. Penalty will be assessed on June 8, 2021 and interest will be assessed beginning July 1, 2021.

If you have not received a tax notice or have questions call 540-864-5641. If you have questions concerning the assessments on your notice, call the Commissioner of the Revenue at 540-864-5641.

Jackie M. Parsons
Craig County Treasurer

Legals - Montgomery County

ORDER OF PUBLICATION COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104
Case No. CL21000419-00
Montgomery County Circuit Court
55 East Main Street Suite 1
Christiansburg, VA 24073
VADEN, KEILA ADAIRE v.
VADEN, JOSHUA LEE
The object of this suit is to: COMPLAINT OF DIVORCE
It is ORDERED that JOSHUA LEE VADEN appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JULY 4, 2021.

May 4, 2021
ERICA W. CONNER
CLERK

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 8, 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:

A. A request by Peed and Bortz, L.L.C. (Applicant), on behalf of John D. Elmore (Landowner), for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a contractor storage facility within the B-3

Legals - Montgomery County

General Business zoning district. The subject property is an approximate 1.15-acre portion of a 4.409-acre parcel, located at 710 Peppers Ferry Road, N.W., and is identified as Tax Map Number 435-(A)-23 (Parcel ID 021274). The property is designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

B. A request by Aztec Rental (Applicant), on behalf of New River Community College (Landowner), for a Conditional Unit Permit to operate a business involving the outdoor display, storage and rental of contractor equipment and machinery, such as mini backhoes and excavators, within the B-3 General Business zoning district. The subject property is approximately 2.441 acres in size, located at 412 Roanoke Street, and consists of two parcels identified as Tax Map Numbers 527-(A)-200, 202 (Parcel IDs 032021, 032023). The property is designated as Business/Commercial 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.

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 Andrew Warren, Assistant Town Manager, at (540) 382-6128 ext. 1130 or by email at awarren@christiansburg.org with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

Legals - Montgomery County

ORDER OF PUBLICATION COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104
Case No. CL21000845-00
Montgomery County Circuit Court
55 East Main Street Suite 1
Christiansburg, VA 24073
MASTROGIOVANNI, JENNIFER v.
EVANS, MICHAEL TAHIR
The object of this suit is to: NAME CHANGE ON A MINOR
It is ORDERED that MICHAEL TAHIR EVANS appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JULY 20, 2021.

MAY 27, 2021
ERICA W. CONNER
CLERK

ORDER OF PUBLICATION COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104
Case No. CL21000748-00
Montgomery County Circuit Court
55 East Main Street Suite 1
Christiansburg, VA 24073
ARROYO, ESMERALDA RUIZ v.
HERNANDEZ, ERNESTO ARROYO
The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE
It is ORDERED that ERNESTO ARROYO HERNANDEZ appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JULY 26, 2021.

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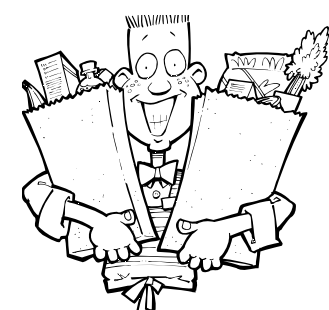
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Rockets will host Narrows Monday to open Region 1C softball



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Abigayle Price, Craig County's only senior softball player, was honored on "Senior Day" last week. Left to right is mom Jessica Price, brother James Michael, Abby and dad Danny Price.



Sara Jones unwinds in last week's game with Covington.



Randalyn Taylor takes a throw to third.

The Craig County softball team will host the first round of post-season play Monday when the Rockets meet Narrows in New Castle.

Craig is hoping for the same result as last week's game in Narrows, when they swept the season series from the Green Wave. Sara Jones pitched the entire game and struck out 13

as the Rockets downed Narrows, 7-6. Sara was also one for three at the plate.

Lily Hutchison reached base all four times she batted against Narrows, including one hit, and scored two runs. She also caught and was part of a big doubleplay.

