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Annual homecoming brings generations together with history



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As one regular said, the Old Salem Church Annual Homecoming Potluck picnic always has "enough food for Custer's Army."

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

People started arriving early for the Old Salem Church Annual Homecoming Potluck. The elderly were seated close to the pavilion and assisted to while the younger ones ran around the open yard, enjoying their freedom in the green grass.

On Sunday, August 15, generations came together to enjoy the fellowship of many whom they hadn't seen in almost two years.

Home-cooked dishes were constantly placed on the tables as each family arrived. The smell of chicken and pork and beans arose everyone's appetite when the lids finally came off.

Desserts were delved into immediately, as many spoke of their favorites that they got to enjoy.

One lady asked "Aunt Linda" if she was available for adoption, as she wanted to get her to make a huge dish

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SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Car no. 56 rammed in and sandwiched #69 into 716, but in a split second, #21 joined in, pushing #69 further in and tapping on #94.



Car no. 94 and #21 rammed head into each other. Driving up on the rear of his car, #94 decided to play a little monster-trucks.

Big Car Derby lives up to its reputation of demolition

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

When people drive by the Craig County Fairgrounds on a Demolition Derby Night, they know that it is a true derby. The intense sounds of crushed metal and spinning wheels can always be heard.

The Big Car Heat this hot summer night, on August 14, did not disappoint.

The Craig County High School Cheerleaders sponsored a 50/50 drawing to raise funds for their squad. Chris Anderson was the winner and took home \$372.50.

Members of the Craig Valley VFW Post 4491 were selling chances on a big screen TV to help support local Veterans. (Tickets can still be purchased, as the drawing will be October 9 at the Fall Festival. For more information, contact Billy Lee or VFW Veterans.)

Sammy Huffman, who served as the event emcee, shouted out, "It's a one and done heat y'all! This should be a good show."

The four judges, BJ Oliver, Jesse Bradford, Paul Welch and Mike Ashley, were positioned around the ring.

As Huffman announced each driver, the filled bleachers and ring side areas cheered the participants on. Big car drivers spun into the ring, all wanting to take home the big win.

Eight drivers participated in the event: Jeff Crosby (#716), Braedon Morrison (#69), Joey Minter (#94), PJ Welch (#56), Nathan Lindsey (#97), Matt Flinchum (#36), Corie Trivett (#35) and Donnie Fisher (#21).

Said Huffman as he led

everyone in the countdown, "Ok boys, let's see what you can do tonight."

Here's just a sample of the fun that was seen, per driver numbers. There was too much demo'ing to report on!

The horn blew and cars crunched. Immediately, the derby was on.

Car no. 69 hit both #94 and #716 into the wall. Car no. 56 then went for #35. Mud slung high and covered a few people early in the heat.

Within five minutes, #35's engine was popping like firecrackers. Car no. 69 drove backwards pushing #21 as #94 turned a circle as he pushed #35 around. Car no. 716 and #56 came in and broke it up and on the other side of the ring, #69 and #94 had a good time. Car no. 94 went after #35 who returned the favor, hitting #94.

There was a loud crunch when #21 and #716 both hit #69. Car no. 94 proceeded to ram #21 as #716 spun around in the middle.

Full of action, the entire ring was full of drivers hitting each other fast and hard.

At this time, #21 came for #69 and missed but hit #35. Number 21 then goes for #94 and #35. Next, #716 and #56 rams #69. 94 pushes 35 into #69 and #97 hits #56, and then #94 comes back and hits #716, goes forward and shoots for #21 and rams him right in the door.

Car no. 97 gave #716 a huge rear-end lift with a big hit. More hits continued as #94 rammed the front end of #35 and smoke billowed. Car no. 24 rammed #94 into #69.

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Music lineup announced for 2021 Fall Festival

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

It's a new year and one of Craig County's most enjoyable events, the Fall Festival, is scheduled for October 9.

This year, David Givens has a full lineup of great entertainment for the community to enjoy.

•9 am: Opening ceremonies; Flag raising, Pledge of Allegiance, the National Anthem, welcome from the New Castle Town Council and the Craig County Historical Society, prayer

•9:30 am: Taylore Price, Craig County's acoustic country singer-songwriter, will be performing

10:30 am: Blue Connection known for their Hard driving traditional style bluegrass

•11:45 am: Michael and the Pentecost - The meeting place of all country, folk, rock 'n roll and Americana

•1 pm: Catawba Creek Band - A mix of classic rock and pop, with a bit of folk, country and bluegrass thrown in

•2:15 pm: Forty years after -

50s and 60s Old time rock 'n roll
•3:30 pm: Virginia Magic Band - Classic Country and Southern Rock

•4:30 pm: Prize and drawing announcements for the winners
•5 pm: Festival ends

• (All entertainment subject to change)

There will also be a flat-footing contest for both adults and youth.

The emcee will be Lenny Macdonald (Town Council Member), David Givens will serve as stage manager while sound will be handled by Boyd Clement. Stage will be provided by Zimmerman's Equipment.

Local D.J. Tim Leftwich will be set up in the Town Pavilion playing classic car show tunes and relaying announcements all day. Interested individuals should pre-register with Jackie Scruggs by contacting 540-520-5555. Registration forms will also be at the Hotel and Food Country.

