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Graduating seniors receive well-deserved awards



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Many CCPS students excelled in school last year, including being Beta Club Members. From left to right, Claire Deplazes (Salutatorian), Autumn Hutchison (recipient of many awards and scholarships), Laci Law (scholarship recipient) and Emma Todd (Valedictorian).

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

The parting of friends and classmates after graduating from high school is never easy. New chapters are open for every one of them and a new journey begins.

At the Craig County High School graduation, many seniors were recognized and awarded scholarships for their hard work and dedication as a student and citizen.

Principal Melissa Whiting began the Announcement of Awards and

Academic Recognitions as School Counselor, Evelyn Steege, announced the scholarships. Hoots, hollers and lots of smiles were given to each senior for their accomplishments.

Senior recipients were:

- The Paul Thomas Moore Memorial Scholarship sponsored by Masonic Mountain Lodge No.140 recognizes two senior – Autumn Hutchison and Emma Todd - who have managed both good grades and extracurricular activities and will be attending a two or four-year

college in the fall

- The Dr. Walton Mitchell Memorial Scholarship recognized Gavin Shires who excelled in scholarship, character, leadership, and citizenship in the school and community. It is named for Dr. Mitchell who was a well-known physician in New Castle for many years
- Adam's Construction Company in Roanoke recognized Claire Deplazes who excelled academically especially in mathematics, and in citizenship
- The Craig County Bicentennial Commission sponsored a scholarship to Laci Law who has exhibited the best traits of patriotism, good citizenship and love of country,
- Chestnut Grove awarded a scholarship to Ashlyn Stanley who excelled academically and participates actively in community service
- Botetourt Craig Electric Coop awards their Worth M Hudson Memorial scholarships each year to deserving seniors around Virginia, Maryland and Delaware based on excellent academic achievement. Autumn Hutchison and Emma Todd were the recipients.
- The New Castle Farm Bureau awards two scholarships annually for students who will be pursuing a degree in an agricultural related field. The Farm Bureau Women's Leadership award went to Todd who exemplified great leadership. Todd will be studying political philosophy at the University of Virginia and plans to help farmers and rural communities with the many challenges they face in the legal system.

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SUBMITTED PHOTOS

The kids really enjoyed the puppet show at VBS. Most of them had their Hamilton Pig puppets on their arms which they made in craft class.

Craig Valley Baptist VBS enjoyed by kids, their families

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Contributing writer

With summer almost over, kids were getting a little restless at home, so parents were happy to hear that Craig Valley Baptist Church had Vacation Bible School this year.

From July 16 through 23, they averaged 53 kids a night, a few times reaching 57. They had at least 25 workers each night who shared the tasks of cooking, serving, cleaning while others guided children from station to station.

These fun "stations" included crafts and music with Rick Francisco.

They also had Bible lessons taught by Julie Welch, about Adam and Eve, Jesus calming the storm, feeding the 5000, Jesus healing the blind man and Lazarus being raised from the dead. Welch added, "Some of those in the younger classes dressed up as Lazarus and acted out the story."

They added a group for the older kids after the second night, which interim pastor Ian Bussiere led.

An opening ceremony consisted of their Wonder World Funfest theme song and puppet shows with the star of the show, Hamilton the Pig.

On Wednesday night, six of their workers participated in a chocolate pie-eating contest where they could not use their hands,

which the kids especially enjoyed, getting to watch as they doused their faces into pies, loaded with whipped cream. Giggles and laughter were contagious.

The pie eating participants were Karen Jones, Jacob Wallace, George Foster, Barry Francisco, Rick Francisco and Ian Bussiere. Foster was the winner of a lemon meringue pie made by Bobby Welch that he got to take home.

Said Welch, "The children had Bible verses to memorize each night and if they memorized them, they received a candy bar."

They noted that the favorite craft seemed to be the Hamilton the Pig sock puppet.

VBS added a family fun night on Friday.

"The kids presented a short music program, and we had a puppet show," Welch said. "After a few words from Pastor Ian, we moved outside for fun activities, which included eating hot dogs, nachos, popcorn, snow cones and cotton candy. The kids were surprised with bouncy houses, and exciting carnival games."

For anyone passing by, it was difficult not to smile, as you heard the cheers, laughter and joy of kids being kids, as well as adults taking advantage of the event, bringing out the

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Striving for no "Crumbling Schools on our watch"

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Contributing writer

The reality of life sometimes hits closer to home when it comes to schools and their conditions and needs, especially ones that your children attend.

Craig County Public Schools (CCPS) are no different. There are many structural and cultural needs, yet the staff and administration works diligently to uncover any stones for a betterment of their schools, with such a low budget.

The state of Virginia recognizes this and formed a team called the Coalition of Small and Rural Schools (COSARS) which recently sponsored a tour to visit each school

in order to get a "birds eye view."

On Thursday, July 22, Superintendent Jeanette Warwick led this team and others through the schools.

CCPS serves 550 students with an annual budget of approximately seven million dollars. The tour was scheduled to look at the "crumbling" parts of the schools in hopes of receiving funding to provide students with a safer and better-functioning facility.

Warwick agreed that Craig County Public Schools staff and Board members are striving to change it to "No Crumbling Schools on My Watch." However, they need the help of the state and federal funding as well as the community to make it happen as they hold strong to their

motto of, "Every Child a Graduate, Every Child Prepared for Life." Yet, for them to be prepared means they should have better, if not the best, equipment and facilities available to them.

Individuals who participated in the tour include Larry Cummings and Kathy Cox (Trane, sponsors), Dan Berenato (Senior Project Manager with Thompson & Litton) Jack Murphy (Thompson & Litton), Rosa Atkins (U. S. Department of Education), Joshua Hess (Deputy District Director for Morgan Griffith's office), Rebecca Marsh (Senator Kaine's Office), Kathi Toelke (Craig County Board of Supervisors), Trace Bellasai and George Foster (School Board Members), Samuel Foster (Assistant Superintendent of Administration), Gerri Vandyke (McCleary Principal), Carter Malpass from WDBJ-7 and Pam Dudding, representing The New Castle Record.

Warwick welcomed everyone and handed each a layout of the schools, which explained the construction dates as well as the later additions. McCleary Elementary opened its doors in 1969. The High School opened 1988 and the addition of the middle school, cafeteria, auxiliary gym, media center and administrative offices became available in 2002. Additional changes to McCleary

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The Dream Project is a weight room with old equipment, mostly free weights, and no air conditioner or ventilation. Hopes are to bring the room to a place that students can safely use. Currently, they have their weights in the auxiliary gym for football conditioning.



