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School Board jump starting upcoming school year



The Craig County School Board was ready at the July meeting to jump-start the upcoming school year with many positive ideas. Samuel Foster, shown here, addressed many issues to the Board.

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

With all Board members present, the July School Board meeting covered many topics pertaining to the upcoming school year.

Superintendent Jeanette Warwick reported that annually, Craig County schools get a special education performance report.

"This year our report was based on data from the 2018-2019 school year. There are 14 indicators, and we did not meet the state target for two," she said.

*Students with disabilities grades 7-12 who dropped out. Craig County was 1.69 and state target wants you to be under 1.40. Obviously if one child does not graduate, that is not ok with us, therefore we will be addressing that this upcoming year

*School age least restrictive environment for students served in separate public or private schools - children that need to go to a school due to a special nature of their disability. We have five percent. We only have three children and we do not send kids out of town unless we absolutely cannot meet their needs here

Warwick continued, "The Coalition of Small Rural Schools are spon-

soring a 'Crumbling Schools Tour.'"

The notice stated that "This tour will allow decision makers to have a first-hand account of the conditions our students and staff endure on a daily basis. Unfortunately, rural, and high poverty areas have more than their fair share of school infrastructure needs. The goal of these tours is not to call out or cast blame, but to bring awareness to the difference in what is, compared to what could be. This issue cannot be solved by localities alone. This issue cannot be solved by the Commonwealth alone. The only real solution to this ever-growing problem is to combine federal, state and local resources to ensure that a student's zip code is not a predictor of the quality of the education they receive."

"In Region 6, we were asked to host this tour," Warwick continued. "There will be different legislators coming and the Board of Supervisors and the School Board were invited to come. This is to give them an idea of the things we are still in need of."

Craig County Public Schools (CCPS) were visited on July 22 at 10:30 a.m.

Trace Bellasai is the Board representative for Governor School and reported that they are still reviewing some of the guidance concerns for

admissions and discussing a waiver. However, he reported that the good news is, CCPS is sending an additional student this year.

Warwick shared, "I have been so hoping to be able to give a definite answer about masks when school starts. However, the current Governor's order requires us to wear masks while children are here and on school property and on school buses."

This mandate expired July 28, therefore new mandates will be given, as school starts soon.

Warwick did add that temperatures checks are no longer required at the door, however, they still monitor symptoms, "just as we do during flu season."

Grading scales in schools are a consistent issue and Warwick shared that she has been approached several times over the last few years about the one at CCPS, requesting the ten-point grading scale.

Samuel Foster had conducted a survey with the teachers for their personal input, as Warwick wanted to hear the comments of every teacher, grades K-12.

Foster reported that the survey was conducted June 2021, asking teachers

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There's nothing like eating every else's homemade cooking and baking. When it is added to a wonderful group of people, it doubles the enjoyment. On Sunday, August 15, the Old Salem Church will have its annual potluck at 1 p.m. All are invited to bring a dish, a chair and have fun.

The Old Salem Church continues its annual picnic

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

As life begins again for the United States of America, so does annual events in our county.

The Old Salem Church has announced that it will be having its Annual Homecoming Potluck Picnic this year on Sunday, August 15, at 1 p.m.

Said Jean Bradley, "This year will we not have a service inside the church, but will have some things outside under the pavilion, so bring a comfortable chair."

She did note though that the church will be open for anyone wishing to go inside, adding that there is no running water or electricity, but a porta-john is on the church property for use.

Though there are no Sunday or Wednesday services, and the lot is empty most of the time. Two events, however, still happen like clockwork at the Old Salem Church on Route 42 in Craig County that create standing room-only events. This excludes last year due to the COVID-19 regulations.

Bradley and many friends and relatives have worked diligently to keep this wonderful tradition alive.

The church was established in 1883, and the first Christmas Candlelight service was held in December 2001.

Since then, they have only missed Christmas due to bad weather one year and the pandemic of last year.

The little church has two functions annually: a Homecoming picnic in the summer and the Christmas Candlelight service in December.

"We continue this because it seems so many would be disappointed if we didn't," Bradley noted.

People attend every year from all corners of Craig County. Some even drive in from other states for the special occasion.