Individuals can still register

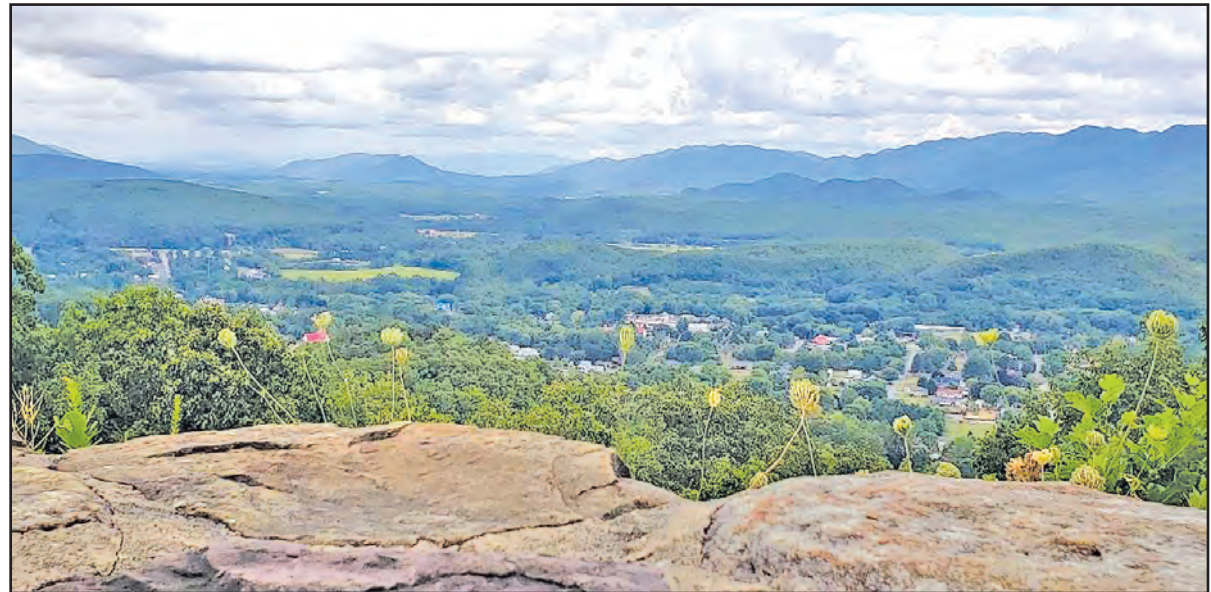
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Craig County's own Taylore Price will be opening the Fall Festival this year, singing songs by other artists as well as songs that she has written herself.

One of the treats that Craig County offers is the Lookout view on Route 42



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As summer comes to an end, many are starting to make the drive to view the beauty of Craig County. At the Lookout on Route 42, the town of New Castle can be viewed in addition to many majestic mountain ranges that never seem to end.



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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, SEPTEMBER 11

The local VFW will host a VFW members

potluck at the Craig Valley VFW Post 4491. Burgers and drinks will be provided. VFW members and their families invited

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

The Craig County Fall Festival is expected to last from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in downtown New Castle. Contact Robyn Foster at 540-977-8395 for more info or to reserve a booth. For car show information, contact Jackie Taylor at 540-520-5555. If you register by September 1, you get the early bird rate of \$45.00. Afterwards it is \$50. Registration ends September 30. The event has been sponsored by the Craig County Historical Society for 38 years.

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India Festival gives Roanoke Valley residents an opportunity to explore a new culture



PHOTOS BY SHAWN NOWLIN

Left, children of all ages enjoyed themselves tremendously. Right, whenever a dance sequence was about to commence, event organizers got on stage to make the announcement.

Shawn Nowlin

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After a one-year hiatus because of the pandemic, the Annual Roanoke Valley India Festival returned on August 21. Presented by the India Heritage Society, the event was held at Elmwood Park from 4 to 8 p.m. Now in its 14th year, the festival featured a variety of vendors, food and live performances from dancers of all ages. All 29 states of India were represented. Approximately 4,000

people, according to festival organizer Sunny Shah, attended the free event. Vendors and participants were encouraged to wear a facemask. Present at the event was Roanoke County native James Beal. "One thing that COVID-19 has taught me is there is so much more to life than just our surroundings. I think it's important to educate ourselves when opportunities like this are presented," he said.

When the first India Festival took place in

2004, Roanoke Valley resident Ashley Clark, 29, says she remembers going and taking pictures with her parents. "I can recall everything like it was yesterday. My mom and dad gave me the option of attending the festival or going to the theatres to see a Will Smith movie," Clark said. "Because it was an event that only happened once a year, I decided to go to the festival. We ended up having a great time and learning a lot about India."

Chris Edwards

thought the best India dish was aloo gobi which is cauliflower and crisp golden potatoes. That opinion changed on Aug. 21 when he tried butter-brushed naan, a popular India baked flatbread. "I wanted to try every dish available to expose my taste buds to something new. Everything that I tried was top notch," he said.

Carilion President and CEO Nancy Agee served as the guest of honor and was recognized for her leadership during the height of the pandemic.

"Carilion Clinic has led our region's health care throughout the pandemic, from caring

for COVID-19 patients to organizing vaccination clinics for the public," Shah said. "We are proud to have some of the best medical care in the country right here in Virginia's Blue Ridge and we appreciate Ms. Agee's leadership of this exceptional health care organization."

August 15 marked the 74th anniversary of India's independence from British rule. In an official statement, President Joe Biden said, "On this day, India achieved its long journey toward independence, guided by Mahatma Gandhi's message of truth and non-violence. Today, that founda-

tional commitment to respecting the will of the people through democracy continues to inspire the world and is the basis of the special bond between our two nations. Over the decades, the ties between our people, including a vibrant community of more than four million Indian Americans, have sustained and strengthened our partnership."

Edwards had such a great time that the next year he says he will invite his family from out of town to attend the event. "Learning about the India culture has been fascinating and I plan on continuing to educate myself," he said.

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Approximately 4,000 people attended this year's India Festival. All signs point to the event returning next year.

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Derby

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As #56 and #94 simultaneously rammed #69 and #21 into the wall, neither stayed, as both dug their tires in, put the pedal to the metal and pushed them right back out into the ring.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS



Car numbers 56 and 21 rode aggressively all throughout the night. Here, #21 circles around and rams #56 head on with speed causing the radiator to spew.



