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EMTs of Craig County needs you



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Members of the Volunteer Rescue Squad from left to right, Sergeant Aaron Weiss, Chief Robert Wrzosek, Josh Mitchell, Bobby Huffman, 2nd Lieutenant Brent Montgomery, 1st Lieutenant Trace Bellasai, Duane Means and April Huffman.

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

What would it be like if you really needed immediate help, and no one was available to be there for you or your loved one having a heart attack, stroke or bleeding from a possible fatal accident?

Craig County has been immensely blessed to have the volunteers and workers who have diligently showed up to care for the community in the

capacity of the Emergency Medical Care throughout many years.

Volunteers also have a Board of Members who help support their vision for the squad. They are Kermit Daniel, Tammy Crawford, Walter Marsden, Debbie Snead and Pat Myers.

At their monthly meeting on July 15, Rescue Squad volunteers, along with their Board members, met together to discuss many current community concerns, updated policies

and procedures and added checklists. Along with all the important things, the squad still has to watch their budget to provide the little necessities such as toilet paper, paper towels, trash bags, water, cleaning supplies, etc.

Also, they currently have a problem with the belt on their mower getting eaten up, as something is not exactly aligning any longer on the mower deck.

To add to their list of chores is completing replacing the ceiling tiles throughout the building and painting the floors. It is just like having a home, plus taking care of community needs, so the building needs must get put on the back burner sometimes. Still, you walk in, and it looks clean, furnished and has a true feeling of "comm-UNITY."

More volunteers are needed. They are looking for caring people who are willing to learn the "valuable tricks of the trade" so to speak and step out into a journey of heart-felt satisfaction.

Said member Trace Bellasai, "The

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Lemon Hotel opening in Paint Bank



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Enjoy relaxing by the creek or rocking on the front porch, along with many other outside places they have that captivates the beauty of its surroundings.

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

For months now, people have been anxiously awaiting the grand opening of the Lemon Hotel. On July 13, they announced their opening day of July 20 and already they are getting requests on their website.

Located in Paint Bank, Virginia, it is one building which is easy to locate with its lively yellow color.

The Mulheren family are the owners and have brought the hotel "back to its original splendor," they shared. "It is a slice of Heaven nestled in the mountains of Virginia."

As people drive up to the hotel, they are welcomed by the delightful lemon-yellow appearance, and the rocking chairs on the porches seem to call out for their guests to "relax for a spell."

However, some may prefer to sit in an adirondack chair by the creek or enjoy happy hour by the open firepit.

The Lemon Hotel has six unique bedrooms and suites, each "exquisitely decorated with curated antiques and collectibles and has a different theme to reflect various fruits grown on the property."

Every suite offers its own flair, decorated with

"curated antiques and collectibles," and most include king-size or queen beds, sitting rooms with queen-size sofa bed, flatscreen TV, robes, slippers, hairdryers and daily housekeeping.

They added that each suite has a different theme to reflect various fruits grown on the property:

- Blueberry Suite: located on the first floor and is handicap accessible with views of the valley, orchard and garden

- Pear Suite: located at the top of the stairs in the front of the hotel with views of Potts Creek and the picnic area

- Apple Suite: located in the back of the hotel with a desk in the sitting room and a relaxing soaking tub with views of the orchard, vegetable garden and the valley

- Strawberry Suite: located on the west side of the hotel and looks out on the banks of Potts Creek, Linton Pond and picnic area

- Peach Room: quietly tucked in the west side of the hotel and has access to the sitting porch and patio with views of Potts Creek, the firepit and the beautiful mountains

- Grape Room: located in the back of the hotel with a comfortable sit-

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Load the bus on July 31 for the kids in Craig County

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

It is difficult to believe, but summer is halfway over, and school starts in less than a month.

Some kids have all they need from their parents, family members and friends to provide all their school supply needs.

However, the Craig County Public School staff and administration want to alleviate the needs of children who do not have the necessities by hosting another Load the Bus Day.

On July 31, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Food Country, a school bus will be parked in the lot. The goal is for people to load it up with school supplies for kids of Craig County.

Some items needed for most all grades are regular and mechanical pencils, ink pens, crayons, tissues, black dry erase markers, 2-inch

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

It's almost time for school to start and CCPS is sponsoring the "Load the Bus" event for community to join in and fill it up with the school supplies that our kids need in Craig County to become the best students they can. The event will take place at Food Country on July 31 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The kids of Craig are greatly appreciative of everyone's donations. Food Country and Family Dollars are stocking up on supplies to make it easier for locals to donate that day. School supplies lists can be found on the CCPS website and FC may have them in the store as well.

Hutchison earns a Bobby Scruggs Scholarship



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Autumn Hutchison is the Craig County High School senior recipient of the 2021 Scruggs Foundation Scholarship. Her plans are to attend Virginia Western for two years to study nursing before transferring to Radford University.

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

As many graduating seniors prepare for their college adventures, most are grateful to receive scholarships to lighten their financial loads.

This year, Autumn Hutchison, a graduating senior from Craig County, received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Bobby Scruggs Memorial Foundation.

Hutchison plans to attend Virginia Western Community College for two years to study nursing and then transfer to Radford University.

Hutchison was very active during her high school career. Among her accolades include: Class President in 2019, 2020 and 2021; Fellowship of Christian Athletes from 2019 to present day, Prom Committee from 2019 to 2020, the school's volleyball team from 2017 to 2020 (she was captain in 2019 and 2020), basketball from 2017 to 2021 which last two years

as captain and softball from 2017 to 2021.

She also was an active volunteer:

- Craig County Recreation and Conservation Association Sports - Volunteer Youth basketball Coach in 2018 and 2019, Softball Umpire 2021
- School Mascot in the fall of 2018
- Botetourt Community Church, serving as Children's Worship Assistant from 2017 to 2019 and Power-Point Operator from 2018 to present day

- Travel Softball volunteer from 2015 to 2019
- Craig County Recreation and Conservation Association Sports as a basketball scoreboard operator and scorekeeper in 2020

- Organized Easter Egg Hunt for elementary school kids and read to them through outreach and community service; coordinated and held

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Main Street Jam now open to the public



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Main Street Jam in New Castle has started again and players, singers and just good ole' toe tappin' community members recently brought a chair to enjoy. It is open to the public to play, sing or enjoy. Start time is "around 6ish" and ending time depends on the night. It's hometown fun at its best. Everyone is invited to "come on out and sit a spell."