This year's summer fun Homecoming picnic will be on Sunday, August 15. The entire community is invited, and it is a potluck. "There's always so much food to choose from," attendees always say when the event concludes. "But there is always plenty left over too."

For more information, contact Enola C. Ross at (540)864-6175.

Bring your lawn chair, your favorite dish and enjoy a relaxing and fun afternoon, as Bradley always says, "Everyone is welcome."

Historical Society hosts their appetizing dinners once again



The Craig County Historical Society reopened its doors for their dinners and packed out both reservation times. The kitchen served everyone almost as soon as they sat down with a hot meal and homemade desserts.

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

If there is one thing people like to do, it is to eat. Even with the flavorful meal recently served at the Old Hotel, laughter, smiles and a jovial atmosphere took center stage.

The Craig County Historical Society, once again, hosted their infamous dinners at the Old Hotel on Main Street, having packed reservations for both serving meals.

Their meal included a nice portion of ham, green beans, baked macaroni and cheese, a roll and drinks.

It was followed by a selection of homemade desserts including, strawberry cake with fresh strawberries, cherry cheesecake, chocolate cake, peanut butter cake, coconut cake and peach cobbler.

The kitchen staff were more than ready to have everyone's meal served

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Craig County High graduates embrace for next chapter in their lives



Graduating from high school is certainly an accomplishment. Not being able to see friends every day, however, is what most people say they miss about high school. Locally, several graduates vowed to keep in touch, regardless of where life takes them. From left to right, Nicole Austin, Dalton Henderson, Hunter Ashley, Autumn Hutchison, Clayton Owens and Bryson Taylor.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY

The Craig County Public Library is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Wednesday from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The library is located at 303 Main St. in New Castle. For more information, call (540) 864-8978 or visit www.craiglibrary.org.

EVERY TUESDAY

- Overeaters Anonymous (OA) meeting, 7 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church, located at 2011 Brandon Avenue in Roanoke. Contact 540-293-4065 for more information.
- New Castle Church of Christ will hold its Bible Study from 7 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. at 118 Main Street in New Castle.

EVERY FRIDAY

Craig County Genealogy Library open every Friday 1

to 4 p.m. 152 Main Street. 540-864-7023

EVERY SATURDAY

Overeaters Anonymous (OA) meeting, 11 a.m. at Christ Lutheran Church, located at 2011 Brandon Avenue in Roanoke. Contact 540-293-4065 for more information.

EVERY SUNDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, 8 p.m. at New Castle Fire Hall.
- The New Castle Christian Church, located at 282 Salem Ave, is pastored by Sheldon Cosma is having services at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., with communion at each, and is on Facebook live at 9 a.m.
- St. Johns Catholic Church, on Route 615, is having virtual masses at 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. by Father Steve McNalley. They are also live on Facebook. For more information, contact (540) 864-8686 or send an email to

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.

New school mandates officially announced

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

With school starting in less than a week, the Governor has released information for the schools to use as guidelines.

Therefore, an announcement was made by Superintendent Jeanette Warwick: "The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and the Vir-

ginia Department of Education (VDOE) released a document on Wednesday, July 21, 'Interim guidance for COVID-19 prevention in Virginia Pre K-12 Schools.' The document mirrors the current CDC recommendations that students and non-vaccinated staff should continue to wear masks in school. However, decision-making authority regarding masking has been

granted to local school divisions. My recommendations are as follows, which are supported by the Craig County School Board."

- Masks will no longer be required for staff and students beginning July 26, 2021. I believe the decision about masking should be a choice for families and staff members. If families wish for their students to continue wearing

a mask or if staff members wish to wear a mask, then, of course, they will be allowed to do so.

- There is still a Federal Executive Order in place that requires the wearing of masks while using public transportation, which applies to school buses. Therefore, our students and drivers must continue to wear masks if using CCPS transportation, unless there is

a medical condition.

- We will continue to practice good hygiene and prevention strategies such as handwashing, monitoring students/staff for signs of illness, etc., as we have always done.

"I look forward to seeing all of you at the division Open House on Thursday, August 5, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.," Warwick concluded.

SCC offers insurance tips for students heading to college

After anywhere from months to more than a year of virtual learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many students will soon be heading to college campuses for in-person instruction during the fall semester. In addition to new courses, teachers, friends, surroundings and living accommodations, it also can mean new insurance needs.

