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## Senter Farms and Zimmerman's Equipment bring music to the Fairgrounds

**Pam Dudding**  
Contributing writer

Craig County, like every small town or big city, has endured nearly two years of lockdowns, uncertainty and hardship. Entertainment has been a rarity at best and people are extremely tired of their four walls.

Rob Senter of Senter Farms, LLC shared, "During the last year and a half, we've seen cancellations of so many local and regional events. I think that people yearn for a restoration of normalcy and something local that entire families can attend. I felt that a nice outdoor country music concert would be something people would enjoy."

Senter placed his thoughts



**Senter Farms and Zimmerman's Equipment will be bringing live music to the Craig County Fairgrounds on Saturday, September 25. Tickets will be \$7.00 for adults, while children ten and under will be admitted for free. Food vendors will be onsite. Remember to bring a chair and enjoy an evening of good music and relaxation.**

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on Facebook, not realizing how much buzz they would generate. Within a couple of days, he received a couple hundred ideas and suggestions on his page, and the event was on go.

"Initially, I considered having the concert at our farm, figuring that a mere handful of people might support it. I did not anticipate the number of people who expressed interest in attending," he noted. "Within a couple of days, I realized that I not only needed to bring the event to fruition quickly, but that we would need a lot more parking."

Senter felt that the event needed a "name," as - if suc-

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## Hair salon reopening with new owners



**Hairstylists Tracy Kendall and Abby McAlwee will be opening their new hair salon, Studio Reflections, in October in front of Food Country. Everyone is invited to connect with them on Facebook, by contacting 540-580-8396 or stopping by.**

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Contributing writer

As businesses throughout the counties continue to close at alarming rates, Craig County is fortunate to have several new businesses opening.

Local resident Tracy Kendall will reopen Amy Horton's Hair Salon, which is located in the front of Food Country.

Their salon business will be called Studio Reflections and their tentative opening will be the beginning of October.

Said Kendall, "I honestly wasn't looking for a shop to open myself. However, I found it as God's way of telling me it was time for more. So, when a friend came to me and offered, I couldn't let the opportunity pass."

Kendall will be opening with her partner, Abby McAlwee.

"She is going to join us as a stylist," she said. "My father, Mike Kendall, is the head of the financial department."

Kendall shared what she enjoys most about being a hairstylist is "mak-

ing people's experience in the chair one of a kind. There's nothing better than to be able to treat others with an abundance amount of joy!"

She continued, "We are a reflection of what we put out in this world, that's how our salon, Studio Reflections, got its name."

Kendall is Brazilian Blowout Certified.

"This is a service that is never offered here in Craig," she noted. "We also look to continue building our education for certificates."

They will be offering a huge variety of services for everyone including, haircuts, styling, color, waxing and brow tints, just to name a few.

"We hope to be able to grow into more services when up and running," Kendall said.

She continued, "We like to 'custom price' clients on certain services as it depends on what you are looking for."

Their prices start with women's cuts at \$22, men's cuts at \$15 and children at \$12. Their basic color starts around

\$60, and they give free consultations with either stylist to get a more accurate price quote.

"Everyone has supported this business from the get-go, and we are so excited and grateful," both owners said. "Please keep in mind that in order for us to run this small business and afford everything, our prices will be different. So don't be afraid to ask us for a price quote as my prices (Tracy's) has changed."

Business hours are expected to be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. On Sunday and Monday, the business will be closed.

Interested individuals can contact Studio Reflections through Facebook or by contacting 540-580-8396.

Kendall concluded, "I would like to deeply express my gratitude to the county for all the love and support that has been shown. There's nothing like a small community coming together to support you on a dream."

## Celebrate the foundation of America

### DAR promotes Constitution Week: September 17 - 23

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution urges Americans to reflect on the United States Constitution during this month's annual observance in honor of this foundational document of national governance.

The United States Constitution is one of two documents of paramount importance to American history, the second being the Declaration of Independence, which forged our national identity.

The Constitution, which set forth the framework for the federal government that functions to this day, was crafted by 70 delegates appointed to serve at the Federal Convention in Philadelphia. Out of those appointees, only 55 attended. Forty of the 55 attendees had served in the Continental and/or Confederation Congresses at some point in their careers.

The convention debated competing proposals from May to July 1787, before turning over

plans to a Grand Committee to hash out an agreement. The committee's report, dubbed the Great Compromise, ironed out many contentious points. It prescribed a bicameral legislature with proportional representation in the House and equal state representation in the Senate.

After two more months of intense debates and revisions, the delegates produced the document we now know as the Constitution, which expanded the power of the central government while protecting the prerogatives of the states. A total of 39 delegates signed the Constitution on September 17, 1787. By June 1788, the requisite nine states had ratified the Constitution as the law of the land, and the Confederation Congress announced that the new government would begin in March 1789.