VBS had Bible class. For one of the stories, Lillian Mitchell dressed up as Lazarus coming out of the grave.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY

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

EVERY TUESDAY

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

EVERY FRIDAY

Craig County Genealogy Library open every Friday 1

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

EVERY SATURDAY

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

EVERY SUNDAY

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

stjohnnewcastle@tds.net.

SECOND MONDAY

- Paint Bank Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 7 p.m. at the Paint Bank Fire Department. Call 897-5346 for more information.

- Craig County Public Library Board of Trustees meeting at 6 p.m. at the library.

THIRD MONDAY

Town of New Castle Council Meeting at 7 p.m. inside the New Castle Town Hall, located at 339 Market Street.

SECOND TUESDAY

- Craig County School Board meets at 5:30 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

- Mountain Lodge 140 AF&AM, 7:30 p.m. at Lodge Hall, 255 Main St.

THIRD WEDNESDAY

The Botetourt/Craig/

Roanoke Farm Service Agency County Committee meets each month at 10 a.m. at the Bonsack USDA Service Center. Please call one day before the meeting date regarding possible cancellation information 540-977-2698, Ext. 2. The Bonsack USDA Service Center is located at 36 Executive Circle, Suite 1, Roanoke, VA 24012. All County Committee meetings are open to the public.

FIRST THURSDAY

Craig County Board of Supervisors meets at 6 p.m. at the Craig County Courthouse.

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 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.

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Needs of Craig County schools revealed by COSARS

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

The state of Virginia recognizes that many schools throughout the Commonwealth have infrastructure issues. To improve the problem, a team called the Coalition of Small and Rural Schools (COSARS) was recently formed. Last week, they sponsored a tour to all three Craig County schools in order to get a "bird's eye view" of the elementary, middle and high school.

A date was given to each

school in advance to prepare for what became the "Crumbling School Tour."

Superintendent Jeanette Warwick led the effort, giving specific details of the needed repairs, additions and construction concerns.

Rosa Atkins, who represents the U. S. Department of Education, inquired about the schools' closing during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Warwick shared they only closed two days during the pandemic, running four days a week for grades pre-K through eighth. For high

school students, it was an alternating schedule for two days.

She added, "In January, we moved to five days a week for Pre-K through eighth grade. We were able to stay open and provide in-person learning for our kids and that has been great for our students, providing masks, distancing and partitions, which will remain after COVID to provide a safer and healthier barrier in the future in the offices and lunchroom."

COSARS shared with concern, "For more than a decade, Virginia has been wrestling with the issue of outdated and ineffective school facilities without finding a solution. All the while, we have seen facility conditions worsen, more schools added to the list of disrepair and the total price tag soar. In 2013, the cost to repair Virginia's crumbling school infrastructure was estimated at \$18 billion. In the most recent estimate provided by the VDOE, that price tag now stands at \$25 billion. The cost of inaction to Virginia's taxpayers on this issue is currently almost \$1 billion per year. Unfortunately, high poverty school divisions are disproportionately represented in these numbers."

The organization continued, "Operating crumbling schools during normal times

is unacceptable. Sending Virginia's children to crumbling schools during a global pandemic is unconscionable. As you can imagine, providing appropriate and safe educational experiences for students in the midst of a pandemic has proven to be extremely challenging. Providing those experiences in buildings that were built in the early 1900s has been even more difficult."

Larry Cummings, the representative from Trane, who was also a sponsor of the tour, said, "Many schools currently have a lot of deferred maintenance. It is very much needed, but most of the General Assembly have not been able to get money to the schools that have need of it due to the repercussions of COVID. So, the magnitude of issues has grown."

He also noted that Trane has its rooftop units and controls in every other school building in the county, K-12. "We want to make sure they have a good learning environment, and the air quality is good, so we partner with an organization that has a device so it will be safer," he noted.

A COSARS spokesperson said, "Many lawmakers who serve on the committees with the capacity to address this issue, serve localities in affluent parts of Virginia

where children attend state-of-the-art facilities. In the past, it was understandable that these legislators were unaware of the severity of the school facility crisis in the Commonwealth. However, that excuse is no longer valid due to the Crumbling Schools Tour hosted by Virginia's Coalition of Small and Rural Schools and six other educational, municipal and advocacy groups. Tours of schools with various infrastructure problems were held in every region of the Commonwealth and every member of the General Assembly was invited to attend."

Senior Project Manager with Thompson & Litton (Engineer, Architects and Surveyors), Dan Berenato represents the firm CCPS hired for the project. "We are architects and engineers in Radford, but we support southwest Virginia, so we see firsthand the condition of a lot of schools," he said.

Warwick had noted at the last School Board meeting that they were hired as they were "more affiliated with these school districts."

Berenato has also worked with Montgomery County schools.

"It's not just what you see," he said. "That is why I always took on the School Board buildings while under construction as that is the

last time you see 75 percent of the building. The major workings then get totally covered up as the important issues are above the ceilings, in the floors and in the walls. What you see can look great, but it's the issues underneath that affect the problems of the schools."

Dan noted that in previous years, schools did not start until after Labor Day rather than early August in the hottest of weather which adds to concerns.

He furthered explained, "When I first got to Montgomery County, half of the 20 schools did not have AC. So, we had this protocol, that if it got above a quoted temperature or humidity, they would have to close."

Berenato added that the small school systems do a great job with what they have but when you compare these rural schools to larger schools, their updated labs, etc. it is quite different. "If you took a picture of the 1988 rooms in Craig and compared to the ones in Northern Virginia or even in Montgomery County, it is like night and day. But the teachers do a great job with what they have but could do much more of a greater job if they had up-grades," he said.

Cummings also com-
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Many in the community recently participated in the "Crumbling School's Tour." The purpose of the gathering was to look at the necessary construction and mechanical needs of the schools, which were many. Superintendent Jeanette Warwick gave attendees an even more detailed tour.