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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.

•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.

EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY

Everyone six months and up should receive a flu shot each year. A parent or guardian must accompany those under the age 18. Insurances will be billed. People are encouraged to bring their insurance card and not attend if they have COVID-19 like symptoms. The curbside clinic schedule is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only. For more information, contact 540-864-5136.

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

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SUBMITTED PHOTOS

The newly opened Lemon Hotel has a "catch your eye" curb appeal. The new renovations have already brought many a reservation, awaiting their country charm stay.

ting porch and overlooks the vegetable garden, the Chick Inn, with views of the valley

a delicious breakfast from Chef Lynette's daily selections, which are sourced from their own or local ingredients. You can en-

joy their dining room or outside patio.

"Breakfast starts with a glass of fresh-squeezed orange juice, accompanied by French Press coffee, followed by a plate of fresh seasonal fruits. You can then choose from our daily offerings such as: three farm fresh eggs your way with bacon or sausage links; thick cut French toast, pancakes with butter and warm



Each suite is named after a fruit they have growing, and adjoining each bedroom is also a beautifully decorated sitting room.

maple syrup; the quiche or frittata of the day; eggs benedict and many more," hotel management said.

Each room is supplied with a booklet of "Day Trips In and About the Paint Bank Area", which contains detailed information about things to do. The Hotel is a smoke-free facility, and no pets are allowed.

cell service available in Paint Bank, however, Wi-Fi is available at the Lemon Hotel and the Swinging Bridge Restaurant for all guests.

The Lemon Hotel is located adjacent to the Depot Lodge and down the road from the infamous Swinging Bridge Restaurant and is also available for Executive Retreats and meetings.

offer privacy, a flat screen TV and Zoom Room for up to 12 participants at a long central table, as well as "WiFi," management added.

For more information, call (540) 897- 5070, email info@thelemon-hotel.com or visit thelemonhotel.com.

The Hotel notes that it is "the perfect escape to a bygone era with all the luxuries of today."

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3-ring binders, wipes and back packs. Many other items are needed as well.

- pencil top erasers and large pink erasers
- protractors
- tab dividers
- 1, 2 and 5 pocket folders with holes for binders
- hand sanitizer or Germ-X
- gently used Legos, board games, toys/equip-

ment for recess

- construction paper
- graph paper
- colored pencils
- scissors (some blunt ends and some sharper ends)
- glue sticks
- loose-leaf paper, wide ruled
- highlighters
- red pens (for students to check work)
- Two-pocket folders
- 3x5 index cards (white and multicolored)
- earbuds (for Chrome-

book)

- Baggies -gallon, and sandwich-sized
- pencil box, pouch or bag with zipper
- primary journals (the book has lines with an area at the top to draw pictures)
- marble composition books
- spiral notebooks, wide-ruled
- plain green pocket folders for graded work

The school and kids are so very appreciative of

anyone who makes a donation.

People can purchase items at Food Country or Family Dollar who will be stocked up on supplies or bring a bag from your previous purchases and enjoy filling up the bus with other community members.

Craig County School teachers hope that this opportunity brings smiles, not only to the kids who will receive the supplies, but also to the people who enjoy doing the giving.

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- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Fashion accessory
 - 5. Subatomic particle
 - 10. Ethnic group of the Philippines
 - 14. Popular cookie
 - 15. Fabric
 - 16. Alcoholic liquor
 - 17. Peter __, Dutch portrait painter
 - 18. Longtime Chicago mayor
 - 19. A famous "Lady"
 - 20. Islamic calendar month
 - 22. Rocky peak
 - 23. Polio vaccine developer
 - 24. Songs sung in open air
 - 27. Military movements
 - 30. Male parent
 - 31. Beloved hot beverage
 - 32. Female sibling
 - 35. Tackled the QB
 - 37. Set a dog on someone
 - 38. Long live! (Spanish)
 - 39. Porticos
 - 40. Pouch
 - 41. Smooth fabric
 - 42. Enough (archaic)
 - 43. Institute legal proceedings against
 - 44. Scarred
 - 45. Draw from
 - 46. Brother or sister
 - 47. Body part
 - 48. Commercials
 - 49. London soccer team
 - 52. Satisfied
 - 55. Surgical technique (abbr.)
 - 56. Fencing sword
 - 60. French industrial city
 - 61. Intellectual property organization (abbr.)
 - 63. Helps to carry food
 - 64. "Rule, Britannia" composer
 - 65. One-time Empress of the Roman Empire
 - 66. Intestinal pouches
 - 67. None better
 - 68. "WandaVision" actress
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Fifth notes of major scales
 - 2. Region
 - 3. Your consciousness of your own identity
 - 4. Georgetown athletes
 - 5. They follow A
 - 6. Spoke
 - 7. Hairdressers' domain
 - 8. Extravagantly theatrical
 - 9. End-blown flute
 - 10. Heroic tales
 - 11. Member of a Semitic people
 - 12. Members of a priestly caste
 - 13. Southern Ghana people
 - 21. Counsels
 - 23. Body of water
 - 25. Awesome!
 - 26. Calendar month
 - 27. Native of region in Caucasus
 - 28. Indian city
 - 29. Exclusive
 - 32. Alaskan town
 - 33. Covered with ivy
 - 34. Loose granular substances
 - 36. Native American tribe
 - 37. Written American English
 - 38. Holiday (informal)
 - 40. Add up
 - 41. Small brown and gray rails
 - 43. Get off your feet
 - 44. Express disgust
 - 46. Surface of the ground
 - 47. Put into a silo
 - 49. Belief
 - 50. British noblemen
 - 51. Tennis game
 - 52. Dry, protective crust
 - 53. Swiss river
 - 54. Large integers
 - 57. La __ Tar Pits, Hollywood
 - 58. Every one of two or more
 - 59. "Deadpool" actor Reynolds
 - 61. Earlier
 - 62. Peter's last name

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Craig County, Virginia

EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

We are seeking a talented, pleasant, and energetic person to provide clerical and administrative support to the County's Administration Office which includes functions related to Administration, Finance, Budget Management, Planning, Zoning, Subdivision Plat Approval, Building Permits/Inspections, Erosion and Sediment Control, and Stormwater Regulation.