On Thursday of last week Craig was home against Cov-

ington for "Senior Day." Abby Price is Craig's only senior and she had one of Craig's two hits, with Emily Fowler getting the other. Jones struck out a half dozen Cougars and Randalyn Taylor also saw time on the mound.

"It was a definite improvement from the first time we played them when we lost 21-

0," said Craig coach Elaina WolfeCarper. "They just hit really well and we struggled against their pitcher."

The girls have had constant improvement as the season has progressed.

"We had five errors in the Narrows game and three errors in the Covington game," said WolfeCarper. "At the start

of the season, we were getting at least eight in a game, if not more. There is definite improvement and I just keep reminding the girls that this is the first season on varsity for all of them and this is our development year."

The Rockets will end the regular season on Thursday with a game at Parry McCluer.

Big week for Craig County soccer team



PHOTOS BY DONNA DEPLAZES & BRIAN HOFFMAN

Craig seniors on the soccer team are, left to right: Claire Deplazes, Clayton Owens, Logan Kitler, Dalton Henderson, Hunter Ashley and Alexis Jones.



Lucas Taylor(#11) controls the ball in last week's win in New Castle.



Claire Deplazes of Craig County battles a Covington opponent for the ball.

The results of this week's matches will determine the seeding for the Craig County soccer team in the coming regional tournament. The Rockets can earn a top seed with a couple wins.

Craig comes into the week at 5-2 with games against the two toughest teams on their schedule. They were slated to host Bath County on Tuesday and on Thursday they meet Parry McCluer at Southern Virginia University in Buena Vista. Thursday's game will be played on an artificial turf field.

"I think that gives them

an unfair advantage," said Craig coach Robin Nobles. "They play all their home games on turf and that's the only game we play on turf all season. They have two really fast girls and that makes a difference."

The Rockets come into the week with some momentum after downing Covington, 4-2, at Mitchell Field in New Castle last Thursday. Dalton Henderson, Lucas Taylor, Bryce Drake and

Logan Kitler all had goals and Henderson had an assist as the Rockets jumped out to a 4-0 lead before allowing two late, meaningless goals. Mason Huffman had three saves and Marcus Keen, a first year player, also contributed to the win.

With the win Craig improved to 5-1 against Pioneer District teams. Their only losses have been to Bath in Hot Springs and a non-district loss to a very strong Auburn team.

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"We have had great success welcoming our fans back safely to Haley Toyota Field," said General Manager Allen Lawrence. "Our outdoor environment, with safety measures that are in place and guidance from local and state officials make it feel that now is the right time to re-open our stadium to full-capacity. We will continue to follow the necessary precautions to give fans a safe and clean experience."

Salem Memorial Ballpark followed MLB fan safety protocols and state guidelines, which included social distancing, a 12ft dugout buffer, face coverings, sanitation stations and enhanced cleaning protocols. While capacity has been expanded, fan safety remains a top priority at Haley Toyota Field. The Sox will continue following enhanced cleaning protocols and sanitation stations will remain in place.

Masks, in accordance with CDC recommendations and local laws, will no longer be required for fans who are fully vaccinated. To meet the needs of fans who want to remain physically distanced

at the ballpark, sections 310 and 311 will remain socially distanced with "pod seats". These seats will be available for purchase online as well as at the box office prior to games.

Season Ticket Holders will return to their original seat locations beginning June 8th when the Sox return for their third homestand against the Fredericksburg Nationals. All previously printed 2021 tickets will be reprinted or redistributed digitally by June 3rd. Reprinted tickets can be picked up beginning Thursday June 3rd at the Salem Red Sox Front Office (9-5p) or at the stadium during a ticket pickup event, Saturday June 5th from 10am-3pm.

Single game tickets for remaining home games will go on sale during the first week of June and will be available at SalemSox.com or by calling (540) 389-3333.

"Our team and front office staff continue to be very thankful for the support and understanding from fans as we have navigated unique challenges together over the past year," continued Lawrence. "As we transition back to full capacity we ask that guests continue to be patient as we adjust to increased crowds, a national staffing shortage and continued safety standards."