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On June 11, elated Craig County High School senior graduates took the stage for their last moments as

high school students.

The ceremony began with the Processional by music teacher, Alyssa Cross-Schulke. The 2021 Junior Marshalls were Kylee Dawn Clifton and Lucas Dwane Taylor.

Graduating students who proudly entered were: Hunter Austin Ashley\*, Nicole Ann Austin\*, Samuel Benjamin Boardwine\*, Jakob Curtis Craft, Claire Nicole

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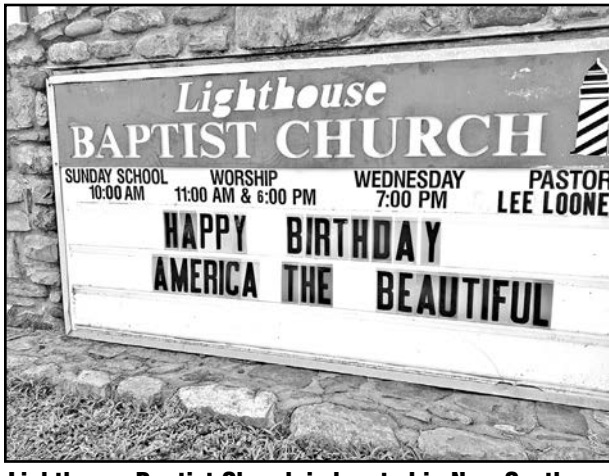
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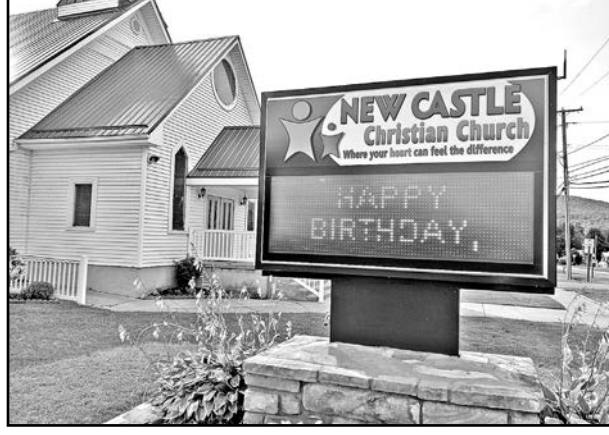
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The American Flag at the housefront. SUBMITTED PHOTOS



Lighthouse Baptist Church is located in New Castle.



The New Castle Christian Church is at 282 Salem Avenue.



Margaret and Bodie sharing a moment together.

The Craig Valley Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution recently recognized Lloyd and Jean Huffman for displaying the American Flag at their residence on Rt. 311

across from Mountain View Church. For several years, the Marine Veteran has mounted large American flags on the stone posts which mark the entrance to their farm, nestled in

the shadow of B Mountain. A flag also flies from the pergola in front of their large front porch. Lloyd, who is known as "Bodie," makes sure the flags go up the day before July 4 and takes

them down the week after. Several churches and businesses responded to the suggestion from Craig Valley Chapter to celebrate Independence Day by displaying the same patriotic mes-

sage. Chapter members are proud of our county and its patriotism.   
*-Submitted by Diane Givens, Craig Valley NSDAR Vice Regent District VII Chaplain*

## 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

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### 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

### 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.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

The Upper Craig Creek Volunteer Fire Department will have its First Annual Car/Truck/Motorcycle/Tractor Show and fundraiser with hot dog dinner.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

- Old Salem Church Annual picnic on Route 42 is expected to return. For more information, contact Enola Ross at 540-864-6175 or 540-309-4954.
- The Craig County Fairgrounds Summer Derby is scheduled to take place. Open to small and large cars. Pre-derby events will be the Power Wheels derby for the tikes and the Lawnmower derby for the tweens. Come out and enjoy an evening of

demolition, community and fun. Food vendors will be on site.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

The Catawba Valley Ruritan Club is hosting a Bluegrass Concert at 3:30 p.m. at the Catawba Community Center. This is a free event, but donations would be greatly appreciated. Money raised will help fund projects in the Catawba Valley, surrounding areas and various organizations. The event will be cancelled if weather does not permit.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

The Craig County Fall Festival Saturday is expected to last from 9 am to 5 pm. Contact Robyn Foster at 540-977-8395 for more info or to reserve a booth. If you register by September 1, you get the early bird rate of \$45.00. Afterwards it is \$50. Registration ends September 30.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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# Duncan from page 1

## “Uncle” Jack, 81, Gets Thrills Turns Down Airplane Ride But Will Ride Street Car, Elevator First Time and Sleep In Hotel—Finds City Strange Place

By A. J. MARTIN, Jr.

“Uncle Jack” Duncan, Craig county farmer who cut wheat here with a cradle for “thirteen harvests in a row” more than a half century ago, came to town today for the first time in his life and said, as he viewed the panorama from atop Mill Mountain, that it was a “Turrible sight!”

—not even if you get a little funny.”  
He remarked that the automobiles buzz around like bees—it’s a Lord’s wonder they don’t run into each other.  
Sometime this afternoon he may say a few words over radio station WDBJ. His son has a radio, a battery set, for they haven’t elec-

SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Roanoke Times published several articles about Duncan and his visit, to the extent that upon his visit, people on the street recognized him and stopped to talk with him.

was to work,” Calvin said. “Downtown Roanoke was nothing but fields of wheat. The only transportation he had was horseback and no way to communicate, except at a later time, when his eldest son made a radio box, which they later listened to the interview when he made his city visit to Roanoke.”

Upon the invitation from Ben Moomaw, Chamber of Commerce secretary, he and H.M. Taylor, Chairman of the Craig Board of Supervisors, were picked up by automobile, which Duncan was enthralled with and driven to Roanoke.

“Mr. Duncan agreed to risk coming if H. M. Taylor would accompany him,” the Roanoke Times stated.

The paper described him as, “slightly stooped old man, uses a light, varnished cane, wore a dark

blue suit, black hat with wide brim, turned up in front, black high-top shoes, and a black string tie. He is nearly bald and has a drooping moustache and doesn’t wear glasses.”