General duties include receiving calls and callers to the Administration Office, processing incoming and outgoing mail, attending meetings of the Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals. Preparing associated meeting minutes for each, assisting with preparation and distribution of meeting agendas, preparing legal notices for publication, and mailing to affected property owners. Assist with County Financial and Budget Management duties. Providing procurement notices and bid openings as required by the Code of Virginia. Efficient management of all office equipment, and office supply inventory.

Requires thorough knowledge of standard office practices, procedures, and equipment. General knowledge of the organization and functions of county government. Knowledge of financial and budget management best practices. Must be proficient with the English language, including spelling, have very strong written and verbal communication skills with the ability to listen, discern, comprehend, and record activities at public meetings resulting in preparation of accurate and timely meeting minutes. Requires attendance at night meetings.

The successful candidate must be able to work in a complex, fast-paced environment, and have the ability to function both independently and as a team player. Must be able to establish and maintain effective working relationships with co-workers and the general public. Should possess the equivalent of a High School Diploma, Associates Degree preferred, with at least five years of progressively responsible experience. Salary is negotiable, depending on experience. Excellent benefits package including Virginia Retirement System and a four day work week.

Submit; Completed "Craig County Employment Application" and Resume to:

County Administrator, P.O. Box 308, New Castle, VA 24127 or drop off at the Administration Office, 108 Court Street, New Castle, VA. There is a "Drop Box" on the front porch. "Employment Applications" and full "Job Descriptions" can be found on the County Website at craigcountyva.gov.

Review of applications will begin July 27, 2021. Position open until filled.

Virginia's largest free gate fair remains a favorite attraction



PHOTOS BY SHAWN NOWLIN

Numerous food booths offered a variety of options for attendees.



The Cowboy Circus garnered a lot of attention from fairgoers.



Custom necklaces were just one of many things offered by jewelry vendors.



The Salem Fair is the largest free gate fair in America.

The Salem Fair closed out its 33rd year at the Taliaferro Complex on July 11 and fair officials say that attendance and revenue were once again very steady. The 2021 edition of America's Largest Free Gate Fair produced 12 days of entertainment despite some post-pandemic uncertainty, a few bouts of rain and an unexpected act of violence on opening night.

"Our fair fans are very loyal, and their loyalty was tested this year more than ever," said

Wendy Delano, Salem Director of Civic Facilities. "We appreciate everyone working with us on the necessary updates to our admission policy and security measures, after the fair was already underway, and for not letting a senseless incident define the region's most popular summer attraction."

While attendance is not tracked through direct admission, the fair again welcomed several hundred thousand visitors from the many different hometowns in Virginia's Blue

Ridge region between June 30 and July 11. In fact, July 4 was the second busiest day in Salem Fair's history and July 3 was the fifth busiest day all-time.

"It was obvious that people were glad to get back on the midway after missing the cancelled fair in 2020," Carrey Harveycutter, Salem Fair Manager, said. "Some of our concessionaires ran out of food because demand was so great. When you are running out of popcorn and pork chops on a stick you know people

are spending significant funds and enjoying themselves."

Local non-profits once again benefitted from the Salem Fair's promotions in 2021. The Roanoke Rescue Mission received over 1,000 pairs of socks from patrons and nearly 4,000 pounds of non-perishable food was donated to the Salem-Roanoke County Food Pantry. In addition, the Roanoke Valley chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace will receive a generous donation from Northwest Ace

Hardware stores thanks to advance sales of the Megapass unlimited ride ticket.

The Blue-Ribbon exhibits, under the direction of Melissa de Pineda, were restricted to just first place displays this year, due to COVID, but the winners received increased exposure by having their entries displayed in the Salem Civic Center's main arena.

-Submitted by Mike Stevens, City of Salem Communications Director

Area woman who ran to become 'Greatest Baker' placed third nationally



PHOTO BY SHAWN NOWLIN

Shana Brown answering a customer's question about pricing.

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For most of her life, Roanoke Valley resident Shana Brown has relished baking and cooking various food combinations in the kitchen. As a child she was once asked to describe her lifelong dream. Her response, not surprising to anyone who knows her, was to open her own bakery. Through hard work and a strong support system, Brown's dream became a reality in 2016 when she opened Corbin's Confections,

a dedicated gluten-free bakery at 18 E Main Street. "It has always been my dream to own my own bakery. When my son Corbin was two, he was diagnosed with severe food allergies. My mission became to own a bakery that helped people with food allergies similar to his," Brown said. "My mother, Kathy, was instrumental to my dream. She has celiac disease. We combined forces and created the business almost five years ago."

Nothing in Corbin's Confections contains glu-

ten, peanuts, or treenuts, said Brown who added, the same goes for products that are "made in a facility that processes."

In May, approximately 11,000 bakers from across the nation entered the Greatest Baker Competition which was hosted by Sophie Faldo and Alice Fervonia.

Voting was based on an exhibition of participant's baking skills via photographs in addition to a bio and what they would do if they won the \$20,000 grand prize.

"The experience was amazing. I made it to the semi-finals, which was the final 32, and placed third. More than anything, I was reminded that I have amazing support from my customers, my family and my friends. That, in and of itself, is a beautiful thing," she said.

Brown is the first to admit that she has a major sweet tooth. "I've been known to eat over a dozen cookies in one sitting. Cookies are my everything. I make danishes, donuts, cakes, cinnamon rolls, scones and pies just to name a few, but I will always, always go back to a chocolate chip cookie. It's my weakness," noted Brown with a smile.

Over the years with countless hours of repetition, Brown has honed her skills in the kitchen. Aside from something she is naturally good at, there is another reason why Brown enjoys baking – it is an opportunity to bond and make memories with her family. "There would be no Corbin's Confections or Greatest

Baker Competition placing without my family always encouraging me to chase my dreams," she said.