The final hits were made by #56 who got some serious hits on #21, pushing his car up on two wheels, with flames flying. Car no. 56 backed up, hit 21 again and again until the horn blew. Car no. 56 took the Big Car heat, with 21 winning Mad Dog.

No driver held anything back. Not one!

Continuing the action, #97 pushes #69 into the wall but #69 comes right

back out with no hesitation into the rear of #21.

Car no. 716 gets pushed up on his side by #56 and #35 hits #94 in the side

crunching it in badly. So, #94 comes back at #35.

Car no. 716 rammed into both #94 and #69. Then #56 and #94 hit #69 and

#21 on the wall.

"It's a true demolition derby y'all," Huffman shouted out as the crowd cheered louder and louder.

Virginia's unemployment rate dropped to 4.2 percent in July

Rate outpaces the country—Virginia added 144,000 jobs over 12 months across nearly every economic sector



Last month, the Commonwealth saw over-the-year gains of 3.8 percent.

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Governor Ralph Northam recently announced that Virginia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 4.2 percent in July, which is 3.7 percentage points below the rate from one year ago. The labor force expanded by 7,818 to 4,241,686, as the number of unemployed residents decreased by 7,595. The number of employed residents rose to 4,065,473, an increase of 15,413. In July 2021, Virginia saw over-the-year job gains of 3.8 percent. Virginia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate continues to be below the national rate of 5.4 percent.

"Our administration is focused on creating an economic climate that will help Virginia's workers and businesses

thrive," said Governor Northam. "The impressive gains in payroll employment and the downward trend of unemployment rates continue to show the strength and resiliency of our economy and our workforce as we recover from the pandemic. Virginians have shown great resolve over the last year and a half, and it is evident in the numbers we are seeing in this report."

Virginia has once again been named America's "Top State for Business" by CNBC. This achievement, paired with the data in this report, shows how Virginia has created a strong business environment.

"The continued decline in Virginia's unemployment rate and the

increase in payroll employment are all signs of a strong job market," said Secretary of Labor Megan Healy. "We believe that workers will continue to re-enter the labor force and that the strong

job market will continue in the coming months. Governor Northam and his administration remain committed to working with businesses and workforce development partners to ensure

that every Virginian has the help and resources they need to find work."

"It is exciting to see the unemployment rate in the Commonwealth significantly lower than it was at this time last year," said Secretary of Commerce and Trade Brian Ball. "As our labor force keeps growing month-over-month, we are very optimistic about what the future holds for Virginia's businesses."

In July, the private sector recorded an over-the-year gain of 134,100 jobs, while employment in the public sector gained 9,700 jobs. Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 2,300 jobs over-the-month. Compared to a year ago, on a seasonally adjusted basis, ten of the

eleven major industry divisions experienced employment gains. The largest over-the-year job increase occurred in leisure and hospitality with 46,000 new jobs, a 15.5 percent increase.

The next largest over-the-year job increase occurred in professional and business services with 30,000 new jobs, a 4.0 percent increase. Trade, transportation and utilities experienced the third largest over-the-year job increase of 27,300 jobs, a 4.3 percent increase.

For a greater statistical breakdown visit the Virginia Employment Commission's website at vec.virginia.gov.

—Submitted by Alena Yarmosky, Office of the Governor

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OPINION

TAP Tax Clinic in need of volunteers to continue program

Each year, TAP files over 1,000 free tax returns for low-income residents of Roanoke. This work relies on the help of volunteers and this year we may not be able to offer this service if we do not have enough volunteers by September 30.

We often hear the same reasons why people do not sign up. Here are the two biggest myths about volunteering at the Tax Clinic—and why they shouldn't stop anyone from helping out.

Myth #1: I don't know enough about tax return preparation

Most people don't - at first. Many of our volunteers begin with no prior experience in tax return preparation. As a result, volunteers are trained through Link & Learn Taxes, an online program used by the IRS. In addition, our tax site coordinator provides personal training to ensure you're confident in your knowledge.

Sherman Witcher, a Virginia Western student and

2019 Tax Clinic volunteer, said "knowing almost nothing about tax return preparation, it was somewhat intimidating to dive in headfirst, but the IRS training modules are tailored to people who have little to no background."

Likewise, Sofiia Melnyk also began volunteering with no experience. Melnyk moved from Ukraine in 2016, and did not know how the US filing process worked. She decided to volunteer to get accounting experience. After her training, she helped over 100 families file tax returns.

Each year, volunteers get the training they need to help our clients. All together, we help over 1,000 people file their tax returns without a single rejection.

Myth #2: I don't have enough time

Schedules today are packed with work, making dinner, or soccer practice. Due to this, the TAP Tax Clinic offers an online training program. Link

Teffany Henderson

Certified Financial Health Counselor

& Learn Taxes is self-paced, meaning you can complete it as you find time in your day.

"With the online modules," Witcher said, "I could easily study the material without having to drive 40 minutes from Franklin County."

Once the training is complete, you can offer as much time as you want to the Tax Clinic. "I was able to build my own schedule that worked with my college classes," said Melnyk. Every bit helps. The Tax Clinic is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. every weekday, and runs from February 1 to April 15. We welcome any hours you can help.

Facts about being a tax-clinic volunteer

Research shows that vol-

unteering has many benefits. Here are a few that volunteering at the Tax Clinic offers:

Fact #1: Help your community

This one's obvious. The TAP Tax Clinic offers free tax preparation for low-income Virginians. Without the tax clinic, these clients may miss out on important credits or spend a majority of their refund on a paid service. While volunteering, Melnyk assisted a client who was overjoyed after discovering that she didn't owe thousands in taxes, but in fact would be receiving a refund. "There were so many people who made me feel that my volunteering time truly mattered," Melnyk said. "It was a rewarding experience."

Fact #2: Connect with people and feel better

Volunteering is proven to lower feelings of loneliness. Beyond that, a study by Indiana University's School of Philanthropy found that volunteering lowered stress, re-

duced feelings of depression, and elevated mood. In fact, the study found that volunteers spend 38 percent fewer nights in the hospital.

