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## Jones' united in love for 70 years



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On July 7, 1951, Bugs and Noline Jones were united in marriage by their preacher Aubury Russell who was also an algebra teacher

**Pam Dudding**  
Contributing writer

On Wednesday, July 7, Bugs and Noline Jones celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary at their home church of Grace Assembly in Catawba.

Approximately 100 people came to give their love and blessings to Frederick Raynell Jones (Bugs) and Noline Evelyn Caldwell Jones, who were married on July 7, 1951, at 6 p.m. that evening by their preacher Aubrey Russell, who was also an algebra teacher.

Both revealed that the same night they married, the store burnt down where old telephone office used to be in Craig. "Their matrimony almost burnt the town down the night we got married," they said with a giggle.

Bugs and Noline met in the

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## National Dairy Month: The delicious and nutritious food group

**Pam Dudding**  
Contributing writer

When summer comes around, most all kids think about ice cream. The same can be said for many adults.

Rachel Smith, a summer intern from Giles at the Virginia Cooperative Extension, recently wrote her thoughts about National Dairy Month.

"I scream, you scream, we all scream for National Dairy Month. June marked over 80 years of National Dairy Month being celebrated across the nation. Starting in 1937 as National Milk Month before later progressing to incorporate all dairy products in 1939, this month has held as steadfast as the farmers behind it all," Smith said. "June is a time not only to promote dairy consumption, but also to show appreciation and gratitude to all of the dairy farmers who have tirelessly been churning out our milk products."

Smith noted that in Virginia, dairy is ranked as the state's fourth leading farm commodity according to 2016 USDA data figures. Its importance to the state extends beyond its agricultural significance and reaches into a matter even closer to the heart, our personal health.

Even doctors agree that milk is high in so many essential nutrients, including vitamins A and D, various B vitamins, protein, zinc, calcium and more.

"It's no wonder that the 2020-2025 Dietary Guidelines for Americans states that dairy consumption is a core part of healthy dietary patterns," she stated. "Specifically, there is an

emphasis on fat-free/low-fat milks, yogurts and cheeses."

Coincidentally, June is also the tenth anniversary of the establishment of the USDA's MyPlate, which corresponds directly to the Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

Smith added, "According to the guidelines, a healthy dietary pattern at a 2,000-calorie level includes a three-cup equivalent of dairy every day. Of course, this ranges, but primarily so with age and lactation or pregnancy status. A three-cup equivalent of dairy in a day would look something like: one cup, or 8 fluid ounces, of low-fat milk in your breakfast cereal alongside a nonfat four ounce serving of yogurt, two slices of low-fat cheddar cheese on your whole-grain turkey sandwich at lunch, and a scoop and a half of your favorite ice cream after dinner."

Many researchers agree that dairy serves meaningful purposes in regard to one's health and a decent-sized portion of it every day is needed to meet dietary requirements.

"But, did you know that, according to the USDA, around 90 percent of Americans do not consume enough dairy? Dairy provides calcium and vitamin D, which are essential for helping to build and maintain the body's bones," Smith explained. "For younger children particularly, this is essential. Bone mass is accumulated in youth and once we hit a certain age, our bone mass levels begin to decline which, if severe enough, can lead to osteoporosis and bone

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## Great racers Hull and Stahl place sixth in fun-filled event

**Pam Dudding**  
Contributing writer

Fighting brake problems from the beginning of the race until the end, long-time Great Race lovers, Josh Hull with co-pilot Trevor Stahl, driving their usual patriotic "Stars and Stripes," still ended up in sixth and third place respectively in the Expert

Division.

When pastimes become dreams, people come alive. This exact thing happened to Josh Hull a few years ago, as he sat in the backseat of a friend's antique car, driving across country, on a whim to join in.

Now, with thousands of dollars of further modifications, "including custom wheel and tires, adding a tor-

tion bar and pinion rod to help with its stability and control and a little bit of lowering of the body" of their "Stars and Stripes," Hull and Stahl are on another race journey.

Many fans, including those from Craig County, followed their daily travels, with good and bad news, and

See Great Race, page 7



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Josh Hull and Trevor Stahl recently stopped to enjoy the beauty of the New River Gorge Bridge and the majestic mountains that surrounds it. Both decided to take a picture of their "Stars and Stripes" 1932 Speedster.



Trevor Stahl and Josh Hull hold their winning plaques from the week's race. They ended up taking third place in their Expert Division and sixth place overall. They were also the overall winner at Stage 9 of the race.