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1. Calls balls and strikes
 4. Turkish officer
 9. Repaired shoe
 14. Grass genus
 15. Small, sealed vial
 16. Primp
 17. Immoral act
 18. A tool to communicate
 20. Crumbles away
 22. Egg-like
 23. Districts (abbr.)
 24. Dressed
 28. Small island (British)
 29. Dialect of Chinese
 30. Force unit
 31. Borderlines
 33. Norse gods
 37. Morning
 38. Fiddler crabs
 39. Tell a story
 41. Consumed
 42. Atomic #58
 43. About old Norse poems
 44. Fencing swords
 46. One-time Tigers third baseman
 49. Southpaw (abbr.)
 50. Neither
 51. Conversations
 55. Distinctive manner or pronunciation
 58. Cyprinids
 59. Appropriate to a festival
 60. Pearl Jam frontman
 64. Wrath
 65. Italian city
 66. A way to get there
 67. A nose or snout
 68. German seaport
 69. A horse for riding
 70. Airline representative (abbr.)
- CLUES DOWN**
1. Unhappy
 2. Silk fabric
 3. Unbroken view of a region
 4. Middle Eastern territory
 5. ___ and Andy, TV show
 6. Central processing unit
 7. Department of Housing and Urban Development
 8. Midcentury newspaper columnist
 9. Weapon
 10. Delivered a speech
 11. Probably going to happen
 12. Midway between northeast and east
 13. Danish krone
 19. Synthetic resin (abbr.)
 21. Fall slowly in drops
 24. Bestow an honor upon
 25. Childishly silly
 26. Related on the mother's side
 27. Populations of related plants
 31. Coherent
 32. Tribe of ancient Britons
 34. Financial firm Goldman ___
 35. Stephen King thriller
 36. Went in again
 40. Commercial
 41. Poking holes in the ground
 45. Prisoners of war
 47. Pursued pleasure
 48. "Seinfeld" character
 52. Body of water
 53. Hovering vehicle (abbr.)
 54. People who utilize
 56. Nostrils
 57. Inner mass of some fungi
 59. Honor lavishly
 60. Midway between east and southeast
 61. Turn down
 62. Small round mark
 63. Expected at a certain time

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Crumbling

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The needs of the auditorium have been on the budget since 2016, yet very little has been done, due to lack of funds. In addition to chairs, flooring upgrades and lights are needed too.

were made in 1977 and 2002.

Said Warwick while giving the tour, "Overview of all three schools are on one campus so we can go from preschool all the way around. When I was at graduation, I got to see kids whom I had seen in elementary school walk across the stage, so there are a lot of great things about having a smaller school. Our students share a cafeteria, gymnasiums, and an auditorium. Therefore, some of the capital improvements we hope to put into place using the fundings will assist all of our students K-12."

Warwick led the tour and explained each area's needs:

•Elementary School (classroom) - the oldest part of the building

o The sinks are original (from 1969) and are not ADA compliant

o The restrooms are not ADA compliant. Should a child come that needs handicap accessibility, it is not available in each classroom

•Kindergarten (classroom) - which has two construction additions. Section 1 was a part of the 1977 addition and the other was in 2002. The floor has damage from settling which was obvious by its discoloration and condition. The roof leaks at the construction joint. When they added the newer addition, they did add a handicap accessible bathroom, the only one available for students. (Warwick noted they did enter the Energy Performance Contract, pre-COVID and replaced the big units with mini splits which are nice and cool.)

•Playground equipment - Warwick shared that last year at this time, it was covered with caution tape as the metal floors were literally crumbling as maintenance was inspecting and one person's foot went through the platform.

o Warwick said, "We are understanding to how important it is for our kids to get outside. We received a matching grant from Game Time and our School Board approved the use of some of capital funds to replace the playground. This has been so great for our kids and the community uses it almost every weekend. You will see families with their children, parents playing basketball with their kids and picnicking on the tables. It has been a worthwhile in-

vestment."

•Cafeteria - "These are our heroes who have fed our kiddos all through the pandemic and have done a fantastic job. The kitchen AC unit stopped working and is not repairable. We did install four mini-splits which help with AC, but not with the ventilation. The unit servicing this cafeteria is partially working but if it stops, we cannot repair it anymore. Pre-K-12 uses this cafeteria. We hope to install a new unit here with the funding."

o New cafeteria tables with stools have been purchased to help with social distancing

•Auxiliary gym - No AC or ventilation, but there was a huge fan blowing

•Nurse's Office - The room was added and has no ceiling. They feel it would be better to have an isolation room with a separate AC system. There is also a roof water leak that needs to be repaired. In 2008, a grant was received. The school system entered into a partnership with Monroe Health Center and Dental Center, with an agreement to give them space and have a Physician Assistant or a physician three days a week for half a day. Parents could give permission for kids to have appointments. Due to Covid, a Physician Assistant was not available at the school last year, but students "could access the Center in town. They had all the necessary items needed to test for Covid and all the precautions."

o Partnership made it convenient for many families for both dental and wellness. They conduct physicals for sporting events. Dental is available twice a week for our students.

•Media Center/ Library - serves grades 6-12. Again, it was noted that once the current compressors stop working, they have to be replaced next time. Hopes are to replace the HVAC with the funding. A question was asked if they did not already have the funding. Warwick said that the estimated total cost is \$3 million to replace everything and \$1.5 in the account to use (which partly must be used for learning loss). The School Board will have to pick and choose and prioritize all these important projects.

o Berenato added, "The things that are exacerbating are that the funds are required to use certain percentages. Then, there is the Covid bubble for inflation

with a back log of materials from structural steel to chips in a computer system or HVAC control system and everything is getting backed up." Cox added, "There's the inflating prices of 25 to 30 percent on top." Berenato continued, "They were looking for some relief on the time frames so that the schools wouldn't have to pay the exorbitant costs, hoping the bubble of inflation will come down. Lumber prices spiked but are now coming back down. What normally may cost a million may cost \$1.5 million and that is one challenge that all Superintendents and School Boards have right now. These systems have a number of compressors in them and maybe two out of the four are not working. It is a year 2000 vintage HVAC, which uses a refrigerant that has since been banned and no longer produced, therefore it is much more expensive now to repair as they are not manufactured any longer, so they are all used parts. There is an environmental issue to it as well. Mechanical units rated life is around 15 years and we are going on over a 20-year operation, replacing R-22 factors."

o Cummings works with legislators and Senator Kaine and is hoping they will extend the dates to use the funds available for the schools to void the current inflation rates. "CCPS has done a great job at keeping up the operations, with units being 20 years and older," he said.

•Girls Locker rooms - pre-1988 section. This is high on the priority list of the school as the floors are cracked all the way through and swelling, the showers are old and no partitions therefore not used, little ventilation causing a serious musty odor, plumbing issues, bathrooms are in dire need of work. They do have one shower that works but fixtures predate 1988.

•Many cosmetic issues were noted during the tour, such as missing or damaged baseboards, stained floors, etc.