The State Corporation Commission's Bureau of Insurance encourages Virginians to make sure their back-to-school checklist includes a thorough review of their own and their student's insurance needs. "Know before they go what your student's insurance needs will be and make sure they have the right coverage," said Virginia Insurance Commissioner Scott A. White. "Protect yourself and your

family by reviewing insurance coverage for your student's health, auto, living space and belongings and make sure they understand the coverage."

The Bureau offers the following insurance considerations for parents and students:

HEALTH

College students have several options for getting health insurance. Under the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA), students may stay on their parents' health insurance until age 26. If your student remains on your health insurance policy, make sure he or she has a copy of all insurance cards and understands what services are covered and how to obtain referrals, if necessary, before seeking treatment. Under some health insurance policies, your student would need to find a physician or

hospital within the carrier's provider network – except for emergency care – or pay more out of pocket.

Students who do not have health insurance through a parent's policy, or who have limited coverage due to provider networks or service areas, may opt to purchase a student health insurance plan through their college or university. Students also can apply for a private health insurance plan through the health insurance marketplace at HealthCare.gov. Students may qualify for a Special Enrollment Period for health insurance. To learn more, visit healthcare.gov/coverage-outside-open-enrollment/special-enrollment-period/.

HOME

College students often take many valuable items

with them to school including computers, printers, televisions, bicycles and mobile phones. Consider how much it would cost to replace everything in your student's dorm or apartment should a theft or disaster occur.

For students who live in on-campus student housing, their parents' homeowners or renters policy may cover their belongings if they are stolen or damaged. However, there may be limits to the amount of coverage provided for such items. Some items such as jewelry or expensive electronics may require special coverage. In the event of a loss, policy deductibles may also apply.

Students living off-campus should consider renters insurance, an inexpensive form of coverage that protects per-

sonal property and insures the tenant in case someone is injured while on their leased premises. Landlords' policies generally only cover the structure, not the possessions of renters. Renters insurance premiums vary depending on the location and size of the rental unit and the value of your possessions.

Encourage your student that, no matter where he or she lives, it's important to make a list of his or her belongings. An inventory will help you and your student determine how much insurance is needed and, if a loss occurs, the inventory can be used to file a claim. The National Association of Insurance Commissioners offers a free smartphone app that makes creating an inventory

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CLUES ACROSS

- Ponds
- "Unbelievable" musicians
- Invests in little enterprises
- Longtime Utah Jazz coach
- Small sailboat
- "Luther" actor
- Round Dutch cheese
- Detects underwater objects
- Harsh, grating noise
- Steward
- Fencing sword
- Painful places on the body
- "Sleepless in Seattle" actress Ryan
- Sodium
- Engineering degree (abbr.)
- Small lump
- African antelope
- Electronic point of sale
- Carefully chooses
- Ringworm

CLUES DOWN

- Unrefined
- Drenches
- Type of pants
- Son of Noah
- Spiritual being
- Upton Sinclair novel
- Journalist Tarbell
- Atomic #21 (abbr.)
- Born of
- Rich tapestry
- S. China seaport
- Being without clothes
- Surrounded by
- Remains
- Away from wind
- Dried-up
- One who can see the future
- A very large body of water
- Digs up earth
- Type of screen
- Old Norse poet

CLUES DOWN

- Millisecond
- Spanish city
- Sudden, very loud sound
- Type of chair
- Tin
- Sea eagles
- Broad volcanic crater
- Some animals have it
- Ottoman palaces
- Divulge a secret
- "A Doll's House" playwright
- "It's a Wonderful Life" director
- Poisonous perennial
- Gulf in the Aegean
- Clothes
- Chairs
- Family of regulator genes
- NV ballplayer
- Impressive in size or scope
- Jacques __, Fr. biologist
- Manhattanite
- Genus of lemurs
- Sings to
- River in southern Italy
- Supplemented with difficulty
- Farewell
- Senior officer
- Utah resident
- Begets
- Boy
- Violently break
- Brief appearance
- Expressed pleasure
- A light informal meal
- Fabric with smooth finish
- One billionth of a second (abbr.)
- Ancient Greek City
- Close tightly
- Commit
- A way to communicate (abbr.)
- Heavy metal

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Roanoke Valley clean-up efforts unite the community



PHOTOS BY SHAWN NOWLIN

Local teenagers, from left to right, Kevin McNeil Jr., 15, Carrington McNeal, 13, Jamaal Crisp, 15, and Kenley Randall, 16, all said they enjoyed cleaning up the community.