## Volunteers securing reception for their citizens



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Many Upper Craig Creek Fire Department volunteers recently got together to help secure a new tower that will better serve the community with a clearer reception.

**Pam Dudding**  
Contributing writer

It seems that no one works harder or more diligently than volunteers. Their hearts are often worn on their sleeves as they balance their personal life and families with their volunteer work for the community.

The Upper Craigs Creek Volunteer Department (UCCVFD) is still growing, both in numbers and in service.

Recently, UCCVFD, Station 5 erected a radio tower to help with reception at the station.

"These guys and gals

are going above and beyond to better serve our community," said Chief Shawn Matheny.

It was hard and grueling work, but many came to help in digging the holes, setting the pole and pouring concrete, amongst other jobs.

Earlier in the weeks, the trucks were seen at the creeks.

One Facebook post stated, "And they think we are just filling swimming pools, making money for the department from donations, and helping the community out when in all reality, the truck is getting

run instead of just sitting in the building doing nothing, and pumping water and drafting to fill over and over."

The post also said that this task needs to be done "over and over until it becomes second nature for the volunteers. So, when seconds count, we can all flow water without hesitation."

Their previous meal fundraisers have been good, and the crew shared how appreciative they are to the community of Craig for all of their support.

Event organizers will

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# Youngkin, Sears and Miyares secure endorsement of Lexington-based PAC



Glenn Youngkin

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The Spirit of VMI Political Action Committee (SoVP) recently endorsed Glenn Youngkin for Governor, Winsome Sears for Lt. Governor and Jason Miyares for Attorney General in the 2021 Commonwealth of Virginia general elections. Youngkin has a proven record of successful and strong business and organizational leadership. The SoVP is confident that with Youngkin as

Governor, the Virginia Military Institute (VMI) will not be used as a political pawn in the partisan politics of the Virginia General Assembly. The SoVP interviewed Youngkin earlier this year, which can be found on YouTube. Sears is the first Black Republican woman, the first female veteran and the first legal immigrant woman elected to the Virginia House of Del-

egates. As a veteran, she understands the sacrifices many VMI graduates make defending this great nation. Sears will serve the Commonwealth with distinction and wisdom as Lt. Governor. Miyares currently represents the 82nd District in the Virginia House of Delegates and is a former criminal prosecutor. Miyares will restore good order, discipline



Winsome Sears



Jason Miyares

and sound legal advice to the Commonwealth. Previously serving on the Virginia Board of Veterans Services, Miyares also understands the sacrifices of VMI graduates and their service to our

nation's armed forces. The SoVP interviewed Mr. Miyares earlier this year, which can also be found on YouTube. The SoVP looks forward to future Governor Youngkin, Lt. Governor

Sears and Attorney General Miyares serving the Commonwealth of Virginia.

-Submitted by Matthew Daniel, Communications Specialist

# Second Farm-to-Table Dinner happening in August

Vendors from the Catawba Valley Farmers Market have planned the Second Farm-to-Table Dinner. The dinner will be held at the Catawba Community Center Pic-

nic Shelter on Saturday, August 7, starting at 6:00 p.m. The Center is located at 4965 Catawba Creek Road (Rt. 779), .1 mile from Rt. 311, in Catawba.

Farm-to-table is a phrase that means different things to different people. In this case, it means that the food on the table came directly

from local, specific farms without going through a store or distributor along the way. The foods on the CVFM table will be grown, prepared and served by the Farmers Market vendors and managers. The menu includes pulled pork, herb-seasoned potatoes, roasted zucchini and squash, cole slaw, rolls, fresh apple cake, iced tea and water. A vegetarian medley will be available by request.

This is a sit-down dinner, with attendees

served by Market vendors and family members, while light music plays in the background. Foods have been produced by the local vendors and then prepared by the vendors.

Tickets for the dinner are \$25.00 for adults and children over the age of 11. For children between the ages of three and 11, ticket prices will be \$18.00.

Tickets are available at CVFM each Thursday, or by contacting Pam Garman at (540)312-

7037 or by email at fgarm@ gmail.com. The deadline to purchase tickets is July 29.

This event promises to be a fun-filled and educational time for the diners, with locally-sourced foods, served in a true country atmosphere, with an opportunity to meet and talk with those who have actually produced the foods.

-Submitted by Ann Harrell, Catawba Farmers Market Manager



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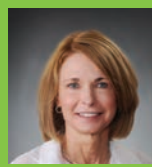
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| 12. Hairpiece                        | 6. Edible butterflyfish                   | 6. Edible butterflyfish                   |
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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## 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](http://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](mailto: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.