Fact #3: Build your resume, or put your skills to work

Volunteering at the TAP Tax Clinic will give you new skills and hone your knowledge of tax law. Professionals can earn licensing credits to boost their careers. Students like Melnyk and Witcher can get résumé-building experience. Specifically, those studying business, accounting, or finance can get out of the classroom and learn in a hands-on fashion. Depending on their program, students can even earn course credit from volunteering.

Further, Witcher found that his volunteer time at the Tax Clinic made his résumé stand out. "I think that students should seek to distinguish themselves from their peers, and TAP is a great outlet for doing so," he said.

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McAuliffe leads Youngkin in race for Virginia Governor; Lead extends to downticket races with economy and COVID-19 as the most important issues

Roanoke College Poll

Conducted by The Institute for Policy and Opinion Research

Former Democrat Governor Terry McAuliffe holds an 8-percentage point lead over Republican Glenn Youngkin (46 percent - 38 percent) with 13 percent undecided in race for Virginia governor, according to The Roanoke College Poll. Democrats also lead the downticket races, with Del. Hala Ayala (D) leading former Del. Winsome Sears (R) 42 percent - 36 percent for lieutenant governor and Attorney General Mark Herring (D) leading Del. Jason Miyares (R) 45 percent - 37 percent in the race for attorney general. The Institute for Policy and

Opinion Research interviewed 558 likely Virginia voters between Aug. 3 and Aug. 17 and has a margin of error of +4.2 percent.

Likely voters see the economy (26 percent) and COVID (nine percent) as the most important issues in the election ahead of race relations (seven percent), education (seven percent) and health care (six percent).

McAuliffe's favorable rating is 44 percent while his unfavorable is 32 percent with 21 percent unsure or don't know enough to have an opinion. Youngkin is at 27 percent/21 percent favorable/unfavorable, but half (50 percent) of likely voters still don't have an opinion about him.

Voters prefer a candidate with governmental experience (48 percent) over one with business experience (38 percent), and

they are much more likely to think that policy in the Commonwealth has been moving too far in the liberal direction (41 percent) than in the conservative direction (six percent).

Biden, Northam, the Nation, and the Commonwealth; Critical Race Theory

A plurality of likely voters (48 percent) approves of the way President Biden is handling his job, while 43 percent disapprove. Biden's approval rating has remained steady, but disapproval has been rising from 30 percent in February to 39 percent in May and 43 percent in August. Biden's favorable/unfavorable rating is 48 percent/43 percent. Job approval for Congress is 17 percent, and 71 percent disapprove. One-third (33 percent) of respondents think the country is head-

ed in the right direction while 58 percent think it is on the wrong track.

Job approval for Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam sits at 52 percent, up slightly from May, while 38 percent disapprove of his performance, also increased since May. Just over half (52 percent) of respondents think that Virginia is headed in the right direction, but 43 percent think it is on the wrong track. Less than half (41 percent) approve of the job being done by Virginia's General Assembly, while 35 percent disapprove. Northam is viewed favorably by 48 percent of likely voters (a Roanoke College Poll record high for him) and seen unfavorably by 37 percent (one percent shy of that record).

Both major political

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Historic enrollment announced in early childhood education programs

- New early childhood investments are spurring greater enrollment in preschool programs -

It was recently announced that increased investment in Virginia's two largest state-funded preschool programs is expected to result in historic enrollment for the upcoming school year. The Commonwealth has authorized \$151.6 million to Virginia Preschool Initiative and Mixed Delivery in fiscal year 2022, a \$60.9 million increase from the previous school year and more than twice the investment made in fiscal year 2018. As a result, the Virginia Department of Education's Virginia Preschool Initiative and the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation's Mixed Delivery Preschool Grant Program anticipate serving more than 25,000 three and four-year-olds this fall, as employers reopen and students safely return to in-person instruction.

Federally funded early childhood programs are also now open to more families in Virginia than ever before. Families earning up to 85 percent of the state median income with young children are temporarily eligible for Virginia's Child Care Subsidy Program thanks to HB 2206 sponsored by Speaker of the House Eileen Filler-Corn, which Governor Northam extended last month. The program is serving more than 20,000 children, which is 94 percent of its pre-pandemic total. Federal Head Start and Early Head Start Programs are funded to serve 14,463 children this school year and all sites are working towards full in-person enrollment by January 1, 2022.

"Access to high quality early learning is critical for children's

development, and the Commonwealth's investment in early childhood education is a major reason Virginia was named the best state to do business for the second year in a row," said Governor Northam.

Since 2018, First Lady Pamela Northam has traveled over 10,000 miles to nearly 200 schools and early childhood programs along with staff from the Virginia Department of Education, Virginia Department of Social Services, and members of the General Assembly. Her engagement with parents, educators, business leaders, and other stakeholders led to legislation and investments in early childhood education from the General Assembly in fiscal years 2021 and 2022. Mrs. Northam's 2021 Back to School Tour kicks off August 18 and 19 with eight stops in Southwest Virginia.

"We're excited to get back on the road to meet children and families who now have access to quality in-person early learning programs for the first time thanks to these transformative investments," said First Lady Pamela Northam. "This is also a chance to thank the superhero educators who have adapted to provide safe and supportive environments for our littlest learners to thrive."

The Virginia Department of Education became the single point of accountability and oversight for all publicly funded early childhood programs in Virginia thanks to new laws that took effect July 1, 2021. Its new Division of Early Childhood Care and Education brings together 120 full time employees,

many of whom transitioned from the Virginia Department of Social Services, to focus on increasing access to high-quality, publicly-funded early childhood care and education programs. Recent data from the Virginia Kindergarten Readiness Program showed that 52 percent of Virginia's kindergarteners ended the school year still needing support to build foundational skills in literacy, math, self-regulation, and/or social skills.