Corbin's Confections is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Regularly, Brown posts updates to the bakery's public

Facebook page.

"We are blessed to be here in Salem. As most people will agree, the last year has been hard. However, I have found our customers are as dedicated to us as we are to them. We are truly customer propelled," Brown said.

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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.

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.

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OPINION

The Code Breaker: Jennifer Doudna, Gene Editing, and the Future of the Human Race by Walter Isaacson

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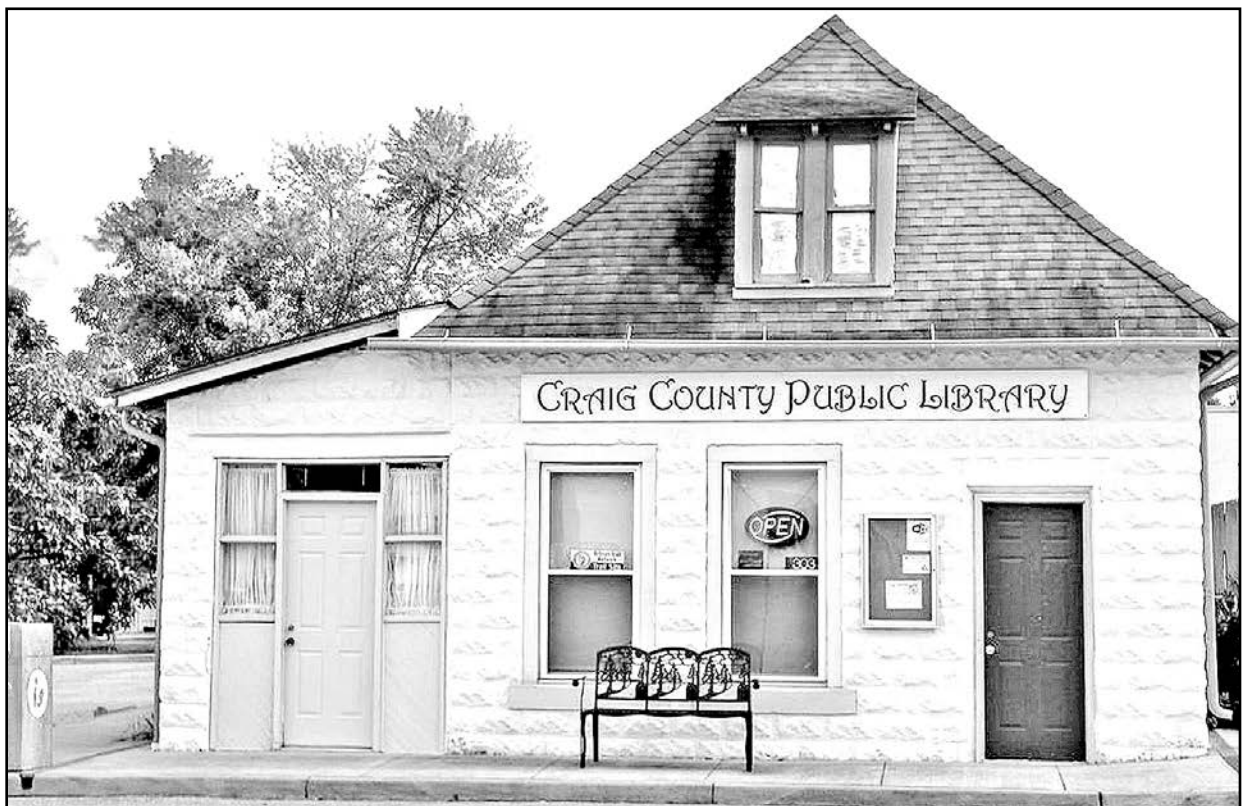
The bestselling author of Leonardo da Vinci and Steve Jobs returns with a gripping account of how the pioneering scientist Jennifer Doudna, along with her colleagues and rivals, launched a revolution that will allow us to cure diseases, fend off viruses, and enhance our children.

In the spring of 2012, the Berkeley biochemist Jennifer Doudna and her collaborators turned a curiosity of nature into an invention that will transform the future of the human race: an easy-to-use tool that can edit DNA. Known as CRISPR, it opened a brave new world of medical miracles and moral questions.

It has already been deployed to cure deadly diseases, fight the coronavirus pandemic of 2020, and make inheritable changes in the genes of babies. The develop-

ment of CRISPR and the war against coronavirus will hasten our transition to the next great innovation revolution. The past half-century has been an information-technology era, based on the microchip, the computer and the internet. Now we are entering an even more momentous era, a life-science revolution. Children who study digital coding will be surpassed by those who study the code of life.

Should we use our new evolution-hacking powers to make us less susceptible to viruses and eliminate dreaded disorders? What a wonderful boon that would be right? And what about preventing congenital deafness or blindness? Or being very short? Or being depressed? Hmm...How should we think about that? Should we allow parents, if they can afford it, to enhance the IQ or height or memory or muscles of their kids? After helping to discover CRISPR, Doudna became a leader in wrestling with these moral and policy issues.



The Craig County Public Library is at 303 Main Street.

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Her life story illustrates that the key to innovation is connecting basic science to our everyday lives - moving discoveries from our labs to our bedsides - in ways that respect our moral values. It's a thrilling detective tale that involves the

most profound wonders of nature, from the origins of life to the future of our species.

Library News:
The swap day was a huge success! Thank you to all who participated! We are now looking forward to our next event which

will be at the Fall Festival on October 9, 2021.

You can still become a Friend of the Library by coming by the library or by going to our website craigcountypubliclibrary.org

Of course, library cards are free to every-

one. To check out items, you must have a library card. Let's keep up our fabulous rate of 30 percent of the population having a library card! If you are new in town, please come by, check out the library, and get your free library card.

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Delta variant and case increases

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

I look forward to the day when the message of these community updates will not be COVID-centered, but unfortunately, today is not that day. We have seen an uptick in COVID-19 cases in the Roanoke City and Alleghany Health Districts (RCAHD) in the first half of July with a concerning increase in the number of cases just in the past few days.