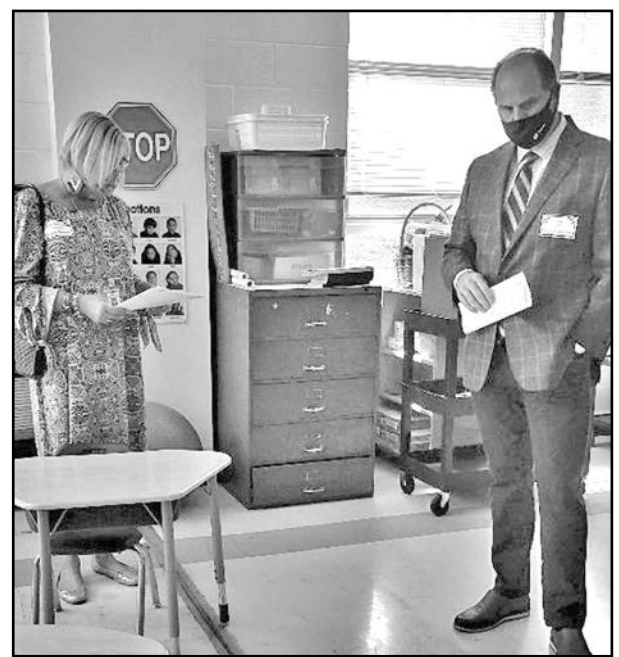
•Weight room - CCPS had gotten most things second-hand where neighboring schools called and asked if they wanted them. "It would be nice to have a place where our athletes could work out," Warwick said. Floors were stained, cracked and the room is

very small, with much used manual equipment and no ventilation or AC. Currently, they moved many of the weights into the auxiliary gym while working with the football conditioning team for now. Warwick added, "This is a dream project."

•Boys' locker room - The lockers were not in working condition. Warwick found used ones at a reasonable price. They do not have a field house or team rooms. Warwick noted when she first came to CCPS there were two mobile units in the back of the school which were condemned and had to be removed but was where football players had their team room and weight room. When visiting teams come now, their room is small and there is very little storage rooms for PE and sports

•Hallways in high school - Warwick found used lockers on govdeals.com in South Carolina. The colors blended with the school colors, however, they are off the floor, exposing the bad condition of the flooring under the old lockers. "Maintenance drove down to pick them up and one of the crew had never been to the beach, so they drove him over to look at the ocean for the first time, which was great," Warwick shared.

•Auditorium - Warwick stated that though they have tried to stay ahead, it has been "pieced together over the years as we can afford it without budget." It is original to the school and not ADA compliant. If students are in a wheelchair, they sit them where they can see. They can enter from behind the stage area. Seating is very old, and many are loose from the bolts. Hopes in the future are to convert it for classroom use if social distancing is necessary again. Also, the large area would make an excellent learning space. Carpet is very old and difficult to clean and maintain. AC is original to the building and doesn't work properly all the time and once unit breaks, it will have to be replaced. Ventilation is an issue. Warwick shared the area has been used for many events: the K-12 music teacher likes to showcase her children with a musical in the spring and needs new lighting and curtains, monthly School Board meetings, a com-



Renovations need to be made to the elementary school classrooms because of the damaged floors and leaks at the construction joints. Also, they are not ADA compliant.

munity space for dance recitals and other community events. She added, "We would like for it to be a community center once again, as there are no other options in Craig County. This has been on our capitol list since 2016, but we have not had the funding."

o Berenato added the modern age VAC, not only has better ventilation, but better filtration too.

•Regular Bathrooms - in great need of upgrades and renovations

•Science room - Samuel Foster, a former Chemistry teacher, noted the Chemistry room is original, but Biology room is "somewhat" upgraded with tables.

•Chemistry room, Foster expanded on the fact that the largest problem with the space is that is also the classroom, which is the middle of the lab. Renovating this kind of space is costly "as all the piping, gas lines and electrical is underground." He noted they have designed labs and activities utilizing the space they have including switching over to micro-chemistry, reducing the dangers to almost nothing, using solvents that are very dilute, yet not trying to diminish what they have for the students. Foster taught at Northside, built in the 60s, and went through several additions and renovations while there, totaling \$15 million.

•Ag classroom - A new Ag and Consumer Science teacher was hired. CCPS is unable to add a full center, therefore they partner with Botetourt County Schools BTEC (Botetourt Technical Education Center) program, paying tuitions for students to attend, using a part of the Perkins funding along with the Boards commitment, to make sure every student receives assistance as much as possible. Classes offered at BTEC include are Aerospace Technology, Auto Body or Service, Building Trades, Computer Systems, Cosmetology, Criminal Justice, Cybersecurity, Engineering, Mechatronics, Nurse Aide, Veterinary Technology and Welding.

o Warwick proudly shared, "One of our students went to BTEC, graduated in welding and is now an underwater welder in Germany and loving it. Still, it would be great to have more options here so that our kids to not have to cross the mountain."

•Ag Shop - space was filled with multiple tools and equipment, as well as wood, etc. There is a greenhouse in the back of the school, where the students sell their plants to the public, after they have planted and raised them. "We would love to have updated equipment and our teacher, Mr. Flinchum, has done great progress with our students," Warwick said.

•Internet - Foster (in charge of construction and CTE) said that currently, they have fiber, the students have Chromebooks, and the teachers have touch screen boards to use in their classrooms. They are able to keep up with the technology, as they receive grants annually and "have purposefully used those towards the avenues, in progressive cycles." However, it was stressed that when the kids are home, in the country areas, there is limited access and no access for some. Yet during Covid, the school did purchase hot spots so that they could send them home with students who did not have connectivity and also added accessibility points at each fire and rescue station for kids to access if possible. (However, Warwick noted that when the Governor closed school in March, they did not have Chromebooks at that time, therefore did packets for each child to pick up and drop off weekly from the school.) Warwick shared they had to be very careful about calling virtual days as all kids were not able to access the curriculum, using it very sparingly.

•Classroom Kitchen - based on students' surveys, they wanted more electives, therefore this past year, they began a family consumer science classroom with a certified teacher. The area needs much updating and totally renovation for use. Another kitchen is shared with another program, until it is completed.

•Preschool received a new playground last year.

Everyone gathered back in the room for a catered lunch of pulled pork, chicken, slaw, potato salad, beans and cookies, compliments of Trane.

Much more conversation continued between different parties and Warwick thanked everyone for attending.

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OPINION

Now more than ever, it's essential to get vaccinated

Nationally, the Delta (B.1.617.2) variant is causing a surge in cases of COVID-19. Virginia cases have increased nearly ten times from our mid-June numbers. The majority of coronavirus cases, hospitalizations and deaths in the U.S., Virginia, and locally are occurring in people who are not fully vaccinated. The percent of fully vaccinated adults in Virginia varies widely by locality, ranging from 35 percent to 72 percent. Among the jurisdictions in the Roanoke City and Alleghany Health Districts, as of August 7, our uptake rates range from 43 percent of the adult population who are fully vaccinated in Craig County to 64 percent in Roanoke County.