"We know that 90 percent of a child's brain development occurs before the age of five, so high-quality early childhood education programs are a key strategy to increasing student achievement from kindergarten to after graduation," said Superintendent of Public Instruction James Lane. "A unified approach across all early learning settings is more important than ever as we emerge from the pandemic and equip the next generation of students to succeed in the 21st century workforce."

More than 23,600 students across 126 school divisions are projected to be served by Virginia Preschool Initiative classrooms in the 2021-2022 school year. This compares with approxi-

mately 18,000 total children served by Virginia Preschool Initiative programs in 124 divisions before the pandemic. Thirty-seven school divisions will serve a combined total of about 1,600 three-year-olds in their Virginia Preschool Initiative classrooms. This is the second year of a pilot program to provide young learners with multiple years of preschool experience to prepare them for success in kindergarten and beyond.

Nearly 1,500 three- and four-year-olds will be served by the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation's Mixed Delivery Grant Program across 45 localities. This compares to 239 children in 9 localities from 2020-2021.

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Head Start and Early Head Start funding will serve more than 14,400 children in Virginia this school year.

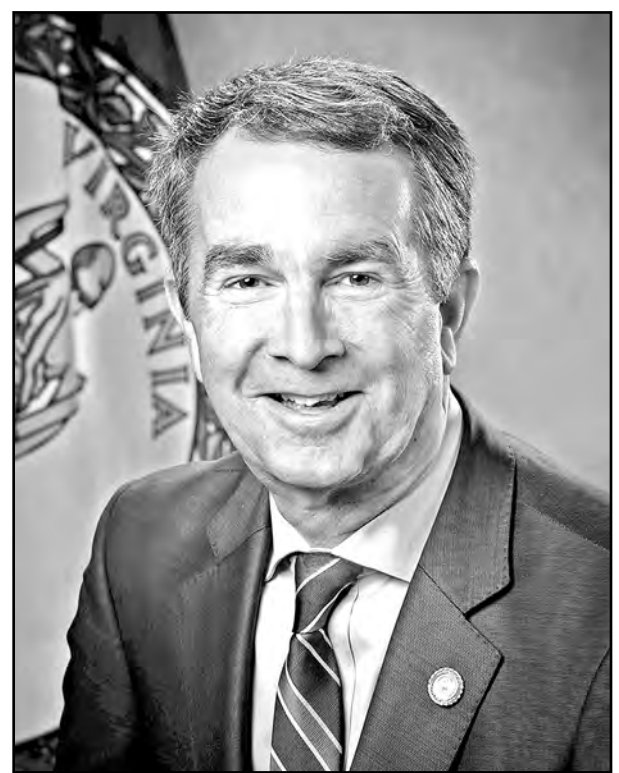
More than 20,000 children were participating in Virginia's Child

Care Subsidy Program as of August 16, 2021. This is a 51 percent increase from March 2021, meaning an additional 7,325 children are served through expanded eligibility. \$316.3 million from the 2020 federal relief dollars were invested in Virginia's early childhood system. As a result, 95 percent of licensed and regulated childcare and early edu-

cation programs are now open and serving children in person.

The Child Care and Development Block Grant received \$793 million of additional American Rescue Plan dollars approved by the General Assembly in August 2021.

-Submitted by
Alena Yarmosky,
Office of the Governor



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Said Governor Northam, "Increasing school readiness is more important than ever as we recover from the pandemic, and this historic commitment puts us one step closer to offering a great start for all Virginia children."

Festival

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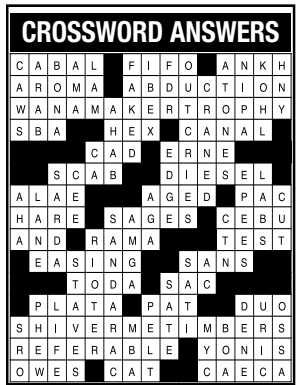
Another band, Virginia Magic Band, will fill the atmosphere with their classic country and Southern Rock style.

for a space. If they register by September 1, they will get the early bird rate of \$45.00. After that, the cost will be \$50.00.

The Fall Festival will be held regardless of the weather; therefore no refunds will be granted.

To reserve a space, contact Foster for an application at (540) 977-8395. The check or money order can be made to the Craig County Historical Society and payment to Robyn Foster, 193 Walnut Street New Castle, Va. 24127. Reservations will be accepted until Thursday, September 30.

Hopes are that Craig County citizens and many others will be able to enjoy a day of music, fun, food, crafts, vehicle show and fellowship. "Come one, come all!"



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Homecoming

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of her delicious pretzel salad which she brings annually. (Needless to say, none was left, but a tiny bit in the corner as no one wanted to take the last bite.)

Laughter, jokes and stories filled the church grounds as more and more arrived during the afternoon.

Families set up their chairs under the trees as everything was held outside the church this year.

Friends sat together to catch up from not seeing each another for so long.

Jenny Reynolds Veasey, Mary Ann Reynolds Blevins and Gerlene Caldwell Sizer kept the chatter and laughter going at their table.

Ann "Annie" Reynolds shared that nearly everyone at the table was out of the Reynolds clan.

After the special poem, which was written by Ruth Reynolds was read, Ann said, "Aunt Ruth did a lot with the church. We had Christmas programs where she made everyone sing. I can't sing and she would get upset if you didn't sing. I know that must've been horrible, but she wanted to keep it going." Everyone chuckled as each lady shared their memories too.

Event organizer Jean Bradley thanked everyone for coming and gave a short treasury report, stating they still had about \$4,000 in the account, as little could be done during the coronavirus pandemic.

"The only thing we have had to do is mow this year but there are still some projects we need to do, and we will let you know," Bradley said.

She also shared that the Old Salem Church as it's known today has had at least three other names – Meadow Creek Church, Salem Methodist Episcopal Church South and Salem United Methodist Church.