“Mr. Duncan is active enough to pitch a mean game of horseshoes,” Mr. Taylor told the men. “And he follows baseball games pretty close.”

They toured through Roanoke, including Mill Mountain, the airport, by the Viscose, to see how the newspaper was printed, to a manicurist and barbershop and to Hotel Patrick Henry for lunch with the Kiwanis.

These are some of the paragraphs the newspaper wrote in the articles, I wish to share with Craig County today, though I’d like to share them all.

The Roanoke Times wrote about his trip in the 1920s:

• “Uncle Jack” Duncan, Craig County farmer who cut wheat here with a cradle for 13 harvests in a row, more than half a century ago, came to town today for the first time in his life and said as he viewed the panorama views from atop Mill Mountain, that it was a “Turrible sight!”

•Except for one short train ride he has never been out of the county and has never before been to the city.

•He was met early this morning by Ben Moomaw, Chamber of Commerce secretary, and E. D. Nininger. He and H.M. Taylor, Chairman of the Craig Board of Supervisors, were brought to the COC and introduced to S.F. Woody, P.T. Jamison and Joe Walton. The party started immediately for a tour of the city.

•He was intensely in-

terested and slightly bewildered, and his attention was attracted mainly by street cars which he had never seen before, wanting to know, “What makes them go?” He believes automobiles are going to run the United States to “rack and ruin.”

•He is 81 and has done enough work to “kill a hoss” in his time, and said when shown some roses at Crystal Springs, that they were “mighty purty, but I’m so old I can’t smell a polecat.”

•He was invited by Frank Reynolds and Clayton Lemon to go for a ride in a big cabin plane. He declined saying he was going to stay on the ground and not go up in one of those “scary things.”

•He was given the opportunity to say a few words over WDBJ, Roanoke Times and World News radio station as they gave Roanoke a brief personal contact with the visitor and afforded him a new idea of the “workings” behind the battery set his son had at home.

•(After lunch) he visited the Ponce de Leon where the springs that used to be surrounded by two oaks, wheat and a stable lot still bubble and trickle away in the of the new structure, and then to the home of Mr. and Mrs. D.C. Moomaw on whose property he cut wheat his last years, then to the American Theatre where he saw his first moving picture show. During a scene showing an encoun-

ter with the police, he told his friend, H. M. Taylor, “they’re just going to fight all day – let’s get out of here.”

•Many Roanokers, recognizing him with Mr. Moomaw and from newspaper description, stopped Mr. Duncan on the street to speak to him.

•Duncan shared his opinion after a long day touring, “Judgement-day is not very far off.” He prophesied, adding, “The world is getting worse and worse, men do all manner of evil – kill one another, anything. You remember the good book says, ‘You shant know the hour I come.’ It’s going to the fireplace. People don’t like one another like they ought. They were put here to like one another.” He likes to talk about the more serious aspects

of life, for, as he says, “I am living on borrowed years,” referring to the Biblical three score and ten.

• “Are you a Democrat?” he was asked. “No, I lean to the other side,” he said. “That man in now, what’s his name? Hoover? He’s liable to get in again. He seems to be a pretty good feller. It’s hard to say.” His politics took away none of the enjoyment of being entertained in a Democratic city.

They gave him a key to the city and at the conclusion of his visit, Duncan shared, “These Roanoke folks sure are mighty nice - I don’t know when I’ve had such a time. People out in Craig and Giles are missing something if they don’t come here often.”

# School supplies from page 1

- Third-grade:
  - One pencil pouch
  - two marble composition notebooks - labeled with name and Science, Soc. Studies
  - One-inch three-ring binder with pocket flaps to use for Spelling
  - pocket folders
  - glue sticks
  - Several highlighters
  - Individual pencil sharpener
  - one box of markers
  - Pack of black dry erase markers (other colors stain the whiteboards)
  - One pack of 3x5 index cards
  - earbuds (for Chrome-book)
- The Classroom Wish List: tissues, baggies (sandwich and gallon) and extra glue sticks.
- Second-grade:
  - one pencil pouch or box
  - Washable markers
  - Pair of scissors
  - Individual pencil sharp-

- ener
  - Pencil cap erasers or large pink erasers
  - Glue sticks
  - Sharpened pencils
  - Two-pocket folders
  - Highlighters
- Classroom Wish List: Black dry erase markers, glue sticks, tissues, sandwich and gallon sized Ziploc baggies and two-pocket folders.
- First-grade:
  - One pencil pouch or bag with zipper
  - One primary journal (the book has lines with an area at the top to draw pictures)
  - One marble composition books
  - Three spiral notebooks, wide-ruled
  - One plain green pocket folder for graded work
  - Four large pink erasers
  - Three dozen sharpened pencils
  - One box tissues
  - Blunt-edged scissors
  - Two dozen glue sticks

- One box of colored pencils
- Classroom Wish List: Black dry erase markers, 1 box of 8 basic crayons, 1 box of 24 count crayons, sandwich and gallon baggies.
- Kindergarten:
  - Two large Kindergarten-sized pencils
  - Pencils
  - One plastic pencil box (8 3/8” L X 5 5/8” W X 2 1/8” H)
  - Two or three boxes of large crayons (8 basic colors)
  - One pair of blunt-edged scissors
  - Large supply of glue sticks
  - One two-pocket folder
  - One 3-prong folder
  - Washable markers
  - Two boxes tissues
  - Two containers baby wipes
  - Bookbag
  - Change of multi-seasonal clothes (for spills and accidents)
- Classroom Wish List:

- baggies (sandwich, snack, quart and gallon) and 1 pack each of 3 X 5 index cards multi-color and white.
- Pre-K: (any extra donations are appreciated)
  - Backpack
  - one-inch binders
  - one pack of markers
  - baby wipes
- The kids are getting excited and having all they need helps them to concentrate on studying as well as having fun. A big “Thank you” to all who donate.