Evidence shows that COVID-19 vaccines available in the U.S. are safe and very effective in protecting people against severe disease, hospitalization and death associated with COVID-19. While coronavirus infections in people who are fully vaccinated are not common, they do occur because no vaccine works 100 percent of the time. Some conditions make a breakthrough infection more likely in a vaccinated person: more virus circulating in the community, lower vaccination rates, and more highly transmissible variants. In addition, a concern about the Delta variant is that new evidence shows that some fully vaccinated people who are infected with this strain of the virus can spread it to others.

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

Because the Delta variant is much more contagious than the original strain of COVID-19 and because even fully vaccinated people who do get infected may be able to spread the virus, the CDC is now calling for more mask-wearing. What science supports masking after vaccination? Masks help stop the spread of germs. They are a literal layer of protection between you and any virus in the air. It's simple - masks can help prevent any respiratory infections, including COVID-19.

I really understand that shifting recommendations can be confusing and even frustrating. The reason that the recommendations change is because this dangerous virus keeps changing as it continues to reproduce. We need to continue to adapt our strategies to an ever-adapting virus. At this point, the only thing that is going to stop this virus is if everyone who is eligible to be vaccinated gets vaccinated and if we wear masks and physically distance until our vaccination rates are high enough to stop the pandemic.

We are fortunate that we have the tools to stop this pandemic, the most effective of which is the vaccine. Our ability to finally beat this terrible virus depends only on one thing: All of us doing our part

by using the tools we have available to us.

Back to School: As August is National Immunization Awareness Month, it is a good time to remind those going back to school that school-required vaccines have changed for the 2021-2022 school year. Starting this school year, Virginia students will need vaccines to protect against meningococcal disease, human papillomavirus (HPV), and hepatitis A, in addition to previously required immunizations. Without these vaccinations, children will not be able to start school on time or go to day-care. For more information, visit VDH's Healthy Back to School Campaign website for more details on this and other health resources for children.

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mented that the school looked very nice and clean.

"I do have to give a big kudos to my maintenance and facility staff," said Warwick. "We have the belief that we may not have the best, but we want to take care of what we have, as that is important. They do a great job. I have a great staff."

They feel that unlike year's past, Virginia has resources to address this critical issue without raising taxes on its citizens and in addition to the recent announcement of Virginia's budget surplus in excess of \$2.5 billion and a 30 percent increase in lottery profits, the General Assembly had a Special Session on August 2 to divvy up \$4 billion in federally awarded discretionary

ARPA funds. This truly is a moonshot moment for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

In order to address this critical issue, the Coalition of Small and Rural Schools recommend that Virginia and the Federal Government do the following:

1. Make the K-12 deadline for spending ESSER funds (currently 2024) consistent with the municipality deadline for spending ARPA funds (2026).
2. Approve VDOE's recommendation to use \$2.6 billion of discretionary ARPA funds for new school construction, property acquisition and renovations.
3. Reestablish a state fund that provides grants to school divisions

to address capital needs.

4. Give school divisions the flexibility to use ESSER funds in a way that makes sense locally.

5. Completely revisit the Governor's HVAC recommendation for the Special Session.

"I'll be the first to say that it is not the Commonwealth's responsibility to fully fund school construction in every locality in Virginia. However, the Commonwealth does hold a share of this responsibility. In order to solve this ever-increasing crisis, it will take local, state, and federal cooperation," a COSARS representative stated. "Virginia's taxpayers can't afford to kick this \$1 billion per year can down the road any longer. Vir-

ginia's students, especially those in high poverty schools and localities, can't afford to continue to attend school in substandard and inequitable facilities where computer labs flood, copy machines trip breakers, schools close due to high temperatures, and in too many cases, schools are literally crumbling."

"It appears that CCPS has managed and maintained their building assets very responsibly and kept much of the schools' equipment going well past its normal service life. But like many rural school districts, CCPS has a large backlog of building repair, replacement and upgrade projects that are genuinely needed. It's encouraging to see that these proj-

ects are getting some attention. Keeping these challenges in front of us alongside other traditionally more-high profile and hot button issues will help us get them solved in a timely fashion," Berenato added. "In the past, our parents, grandparents and great-grandparents looked to the future and made needed investments in our schools, churches, roads, bridges and other community infrastructure. We all have benefited from their commitments and foresight. Let's continue the tradition of renewal so that current and future generations will have the facilities needed for us to efficiently and safely teach, learn, perform and compete in our schools."

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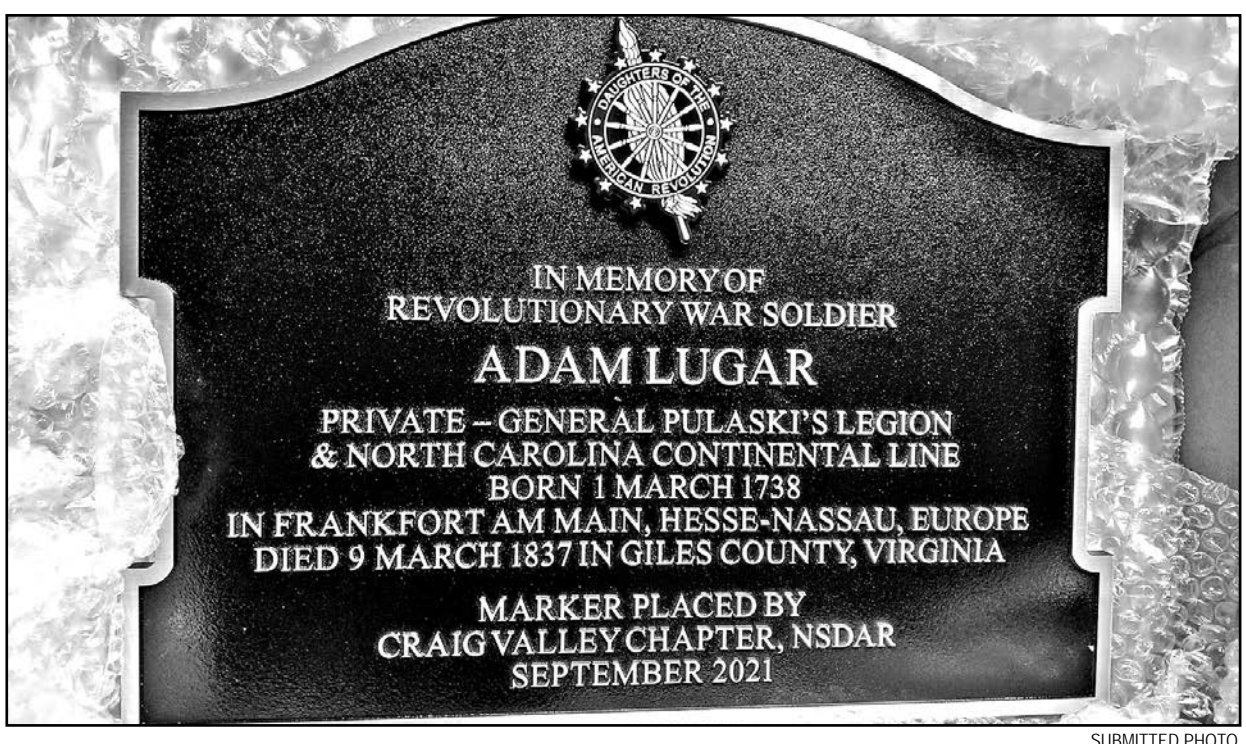
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Bronze plaque awarded to honor American Patriot Adam Lugar