Former educator Sharon Hicks raking mulch at the park.



PHOTOS BY SHAWN NOWLIN

Anita Burch, left, looks on as daughters Amari and Selena decide which books to select.



Food Lion employees Mara Lowell, Rob Ward and Kathy Cassels, from left to right.

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Almost everyone knows people who are economically disadvantaged. Defined as the inability to compete in business or pay their debts due to diminished credit or capital opportunities, the U.S. Census Bureau statistics recently estimated that nearly one-fourth of the total population falls under that category.

Two years ago, through the vision and leadership of Aldrica Anderson and her Veteran Affordable Senior Housing (VASH) team, the Roanoke Valley Beautification Day initiative was created. Beautification Day, noted Anderson, is an opportunity for Southwest Virginia residents, families and visitors to come together to beautify homes, parks and neighborhoods.

"This day pays homage to my dad who was born and raised in Roanoke. At 85 years

young, he asked if there was anything I could do to help fight the blight and other needs in the communities he has a wealth of memories in," she said.

Rain was a factor in last year's inaugural event at Kennedy Park, however, it wasn't a deterrent as dozens of volunteers still showed up to beautify homes. This year's theme was "Can't Stop the Feeling," and over a 100 Roanoke County, Roanoke, Craig County and Salem volunteers as well as out of state visitors arrived at Eureka Park around 9 a.m. on July 24 to plant flowers, pick up trash and rake mulch, among numerous other things.

Constructed to unite the Roanoke Valley community through the concept of love, volunteer Keara Moore said she embraced the opportunity to speak with locals on their perceptions of the Watershed Academy Program. "It's im-

portant to see people flourish and succeed by loving, caring and supporting one another. Not only this, but tree planting and landscaping heavily benefits one's mental and physical health in numerous ways," Moore said.

Rob Ward, Food Lion's Regional Director of Operations, donated ice, water and an ice cream truck for the July 24 event. "We always look for community events that we can be a part of," he said. "Our associates see these people in our stores daily and being there for them outside of a store setting helps build that relatedness and helps us get to know them better. It all starts with just trying to be a good human being and caring for others in any way that we can."

Free books, courtesy of Roanoke City Public Libraries, were given out throughout the day. Roanoke Councilmember Joe Cobb served as the event's

emcee while Mayor Sherman Lea and entrepreneur JoJo Friday provided the welcomed and keynote address, respectively.

Several Roanoke Valley residents and companies were honored with an award recognizing them as community leaders. Recipients consisted of individuals, businesses and corporate partners who came together to support the day and who are community champions in their own ways.

They included, Tiffany Jordan, Spirit of Excellence Community Leader Award; the Rev. Sean Burch, Clergy Champion Community Leader Award; JoJo Friday, Community Innovator Community Leader Award; Andrew Nackley, Small Business Leadership Award; Myra Davis, owner "Ruby's Cakes and More" Emerging Business Achievement Award; Allyson Davoll, owner "Inspired to Enhance Beauty

& Grooming Consultants" Woman Owned Business Achievement Award; Andrew Grider, owner "Southern Sun Landscaping Co" Sustainable Business Community Leader; and Joshua Elliott, owner "J's Lemonade Squeeze" Young Entrepreneur Award.

Five major corporate sponsors dedicated to community service initiatives were awarded the VASH Top Corporation Community Leadership Award: Lowes Home Improvement, Kroger Family of Companies, Food Lion, Sam's Club and BJ's Warehouse Club.

Seeing so many people of different backgrounds come together for a great cause warmed Anderson's heart. It's incredible, she added, what the community can accomplish when people work together.

All signs point to the Third Annual Beautification Day happening in 2022.

Talented area teen graduates from Boles Piano Studio, embraces next life chapter



SUBMITTED PHOTO

For 13 years, between the ages of five and 18, Zachary Davidson studied at the Boles Piano Studio.