# New funding available for conservation programs



A new well being installed after cattle have been excluded from the stream. SUBMITTED PHOTO

July marks the start of a new program year for Mountain Castles Soil and Water Conservation District, resulting in new cost-share opportunities for farmers and homeowners in Craig County.

"We have record amounts of cost-share available for farmers this year," Tim Miller, the district's education and outreach coordinator, said. "For farmers who have considered installing conservation practices in the past, now is the time to take advantage of cost-share funding of up to 100 percent."

"Our most common practice is stream exclusion fencing to keep livestock out of creeks, but we have many other programs, too," added Miller. "Many farms who opt for the stream exclusion practice also qualify for a new well and watering troughs. Farmers may also apply for payments to extend the life of existing conservation practices. We hope to

have an additional conservation technician hired by early August to help meet the increased demand."

Homeowners can also receive cost-share for installing conservation projects which help reduce stormwater runoff and erosion. The Virginia Conservation Assistance Program (VCAP) pays up to 75 percent of allowable costs for homeowners to install projects such as rain gardens, conservation meadows, and permeable pavement.

"The goal is to have rainwater soak in the ground instead of creating erosion-causing runoff," concluded Miller.

For more information on any of these programs, visit [mountaincastles.org](http://mountaincastles.org) or contact Grace Harwin at (540) 400-0707 or [grace.harwin@mountaincastles.org](mailto:grace.harwin@mountaincastles.org).

-Submitted by Tim Miller

# Housing Connections, Inc. and Virginia Housing opening waiting list to accept housing choice voucher applications

Housing Connections, Inc. and Virginia Housing will open the housing choice voucher waiting list on August 4 to take applications. The program will take applications online only from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The website to access the online application is [vhda.apply4housing.com](http://vhda.apply4housing.com).

The Housing Connections, Inc. waiting list area covers Craig, Floyd, Giles, Montgomery and Pulaski counties.

The online application allows applicants to apply at their convenience from any laptop or desktop computer or mobile device during the time period that applications are accepted. Those who apply will be chosen randomly by lottery to be

added to the waiting list. Not everyone who applies will be added to the waiting list.

Applicants will receive a confirmation number once their application is submitted indicating the application was received but this does not guarantee placement on the waiting list. People can check to see if their application was chosen

in the lottery starting at 10:00 a.m. on August 5 by going to [vhda.apply4housing.com/status](http://vhda.apply4housing.com/status).

Applications will not be taken by phone, mail or in person. If the applicant is a person with a disability and they require an accommodation in order to apply, they are encouraged to contact the Housing Connections

staff for assistance to apply during the opening time period.

For more information about the application process, contact Housing Connections, Inc. at 540-921-1392 or visit [www.virginiahousing.com](http://www.virginiahousing.com).

-Submitted by Brett Rader, Housing Connections Executive Director

# Virginia Board for People with Disabilities awards \$100,000 to the disAbility Law Center of Virginia

The Virginia Board for People with Disabilities (VBPD) recently announced that it has awarded a grant of \$100,000 to the disAbility Law Center of Virginia (dLCV). The grant will fund the development of a database designed to manage the storage, retrieval, and reporting of abuse, neglect, and exploitation data provided from the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS).

The new database and server. The agency will also receive reports of suspected abuse and neglect of incapacitated persons provided under agreement with the Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS), division of Adult Protective Services. This project will allow the grantee to:

- identify trends of abuse, neglect and exploitation,
- make recommendations to address abuse, neglect and exploitation, and
- monitor critical incidents and health and safety of individuals

with disabilities receiving services in programs operated or licensed by DBHDS.

"The Board is delighted to be collaborating with dLCV following their previous grant project, which allowed the them to work towards ensuring people with developmental and other disabilities were able to utilize public transportation to access community-based healthcare," said Teri Morgan, the Board's Executive Director. "We appreciate their ongoing

commitment to serving Virginia's diverse population."

dLCV Executive Director Colleen Miller said, "This project presents a unique opportunity for the disAbility Law Center of Virginia and the Virginia Board for People with Disabilities to demonstrate the true power of collaboration under the federal Developmental Disabilities Act. With dLCV's statutory access to all reports in the CHRIS (Computerized Human Rights Incident System)

database operated by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, we will have reporting from more than 2000 providers in the Commonwealth, along with access to digital reports of alleged abuse of incapacitated adults from more than 100 Department of Social Services offices statewide, managed by the state's Adult Protective Services."

"This effort is unparalleled in the country," she continued. "No other Protection and Advo-

cacy system in the country receives this level of data about providers of disability services, and certainly none have ever worked with their DD Network counterparts towards such a goal. If successful, this project is very likely to be a model for the entire country."