Bradley read information that had been gathered by Ruth L. Reynolds, who was a member of the church until she passed in August 1988. "There are seven people who still hold their membership with the church here; Francis Reynolds, Craig Elmore, Bonnie Fisher, Lance Hutton, Roberta Carper, Ellen Craft and Ira (Eddie) Reynolds," she said before adding, "The earliest information on the now Old Salem Church was 1861 when the meetings were held in a school building called 'Frog Pond Academy.' The minister's name was J. F. Bean."

She noted that the next minister mentioned was the Reverend Smith who served in 1888 and would have been one of the first to serve in the new brick church named Salem Methodist Episcopal Church South (SMEC), since work on the building began 1883 finished two years later. She shared, "The bricks for the church were made locally. The story goes that the adults made the brick, and the children carried them to the church site."

Bradley also noted that Early Caldwell sawed lumber for the original shelter and Ersie Brizendine and Earl Huffman built it in the 1960s.

History notes that on May 25, 1885, a deed was made between William and Harriet Mann (husband



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Many people caught up on old times and shared memories of the past. Several ladies enjoyed their day of remembering. Jenny Reynolds Veasey, Mary Ann Reynolds Blevins and Gerlene Caldwell Sizer kept the chatter and laughter at their table.

and wife) to the trustees of SMEC. Those first trustees were: James Huffman, Samuel M. Lipes, James C. Mann, John W. Lipes, William C. Mann, Newton A. Caldwell and William L. Carper.

"From 1861 until 1900, the following ministers served the church: J.F. Bean, Rev. Smith, Maurice C. Mehrling, C. M. Sarver, G. T. D. Collins, John W. Canter, Phillips S.E. Sixes, S.M. Bowman and C.W. Lusby," Bradley said. "There were approximately 38 ministers who administered to Salem Church from 1888 to 1967."

Bradley continued, "Additional land was purchased on December 6, 1919, from J.O. Mann for \$30. The trustees for Salem United Methodist Episcopal Church South were Mason H. Caldwell, S.P. Mann, B.W. Jones and James S. Reynolds. The last trustees were in 1950 - C.R. Reyn-

olds, Hoyt McCartney and James Mann."

Somewhere between 1963 and 1967 the Methodist churches decided the building was no longer safe for services. The following are words that Ruth Reynolds wrote at the time, "After a short time there, (Hoyt McCartney's store building) we were asked again which church we were moving our membership. Then is when our little church was split up. Some went this way and some that way, some stayed. There were two of us with the help of others that never gave up. I for one and Pearl the other. With the help of Ralph Ruble. He would bring a lay leader from Roanoke for one sermon a year. At one time we had 67 members. As of now (date unknown, but after 1967), 13 members still remain."

Continuing, "In September of 1989, the little brick church was dealt a heavy hand when Hurricane

Hugo struck and one of the big trees in the church yard crashed through the roof. Gertrude Lowery lead the small band of members and supporters to raise approximately \$4400 to repair the roof. And, between 1989 and 1999, the little church suffered due to lack of funds and workers to keep it repaired. Meetings were being held on the grounds instead of inside the church building. The drop ceiling that had been put in after Hugo had fallen due to the roof leaking and the bats that had made their home in the ceiling."

In 1989, Trudy Lowery made the following statement to the New Castle Record: "We had a choice. We had to fix it or tear it down. Everyone was in favor of the repairs, that's why I don't think we'll have trouble raising the funds. In 1999, we had a choice. We had to fix it or tear it down. Since 1999, the roof has been replaced,

a new ceiling installed, new windows installed and the floor repaired, sanded, and refinished. Generous donations, raffles, yard sales and numerous projects have raised the money and all repairs have been paid in full. The most significant donation has been people giving their time to work and keep the 'little brick church' a standing memorial to all of those who came before us and created from hard work a unique place of worship."

Today, services are held twice a year; the third Sunday in August and the first Sunday in December.

Though no one seemed to care to leave, many assisted in packing everything up and hugs and sweet good-byes were countless.

Bradley will keep all updated as to whether they will be able to host the December Candlelight Service. Until then, "God bless everyone and keep traditions of family alive."

Poll

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parties are viewed unfavorably, Republicans (29 percent favorable; 50 percent unfavorable) more so than Democrats (41 percent favorable; 47 percent unfavorable). The National Rifle Association is also viewed unfavorably (33 percent favorable; 43 percent unfavorable), while Black Lives Matter is seen more positively (45 percent favorable; 36 percent unfavorable), but BLM numbers have slipped in the year since we previously asked about the group.

Nearly three in four (72 percent) likely voters have heard at least a little about Critical Race Theory (CRT), and almost three-fourths of that group (73 percent) say they have a good idea of what it is. Among those who have a good idea what CRT is, 40 percent view it favorably, but more (47 percent) see it unfavorably. More see its teaching as bad for America (47 percent) than good for America (44 percent).

Political anxiety IPOR continues to track political anxiety in the Commonwealth. Four-in-five (80 percent) Virginians trust the federal government to do what is right only some of the time or never. A majority (55 percent) thinks

that ordinary citizens can do a lot to influence the federal government, and just under half (49 percent) think their side is losing more than winning in politics today, while 30 percent think they are winning more than losing.

Most respondents (54 percent) think the country's best years are ahead of it, while 40 percent (a record-high in the Roanoke College Poll) think its best years have passed. Overall, a large majority of Virginians (89 percent) continues to see the nation divided regarding the important issues facing the country.

A plurality of respondents (45 percent) is dissatisfied with how the federal government is (or isn't) working. Another 21 percent are angry, while only 28 percent are satisfied, and two percent are enthusiastic. In the aggregate, each of these measures has remained relatively stable over time, but the responses of subgroups have varied, particularly those of Democrats and Republicans, depending upon which party is in power. Republicans are currently much more pessimistic than Democrats.