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COUNTY OF CRAIG, VIRGINIA PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Pursuant to Section 15.2-2506 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, notice is hereby given of a public hearing to be held by the Craig County Board of Supervisors on the proposed County Budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2021-22 (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022). The Public Hearing, which may be continued or adjourned, will be held **August 5, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as the matter is heard during the Board of Supervisors meeting at the Craig County Courthouse in New Castle, Virginia.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public review at the County Administrator’s Office in the County Administration Building, New Castle, Virginia.

| PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENT FY 2021-22 TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR: |           |
|--|-----------|
| <b>County of Craig</b>   |           |
| Misc Departments carry over                                    | \$ 32,613 |
| Sheriff/ EMS USDA Grant  | \$ 90,000 |
| CARES carry over   | \$232,500 |
| American Recovery Plan Funds carry over                        | \$498,319 |
| <b>Craig Co Public School</b>                                  |           |
| Carry Over Funds to Capital Funds                              | \$454,926 |

# OBITUARY

## Huffman, William O. “Chuck”

William O. “Chuck” Huffman passed peacefully at home on Saturday, July 24, after 86 wonderful years. He treasured his family, his way of life and God’s creations. He was kind, patient and caring. He was also an exceptional husband, father, grandfather and friend. He was a lifelong farmer and special friend to many. He was a prankster and loved to “pull one over on you.”



the Sinking Creek Valley will never be the same. Chuck leaves behind his loving and amazing wife Peggy J. Huffman, precious daughter and son-in-law Shari and Robert Tripp, granddaughter and husband Ashlei and Justin Barham, great grandchildren Oscar and Gunner Barham, Kenadee Tripp and her mother Heather Stover, nephews Joe Dowdy and Matt Dowdy and wife Kim

William spent every day on the farm working cows and taking care of the land. He loved every second of it and you would never hear a complaint from him. His laugh was contagious, and he lit up any room or field he was in. He spent many hours in the tractor, and you would see his white pick-up truck running up and down the road all day long. Before he began farming, he played for the St. Louis Cardinals minor league baseball team at second base.

Actually, he and his wife of 66 years, Peggy, met at a high school baseball game and the rest was history. They had one daughter Shari and she was their pride and joy. She began helping him on the farm after she retired from teaching, and they were quite the pair. His son-in-law Robert was like a son to him. Robert kept the farm equipment up and running and took the boss’s orders well!

He served for many years on the Farmers and Merchants Bank, Narrows Livestock Market, Smyth Mutual and Ross Cemetery boards. He was a man with so many wonderful talents and traits. One thing is for sure...

and their daughter Lena.

He also leaves behind many, many special friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, “Speedy” and Ruth Huffman and his grandson William Robert “WR” Tripp, in-laws Ned H. and Pauline K. Dowdy, sister-in-law and husband Jane and Tom Hurd, brother-in-law Hale Dowdy and his son Rusty.

We want to give a special thanks to his caregivers Allie, Phyllis and Theresa. They were crucial in his care and were so good to him. Thank you to Kindred Hospice for their wonderful care, especially nurses Lilah and Jennifer. Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 27, at 12:00 p.m. in the Bethel United Methodist Church, Craig County, with Rev. Charles Stacy and Rev. Larry Thompson officiating.

Burial followed in Ross Cemetery, Craig County. The family received friends on Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. until service time. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Simonsville Fire Department or to Craig County Rescue Squad. Arrangements by McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

### 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 Wednesday, August 4, 2021. Applicants can apply starting at 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The program will take applications ONLINE ONLY. The website to apply is [vhda.apply4housing.com](http://vhda.apply4housing.com).

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

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 you will be added to the waiting list. Applicants may check to see if they were chosen in the lottery on August 5, 2021, after 10:00 a.m. by going to the following website: [vhda.apply4housing.com/status](http://vhda.apply4housing.com/status).

Anyone can apply on behalf of any applicant. Applicants can apply using a laptop or desktop computer or mobile device. 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, please contact the Housing Connections staff for assistance to apply during the opening time period.

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



# OPINION

# Reading through the Year

## Library Corner

Empowering individuals to build a stronger community

Have you ever tried to expand your reading instead of only reading the same authors or types of books but weren't sure where to find a known alternative? Actually, this is one of the reasons many Book Clubs are formed. A way to expand your perspective, find new writers and different types of stories than your usual read and see what others in the community are interested in.

Recently, the Craig County Public Library-sponsored Book Club met and selected the books they will be reading over the next year. These books are available in either hard copy, on an e-reader, or as an audiobook. Selections are made from interests, book reviews, and recommendations.