The VBPD serves as the Developmental Disabilities Council for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

-Submitted by Jason Withers, Grants and Contract Manager

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Craig County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing on August 5, 2021 at 6pm or soon thereafter in the Craig County Courthouse - New Castle, Virginia to consider a Conditional Use permit to add structures to parcels located at 16108 Paint Bank Rd., Paint Bank, VA. The request seeks a permit to construct a Glamping campsite. Property owner seeks exception as described in Section 58-121 and 58-122. Property reference Parcel A, containing 1.77 acres, and Parcel B, containing 69.7 acres, for a total acreage of 71.47 acres.

The application is available for public review at the Craig County Administrator's Office in New Castle. Public comment on the application may be submitted by writing to P.O. Box 308, New Castle, Virginia 24127 or by calling (540)864-5010 or at the public hearing.

# OPINION

# Go local

## Library Corner

Empowering individuals to build a stronger community

Each June, Friends of the Library (FOL) can renew their membership. Anyone is welcome to join anytime during the year; however, June is the time to get your name in the drawing for \$100 to be spent at a Craig County business of the winner's choice.

Craig County Public Library supports local businesses by having winners spend their gift certificate right here in

town. Local businesses can use the library services such as faxing, scanning, printing, computers, Wi-Fi and the notary service. You can see the retail businesses right here on Main Street, but there are also many service businesses that are not as visible. We have accountants, produce farms, roofers, electricians and veterinarians to name a few. Thank you to these businesses for using the library services and supporting the FOL with a business membership.

The Library Friends are our trusted group to call upon when there is a

program, a fundraiser, or something that needs repaired around the library. They are solid supporters of books, reading and all the extras that libraries offer. Our friends provide a vital piece of our budget by providing programs, extra purchases and staff support to keep the doors open. The library thanks all of you for joining and giving us that critical financial and moral support!

The winner of the Craig County Public Library membership drive's \$100 gift certificate is Laura Scott pictured with assistant manager, Jennifer Cole at Food Country. Laura was very excited, saying, "I have never won anything before." Congratulations to Laura and enjoy your shopping at Food Country!



SUBMITTED PHOTO

## Reception

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be trying something different in August. Their Inaugural Car Truck/Tractor and Bike Show is scheduled for August 7, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. A rain date, if need be, will be on August 28.

There will be first, second and third place trophies awarded. The vehicles will be "judged by the public."

The indoor spot reg-

istration fee is \$35 and outdoor spot is \$25. To reserve a spot, call (540) 588-7158.

Also, they will be serving a plate which will include a hot dog, chips, drink and a dessert for a \$10 donation. Meals will be available to go as well.

They are happy to announce that they will be selling raffle tickets for a zero-turn mower for

\$20 each. The drawing will take place at the Fall Festival on Main Street in New Castle on October 9.

They also noted that Rusty and Nicole Zimmerman sold them the mower - a 2021 Spartan RZ Pro 54" Zero-Turn - at a discounted price which helped them out tremendously.

They also have a second-place prize which is a Yeti Roadie 24.

"We hope you can join us by entering your vehicle at our show, or just pop by to look at them and get you a meal," the crew shared. "You never know what you might see the station 5 crew doing."



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After much hard work and several hours of digging and pouring, the volunteers were successful in the day's job.

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Several have seen the fire departments at the creeks filling up the truck's tanks. The crew shared, "They think we are just filling swimming pools, making money for the department from donations, and helping the community out. In all reality, the truck is getting run instead of just sitting in the building doing nothing and pumping water and drafting to fill over and over until it becomes second nature. So, when seconds count, we can all flow water without hesitation."

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# Roanoke Valley top notch recording studio opening soon



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**Bryan Poff and his girlfriend, Jess Johnston, say their love for music is matched by their love of each other.**



**Bryan putting the final touches on an album before it is released to the public.**



**Jess Johnston does much of the design work for Aberration Music.**



**Discounts for recording and instrumental programs are available.**

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There are those who believe that “music is a universal language and gives us all the ability to express ourselves in compelling ways.” One such individual is Bryan Poff.

Poff, a long-time music industry professional, is a co-owner of Aberration Music, a one-stop shop for artists to perform, record and distribute their work. The other co-owners are John Atkins, Zach Emerson and Jess Johnston.

When Aberration Music opened its first studio in Roanoke back in January, Poff says they were flooded with artists who were ready to get back out and create again. Another Aberration Music studio at 1617 West Main Street will be opening soon in Salem. In addition to managing the day-to-day operations of the business, Poff is also in charge of all aspects of the production division.