Thanks to COVID-19 vaccines, we saw a consistent decrease in the number of cases, hospi-

talizations and deaths since RCAHD's peak disease activity in January through the beginning of May. Since early May, we reached a fairly steady average of 75 new cases of COVID-19 per week; however in just three days this past week, almost 90 cases of COVID-19 were reported in RCAHD. These numbers prove that this nasty virus is present and spreading, especially among our unvaccinated residents.

The Commonwealth of Virginia and the nation are seeing similar trends of increasing cases. What primary drivers are likely behind these trends? Across the country, the Delta variant accounts for a growing proportion of new corona-

virus cases. By July 3, approximately 60 percent of new cases nationally were associated with the Delta variant. This much more contagious strain of the virus is also the expected culprit in the increase of local cases. Holiday weekend gatherings also likely contributed to the increase.

Some additional questions I have recently received about the Delta variant include:

Are the COVID-19 vaccines effective against the delta variant?

A: Yes, the COVID-19 vaccines are extremely effective in protecting fully vaccinated people from getting severe disease (including hospitalizations and deaths) from the virus, including infections from

the Delta variant. Vaccination remains the most important tool to protect individuals from COVID-19.

I'm fully vaccinated. Should I continue to wear a mask?

A: It is possible for fully vaccinated people to catch COVID, but overwhelmingly the cases are occurring in unvaccinated individuals. If a vaccinated person does have breakthrough disease, they are extremely unlikely to become seriously ill from the virus. It is important to know that some people who have weakened immune systems may have a suboptimal response to the vaccine, making them more likely to have breakthrough

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Homeowners urged to stop feeding backyard birds in wake of mysterious illness

The early morning chorus of chirps and tweets has taken on a morose note as a mysterious illness is harming Virginia songbirds.

Since late May, people have been reporting sick and dying birds afflicted with swollen, crusty eyes and neurological symptoms—such as balancing issues and tremors. What began in a handful of states has now expanded to include Washington D.C., Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana.

According to a statement released by the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources, cases in Virginia so far have been

confined to the state's northern and northwestern regions. Diseases can spread where birds congregate, such as bird feeders and birdbaths, and wildlife experts are asking residents in this area to remove their feeders and keep birdbaths clean as a precaution.

"Experts are still trying to determine what's causing the bird deaths," said Stefanie Taillon, assistant director of governmental relations for Virginia Farm Bureau Federation. "As with any unusual human-wildlife encounter, it's important to report sightings to the appropriate officials."

The DWR says between May 23 and June 30, it received more

than 1,400 reports of sick or dying birds in the northern and northwest areas, 450 of which involved birds with eye issues and/or neurological signs. Many species of birds have been affected, but most instances are among fledgling common grackles, blue jays, European starlings and American robins.

Officials say there are no reports of the mysterious illness causing health issues in poultry, livestock or humans.

The specific illness is still unknown, and "multiple bacterial, viral and parasitic agents have not been detected in the bird samples tested," said Sergio Harding, bird conservation biologist

for the DWR. "We continue to work with diagnostic laboratories to investigate the cause of this event."

Among the potential causes that have been ruled out are: salmonella, chlamydia, and viruses including avian influenza, West Nile, other flaviviruses, Newcastle disease virus and other paramyxoviruses, herpesviruses and poxviruses; and Trichomonas parasites.

Homeowners and property owners in the affected geographic areas are encouraged to take the following steps for mitigation:

- Stop feeding birds until the deaths have subsided.

- Clean bird feeders and baths with a 10 percent bleach solution, rinse with water, and allow to air dry.

- Avoid handling birds. If handling birds is necessary, wear disposable gloves.

- If picking up a dead bird, avoid direct contact, and place it in a sealed plastic bag to dispose with household trash.

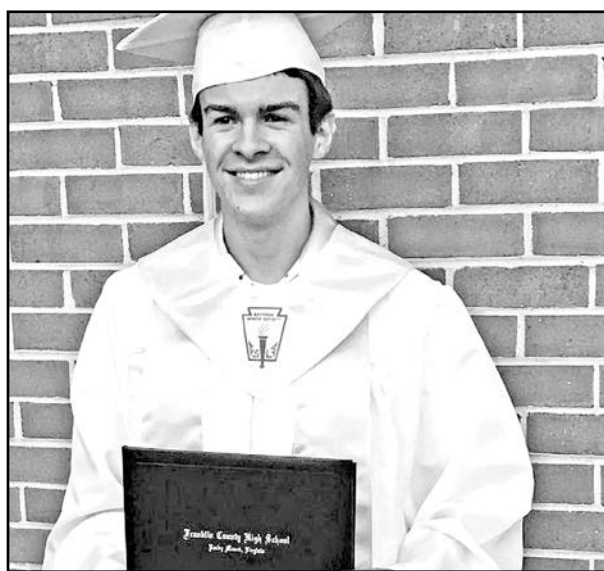
- Keep pets away from sick or dead birds as a precaution.

- Report sick or dying birds using the DWR's bird mortality reporting form.

-Submitted by Megan Kirchgessner, DWR Wildlife Veterinarian

Hutchison

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Ethan Ellis, who graduated from Franklin County High School, also received a Scruggs Foundation Scholarship. He plans on attending Penn State to study engineering in the fall.

nursing home Christmas Party, participated in numerous food drives and assembled and provided care packages for local cancer patients

Additionally, Hutchison worked for Deskins, Inc - (April 2020 to August 2020), was a Nanny/Babysitter from September 2020 to present and Laster-day Market - (August 2020 to present).

Her other awards include: Inducted into BETA Club (2018), District Champions in Volleyball (2019), Second Team All-District in Volleyball (two years), Second Team All-District in basketball (one year), First Team All-District in basketball (one year), Second Team All-Region in basketball (one year), Honorable Mention All-District in softball (two years), Travel Softball with the Virginia Scrappers 16U, first-place in the Virginia State Games of America (Lynchburg), August 2019 (Gold Medal winners in 18U bracket and undefeated team for

the entire tournament.