Analysis "While one would always prefer to be ahead than behind, the

news is not all rosy for McAuliffe," said Dr. Harry Wilson, senior political analyst for the Roanoke College Poll. "Both candidates are above water in terms of favorable ratings, and each can improve on those numbers, or they may decline due to the percentage of voters who are at least somewhat unfamiliar with them. This election is not 2020, nor is it 2017.

Republicans are very unhappy with the state of the nation and the Commonwealth, much as Democrats were in 2017. While the 2017 exit poll is the best and only verifiable standard to use for statistical weighting to estimate the 2021 electorate, it is at least possible that Republicans can use their collective angst to increase turnout. We will measure voter enthusiasm in future polls to try to determine if that is the case."

Regarding the different partisan views of just about everything, there is little left to say. The only thing they seem to agree on is their dislike of the other side and the fact that the nation is divided. Absent a cataclysmic event, that is unlikely to change soon."

Methodology

Interviewing for The Roanoke College Poll was conducted by The Institute for Policy and Opinion Research at Roanoke College between Aug. 3 and Aug. 17, 2021. A total of 558 likely voters in Virginia were interviewed. Telephone interviews were conducted in English. The landline sample consisted of random-digit numbers generated in proportion to the Virginia population so that all residential telephone numbers, including unlisted numbers, had a known chance of inclusion. Cellphone samples were purchased from Marketing Systems Group. Cellphones comprised 45 percent of the completed interviews.

Likely voters were defined as respondents who said they are registered to vote in Virginia and who are very likely or somewhat likely to vote in the November elections.

Questions answered by the entire sample of 558 likely voters are subject to a sampling error of plus or minus approximately 4.2 percent at the 95 percent level of confidence. This means that in 95 out of 100 samples like the one used here, the results obtained should be no more

than 4.2 percentage points above or below the figure that would be obtained by interviewing all Virginia likely voters who have a home telephone or a cellphone. Where the results of subgroups are reported, the sampling error is higher.

Quotas were used to ensure that different regions of the Commonwealth were proportionately represented. The data were statistically weighted for region, gender, race, education, and political party. Weighting was done to match the 2017 Virginia statewide election exit poll. The margin of error was not adjusted for design effects due to weighting. The design effect was 1.568 which would increase the margin of error to plus or minus 5.2 percent.

The Institute follows the American Association for Public Opinion Research's Code of Professional Ethics and Practices and is a charter member of that association's Transparency Initiative.

More information about the Poll may be obtained by contacting Dr. Harry Wilson at wilson@roanoke.edu or (540) 375-2282. The Roanoke College Poll is funded by Roanoke College as a public service.

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Legals - City of Radford

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON APPLICATION TO VACATE A PORTION OF UNIMPROVED HARVEY STREET IN THE CITY OF RADFORD, VIRGINIA

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 15.2-2006, the Radford City Council will hold a public hearing on September 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 10 Robertson Street, Radford, Virginia.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to receive public comment regarding an application filed by Michael "Kevin" and Molly Entrekin to vacate a portion of the unimproved Harvey Street right-of-way located at the intersection of Ninth Street. The vacation request concerns a total area of approximately .204 acres.

Any person affected by the proposed vacation may appear and be heard at the public hearing. Copies of the application, together with the plat of the proposed vacation, are available for review in the City Manager's Office located at 10 Robertson Street, Radford, Virginia.

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

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

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Legals - City of Salem

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Public Notice Environmental Permit

CORRECTION TO PUBLIC NOTICE: Public notice was published on August 26, 2021, seeking public comment and announcing two public hearings on (1) a draft permit (VWPP No. 21-0416) from the State Water Control Board that would allow Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC to fill wetlands and streams in Giles, Craig, Montgomery, Roanoke, Franklin, and Pittsylvania Counties, Virginia and (2) the Board's intent to provide Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the activities authorized by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. That notice erroneously stated the public comment period would end October 13, 2021. The correct public comment period is from August 28, 2021 to October 27, 2021. CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Steve Hardwick; Central Office, P.O. Box 1105, Richmond, Virginia 23218; Phone: 804-698-4168; E-mail: MVP@deq.virginia.gov; Fax: (804) 698-4032. The public may review the draft permit and application on

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the DEQ website at <https://www.deq.virginia.gov/get-involved/topics-of-interest/mountain-valley-pipeline/ftsiteid-1>. The public may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed above.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Section 22.1-29.1 of the Code of Virginia, as amended to date, notice is hereby given that the Council of the City of Salem will hold a public hearing at 6:30 p.m., September 13, 2021, in Council Chambers, City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, Salem, Virginia, to receive views of citizens within the Salem School District regarding appointments to fill the expiring terms ending 12/31/2021 of two members on the City of Salem School Board. All candidates seeking appointment must submit a letter of interest and resumé to the Deputy Clerk of Council. Submissions are requested by noon on Friday, September 10, 2021, however in all cases must be submitted prior to the closing of this public hearing. Candidates may be interviewed individually by City Council.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA

H. Robert Light
Clerk of Salem City Council

Notice is hereby given to

all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on September 15, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. Hold public hearing to consider the request of Salem Building Supply, Inc., contract purchaser, and PHC of Virginia, Inc., property owner, for rezoning the property located at 405 Kimball Avenue (Tax Map # 235-1-2) from RMF Residential Multi-Family District with proffered condition to RMF Residential Multi-Family District without conditions.

2. Hold public hearing to consider the request of Salem Ministers Conference Community Food Pantry, contract purchaser, and Trustees God's Church of Deliverance and Power, property owner, for the issuance of a Use Not Provided For Permit to allow the relocation of the Salem Food Pantry to the property located at 829 Indiana Street (Tax Map # 186-1-5).