“When producing artists, I have them focus more on capturing emotion rather than make sure every single take is totally perfect because the emotional element is what people

are relating to,” Poff said. He added, “Music plays a critical role in our mental well-being, allowing us to better understand and process complicated thoughts and feelings. Regardless of what life may throw at you, music stays the same. It does not judge, and it does not ridicule.”

Poff credits Rob Halford, Devin Townsend in addition to guitarists Dave Mustane and Chris Poland for giving him the inspiration to pursue music at an early age. “Music has been so important to me that I have sacrificed greatly to

be able to turn it into a career. I’m consumed by it from sunrise to sundown each and every day,” he said.

Aberration Music will be launching a scholarship program for certain high school students looking to further their education in music. Internships for aspiring recording engineers will also be offered.

“Our original goal was to create a facility that is beneficial to the community and provides young artists and musicians the tools they need to make their passion more than

just a hobby,” Poff said. “We have discounts for recording and instructional programs for area residents, and are in the process of creating reoccurring fundraisers that will provide grants to local small businesses.”

Poff says that he and his co-workers regularly have conversations about ways to improve the studio. When people walk through the doors, said Poff, I want them to feel welcomed. For more information about Aberration Music, including the hours or operation, visit aberrationmusicgroup.net.

# Trucker shortage persists as economy speeds ahead

Though U.S. farmers are producing an abundance of agricultural products ready for interstate shipping, it’s hard to find truck drivers to move them.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Agricultural Marketing Service recently reported that most shipping routes to major U.S. cities are operating with trucking shortages.

Economists say pandemic-related fears cut into the workforce last year, and fewer trucks and parts are available because of an interrupted global supply chain. Tightening federal regulations, driver restrictions and spiking fuel prices have created additional strain. And truckers, on average, are aging, and fewer young people are seeking those jobs.

An April report by the California Farm Bureau Federation said the seasonal nature of agricultural trucking also was a disadvantage in a fast-recovering U.S. economy competing for full-time drivers.

Independent grain and fertilizer hauler Robert Patt finally sold one of his four trucks when a driver resigned in February.

“There just wasn’t anybody available to take his place,” Patton said. “So, I wound up selling his piece of equipment. It costs too much to have a truck just sitting around. The numbers aren’t good.”

Fortunately, Patton’s current fleet is booked.

“I’ll take anybody that’s got a truck right now,” he said. “It’s hard to keep up;

especially with grain piling up from the wheat harvest. Everybody’s trying to get that to market.”

While companies are starting to pay higher trucker wages, years of experience is required, and the career is not generally appealing to young people entering the workforce.

Patton said he can understand that. “Trucking is kind of a hard job, and the hours are goofy,” he said. “There are a lot easier ways to make a living now.”

In March, Congress reintroduced a bipartisan bill called the Developing Responsible Individuals for a Vibrant Economy (DRIVE-Safe) Act to address the driver shortage and enhance job opportunities for young truckers by directing the U.S.

Department of Transportation to implement an apprenticeship program for commercial drivers under 21.

Virginia Farm Bureau Federation Grain Division manager Robert Harper said he’s observed a steady need for more truckers in recent years, but now the issue is affecting industries beyond agriculture. He said of all the factors driving the trucking shortage, federal emissions regulations and driver restrictions hurt the most.

“In many cases, it can be unrealistic - the restrictions and regulations put on truckers,” Harper said. He explained that the expectation of just-in-time delivery has fueled demand for even more drivers because current haulers are limited by re-

strictions on drive time.

“And manufacturers have had to overcome some monumental hurdles with emissions,” Harper said. “Even if the air quality regulations are well-meaning.”

-Submitted by  
Nicole Zema, VFBF  
communications

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Craig County Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on July 20th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Craig County Courthouse - New Castle, Virginia to consider a Conditional Use permit to add structures to parcels located at 16108 Paint Bank Rd., Paint Bank, VA. The request seeks a permit to construct a Glamping campsite. Property owner seeks exception as described in Section 58-121 and 58-122. Property reference Parcel A, containing 1.77 acres, and Parcel B, containing 69.7 acres, for a total acreage of 71.47 acres.

The application is available for public review at the Craig County Administrator’s Office in New Castle. Public comment on the application may be submitted by writing to P.O. Box 308, New Castle, Virginia 24127 or by calling (540)864-5010 or at the public hearing.