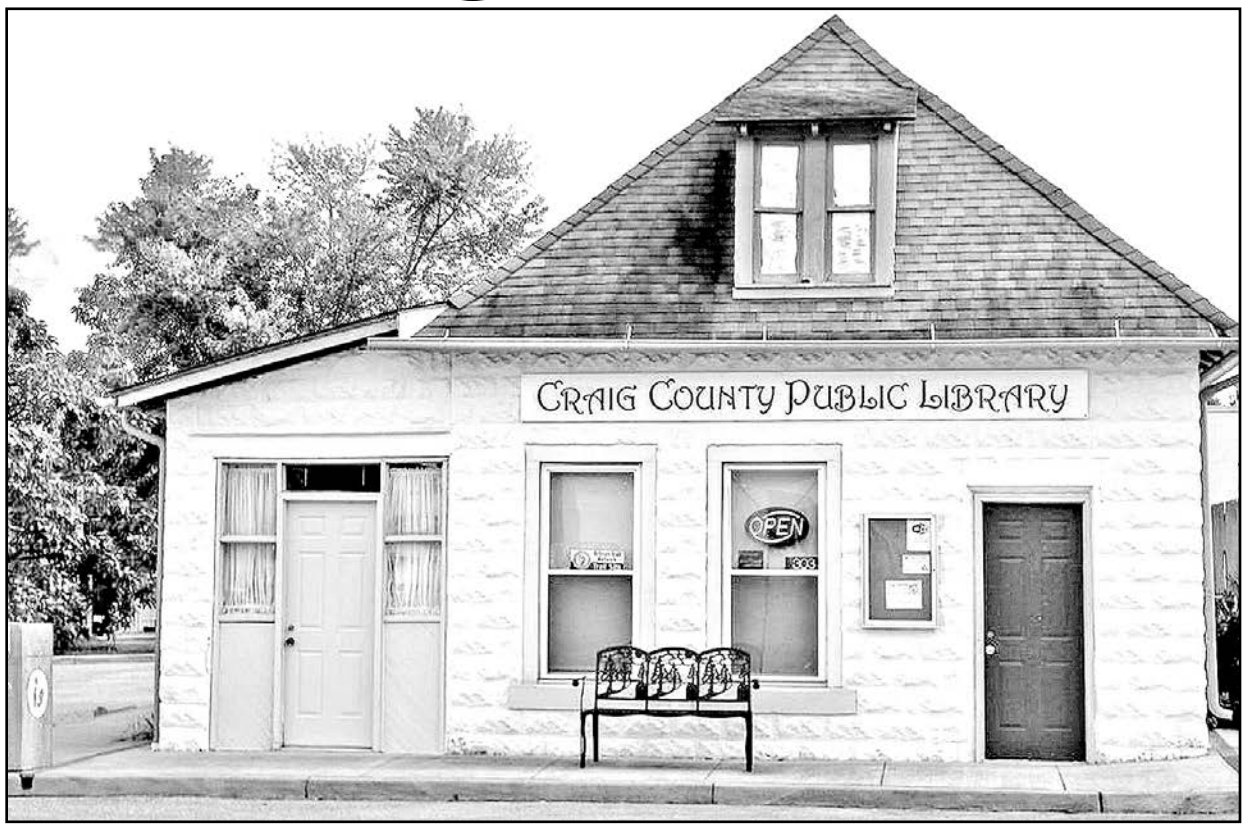
July – Skyward by Mary Alice Monroe. The story follows Ella Majors, a burned-out nurse, new

to South Carolina who accepts a job as a nurse to a five-year-old with juvenile diabetes. The father of the girl rehabilitates injured birds of prey at a sanctuary. A fascinating narrative of the South Carolina coast, birds of prey and relationships between nature and people.

August – The Lighthouse Keeper's Daughter by Hazel Gaynor. When a deadly hurricane approaches, two women, living a century apart, will be forever linked by their instinctive acts of bravery and love. Inspired by true events, The Lighthouse Keeper's Daughter is a sweeping historical novel that explores how our past shapes our present, and what it truly means to be courageous.

September – America's First Daughter by Stephanie Dray. An historical novel portraying the life of Martha Jefferson Randolph (Patsy), Thomas Jefferson's daughter. All the conflicts and complexities of the Early Republic are mirrored in Patsy's story.

October – One by One by Ruth Ware. Ten people



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who work for a startup travel to a ski lodge for a company retreat. It's a secluded luxury chalet, which is soon made even more isolated due to a snowstorm in the area, which soon leads to an avalanche that leaves them stranded.

November – Fate and Furies by Lauren Goff. Spanning decades, oceans and the whole economic scale from indigence to opulence, this novel holds within its grasp the story of one extraordinary marriage. But this is the story of a marriage, of two people who transformed themselves and each other, and it begins, as any storybook romance should, across a crowded room.

December – The Love Song of Miss Queenie Hennessey by Rachel Joyce. The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry followed its unassuming hero on an incredible journey as he traveled the length of England on foot - a journey spurred by a simple letter from his old friend Queenie Hennessey, writing from a hospice to say goodbye.

January – Mistletoe Inn by Richard Paul Ev-

ans. At 32, Kimberly Rossetti, a finance officer at a Lexus car dealership, has had her heart broken more times than she wants to remember. With two failed engagements, a divorce and again alone with no prospects, she hardly seems the type to dream of being a published romance author. Dreading another holiday alone, she signs up for The Mistletoe Retreat, a nine-day writing retreat in Burlington, VT.

February – Golden Girl by Elin Hildegard. Novelist Vivian Howe is tragically killed in a hit-and-run accident during an early morning jog. Vivi ascends to the Beyond. There she meets Martha, her Person, more commonly known as a spiritual guide or angel. Martha is pretty cool, and informs Vivi that she can watch over everyone all summer until Labor Day. She's also allowed three nudges, similar to the three wishes from a genie.

March – The Lions of Fifth Avenue by Fiona Davis. A series of book thefts roils the iconic New York Public Library, leaving two generations

of strong-willed women to pick up the pieces.

April – Good Company by Cynthia D Aprix Sweeney. Flora and Julian struggled for years, scraping together just enough acting work to raise Ruby in Manhattan and keep Julian's small theater company - Good Company - afloat. A move to Los Angeles brought their first real career successes, a chance to breathe easier, and a reunion with Margot, now a bona fide television star.

May – Malibu Rising by Taylor Jenkins Reid. In the early 1980s, four Malibu surfer siblings throw a raging party that forces them to confront their pasts. The Riva siblings didn't have an easy childhood. Their father was a famous singer who came and went whenever he wanted, finally leaving for good. Their mother was an alcoholic, leaving her oldest daughter, Nina, to take on the bulk of the parenting.

June – The Girl from Widow Hills by Megan Miranda. Arden is a six-year-old girl who was missing for three days during a storm in Widow Hills and is found under

some grates and her story is a national sensation.

July – The Chicken Sisters by KJ Dell Antonia. In tiny Merinac, Kansas, Chicken Mimi's and Chicken Frannie's have spent a century vying to serve up the best-fried chicken in the state—and the legendary feud between their respective owners, the Moore's and the Pogociello's, has lasted just as long.

The Book Club meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 11:30 a.m. at Bibo's.