The bronze plaque to honor American Patriot Adam Lugar measures 15x11 inches and will be mounted on a natural stone. The plaque is believed to be the first and only marker anywhere in honor of Adam Lugar. The original burial stone once in Williams Cemetery has become weathered and lost over time.

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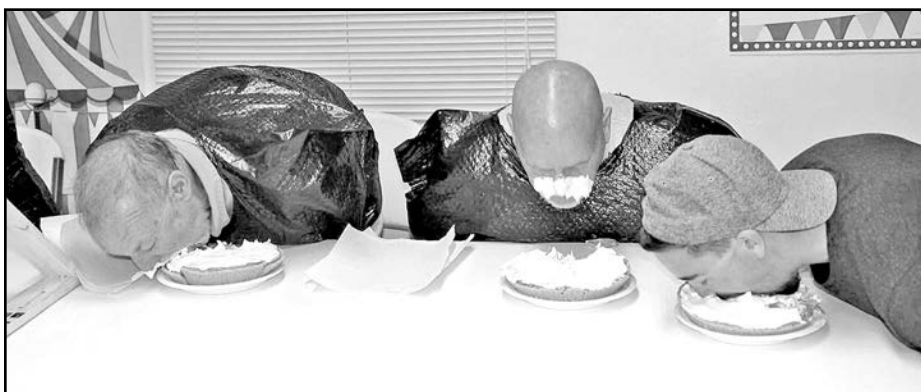
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kid in them too.

"I would like to thank all of my helpers and all of those who sent their children. We at Craig Valley count it an honor and privilege to minister to the children in our community," Welch said. "We thank God for a wonderful week."

She noted that they also have kids' programs on Wednesday nights called "Bible Buddies." Each event begins at 6:30 with a dinner followed by Bible lessons, music and other activities which concludes at 8 p.m. The entire community is invited to attend.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Barry Francisco, Rick Francisco and Ian Bussiere competed during the pie-eating contest. The kids liked that they all had hunks of whipped cream all over their faces.

OBITUARIES

Alls, Lala L.

Lala L. Alls, 88 of Salem, went to be with the Lord, Monday, August 9. Lala joined her parents, Gilbert and Cleo Sowers, what a reunion in heaven that will be. She was also preceded in death by her niece, Liza Brooke Sowers.

Lala's smile lit up a room, her laugh was infectious. Affectionately known as Sissy, she never met a stranger. Lala had reasons to complain, but rarely did. She loved her brothers and sister, her dolls, and her pets. She was the best cook and bread maker.

We hope her strength and values continue with whom she left behind. Her life here on Earth ended August 9, 2021. Left to cherish her memories are her brothers, Wayne (Cissy) and family, William (Kathy) and family, Tommy (Shorty) and

family, Bobby (Anna) and family; sister, Lisa Gusler and family; and extended family and friends.

Her family will forever be grateful for the kindness and care Snyder's Nursing Home's entire staff provided. Thank you also to Lewis-Gale's Comfort Care Department.

Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 am on Thursday, August 12, at Paitsel Funeral Home with Pastor Bill Frazier officiating. Interment will follow at the Hale Cemetery, Mt. Tabor Rd. in Blacksburg. The family will receive friends from 10:00 to 11 am prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to your favorite charity.

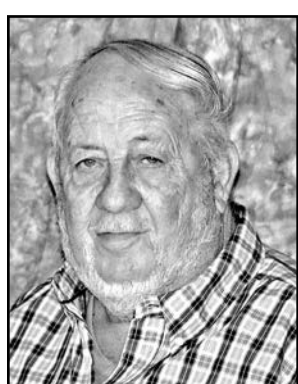
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Davis, McArthur Wainwright "Mac"

McArthur Wainwright "Mac" Davis, 79 of New Castle, gained his Heavenly Wings on Thursday, August 5. Mac was born April 15, 1942, on his brother Doug's third birthday, in "Happy Hollow," Montgomery County, Virginia, the youngest of 12 children.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest C. and Susie Hodge Davis; son, M. Wayne Davis, Jr.; brothers, Paul, Frank, Ernest "Big June", Willard, Kenneth, and Ranny; sisters, Juanita, Alene, Elizabeth "Sis", and Hazel; brother-in-law, Jerry L. Shelor. He is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Nina Shelor Davis; son, Kenny and wife Valda; brother, Douglas and wife Barbara. His "borrowed" sons, Mike King and wife Trish, Robert Fisher and wife Lisa; grandchildren, Rick (Mary Beth) and Erica (Dale); 3 great-grandchildren, Luther, Anthea, and Alfred; special friends, Timmy Dalton, Larry and Stephanie Looney, Josh and Savannah; a multitude of nieces, nephews, cousins, and good friends, and his faithful companion Titus.

He loved children whom many called him "Paw-Paw Mac." He was a humble man, always looking out



for the "underdog." He never met a stranger and would go out of his way to help someone in need. He was owner and operator of Mac's Auto Sales and Towing for over 30 years.

Mac's family extends thanks and appreciation to Heartland Hospice, and special nurses Lakisha, Mary, Karen, and Monica for their superior care during his illness. Also, we express our gratitude to Mike and Trish King, Robert and Lisa Fisher, and Sandra Ruble, who were faithful to help daily.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m., Monday, August 9, at Paitsel Funeral Home with Pastor Kenny Davis, Rev. Ben Lockhart, Jr., and Pastor Melton Johnson officiating. Interment followed at the Shelor Family Cemetery, 8723 Blacksburg Road, Catawba, VA 24070. The family received friends from 5 to 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 8, at Paitsel Funeral Home 286 Main Street New Castle, VA 24127.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Shelor Family Cemetery Fund c/o 8723 Blacksburg Rd. Catawba, VA 24070 or to a charity of your choice.