"It was a huge blessing to me," said Hutchison. "I was honored to have been chosen. It meant a lot to receive a scholarship with so much meaning behind it."

Bobby Scruggs was a NASCAR Official for almost 40 years. Shared his wife Jackie of all those years, "Sadly, he lost his 13-year battle with cancer much too soon on January 22, 2005. His motto was, "Never give up, go over, go under, go around or go through, but never give up."

His legacy continues through fundraising to offer scholarships to students seeking a career in areas of the Motor-sports or other Industries, as well as to interns for Motor Racing Outreach (MRO) and the Wake Forest University Research Center.

Taylor noted, "Over 115 scholarships have been awarded to students in 26 high schools in Southwest Vir-

ginia and there have been 15 interns for MRO Children's Ministry.

A scholarship was also presented to Ethan Ellis of Franklin County High. His plans are to attend Penn State's engineering field. Ellis was a member of the National Honor Society for two years, and Skills USA for one year. For four years, he ran cross country as well as indoor and outdoor track. He was also in Boy Scouts for seven years, ending as a Patrol Leader Eagle Scout.

Taylor added, "The Scruggs' Legacy continues through these students as they receive assistance to go into the world of education and motorsports. The NASCAR Family has been very supportive, and we are working to continue assisting students in the future."

Bobby, noted Taylor, always told drivers and officials, "If today had not gone well, tomorrow would be a better day.' Never-ever give up."

EMTs

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volunteer rescue squad is in serious need of volunteers. Our membership is at an all-time low, so it's important to the survival of the volunteer rescue squad that we're able to get more EMTs."

More members added, "This line of work is not easy, but has so many benefits to it. This line of work brings you closer to your community, allowing you to see through the eyes of others, in a way you cannot any other way."

The Rescue Squad is offering an EMT class that will be Monday and Wednesday nights from Aug. 2 through Aug. 16 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

"Classes are free if people become members and agree to run with us for a year after they finish the class," Bellassai explained. "We don't have an exact start date yet, but it will be the end of Au-

gust and want to go ahead and get something out soon for anyone interested."

Classes cover the many aspects that will help one to become a knowledgeable EMT:

- Hospital emergency medical care and transportation for critical and emergent patients who access the emergency medical services (EMS) system

- Basic knowledge and skills necessary to stabilize and safely transport patients ranging from non-emergency and routine medical transports to life-threatening emergencies

- How to function as part of a comprehensive EMS response system under medical oversight

- Perform interventions with the basic equipment typically found on an ambulance

- How to become the critical

link between the scene of an emergency and the health care system

The Virginia EMT program is based upon the Virginia EMS Education Standards. Virginia certification requires successful completion of a standardized cognitive and psychomotor skills examination. This course is designed to train individuals to serve as a vital link in the chain of the health care team which includes all skills necessary to provide emergency medical care as an attendant-in-charge with a basic life support ambulance service or other specialized rescue service.

They will also be offering a CPR class that will be open to the public, beginning on August 8 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Interested individuals can contact Trace Bellassai, who is an EMT with the Craig County Res-

cue Squad, at (540) 384-0752 or tbellassai@craigrescue.com.

In the meetings, it's abundantly clear that every volunteer cares about serving their community.

Each of the current volunteers has served different years. When asked why they joined the squad, they replied:

- Sergeant Aaron Weiss (four years): "I do this to help out our community and I wanted to make sure somebody shows up, just as if I needed help as well."

- Chief Robert Wrzosek (nine years): "I joined CCVRS after I joined Paint Bank to get my experience and also to help the community."

- Josh Mitchell (ten years): "I joined because Johns Creek didn't have any EMS up there and it takes 30 minutes to get up there sometimes and they needed the

help in my area."

- Bobby Huffman, Jr. (12 years): "I joined to help out our community."

- 2nd Lieutenant Brent Montgomery (almost three years): "I joined to help the community."

- 1st Lieutenant Trace Bellassai (three years): "I started off in dispatching and realized we needed more EMTs so I joined to help."

- Duane Means (nine years): "I joined to help out the Sinking Creek area of the county."

- April Huffman (12 years): "I joined because my mom was an EMT."

"We need people that care about their community and are willing to help those in the community in need of medical assistance," Bellassai shared. "It's very rewarding to know you're helping your neighbors."

Morrow

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disease. People who have weakened immune systems, people who are taking care of the ill or elderly loved ones, or people who simply want to be more cautious may choose to continue to wear masks, especially in indoor settings.

The reality is that

chances are good that local hotspots of COVID-19 disease activity will continue to emerge, especially in areas with dangerously low vaccination rates. If you live in a jurisdiction or small cluster of zip codes with a rate of only 40-50 percent or less of fully vac-

inated adults, you are at a greater risk of illness. Consider masking and maintaining social distance, and of course, consider getting vaccinated as soon as possible. You can see the data for your zip code at: [https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/covid-](https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/covid-19-case-and-testing-data-by-zip-code/)

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COVID-19 has essentially become a preventable disease. We at the health department will continue working to prevent any unnecessary deaths or hospitalizations by encouraging everyone

who has not yet been vaccinated to do so as soon as possible. Don't hesitate to call us at 540-613-6597 or your healthcare provider if you have any remaining questions about the vaccine. And please do not become yet another COVID-19 statistic.