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# Dairy

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fractures. Fortunately, with proper nutrition and physical activity, specifically calcium and vitamin D consumption alongside weight-bearing exercise, we can maximize our

bone density in our youth, thus reducing the severity of bone mass loss later in life.”  
Though National Dairy Month ended in June, dairy is still a major part of many

people’s lives and health.  
A favorite summer dessert is frozen banana or strawberry shakes. To make it, place two to three sliced frozen bananas or a cup of frozen strawberries

in the blender, add three tablespoons of milk and blend until smooth. For a little different flavor, add a little chocolate syrup.  
“Thank a dairy farmer for

all of their hard work in providing us with this nutritious and delicious food group,” Smith said. “We hope you had a happy National Dairy Month and happy eating.”

# Jones

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Grace Assembly Church provided a smorgasbord of foods with a strawberry delight cake as the centerpiece. Despite roughly 100 people eating, there were still some leftovers.



Bugs and Noline have enjoyed a lot of family over the 70 years of marriage, including kids, grandkids, great-grandkids and great-great grandkids. Pictured, from left to right, are their children, Victoria Francisco, Frederick Jones and Minerva Duncan. Their son Casey Jones has gone on to be with their Lord. Said Vicky, “I tell them that if they had not gotten married so young, I would not be so old right now.”

sixth-grade class that Ms. Caldwell taught.  
As the story goes, Bugs sat beside the pencil sharper and would wink at Noline. She would stick her tongue out at him, but seemed to break the lead of her pencil a lot and had to go over beside Bugs to get it sharpened.  
Since then, two have gone on to have four children, nine grandkids, 17 great grandkids, three great-great grandkids, numerous step grandkids, and great-great-great grandkids.  
Not only did they build a house together from the ground up, but they “built a home.”  
They shared that the

reason they stayed together so long was, “We put God first. Also, don’t go to bed mad unless you’re going to make up while you’re there. We stayed together because we love each other.”  
While Noline served as a homemaker, Bugs retired in 1988 from the cement plant in Bote-tourt.  
Last year, the family posted beautiful words on Facebook to celebrate their anniversary.  
Read one post, “What can you do in 69 years. You build your own home with your own four hands together. You have your ups and your downs, hard times and good times. There are fights to be had and

pleasures to making up, there are tears to be shed and smiles to be treasured, there are losses to grieve and gains to be rejoiced. Marriage, so very few are blessed with 69 years together as man and wife. At 19 and 15-years-old, two kids joined together as one. So many years ago, starting a world of their own. Many may say, how can this be, what made them different? The answer, as they would say, don’t go to bed angry, unless you plan on making up while you are there, don’t start something unless you are going to finish it, give thanks for all things good and bad, realize God has a plan and give Him Praise. And one im-



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

It seems that their life has always included holding hands and sweet kisses for one another, never going to bed angry unless they plan on making up while they are there, not starting something unless you they going to finish it, giving thanks for all things good and bad, and realizing God has a plan and give Him Praise. The most important thing, however, to a good long marriage is to put the Lord first, remember how you felt on your wedding day and always love each other that way. Bugs and Noline recently shared all of this as they danced to Conway Twitty’s song, “I’d love to lay you down.”

portant thing to a good long marriage, put the Lord first and remember how you felt on your wedding day and always love each other that way.”  
At the party, person after person came over to wish them a Happy Anniversary as well as give and receive a big hug. Those who know the “Jones” know that hugs are always in abundance.  
The church had prepared a smorgasbord of foods for everyone to enjoy, but before that, Pastor Loraine Taylor shared, “This is such joyous occasion to celebrate with you and your friends and family and we are so happy to celebrate with you.”  
A slide show of meaningful pictures from their youth days, their children growing up to present played throughout the evening. Many would point and smile in remembrance.  
A song was played and before it started, Bugs and Noline were asked to say something about it. With a smile, Noline expressed, “The song says it all.” Bugs grinned in agreement. One day,

when Bugs came home from work, in the 70s, he came in singing this song to her.  
Bugs and Noline stood up to dance to Conway Twitty’s song, “Darlin I’d love to lay you down.”  
Lyrics to the song read, “There’s a lot of ways of sayin’ what I want to say to you, There are songs and poems and promises and dreams that might come true. I’ll let you know how much it means just having you around. There are so many ways your sweet love made this house into a home. You’ve got a way of doing little things that turn me on. Like standing in the kitchen in your faded cotton gown, with your hair all up in curlers, I’d still love to lay you down. When a whole lot of Decembers are showing in your face, Your auburn hair has faded and silver takes its place, (as Bugs looked over and touched Nolin’s hair smiling), You’ll be just as lovely and I’ll still be around. And if I can, I know that I’d still love to lay you down. Lay your head down and softly whisper pretty love words in your