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It's been quite a year for Zachary Davidson. In early 2021, the Roanoke Valley teenager participated in various Virginia federation music festivals and recitals. In June, he, along with his fellow Class of 2021 members, graduated from Salem High School. In the coming weeks, Davidson will be getting acclimated to Harrisonburg as a

James Madison University freshman.

Born in Roanoke and raised in the City of Salem, Zachary is the son of Allan and Angie Davidson. Some of his earliest childhood memories include going on vacations with his family.

At an early age, Davidson showed an aptitude for creativity. Around five was when he fell in love with the piano. It was family and friends who recommended that

Davidson study under Mrs. Donna at the Boles Piano Studio in 2008. To date, he considers that one of the best decisions that he's ever made.

"In December of 2008, I played in my first piano recital. I was only six, so I was scared, but performing at studio recitals and other festivals prepared me to be confident in my playing and my anxiety went away," he said. "The amount of lessons over 13 years was monumental, but someone was always glad to take me."

Davidson was continually active with the marching, symphonic and jazz bands in high school. Being a member of various band teams afforded him countless memories that he says he will cherish for the rest of his life. "My most cherished memories are play-

ing piano in a band with my best friends," he said.

During his senior year, Davidson won the RVM-TA Scholarship Award and a cash award as a finalist in the Mary Smart Competition sponsored by the VFMC, among many other scholarship opportunities. He also was a proud recipient of the Duane Perdue Scholarship from the Salem Educational Foundation. "I knew I would be a distinguished scholar because it requires a 4.0 grade point average which I have maintained

throughout high school. All distinguished scholars were awarded a \$500 scholarship for their accomplishments," he said.

Davidson is the first to acknowledge that without family and friends, he would not be where he is today. "I am so thankful for my music abilities which partly come from my father and the opportunity to study under Donna Boles who is a phenomenal pianist and teacher," he said before adding, "I am excited for my next life chapter."

Caption correction

Last week's front-page article titled "CCHS Senior Class of 2021 graduates" mentioned that Claire Deplazes and Alexis Jones will be roommates at Oklahoma University in the fall. It should have said Oklahoma State University which is in Stillwater.

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OPINION

Libraries, tourism and infrastructure

Library Corner
Empowering individuals to build a stronger community

Dear Governor Ralph Northam,

You are an educated man, and I can bet you have a favorite library in your past. I want to remind you that libraries are infrastructure. Libraries today have become centers for technology and free education and access to such IT resources.