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Public Notice Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment and announce an informational briefing and public hearing on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for the Radford Army Ammunition Plant Facility to manage hazardous waste in in Radford, Virginia. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: July 21, 2021 to September 20, 2021. INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING: 30 W. Main Street, Radford, VA 24141, Radford Public Library, Community Meeting Room, on August 12, 2021 from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm PUBLIC HEARING: 30 W. Main Street, Radford, VA 24141, Radford Public Library, Community Meeting Room, on August 25, 2021 at 7:00 pm PERMIT NAME AND NUMBER: Hazardous Waste Treatment Permit, EPA ID No. VA1210020730 APPLICANT NAME: Radford Army Ammunition Plant FACILITY NAME AND LOCATION: Radford Army Ammunition Plant, 4050 Peppers Ferry Road, Radford, VA 24143. PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Radford Army Ammunition Plant applied for a reissued permit on March 20, 2012, for treatment of waste explosives by incineration. The facility is in Radford, Virginia. The draft permit will allow the facility to treat waste pyrotechnics, explosives, and propellants by incineration and store hazardous waste in tanks. HOW TO COMMENT: DEQ accepts comments by hand-delivery, e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may also write to the contact person at the address below to be added to the facility mailing list. The public may review the draft permit, fact sheet, and application at the DEQ, Blue Ridge Regional Office at 901 Russell Drive, Salem, Virginia 24153, every workday by appointment. Copies of the permit documents are also available at the DEQ, Office of Financial Responsibility and Waste Programs, 1111 East Main Street, Suite 1400, Richmond, Virginia 23219, Radford Public Library, 30 W. Main Street, Radford, VA 24141, and the DEQ website www.deq.virginia.gov. CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Ashby Scott; DEQ, Office of Financial Responsibility and Waste Programs, P.O. Box 1105, Richmond, Virginia, 23218; Phone: 804 698-4467; Fax (804) 698-4178; E-mail: Ashby.Scott@deq.virginia.gov.

Request for Proposals City of Radford East Main Street Downtown Business District Building Revitalization Project

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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 a searchable PDF file to Kim Repass at kim.repass@radfordva.gov. The proposal must be received at the City office no later than 4:00 PM on August 2, 2021.

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Legals - City of Salem

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Board of Appeals (Building) of the City of Salem, Virginia will hold public hearings, in accordance with the provisions of Section 18-38 Code of City of Salem, Virginia, on August 4, 2021, at 3:00pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia. The purpose of the meeting and hearings shall be to determine if a certain structure is dangerous to the inhabitants of the City and whether such structure should be ordered to be repaired or demolished. The structure is located as follows:

(1) A dilapidated structure located at 17 7th Street Street, Salem, Virginia (Tax Map # 184 – 2 – 2).

All parties in interest at the public hearings will be given an opportunity to be heard, present evidence, and show cause why action by the City and Board to remedy a potential dangerous situation should or should not be granted. For additional information, contact the Building Official's Office, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia (Phone 375-3036).

THE BOARD OF BUILDING APPEALS OF THE CITY OF SALEM

BY Troy D. Loving
Troy D. Loving,
Building Official

Legals - Montgomery County

ABC NOTICE

SANDROCO, LLC, trading as Sandro's Pizzeria & Italian Restaurant, 2775 Market St. NE, Christiansburg, Montgomery County, Virginia 24073.

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Legals - Montgomery County

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316 **Case No. JJ019381-01-00** MONTGOMERY COUNTY J & DR – JUV (CHRISTY) Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re ELSAYED, LAURA The object of this suit is to: CUSTODY It is ORDERED that the defendant ELSAYED, AHMED HASSAN appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 09/01/2021 08:30 AM 07/12/2021 Amie Blankenship CLERK

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CAUSE NO. 2021-07472

RECEIPT NO. 1010158, \$8.00, VBF 06/03/2021 TR # 82976137, EML PLAINTIFF: SULLIVAN, AMBER DAWN In The 311TH Judicial District Court vs. DEFENDANT: SULLIVAN, JERAMIE WARD of Harris County, Texas

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HARRIS TO: SULLIVAN, JERAMIE WARD, AND TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, WHOSE RESIDENCE AND WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN, RESPONDENT(S):

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Legals - Montgomery County

SULLIVAN, JERAMIE WARD and in the interest of the child(ren): NAME: CULIN ALEXANDER SULLIVAN, DOB: 04/01/13, PLACE OF BIRTH: HOUSTON, STATE WHERE CHILD LIVES NOW: TEXAS; the nature of which suit is a request to ORIGINAL PETITION FOR DIVORCE "The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property and custody and support of the children, which will be binding on you." ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT AT HOUSTON TEXAS ON THIS THE 15TH day of JUNE, 2021.

Lonya Porter Deputy

Legals - Town of New Castle

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 3484 DICKS CREEK RD, NEW CASTLE, VA 24127

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$107,100.00, with an annual interest rate of 4.250000% dated April 30, 2014, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the County of Craig as Deed Book 192, Page 584, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction all that property located in the County of Craig, on the courthouse steps at the front of the Circuit Court building for the County of Craig located at 182 Main Street, New Castle, Virginia on August 17, 2021 at 2:00 PM, the property with improvements to wit:

Tax Map No. 66-1-3

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price, will be required in cash, certified or cashier's check. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustees may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. Loan type: USDA. Reference Number 21-288873. PROFESSIONAL FORECLOSURE CORPORATION OF VIRGINIA, Substitute Trustees, C/O LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP, 10021 Balls Ford Road, Suite 200, Manassas, Virginia 20109 (703) 449-5800.

Publication Dates: July 14 and July 21, 2021

Legals - Roanoke County

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104 **Case No. CL21-888** ROANOKE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT 305 E. MAIN ST SALEM, VA 24153 ALTIZER, ZANDER LEE v. MCGUIRE, CONNER LEE The object of this suit is to: NAME CHANGE OF MINOR It is ORDERED that Ashley Altizer appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on 8/27/21 @ 11:00 AM

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Craig County names new Athletic Director, coaches

Jimmy Fisher is the new football coach, CCHS grad Suzanne Gans-Crawford is the volleyball coach and Brock Jones returns to take over girls' basketball



Suzanne Gans-Crawford is the new head volleyball coach.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



Jimmy Fisher (left with baseball cap) talks to his sandlot Craig County Cougars during his successful run in the youth program.



Brock Jones, the new girls' basketball coach, is the all-time leading scorer for Craig County with over 1,500 points.

You won't know the Craig County sports coaches without a program this year. Unless, that is, you've been following Rocket sports for the past 20 years or so.

Craig County has hired three new coaches and all three are familiar names to Rocket sports fans. Craig native Jimmy Fisher has been hired to coach the football team, Suzanne Gans-Crawford is the new volleyball coach and Brock Jones will be taking over the girls' basketball program in the winter.