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Awards

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•The Farm Bureau Board of Directors awards a student who plans to enter a field related to agriculture and who has also maintained good grades. Deplazes will study agribusiness next year at Oklahoma State University in the fall with aspirations of running her own horse and sheep farm one day

•The Maywood Garden Club sponsors The Ruth Hale Reynolds Higher Education scholarship. This award went to Gavin Shires who excelled both in the classroom and outside and plans to further their education. Shires will be attending George Mason University in the fall

•The George Todd Memorial Scholarship sponsored by Mountain Castles SWCD goes to a senior who has a strong desire to major in a course curriculum related to natural resource conservation or environmental studies. Deplazes was the recipient.

•The Craig County retired teachers would like to recognize an outstanding senior for a local scholarship who plans to further their education in Hutchison

•Shelor Motor Mile sponsors scholarships annually for deserving seniors like Deplazes

•The Community Foundation Serving Western Virginia awarded a scholarship from the Craig County High School Scholarship Fund to Hutchison

•New Castle Farmers and Merchants Bank annually awards a scholarship to the valedictorian and salutatorian of Craig County High school for their academic excellence. This year's recipients are Emma Todd, valedictorian and the three co-salutatorians Latoya Gober, Gavin Shires, and Claire Deplazes

•The Craig County Education Association recognizes an outstanding student every year with a scholarship who must have plans to enter education or another service-related field and have a sincere desire to further their education. Hutchison will be attending Virginia Western Community College

•Freedom First Credit Union sponsored a deserving senior with the Frank Turk Scholarship to Todd

•Autumn Hutchison - The Bobby Scruggs Charitable Foundation offered a scholarship to students who will be attending college in the fall to further their education and pursue their dreams

•Ingevity, an interna-

tional company, offers five different scholarships to seniors who meet certain criteria. This year Ingevity has awarded Deplazes a scholarship for demonstrating exceptional leadership

•The Bridgett Oliver Memorial Scholarship Award goes to a senior who plans to enter the healthcare profession carrying out Bridgett's dream and carrying on a legacy of helping others. Hutchison would like to one day to be a labor and delivery nurse

•The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution along with the local chapter Craig Valley is pleased to recognize graduating senior as this year's Good Citizen Winner. Shires was chosen for his dependability, his service to others, his leadership skills, and his American Patriotism

•Nicole Austin, Autumn Hutchison, Jaela Hutton, Hunter Ashley, and Lucy Rigney - The Community College Access Program referred to as CCAP is a public tuition funding program offered and administered by Virginia Western Community College Education Foundation, Inc. CCAP allows current high school graduates who meet program guidelines to receive a combination of federal and state financial aid and donor funding up to the cost of tuition. This scholarship is renewable for up to six consecutive semesters.

"Congratulations to all of these students on their many accomplishments and to the class of 2021 for your perseverance and dedication," Steege added.

Autumn Hutchison shared, "If there was one thing that CCPS can teach you, it is how to make the best out of tough situations. There were quite a few obstacles faced throughout high school that were out of mine and my classmates' control, however, we always stuck together and made lemonade out of lemons."

She added that her favorite teacher was Stacey Crowder, saying, "She is a very special person in my life. She helped me more than any other teacher and was always there when I needed her. Whether it be academically or personally, I could count on her to guide me with a smile on her face."

Shires added, "One thing I will take with me as a senior from CCPS is the sense of community and the ability to talk

to teachers about issues I have in class or help I may need. This will be extremely useful in college."

He added that he wished to thank teachers and staff for helping him throughout his school years. "They are all wonderful people in general, Mr. and Mrs. Boyer, Mrs. Steege, Mrs. Craft, Mrs. Crowder, Mr. Trumbo, Mrs. Whiting and Mrs. Stimeling. This list would be much longer, but I don't want to take up a large amount of space. Everyone has been supportive and helpful to me throughout my school career, and I greatly appreciate that."

Still, COVID made it difficult to be a teenager.

"I love graduating and leaving high school behind. COVID-19 made school not as enjoyable as the years before, and although I'm thankful for the four years I had, I'm more excited for my future," Hutchison said.

Shires added, "It feels relieving but somewhat sad to have graduated after spending most of my life in Craig."

Valedictorian Emma Todd and recipient of scholarships said, "It feels great to graduate. I'm very excited to be starting this fall. The one thing that I took with me from CCPS is how lucky I am to have gone to a small school, which has given me the ability to form closer relationships with those around me."

She wished to send a special thanks to her principal, Melissa Whiting. "Throughout my school career, she has helped me with everything from learning to count, to helping me with college applications," she said.

Whiting, who spoke with strong, heartfelt emotions, said, "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. 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."

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Legals - Botetourt County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF PROPERTY 400 Quail Ridge Road, Fincastle, VA 24090 Tax Map No. 72(8)28, Parcel No. 23467

In execution of an Amended and Restated Credit Line Deed of Trust dated October 6, 2014, in the principal amount of \$1,086,105.42, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, of record as Instrument Number 140003493, Woods Rogers PLC, Substitute Trustee, will offer for sale at public auction outside the main entrance of the Botetourt County Circuit Court, Courthouse, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090, on August 24, 2021 at 11:00 a.m., the property described in said Deed of Trust lying in the County of Botetourt, Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

All that certain tract or parcel of land designated as TM #72(8)28 and containing 17.614 acres, more or less, all as shown on that certain "Boundary Line Adjustment & Family Subdivision, Plat of the Property of Kendall W. & Ann P. Austin", dated August 11, 2011, prepared by McMurry Surveyors, Inc., of record in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, in Plat Book 52, page 44.

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Legals - City of Radford

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF RADFORD

THE CITY OF RADFORD, VIRGINIA, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, **Case No. CL21-6456** Plaintiff, V. COLE-PHILLIPS BUILDING CO., and MICHAEL H. COLE and PARTIES UNKNOWN, any heirs, devisees, and successors in title, including Successors in interest of Cole Phillips Building Co., A General Partnership collectively made Defendants, Defendant(s).

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to order abatement of nuisance or allow for razing of a structure owned by Cole Phillips Building Co., and located at 103 Polk Street in the City of Radford, Virginia, and enforce a lien for the costs of the same. An Affidavit having been filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the location of the named Defendant(s), that the Defendant(s) may be non-residents of Virginia and maintain no domicile within the borders of the Commonwealth, or are deceased, or that there may be parties who have an interest in the property but are unknown, namely, the heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the named partnership, made Defendants by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that the named Defendant(s) and all Parties Unknown appear on or

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before September 24, 2021, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause.