Submitted by Linda Calderon, Library volunteer

### Library News:

Three ways to support your Craig County Library:

- 1.) Choose CCPL as your charity for Amazon Smile. Whenever you order from Amazon, go to Amazon Smile and a portion of the proceeds will go to your charity.
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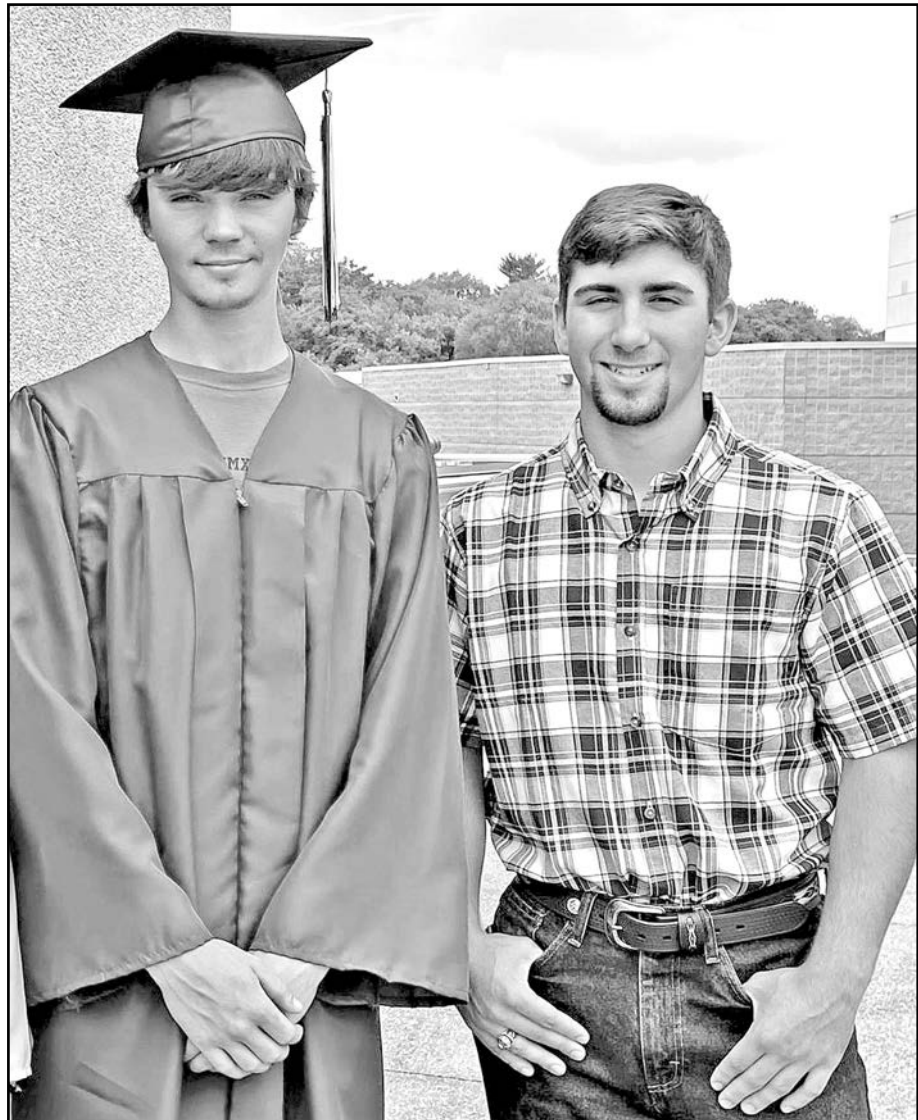
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# Senior class from page 1



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The graduating senior class of 2021 of Craig County High School waited patiently, enjoying their last moments as high school students before starting the next chapter of their lives.



Isaiah Taylor and Tyler Romeo are graduating seniors ready to hit the ground running.

what the world could be, A vision of the one I see, A million dreams is all it's gonna take, A million dreams for the world we're gonna make! They can say it all sounds crazy, They can say I've lost my mind, I don't care, so call me crazy, We can live in a world that we design.

"The reason I sang that song is because as seniors, we are going out in the world and making it our own," said Stanley who will be attending college in the fall with endeavors to pursue law.

The class's guest speaker was one of their very favorite teachers, Geoff Boyer.

He started his welcome with a recount, as he said, "After discovering that my lovely wife, Mrs. Boyer, received a single vote more than me to do this speech, I did some investigating. I found three votes in Mr. Phelps' trash can, and I will now read those votes: Geoff Boyer, Donald Trump and Mrs. Pam Boyer. OK, she won fair and square." Laughter

immediately pursued afterward.

He continued as he congratulated the Class of 2021. "In my extremely biased opinion, I believe that graduating from Craig County is truly an honor. The fact that our school is located in a beautiful area, and we handled a global pandemic about as well as anyone, are not the main reasons why we are so lucky," he said. "It's the people and what we can learn from them."

Boyer continued, "Although there isn't enough time to mention everyone, I would like to focus on some of the special graduates and faculty members."

•One graduate has taught us that if you set your mind to something, you can do great things. For example, graduating early, playing two varsity sports and annoying Mr. G. is Abby Price

•One graduate has taught us to be ready when you get your chance. Using her time at BTEC to earn a Nursing degree and

going from the bench to serving 99 percent as a starter, Samantha Sarver has taken advantage of her opportunities

•Another graduate demonstrated how to overcome obstacles. You wouldn't expect the player who is on the court for every point and calls for the ball the loudest to be the shortest player with challenges that would limit other, Lucy Rigney

•The next graduate has shown us how to execute and perform under pressure. I suppose by now you all realize I'm speaking in terms of volleyball but has made the right decisions at the right time making everyone around her better, which is just as useful off the court, Nicole Austin

•The final graduate I'd like to acknowledge is one who has shown us how to be multidimensional. Although her accolades in academics, athletics and other activities are numerous, it is the commitment of time and energy to her



Principal Melissa Whiting congratulating Hunter Ashley as many "whoops" were given from those in attendance.

peers and community that's most impressive, Autumn Hutchison

Boyer added that it was a special day for a couple of faculty members.