ear. Lay you down and tell you all the things my woman loves to hear. I’ll let you know how much it means just having you around. Oh darlin’, how I’d love to lay you down.”  
Everyone cheered for them as they gave another kiss to one another, while holding each other ever too tightly.  
Noline smiled as she declared, “You know we don’t look 70! And I think elderly sounds better than old. We’ve had a lot of good years and God has really blessed us! It’s not like we’ve never fussed before, because then you don’t know the joy of making up.”  
“We’d be mad at each other, but we would still say ‘I love you,’” Noline added with a little extra umph in her voice. Bugs looked at her and winked.  
Gifts and cards were brought in for them to take home and open. “This is just a token of love that is being given back to you,” Pastor Loraine said.  
Brenda Goens shared, “When you come in, you are like sunshine and when anyone visits your home, you can feel the love. It is so precious to see.”  
To this day, they hold fast to their covenant with God being their center and family their love. Though both are a little slower and it is said that Bugs is Nolin’s crutch as they hold hands wherever they go, leaning on one another’s strength and love, remaining forever together.

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The purpose of the public hearing will be to receive public comment on the proposed implementation of a cigarette tax of forty (\$0.40) per pack of cigarettes on cigarettes sold in the county. Any person interested in the proposed tax may appear at the hearing and present their views.

A copy of the full text of the Ordinance is on file in the office of the County Administrator of Craig County, 108 Court Street, New Castle, VA 24127, and is available for review during normal business hours. If you should need auxiliary aids, please contact the office of the County Administrator at least five days in advance of the public hearing.

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## 47 years ago in August

Thanks to Staley Hester for bringing to my attention an article that appears in the current edition of Sports Illustrated magazine.

On page 40 of the July, 2021, edition you can find a terrific story by Tom Verducci about Pablo Cruz, who is a member of our Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame. Pablo was inducted into the third class of the Hall of Fame, which was founded in 1992.

Cruz is a long-time Major League Baseball scout who has signed some of the top stars in the game, and the story chronicles his work bringing talented Latin American players to the Pittsburgh Pirates and other big league teams. However, the crux of the story is about how he has dealt with an episode that happened in Salem in August of 1974 when he was playing for the Salem Pirates of the Carolina League.

Cruz was involved in an outfield collision with a budding young star from the Dominican Republic, then 20 year old Alfredo Edmead. It was one of a very few incidents in the history of baseball where a player died playing the game, as Edmead suffered head injuries from the collision and died on the way to the hospital.

I remember it, I was there. I started working for the Salem Publishing Company the second week of July, 47 years ago. I was in the press box with Bob Teitlebaum of the Roanoke World-News, Doug Doughty of the Roanoke Times, who had started there just a few weeks after I started, public address announcer Dickie Walthall and scoreboard operator Richard Epperly. It was 47 years ago next month, but I remember it like it was yesterday.

I won't go into the story

of how Cruz was on the team to be a "father figure" to the young Spanish speaking players, or the details of the accident. You can read all about that in the Sports Illustrated article, which is complete and quite detailed. I will say that the five of us in the pressbox received a call from the hospital telling us Edmead had died, but not to say anything as the Pirates' manager, John Lipon, wanted to break the news to the club before it spread around what was then called Salem Municipal Field.

Edmead was a very talented and popular player, and I can remember many fans coming up to the press box at the top of the bleachers and asking if we'd heard anything about his condition. We knew he had died, but didn't say a word in respect to the team. It was a very difficult night.

Cruz was one of the all-time most popular players to have played for our local team. He played here in 1968, then rose to Class AAA before returning to Salem in 1974 to mentor the young players. He was on our team through the 1977 season as a player-coach and became quite involved in the community. In the article Cruz is quoted as saying, "In Salem people are good. If I can't go to the big leagues I prefer to stay here all my life."

Dan Kinder, the 1974 general manager of the local team, is quoted in the story as well as several players, including some who went on to big league careers, like Miguel Dilone and Steve Nicosia, and some who didn't, like Tom Prazych who lived in the apartment next to me. Many of the players lived there and 21 year old Brian Hoffman, fresh out of Roanoke College, was a willing party mate for the ballplayers that summer.

Murray Cook was a 14



**Brian Hoffman**

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year old clubhouse attendant and "ballpark rat" during the 1974 season. He went on to international fame as one of the top turf and ballfield consultants in the world, and is now the president of BrightView Sports Turf Division, the official field consultant for Major League Baseball. Murray is also a member of our Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame, and he's quoted extensively in the Sports Illustrated article.