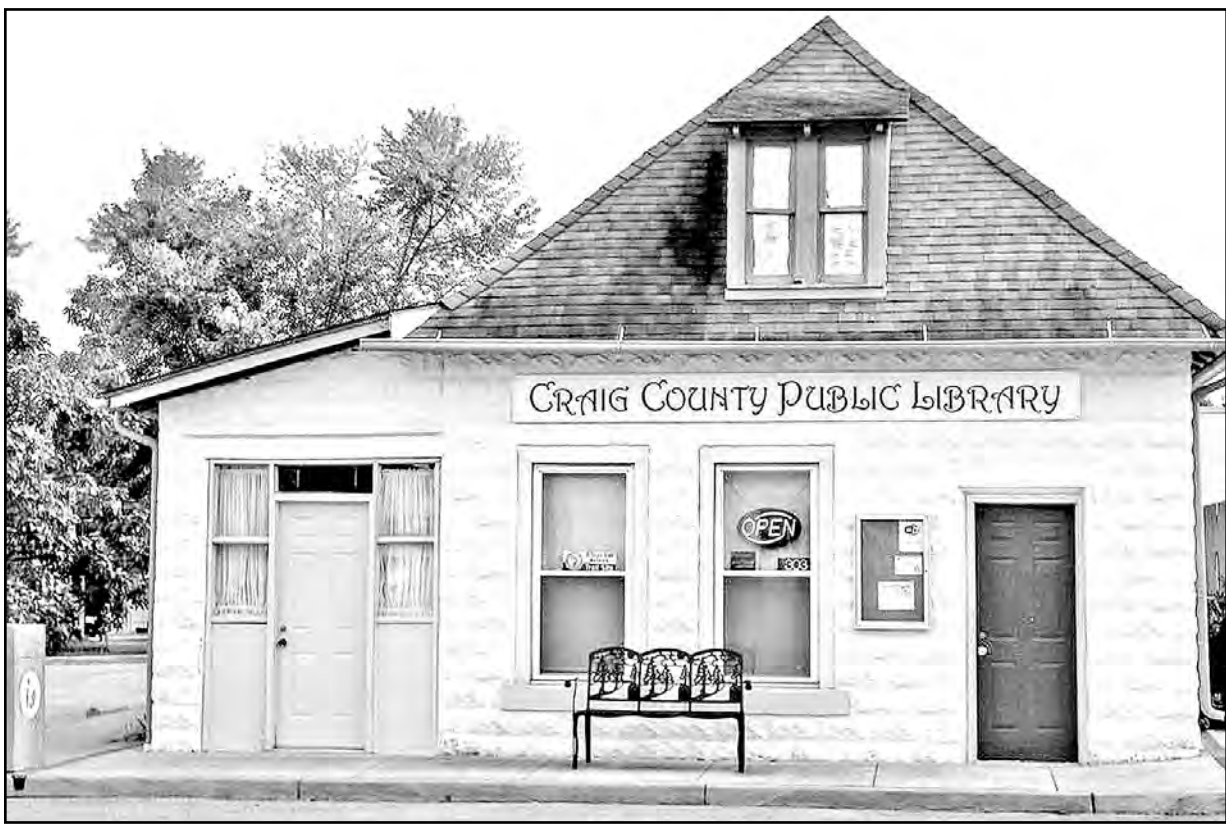
Infrastructure is defined as “the general term for the basic physical systems of a business, region or nation. It is the systems and structure that allows a country or organization to work effectively.” A public library is found in virtually every community in America and is a resource for citizens, businesses and government to use for advancement of prosperity and education for every citizen.

Our tiny public library in rural Craig County has been striving to meet these goals for two decades. Craig

County is 75 percent Jefferson National Forest and has a population density of 15 people per square mile. Compare that to the population of Goochland County with 186 people per square mile. Getting broadband internet to the far reaches of our mountainous county has its challenges. There are many places where there is no phone signal or internet service in Craig County.

Public libraries are where people can go to access IT services and more importantly, where they can get help and instruction on how to use these critical infrastructure needs. Children need help with school projects, seniors need help with taxes, college students take online tests, and people access telemedicine at our library. The public library is the first-place visitors see in our town and the first place they go for information. Partnership with tourism has been a long-standing tradition of our library because people need access to information and directions to places where they have no phone or GPS access.

Even where the locals



The Craig County Public Library is at 303 Main Street.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

have access to internet and cellular phone service, there is no guarantee that the family can afford these devices with their high monthly payments. Multiple children in a household might need to share mom’s smartphone to do an assignment, multiple work-from-home parents are unable to do Zoom meetings which fall at the same time.

Our paid staff work for minimum wage, and we have to beg citizens for donations to keep the library staffed for the minimum hours required by Library of Virginia. The funding for staff is way below standard in our fiscally stretched county. We have searched and found that there is little funding available for the physical expansion of libraries. There is money for media and computers, but we have nowhere to place them in our tiny space.

The wonderful power of the internet is unevenly divided among residents because of finances, geography and marginal infrastructure.

The public library is a critical resource to meet these needs. Small communities with a low tax base struggle to keep their libraries afloat and take advantage of the potential resources a library can offer. In Craig County, we have a space limitation with only 700-square-foot and we had to send patrons outside during COVID-19 restrictions to use the computer and internet services. We have eight computer stations crammed into a tiny space and not one private room for telemedicine, except the restroom.

In short, I would urge you to include help for rural libraries in your infrastructure spending. We are critical to the prosperity of our communities. I thank you in advance for any funding you can send our way, earmarked for rural public libraries.

*Sincerely,
Marjorie Lewter, DVM
Former president, Craig County Public Library
Board of trustees.*

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easy. Parents may also want to use this opportunity to update their own home inventory as well.