"For 32 years at McCleary Elementary, Andrea Jennings has been helping raise the children of Craig County. She has exhibited her version of "tough love," which I say in all sincerity, as she is tougher than me and my son Ryan loved being in her class this year. Mrs. Jennings, I wish you all the best in your retirement," he said. "And of course, there will be no replacing the 35-year teaching, makeup work preaching, helicopter hair spinning, ear to ear grinning, speed walking, mile an hour talking force of nature that is -Woosoooo Cathy Looney. I ask that we please pray for John Looney during her retirement." Laughter once again ensued.

He finished his "tip of the cap" by adding, in his opinion, the CCPS employee of the year.

"This person has done so much, for so many, with humility and care for every man, woman or child who walks our halls. I'd like to say a special "Thank You" to Mrs. Sherry Crowder."

Boyer joked a little as he

compared the teachers; Andrea Jennings in Elementary has two sons, Cathy Looney in Middle has two sons, Sherry Crowder in the cafeteria also has two sons. "To make this pattern complete we need a teacher in the High School with two sons. Oh right, Pam Boyer," he said with a big laugh.

"Well, back to that original vote that she won fair and square, it looks like, Class of 2021, you have already made a good choice. When you leave this stage, keep it up. Thank you and congratulations," Boyer said.

Later he added, "It's obvious the Class of '21 will have a unique story of their past, but it's their future that will prove to be the most memorable."

"They have worked hard and excelled under extraordinary circumstances," said Counselor Evelyn Steege. "I am proud of all of our graduates and wish them the best in their future endeavors."

Diplomas were proudly awarded as emotions of joy exuded from Whiting and a feeling of great success from the graduates.

As the seniors walked the stage, some gave big grins, bows and fun gestures, while others seemed

to enjoy their success more quietly.

Superintendent Jeanette Warwick led them in the confirmation of their graduation as joyful shouts and hats filled the air by the graduating seniors, staff and their families. Tears were seen streaming the cheeks of some.

"I am extremely proud of this group of graduates. They each overcame many obstacles to meet the requirements earning them a seat on the stage at graduation," Principal Whiting shared with heartfelt fulfillment. "They have matured into independent, strong, thoughtful, and kind individuals and I believe that the difficulties they faced this school year led them to this transition. Although I will miss all of them greatly, I am eager to see what their futures will bring."

## CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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Wednesday Evening Bible study 7PM, Youth Group 7:00PM, Reformers - Unanimous Addiction Recovery every Friday evening at 7PM.</p> | <p><b>GRACE ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b><br/>5530 Catawba Valley Drive, Catawba, VA, 540-384-7075. Pastor Lorraine Taylor, agladypastor@msn.com. Sunday service begins at 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday Evening service at 7:00 p.m.; Youth (ages 13-18) &amp; Super Church (ages 4-12) Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. You can also watch on Facebook Live at 10:30 a.m. www.graceassemblycatawba.org</p> <p><b>GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>159 Old Railroad Ave, New Castle, 540-864-PRAY, Sunday School 9:30AM, Sunday Worship Service 10:00AM, Wednesday Night Services 7:00PM.</p> <p><b>HEBRON UNITED METHODIST</b><br/>Pastor Rodney Longmire, Rt. 606, 1981 Caldwell Mt. Rd., New Castle, 540-400-3419. Worship 11:15AM.</p> <p><b>LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST</b><br/>Rev. Lee Looney, Rt. 311 N., New Castle. Sunday: Sunday School 10AM, 11AM, &amp; 6PM. Wednesday Bible Study 7PM.</p> <p><b>LEVEL GREEN CHRISTIAN CHURCH</b><br/>3388 Cumberland Gap Rd. Newport, Duane Wentz, Minister, 540-544-7179. Sunday School 10:00am, Sunday Morning Worship 11:00am, Children's Church 11:00am. Choir Practice, bi-weekly 7:00pm, Ladies meeting first Monday of each month at 7:00pm.</p> <p><b>LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST</b><br/>Pastor Lee Looney, Rt. 311 N., New Castle, 540-525-7662. Sunday: Sunday School 10AM, 11AM, &amp; 6PM. Wednesday Bible Study 7PM.</p> <p><b>MOUNTAIN VIEW CHRISTIAN</b><br/>4199 Craig Valley Drive, New Castle, 864-6622. Sunday: Worship Service 9:00 a.m., Children's Church 9:15 a.m., Sunday School 10:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>NEW CASTLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH "WHERE YOUR HEART CAN FEEL THE DIFFERENCE"</b><br/>Sheldon Cosma, Senior Minister, 282 Salem Ave., New Castle; 864-5212; Sunday Mornings: 9 A.M. Contemporary Service and 10:45 A.M. 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 (1) A dilapidated structure located at 17 7th 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 - City of Salem

**Notice is hereby given to**  
 all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on August 11, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. Hold public hearing to consider the request of Layman Candy Company, Inc., contract purchaser, and Lewis-Gale Medical Center, LLC, property owner, for rezoning a portion of the property located at 2105 Apperson Drive (Tax Map # 281-1-2) from BCD Business Commerce District to LM Light Manufacturing District.
2. Hold public hearing to consider the request of Roanoke College Trustees, property owner, for rezoning a portion of the property located at 232 North Broad Street (Tax Map # 87-7-7), from CUD College and University District to RSF Residential Single-Family District.

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

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

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

## Legals - Montgomery County

**ORDER OF PUBLICATION**  
 Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316  
**Case No. JU019381-01-00**  
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 The Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room, Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia for the adoption of the Substantial Amendment of the FY2019 Annual Action Plan.

Provide any questions, comments, or suggestions by mailing the Town Manager's Office, Town of Christiansburg, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073-3029, by e-mailing [awarren@christiansburg.org](mailto:awarren@christiansburg.org) or by phone at (540) 382-6128 x 1130.

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## Interesting find for 5 bucks

I was killing time browsing the Charlotte's Web antique mall in Salem recently when I came across an item that caught my eye. It was a copy of "Sports Review" magazine, previewing the 1959 football season.