"It was a great article for Pablo," he wrote to me in an e-mail regarding the story. "The writer and SI did some crazy homework for this article. I

have no idea how they found all those guys. I received a call out of nowhere one day a couple months ago and talked to Verducci. I have no idea where he got my number."

I can go on and on, but it's all in the article that covers 10 pages of the magazine with many photos. In fact, there's a photo of Edmead batting in Salem with Cruz in the on deck circle that first appeared in the Salem Times-Register. I assume Robert Downey took the photo, as he was our main photographer at the time, but I have no idea how Sports Illustrated managed to get ahold of that picture.

"That caught my attention because there's a sign in the background for Hester Coal & Oil," said Staley Hester, as that was his family business. You can also see the old Andrew Lewis High School football scoreboard in the background, as that's where the

Wolverines played when the Pirates left town.

Thanks to Staley's call, this was the first time I looked at Sports Illustrated in some time. With all the sports sites on the internet I get plenty of sports news to read, and I'm sure the magazine is affected just like the print newspapers these days. In fact, I had to hunt to find a copy. I went to two drugstores and two supermarkets that didn't carry "SI" before I finally found it at Wal-Mart. I didn't know that it only comes out monthly now, except for a couple special issues.

One thing I did discover is that the swimsuit issue comes out next in late July, so you still have time to pick up the copy with the Pablo story before it goes off the newsstands that still carry it.

You wouldn't want to buy that swimsuit issue by mistake, would you?



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## Sports club has football kickoff meeting

The Roanoke Valley Sports Club will have its "High School Football Kickoff" night on Monday, July 19, at

the Salem Civic Center. Five high school coaches will speak at the dinner meeting.

Scheduled to speak

at the meeting will be Jamar Lovelace of William Fleming, new Cave Spring coach Nick Leftwich, Jamie Harless of

Lord Botetourt, Don Holter of Salem and Glenvar's Kevin Clifford. In addition the Glenvar girls' outdoor

state championship track team will be recognized as well as the North Cross School lacrosse state champs.

For more information or to make reservations visit the club website at [www.roanokevalleysportsclub.com](http://www.roanokevalleysportsclub.com).

## The Harlem Globetrotters Announce Reimagined Spread Game Tour



The Harlem Globetrotters are coming to Roanoke in August.

The World-Famous Harlem Globetrotters are bringing their newly reimagined Spread Game tour to over 150 cities in 2021 starting on July 21st. The tour will make a stop at the Berglund Center in Roanoke on Tuesday, August 24.

The Spread Game Tour is a basketball event like no other. Ankle-breaking moves, jaw-dropping swag, and rim-rattling dunks are only some of the thrill you can expect from this fully modernized show. Part streetball from the players who defined it, part interactive family entertainment, the new tour will show off the best of the Globetrotters in a dazzling exhibition of talent and game.

The Spread Game Tour introduces new premium fan experiences with unprecedented access and interaction, including celebrity court passes, meet and greets with players, and in select markets, the #SQUADZONE, where fans have the opportunity to feel like part of the show.

For over 95 years, the Harlem Globetrotters organization has been committed to spreading joy through their artful athleticism and unparalleled basketball skill. The Globetrotters have always been global ambassadors of goodwill. The reimagined team is even more committed to bringing their voice to social justice conversations while inviting communities all over the U.S. to come together and recognize the power of our commonalities and

celebrate our differences. The Globetrotters' mission, to spread game and bring family entertainment to the world, continues to drive them today.

Harlem Globetrotters fans can get the best seats before tickets go on sale to the general public during pre-sale by signing up to become a Preferred Customer at [HarlemGlobetrotters.com](http://HarlemGlobetrotters.com). Preferred customers receive exclusive access to the pre-sale offer code.

To order tickets online: [www.harlemglobetrotters.com](http://www.harlemglobetrotters.com)

The originators of basketball style, influencers on today's game, and skilled athletes of the highest order, the world-famous Harlem Globetrotters have showcased their iconic talents in 124 countries and territories on six continents since their founding in 1926. Proud inductees into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, their mission to spread game and bring entertainment to the world continues to drive them today. The Globetrotters are innovators of the game who popularized the jump shot, slam dunk, and invented the half-court hook shot.

For nearly a century, the Globetrotters have exhibited Black excellence on and off the court, entertaining, inspiring, and advancing the racial progress of today. The Harlem Globetrotters International, Inc. is a subsidiary of Herschend Enterprises, the largest family-owned themed entertainment company in the U.S.