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For students planning to take a car to school, parents should ask their insurance agent or company about coverage availability and rates for the city and state where the college is located before deciding whether to keep the student’s car on the family policy. Also, make sure you know that state’s minimum requirements for auto insurance coverage. Students who maintain good grades may

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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

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THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA
BY H. Robert Light Clerk of Council

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Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316
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Football, volleyball practice starts at Craig County this week

The Craig County football and volleyball teams begin practice this week under new head coaches. Jimmy Fisher takes over the football team while Suzanne Gans-Crawford takes over as head volleyball coach.

As of the weekend Fisher had 34 players from grades nine through 12, a big upgrade from recent years. He also expects about 20 kids to come out for the middle

school team when they start up, which would make over 50 athletes in the program.

The Rockets started practice Monday of this week. They planned to go from 4 to 8 pm Monday through Wednesday, 4-5:30 pm on Thursday and 4-6:30 pm on Friday.

Craig has one scrimmage scheduled, at Patrick County on August 14. The Rockets will open the

season at Bland on August 27 and the home opener is a week later, on September 3, against Auburn.

The volleyball team also opened practice Monday. Coach Gans-Crawford will have the team in the gym from 3:30 to 5:30 pm. The Rockets will play in the Rockbridge County Jamboree on Saturday, August 21. They open the season at Christiansburg on August 24.



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN
Jimmy Fisher has high hopes for the Craig County football program.

Buriak retires after 40 years at RC



PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Jim Buriak in the state-of-the-art RC training room that bears his name.



Jim Buriak(left) at the Stagg Bowl with, left to right, Dr. Delmas Bolin, Dr. James Farmer and RC trainer Mike Burman.

Roanoke College athletes competing in fall sports will be reporting to school in August, and for the first time in 40 years Jim Buriak won't be there to greet them.

Buriak retired after the 2020-21 school year after serving the college as a trainer, professor and administrator since the fall of 1981. Before departing he was honored with a surprise reception at Mama Maria's restaurant in Salem and informed that the college's Athletic Training Clinic, located in the Cregger Center, will now be called the "James Buriak Athletic Training Clinic."

"I had no idea," said Buriak of the honor. "I really enjoyed my time here, teaching and working with students. It's been really rewarding."

A native of Johnstown, PA, Jim was a catcher for the Westmont Hilltop High School baseball team. He started dating his wife, Carol, in high school and they stayed together when he went to college at Lock Haven State College, which is now University. He was a Physical Education Major with a concentration in athletic training, graduating in 1978.

Buriak attended graduate school at the University of Illinois, where he also served as a teaching assistant. Upon graduation he took a job at Lycoming University in Williamsport, PA as the head athletic trainer. After one year there he saw a position vacancy notice for a position at a Division III school in southwest Virginia and decided to check it out. This included a facul-

ty position, which was not the case at Lycoming, and Buriak accepted the job as Health & Physical Education professor and head athletic trainer at Roanoke College.

At the time Buriak's office was located in a small room in ancient Alumni Gym and the training facility consisted of part of the basketball locker room. To say Jim left the school in a better place than when he arrived is very much an understatement.

"At that time I knew Bast was coming," he said, referring to the C. Homer Bast Center that served as RC's main athletic facility from 1982 until 2016, when the current Cregger Center opened. At the time the Bast Center was a top notch facility for Division III athletics.

"It was one of the best facilities in the ODAC (Old Dominion Athletic Conference)," said Buriak. "When I got here we started with nothing, but we were able to get rehabilitation equipment. It was a huge step up."

As the first professional athletic trainer at Roanoke College Jim was a one-man staff for his first 15 years in Salem, with some help from students. Many of his students went on to become trainers in the Roanoke Valley and elsewhere as high schools started to understand the importance of having a full-time trainer at the school.

One of Jim's goals was to start an athletic training major at RC, and in 1997 that came to be. That



Brian Hoffman
Sports Editor

was a popular major at Roanoke until just last year when it was dissolved because of a then-new Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education mandate that requires an institution to offer graduate level courses to continue certifying athletic trainers. Roanoke does not offer graduate level courses.

"We are pretty sure he is the only faculty member, ever, at Roanoke College to propose, start, develop, implement and then dissolve their own academic major," noted the resolution read at Jim's retirement dinner.