The magazine cost 50 cents at the time and was in a plastic sleeve and marked \$5 at the antique mall. I figured that was a fair price taking inflation into account, and I love looking at old magazines. I had a subscription to "SPORT" magazine growing up in the '60s and still have them in a box in my basement. I pull them out every once in a while when I'm bored (see pandemic). I still remember how excited I was when my first issue came in the mail. The cover had pictures of Johnny Unitas and Jim Brown and the lead story was about whether the pass or the run was more effective.

I had never heard of "Sports Review" magazine, but upon further examination, after purchasing it of course, I discovered it was established in 1941 and was published five times a year. A year's subscription was two dollars, and with my Roanoke College education kicking in I concluded that was a savings of 50 cents a year over the newsstand price.

Each issue had a certain theme, with a basketball issue in January, a Motorspeed issue in March, a Fishing issue in

April, a Baseball issue in May and the Football issue in September. There's an address in Illinois listed where you could subscribe, and I might just send them two bucks to see if the offer still stands.

Whatever, the magazine I bought previewed both the college and pro football seasons for 1959. The college got a little more attention with 60 pages of previews while the pros had about half that many. That was interesting since this was the year after that famous overtime game in '58 between the Colts and Giants that is credited with propelling the NFL into a new age of excitement.

Back in 1959 there were only a dozen NFL football teams and the AFL was yet to be founded. Each team played a 12 game schedule. There were two divisions of six teams each named the Eastern Conference and the Western Conference, and the team with the best record in each conference played for the championship. That was it, one playoff game!

So, you ask, how did two east coast cities, Baltimore and New York, play in the championship game? Well, Baltimore happened to be in the Western Conference, sort of like when the Atlanta Braves were playing in the National League West and the Dodgers were their big rival. Go figure.

It was interesting to look at



**Brian Hoffman**  
Sports Editor

the final stats listed from the '58 season, and you can see how different a game it was back then. Unitas led the NFL with 19 touchdown passes that year, and that's not even a good season now. Granted it was a 12 game season, but that averages out to 25 TD passes over a 16 game schedule. Last season Aaron Rodgers led the NFL with 48 touchdown passes, and 25 would have been 17th in the league.

John Brodie of the 49ers had the best completion percentage at 59 percent (.599) in 1958. That would have been 24th in the current NFL with only Carson Wentz (.574) and Drew Lock (.573) under 60 percent among the top 25 quarterbacks. Again it was Rodgers on top at .707.

Jim Brown had already established himself as a future Hall of Famer in just his second year with the Browns. In '58 he ran for 1,527 yards, almost twice as many as the Colts' Alan Ameche, who was second at 791 yards. Projecting Brown over 16 games, he would have had 2,036 yards and 23 touchdowns. That speaks well for

Derrick Henry of the current day Titans, who led the league with a comparable 2,027 yards last year. Henry also led in rushing touchdowns with 17.

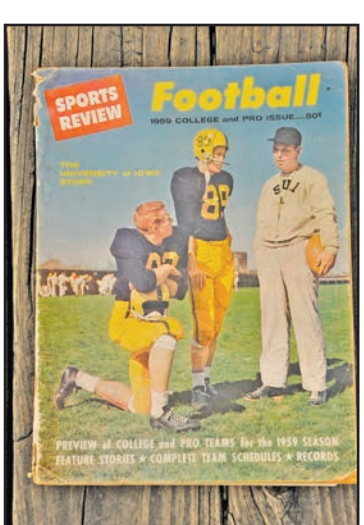
The college section of the magazine had a lot more pictures than the pro section. There was a very interesting story on SMU quarterback Don Meredith, who would go on to more fame on the field with the Dallas Cowboys and in the TV booth with Monday Night Football. The theme of the story was that Meredith was not only a great player but a brilliant leader in student activities, civic programs and religious work. Take that Howard Cosell.

There was also a story on the Miami of Ohio football team, and of the many successful coaches the program produced. It had a picture of the seven man coaching staff in 1950, and now most high schools have more than seven coaches. Woody Hayes, who went on to coach Ohio State, was the head coach at Miami of Ohio in 1950 and one of his assistants was Ara Parseghian, who became a famous head coach at Notre Dame. Another assistant was Bill Arnsparger, who would be Don Shula's defensive coordinator for those great Dolphin teams in "the other" Miami. . .the warmer one. Arnsparger would go on to become head coach of the New York Giants.

The Sports Review magazine listed complete season records of all the major colleges for the '58 season. Virginia Tech, under coach Frank Moseley, was 5-4-1 that fall while the University of Virginia was 1-9 under coach Dick Voris. Tech beat UVA, 22-13, in Richmond in '58 and the Hokies beat VMI, 21-16, at Victory Stadium.

The magazine certainly provided me with five bucks worth of entertainment as I sat on my porch on a sunny Virginia Sunday afternoon. And, it got me even more anxious for the coming football season than I already was, if such a thing is possible.

I need to get my two dollars in the mail this week so I can get the new edition, even if I did miss the fishing preview.



## Beer sales, full-capacity in Lane this fall

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Virginia Tech officials say beer sales and cashless concession stands are coming to all areas of Lane Stadium this fall.

Previously, beer was only available for purchase in select premium seating areas. The availability will include Hardywood's new Fighting Hokies Lager, which will be available in both Lane Stadium

and Cassell Coliseum this fall.

"This is about continuing to improve the gameday experience in Lane Stadium, and doing so in a responsible way," Senior Associate AD for External Operations Brad Wurthman said. "We view Saturdays in Lane as a one-day vacation for Hokies, and after having been without Hokie Nation for this past season, our team is working around the clock to ensure that we elevate the experi-

ence that we all know and love. Improving our concessions offerings at an affordable price is a huge part of that."

The fall football season will feature new affordable pricing for items like bottled water, Coca-Cola and hot dogs. These enhancements also include a switch to cashless transactions, which will reduce touch-points and increase the speed of service. When data from previous years was reviewed,

approximately five percent of all transactions in concession stands utilized cash and this switch allows us to move fans through the lines more efficiently. The current plan for those who do not have credit cards, debit cards, etc. will be to sell prepaid gift cards in the bookstore location on the west side of Lane Stadium. More details on this will be released as it gets closer to September.