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

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

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

Legals - Craig County

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Legals - Montgomery County

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 14, 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. Rezoning request by Deerfield Home Estates LLC to rezone Tax Parcel Nos. 496-A 68 & 496-A 73 (4.711 acres) from Agricultural (A) and Two-Family Residential (R-2) to Single Family Residential (R-1) with conditions. The proposal was revised to construct 26 single-family detached dwellings. The property is designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

B. Conditional Use Permit request by Deerfield Home Estates LLC for a Planned Housing Development to consist of 26 Single-Family Residential dwellings on property located adjacent to Wades Lane and Agee Street, Tax Parcel Nos. 496-A 68 & 496-A 73.

C. Conditional Use Permit for R-3 Multifamily Dwelling District uses in the B-3 General Business District by Bruce A. Moses(owner) on behalf of Bryan A. Rice (Applicant) at 975 Radford Street (Tax Map No. 525-A-19). The proposal is to construct five (5) Townhome units. The property is designated as 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/you tube and will remain on the Town's YouTube page once the meeting concludes. For information on contactless 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.

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Rockets host Auburn in home opener Friday



Zach Peters get a sack against Bland.

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Brayden Frango finds room to run.



Dylan Crawford(#22) and Bryce Drake(#1) combine for a stop.



Trevyn Francisco turns the corner against the Bears.

New Craig County football coach Jimmy Fisher is hoping to see a lot of blue on the home side when the Rocket football team plays its first home game since 2019 this Friday night. The Rockets will play host to Auburn on Mitchell Field at 7 pm.

"Support has been great thus far," said Fisher. "Our administrative support, from the school board office on down, has been outstanding. Community support has also been great for our fundraisers and work days. We would like to see everyone at Mitchell Field this Friday for our first home game. A huge crowd would be awesome."

The Rockets opened the season at Bland last week and took an 8-6 loss. Despite the defeat it was an encouraging night for the Rockets

and it was good to have football again after missing the season due to COVID in the fall and spring.

"We had a huge crowd on our side with over 170 fans making the two-plus hour trip and we appreciate them very much," said Fisher. "We competed and fought hard every play. We got some dog in us and I like that. Bland is a great setting for a game and they were fantastic hosts. Both teams represented their respective communities well and there wasn't a bunch of trash talking or extra 'stuff' after the play was over."

The Rockets got the season off to a great start. Trevyn Francisco returned the opening kickoff to the Bland 27 and Dylan Crawford scored on the very first play from scrimmage.

Unfortunately, that was only

points of the night for Rockets. Bland scored on a three yard run by Jackson Johnson to tie the game in the second quarter, and a successful two point conversion turned out to be the difference as neither team scored after intermission.

"Our offense looked really good when we weren't self-destructing," said Fisher. "We had eight false starts and five or six fumbles...all unforced. We only lost one or two fumbles but they cost us yards and wasted downs."

The Rockets ran the ball 34 times for 215 yards and eight first downs. Francisco led the way with eight carries for 81 yards and Crawford had nine carries for 61 yards. Craig attempted just one pass that was batted down by a defender.

"Defensively, we made too many mistakes and did not execute our techniques and responsibilities very consistently," said Fisher. "However, we still played pretty darn good. We gave up less than 100 yards for the game (95 total) and Bland had minus five yards in the second half."

"The heat index was brutal during the first half and we were not handling it very well," added Fisher. "We had multiple players with cramping issues throughout the game and Bland only had it happen to them once. They were the better conditioned team."

While Craig missed an entire season Bland played in the spring, and Fisher felt that gave the home-standing Bears an edge.

"They had football in the spring and have worked hard since

the season ended," he said. "Our young men did not have the opportunity to do either of those. Not making excuses, we just made too many mental mistakes to win Friday. We have to clean up some things on both sides of the ball and I have to get the team into better shape."

This Friday's game with Auburn should be a good one. The Eagles opened with a 26-0 loss to Narrows last Friday.

"They have a new head coach and will give us a new challenge this week," said Fisher. "They like to throw the football and we have not had to face a passing team yet. In our only scrimmage, Patrick threw the ball only a couple of times and Bland never attempted a pass. We will need to work hard this week to prepare for Auburn."

Volleyball team falls to North Cross in close match

The Craig County volleyball team lost at North Cross last Friday in a match where both teams scored 20 or more points in every set. The host Raiders were able to win three of those sets and take the victory in Roanoke County.

"This was a great match up for the Lady Rockets," said first year head coach Suzanne Crawford. "We started off a little slow and a little flat and we missed a lot of serves, but once we found our

tempo we picked it up."

North Cross won the first set, 25-20. The Rockets led for most of the second set, but the Raiders put on a run and scored the last seven points to edge Craig, 25-23. Craig bounced back to win the third set, 26-24, but the Raiders took the fourth, and the match, by a 25-20 count.

"This is an excellent group of girls, who are only going to get better as the season progresses," said

Crawford. "I was very proud of these girls. They gave it everything they had and they did not stop until they had to."

Kylee Clifton and Annabelle Gregory had four kills each to lead the Rockets. Kylee also had three digs and two aces while Annabelle had six digs and three aces. Hannah Caldwell had three kills, two blocks and two aces.

"Caldwell was right on at the net and held strong, while Kayley

Stroop led our team with focus, calling plays and setting the ball for attacks," said Crawford. "Our passing game was much improved with Brittany Brookman, Annabelle Gregory, Kylee Clifton and Jennifer Fitzpatrick, who did great in the back row."

We've put in a lot of effort in practice, which has definitely reflected on the court."

Stoop had 11 assists, six aces and three digs. Fitzpatrick had three

aces and four digs while Brookman had five aces and five digs.

The Rockets also lost at Christiansburg in three sets last week, and they'll get a rematch with the Demons on Thursday in New Castle.

"We'll focus on serving, blocking and faster transitioning off the net," said Crawford. "If the Ladies play with the mentality they did against North Cross they will do great."

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Brittany Brookman digs one out.

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