Entered: 7/22/2021
Melissa White
Circuit Court Clerk/Judge
City of Radford, Virginia

I Ask For This:
Michael R. Bedsaul, Esq. (WSB # 41273)
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Legals - City of Salem

Notice is hereby given to

all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem, at its regular meeting on Monday, August 23, 2021, at 6:30 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

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have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.

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

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104
Case No. CL21-888
ROANOKE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
305 E. MAIN ST SALEM, VA 24153
ALTIZER, ZANDER LEE v.

MCGUIRE, CONNER LEE
The object of this suit is to: NAME CHANGE OF MINOR
It is ORDERED that Ashley Altizer appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on 8/27/21 @ 11:00 AM

Enter 7/16/21
Judge Dorsey

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of Salem, Virginia will hold a public hearing, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2309 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, on August 26, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, to consider the following applications.

The request of Matthew and Kathryn Cookston, property owners, for a variance from Section 106-202.3(B)(1) of the City of Salem Zoning Ordinance pertaining to site development regulations, for the property located at 436 Westland Street, Tax Map # 171-2-13. The petitioners are requesting a variance of 8.2 feet of side-yard setback and 25 feet of rear-yard setback to allow an addition. Section 106-202.3(B)(1) states that a side-yard setback of ten percent (8.2 feet) and a 25 feet rear-yard setback is required.

At this hearing, all parties in interest will be given an opportunity to be heard, present evidence, and show cause why such requests should or should not be granted. For additional

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information, contact the Office of the Zoning Administrator, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia (Phone 375 3032).

THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS OF THE CITY OF SALEM
BY: Mary Ellen H. Wines, CZA, CFM
Zoning Administrator

Legals - Montgomery County

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:
A. Conditional Use Permit for a Commercial Auto Garage at 1250 Roanoke Street for Tax Parcel Nos. 498 - ((7)) - 16A, 498 - ((7)) - 17A, and 498 - ((A)) - 113C by Glenwood Martin on behalf of Twin Oaks Properties LLC. The property is designated Business/Commercial on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan. Town Hall will be open and available to receive public comment in-person at the time of this Public Hearing. Additionally, the meeting will be streamed live on the Town of Christiansburg's YouTube channel at www.christiansburg.org/youtu and will remain on the Town's YouTube page once the meeting concludes. For information on contactless

Legals - Montgomery County

methods for submitting public comment, please visit www.christiansburg.org/publichearings.

A copy of the applications, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Andrew Warren, Assistant Town Manager, at (540) 382-6128 ext. 1130 or by email at awarren@christiansburg.org with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

Legals - Town of Vinton

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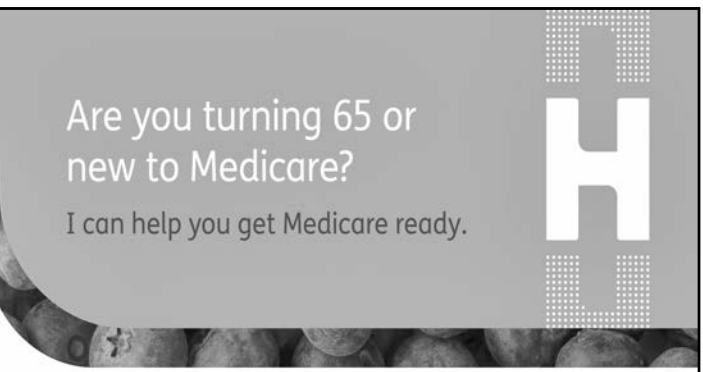

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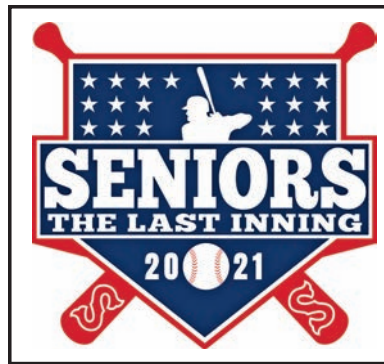
Rockets will scrimmage Saturday



PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

The Craig County football team opened summer practice last week with good numbers and high hopes under new head coach Jim Fisher. The Rockets have one scrimmage scheduled, for this Saturday at Patrick County High School, and will open at Bland on August 27. Here are some photos from last week's first practice under Fisher and his assistants.

Senior baseball games are Saturday



There wasn't much good that came out of the coronavirus pandemic in the year 2020, but one positive you can point to is the Senior Baseball event at Haley Toyota Field in Salem.

Last year, with the high school spring sports seasons cancelled, the Salem Red Sox and members of the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame board decided to have games for players who missed their senior seasons. Seniors were split up into four teams for two games played at Haley Toyota Field, home field for the Salem Red Sox. It proved to be such a popular event that it was decided to make it an annual affair, even when the regular baseball sea-

son returned.

This Saturday, the Red Sox and the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame will again put on a double-header for seniors in Salem, and it's free of charge for spectators. Two seven inning games will be played with a special presentation in between. Craig County players were in the game last year, but this year they are not since the school did not field a baseball team.

Saturday's first game will begin at 4 pm between teams wearing Navy and Red shirts. The Navy team will consist of players from Glenvar, Lord Botetourt and William Byrd, and they'll take on the Red team with players from Hidden Valley, James River, North Cross and Eastern Montgomery.

After the first game the Salem-Roanoke Valley Hall of Fame will have a special presentation of the annual Ray Bellamy Award for the Player of the Year in the area served by the Hall of Fame. That area includes the counties of Alleghany, Roanoke, Bedford, Botetourt, Craig, Floyd, Franklin and Montgomery and the independent cities located within the boundaries of those counties.

The five finalists this year, as

voted on by high school coaches in the eight-county area of the Hall of Fame along with Hall of Fame Board members are Tyler Dean of William Byrd High School, Isaac Fix of William Byrd, Cory Sigmon of Northside, Holden Wilkerson of Cave Spring and Michael Williams of Franklin County. There will also be a presentation to an area player as winner of the Posey Oyler Scholarship, sponsored by the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame and awarded to a player who will go on to play in college and has shown a dedication to the game.

After that presentation a second game will be played by teams wearing Green and Gray shirts. The Green team will consist of players from Patrick Henry, Staunton River, Liberty and Christiansburg while the Gray team will have seniors from Blacksburg, Cave Spring, Franklin County and Northside.

Concessions will be available during the games this Saturday. The Salem-Roanoke Hall of Fame building is located on the grounds of the James E. Taliaferro Complex, next to the Salem Red Sox administrative office behind the third base seating area of Salem Memorial Ballpark.

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