As announced earlier this

month, Lane Stadium is preparing to host full-capacity events this fall. A variety of ticket packages are available for purchase offering both flexibility and tremendous value when compared to the secondary market. Due to strong demand, especially for high-profile games such as North Carolina and Notre Dame, fans are encouraged to lock-in their spot in Lane as soon as possible.

## Martinsville Speedway Format for ValleyStar Credit Union 300

*The Nation's Biggest, Richest & Most Prestigious NASCAR Late Model Stock Car Race Returns on Sept. 24-25*

MARTINSVILLE, Va.- The ValleyStar Credit Union 300 will have a \$110,000 purse with \$32,000 to the race winner when it is held at Martinsville Speedway on Saturday, September 25. The 200 lap feature race will include three segments: 75 laps, 75 laps and 50 laps. Stage 1 and Stage 2 winners will each receive \$1,000.

On Friday, Sept. 24, four hours of practice will be followed by single car qualifying under the lights. The top two cars from qualifying will make the 200 lap feature with the pole winner receiving a \$5,000 bonus. To determine the rest of the 40-car field for the feature, the remaining cars will be placed in heat races on Saturday, Sept. 25. There will be four heat races of 25 laps and no last chance race.

"This year's format will challenge competitors on the track and keep fans on the edge of their seat

with fierce action in the ValleyStar Credit Union 300," said Martinsville President Clay Campbell. "Martinsville Speedway has always been a track that challenges the best in motorsports, so we look forward to this year's ValleyStar Credit Union 300 increasing the heat of competition in the nation's biggest, richest and most prestigious NASCAR Late Model Stock Car race."

In the ValleyStar Credit Union 300 feature, the leader of each lap will receive \$25 with \$5,000 available in the laps led bonus pool. If the race concludes in overtime, there will be unlimited attempts at a Green White Checker finish.

The Virginia Triple Crown will be awarded at the ValleyStar Credit Union 300. The first two legs of the Virginia Triple Crown are at South Boston Speedway on Saturday, July 3 and Larry King Law's

Langley Speedway on Thursday, July 24. There will be no test days and teams will not be allowed to rent the track.

Josh Berry of JR Motorsports is the defending race champion as winner of the 2019 ValleyStar Credit Union 300. The 2020 ValleyStar Credit Union 300 was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Berry is now a two-time winner at Martinsville as he captured his first NASCAR Xfinity Series victory in this spring's Cook Out 250.

Leading up to the ValleyStar Credit Union 300, Martinsville Speedway will host the Henry County Fair on Sept. 22-25. The Henry County Fair will include fun, family friendly attractions including state fair quality rides, an assortment of delicious fair foods, fun games of chance, animal exhibits, a petting zoo and live music

performances nightly. It will also welcome the Great Lakes Timber Show and Circus Shane Show.

The Henry County Fair will be open on Sept. 22-23 from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., Sept. 24 from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. and Sept. 25 from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Gate pass admission to the Henry County Fair is \$5. To learn more about the Henry County Fair, visit [henrycountytvaire.com](http://henrycountytvaire.com).

On Friday, Sept. 24, practice for the ValleyStar Credit Union 300 will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. followed by single car qualifying under the lights beginning at 8:00 p.m. The Campbell Family Foundation will host a fireworks extravaganza following ValleyStar Credit Union 300 qualifying and the Josh Shilling & Mountain Heart concert on the Bassett Furniture Stage at the Henry County Fair.

On Saturday, Sept. 25, the Fan Garage/Pit Experience (i.e. driver autograph session) will be free to all fans with a ticket from 12:45 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Heat races will begin at 3:00 p.m. Pre-race festivities begin at 5:30 p.m. with the feature ValleyStar Credit Union 300 green flag at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets for the ValleyStar Credit Union 300 are \$30 and unreserved. Youth 12 and under are free with a paying adult. Parking is free for the event. Coolers are allowed, but must be softsided and no larger than 14"x14"x14". Tickets are available for purchase at the ticket office, via phone at 877-RACE-TIX or online at [martinsvillespeedway.com](http://martinsvillespeedway.com).

For more information on the ValleyStar Credit Union 300, visit [www.martinsvillespeedway.com/events/valleystar-credit-union-300](http://www.martinsvillespeedway.com/events/valleystar-credit-union-300).

## FOCO Releases "Space Jam: A New Legacy" Bobblehead Collection



FOCO is excited to introduce a new line of collectable bobbleheads featuring the stars of Warner Bros. Pictures' 2021 film, Space Jam: A New Legacy.

25 years after the release of the wildly successful Space Jam, Bugs Bunny and the rest of the Looney Tunes return to the big screen in this stand-alone sequel. Space Jam: A New Legacy chronicles basketball superstar LeBron James teaming up with the iconic cartoon characters to save James' son from a nefarious A.I.

This collection of officially licensed bobblehead showcases an expansive roster of Space Jam: A New Legacy characters that fans of the film will immediately recognize. In addition to James and Bugs Bunny, fans can collect bobbles featuring Daffy Duck, Lola Bunny, the Tasmanian Devil, and Granny.

Each item in this collection features detailed depictions of the film's stars in their "Tune Squad" uniforms, as well as the immediately recognizable Space Jam: A New

Legacy logo.

"FOCO is extremely excited to introduce the world to these Space Jam: A New Legacy bobbleheads to celebrate the release of the highly anticipated film," said Matthew Katz, Licensing Director at FOCO. "FOCO is confident that a wide range of fans, including those who grew up with and appreciated the original film, as well as a whole new generation of fans, will be eager to add these out-of-this-world bobbles to their collections," Katz continued.

These Space Jam: A New

Legacy bobbleheads are just some of the many exciting items FOCO continues to release that help fans celebrate their favorite characters, programs, films, teams, superstars, mascots, memorable plays and iconic moments throughout the world of entertainment and sports.

FOCO's Space Jam: A New Legacy bobbleheads are available online at [www.foco.com](http://www.foco.com), FOCO's official direct-to-consumer website. The Space Jam: A New Legacy collection is available at this link now.