During his time at Roanoke Buriak was inducted into the Roanoke College Athletic Hall of Fame in 1992 and the Virginia Athletic Trainers Association Hall of Fame in 2010. He was recognized by the national Athletic Trainers Association (ATA) in 1997 and, in 1994, he received the college's "Dean's Council Award" for exemplary service to the college.

Buriak served under four Roanoke College presidents and was a valued colleague of countless coaches, sitting on the bench or standing on the sideline ready to

assist an injured player at a second's notice. He's assisted in NCAA championships in Salem, administering drug tests when required and providing expertise and staff for the "City of Champions." He also worked with the Special Olympics, Soccer Development Programs, the Virginia Commonwealth Games and many other organizations in the area that benefited from his expertise. He developed a close personal relationship with area doctors and health care personnel.

Jim and Carol lived about a mile from campus and raised two children here. Laura now lives in Savannah, GA and Jimmy is an Aviation Rescue Swimmer stationed in California. Jimmy received national attention when, on an off day, he saved the life of a man who was in distress who had drifted too far off a beach in Guam. Mostly, however, he jumps out of helicopters in rescue efforts.

Jim and Carol now live at Smith Mountain Lake, where he spends time on his boat and enjoys the retired life. He plans to continue to attend Roanoke College sports events, only now he won't be at the school all day getting ready.

Buriak is proud of the number of students he has trained who have gone on to success in the field of athletic training. Many come back and visit.

"I hear from a lot of them," he said. "We have a group of four or five who have zoom meetings to

stay in touch. I've been very lucky and have really enjoyed my time here."

Buriak is leaving the program in great shape, much better than when he crammed his stuff into Alumni Gym 40 years ago. Gabby Deucher, a Roanoke College graduate, is the new head athletic trainer and there are five licensed trainers on the staff. While Jim's training room at the Bast Center was a great facility when it opened in 1982, it pales in comparison to the facilities at the Cregger Center.

"If it's not the best in all of Division III, it's certainly comparable," said Buriak of the training room that overlooks Kerr Stadium. "There's more space and it's all state-of-the-art equipment, with in-ground hot tubs and anything you might need."

And, it will be a lasting testimony to Buriak's contributions to Roanoke College, the city of Salem, the NCAA and the many lives he has touched. A plaque recognizing his contributions will be mounted inside the James Buriak Athletic Training Clinic for all to see.

"I really enjoyed mentoring and establishing close relationships with students in our athletic training program and am extremely proud of our graduates who are enjoying successful professional careers," he said. "It gives me such pride to think that I may have had a small impact on their lives. Roanoke College has a special place in my heart that I will cherish forever."

Maroon bass fishing teammates qualify for national championship

For the first time ever, Roanoke College bass fishers are going to the national championship.

Thanks to a fifth-place finish in the Abu Garcia College Fishing event on the Potomac River on June 4, Will

Hamilton '22 and Branen McKeon '24 qualified for the Abu Garcia College Fishing National Championship, which will be held next spring. The 2022 championship hasn't been scheduled yet, but it usually takes place

in March.

"It's super exciting to be able to do it for Roanoke College," Hamilton said.

The team has grown in recent years. When Hamilton arrived at Roanoke, he said, there were only three or four people who wanted to fish in tournaments. Now there are seven people interested in competing.

The fishing team has its own boat, thanks to a donation, and can use that boat in competitions. Hamilton said not all schools that have a boat allow their fishers to use the boat for competitions, but at Roanoke, they are permitted to use the boat.

Hamilton and team advisor Bob Shupe both said the team has become increasing-

ly competitive and dedicated in recent years, and the progress has been impressive. Hamilton said if the team continues to compete this well against tough national competition, the team could be a feather in Roanoke College's cap for years to come.

"If we keep doing like we are and stay on the track that we are and keep growing, I see it staying at Roanoke College," Hamilton said. "I see it hanging around for a long time."

The Abu Garcia College Fishing circuit is under the umbrella of Major League Fishing, and MLF promotes and airs the collegiate events. When the championship takes place in March, it will likely be livestreamed at majorleaguefishing.com.



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Branen McKeon, class of '24, left, and Will Hamilton, class of '22, pose with their catch after the Abu Garcia College Fishing event on the Potomac River on June 4.



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