All this and Craig has a new athletic director as well! Carrie Hutton has resigned from her athletic coordinator position and will be replaced by Susan Stimeling, who assumes the position of athletic director. Susan is also an assistant principal and will take over athletic duties that have been shared by principal Melissa Whiting and Hutton. Carrie will retain her duties as secretary at Craig County High.

Fisher will replace Mark Harrison, who went 4-26 in three years as head coach. The Rockets did not field a team due to the coronavirus pandemic last fall and opted out of the spring schedule. Harrison resigned so he can watch his son play for Lord Botetourt this fall, leaving the program without a coach with the first scheduled

practice just weeks away.

Fisher stepped up to save a program he's been a big part of over the years. Jimmy brings a wealth of experience to the football program, and a love of Craig County. A 1985 graduate of then New Castle High School, Fisher played for coach Charlie Darling on the 1984 team that finished 8-2.

Jimmy ran the sandlot football program for 11 years, often picking up kids who didn't have a ride to practice and recruiting young players. He also coached sandlot teams for five years and won the valley-wide Sandlot Super Bowl in 2000 at Salem Stadium. He then assisted with the high school team for four years with many of the same players who were on that sandlot team. He assisted Rod Tenney for two years and Mark McPherson for two more, coaching the defense on the '05 team that won the Pioneer District championship under McPherson.

Fisher next took a position on the North Cross School coaching staff, where he helped Lee Johnson for three years, including a state private school championship in 2007. He moved to William Fleming when Johnson became the head coach there was served as associate head coach along with current Salem High coach Don Holter, who guided the Spartans

to a Class 4 state championship in the spring.

With football in mind Jimmy went back to school to earn his teaching degree, hoping to someday be a high school head coach. While going to school he assisted former Rockets' head coach Philip King, who had taken a position at James River. Fisher was at River for four years, three under King and one under Jacob Phillips.

The next stop for Fisher was Roanoke County, where he coached at Glenvar for two years. He was part of a district championship team at Glenvar as well. Fisher has been out of coaching for the past three years, selling real estate and teaching in the Cave Spring system.

"I've been at five schools and won a championship in four of them," said Fisher, who hopes to bring that magic back to the land he loves. He'll be teaching at Craig County as well and will continue to sell real estate on the side.

Fisher has already assembled a staff that reads like a "who's who" of Craig County football. Craig County graduate Jamie Simpkins will be the middle school coach and a varsity assistant and four other former Rocket greats have joined the staff, Brock Jones, Casey Hancock, Jeremy Howell and Robert "Cooter" Hypes.

John Thomas and Danny Owens round out a staff of seven assistants, and they're ready to roll up their sleeves and get to work.

"Community support has been good and I expect a high turnout for the team," said Fisher. "There's no secret sauce. The secret sauce is hard work, and we have to all be in this together. I have a saying, 'you can't push and go anywhere, everyone has to pull.'"

Fisher is looking for community support in the form of monetary donations. The fields at the high school are not in good shape and it's going to take some work to get them up to speed.

"We want to address all the fields," said Fisher. "I'm not just here for football, I'm here for Craig County, and I want everything to be first class."

In the gym, Gans-Crawford will replace retiring Geoff Boyer as the new varsity volleyball coach. A 2002 Craig County graduate and outstanding athlete, Suzanne played on the team that went to the state quarterfinal under coach Stacy Jones. Gans-Crawford said a lot of what she'll do comes from Stacy.

"I learned a lot from her," she said. "Stacy not only had a great program, but she molded me as an athlete. I'll also use some things I learned from Carrie (Hutton)

and Geoff. I've been lucky to be around some great coaches."

Debbie Boitnotte will assist Suzanne and coach the jayvee and middle school teams and Haley Smith is a volunteer coach on the staff.

When the winter sports come around Brock Jones will replace Randy Hale as head basketball coach for the Rocket girls' team. Jones is a 2006 graduate of Craig who scored over 1,500 points as a student and is the school's all-time scoring leader. He's been coaching a travel team with Craig girls so he's quite familiar with what's coming up, and he expects to have 11 or 12 girls from the 10th through 12th grades on the varsity.

"I know there are three girls who weren't going to play who have decided to play," he said. "We've been having open gym, but this has all happened in the past week so there's still a lot to be done."

Leeann Mattox, a former Rocket player, will be the varsity assistant and Tommy Fisher will coach the middle school and jayvee teams and also help with the varsity.

"I'm excited," said Jones. "I've been talking to Ryan (boys' coach Frazier) about times for open gym in the fall so we can all have plenty of gym time."

USA Softball in Virginia's Blue Ridge This Week

USA Softball is back in Virginia's Championship City this week. Salem will host teams, coaches, umpires and fans for the 2021 USA Softball GOLD National Championships through Saturday July 24. The tournaments feature 64 teams from across the nation who will be competing in the 16-Under and 18-Under age divisions.

Participating teams earned a berth to the GOLD National Championship through a network of qualifying tournaments and through berths awarded by USA Softball's Chief Executive Officer. This elite event for USA Softball will see 28 teams participate in the 16-Under division while 36 teams will fight their way

through the 18-Under division. Both divisions will participate in pool play Monday and Tuesday before competing in double-elimination bracket play, which is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, July 21. The Championship contests will take place on Saturday, July 24, at 3 pm for both divisions with the "if-necessary" games slated for 5 p.m. that same day.

The week-long competition will be played across three locations, including the Arnold Burton Softball Complex and The James I. Moyer Sports Complex in Salem as well as the Botetourt Sports Complex. Games for the 16-Under division will be played primarily at Botetourt Sports Complex, while additional

games will take place at Arnold Burton Softball Complex before capping the tournament at James Moyer Sports Complex. The 18-Under division will be played at Arnold Burton Softball Complex and James Moyer Sports Complex. Championship games for both divisions will take place at James Moyer Sports Complex on Saturday, July 24. Live stats and video coverage will be available all week long at USASoftball.com.

Created in 1994, the USA Softball GOLD National Championships garner a rich history with 27 18-Under Champions having been crowned over the years while seven 16-Under teams have walked away with a trophy since the division's

addition to the tournament in 2014. Making its first-ever appearance in

Salem, Virginia, the 2021 USA Softball GOLD Nationals will bring together

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