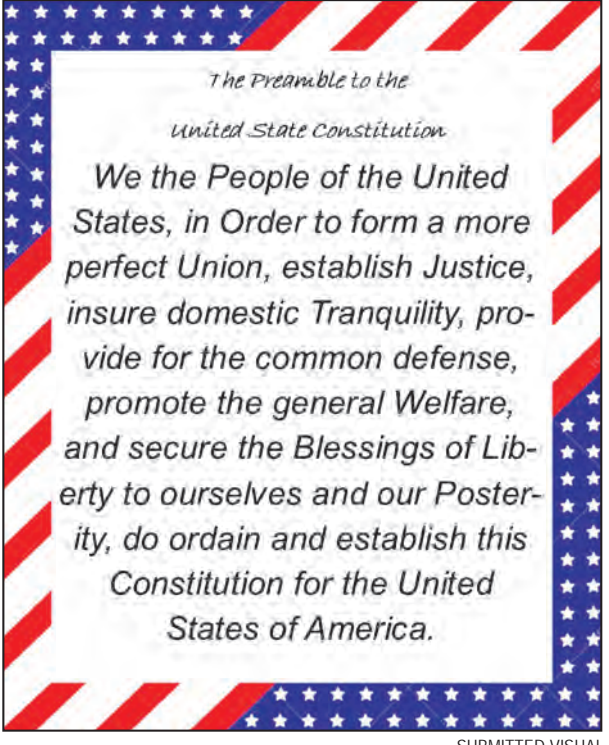
The DAR initiated the observance of Constitution Week in 1955, when the service organiza-

tion petitioned the U.S. Congress to dedicate September 17-23 of each year to the commemoration of Constitution Week. Congress adopted the resolution, and on August 2, 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed it into Public Law #915.

DAR has been the foremost advocate for the awareness, promotion and celebration of Constitution Week. The annual observance provides innumerable opportunities for educational initiatives and community outreach, two mission areas of crucial importance to the National Society. By fostering knowledge of, and appreciation for, the Constitution and the inalienable rights it affords to all Americans, DAR helps to keep alive the memory of the men and women who secured our nation's foundational liberties.


DAR Constitution Hall is lo-

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The preamble to the United States Constitution.



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# Lawnmower Derby drivers smash'em up



Most kids learn fast, and these lawnmower derby kids certainly have. When the horn blew, their feet were on the accelerator, and they hammered each other. Carter and Holly Givens never give one other slack despite being siblings. Zoe Simmons, a new driver, gave them all a run for the win. Will Huffman's performance indicated that he didn't know what a brake was as he continued to drive and hit, whether forward or backward.



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Will Huffman came in first place while Lilly McDowell, Holly Givens placed second and third, respectively. Zoe Simmons received the Mad Dog. Also pictured is Carter Givens, whose mower broke down, which prevented him from finishing.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY

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

### EVERY TUESDAY

- Overeaters Anonymous (OA) meeting, 7 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church, located at 2011 Brandon Avenue in Roanoke. Contact 540-293-4065 for more information.
- New Castle Church of

Christ will hold its Bible Study from 7 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. at 118 Main Street in New Castle.

### EVERY FRIDAY

Craig County Genealogy Library open every Friday 1 to 4 p.m. 152 Main Street. 540-864-7023

### EVERY SATURDAY

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](mailto: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, OCTOBER 9

Craig County Fall Festival 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Downtown New Castle. Live entertainment, games, Flat-Foot Contest at 11 a.m., Old Brick Hotel and cabins open all day. To rent a space, contact Robyn Foster at 540-977-8395. For car show information, call Jackie Taylor at 540-520-5555. Sponsored by Craig County Historical Society.

# Roanoke featured in Princeton Review's "Best 387 Colleges"

Roanoke College is one of the nation's best institutions for undergraduate education, according to The Princeton Review, which features Roanoke in "The Best 387 Colleges" (Penguin Random House), the 2022 edition of its annual college guidebook. The new edition of

The Princeton Review's "Best Colleges" guide is its milestone 30th anniversary edition. Roanoke College has appeared each year in the publication since the 2012 edition.

In the new 2022 edition, Roanoke College is once again included in the guidebook's lists of Great Schools for Busi-

ness/Finance Majors, Great Schools for Computer Science/Computer Engineering Majors and Great Schools for Psychology Majors. Roanoke first appeared on The Princeton Review's Business/Finance and Computer Science/Computer Engineering lists in 2014 and on the

Psychology list in 2015.

Roanoke also is among the 143 Best Colleges in the Southeast, colleges that The Princeton Review considers "academically outstanding and well-worth consideration" in students' college search.

Only about 14 percent of America's four-year colleges are profiled in the book. The company chooses colleges for the book based on data it annually collects from college administrators about their institutions' academic offerings. The Princeton Review also considers data it gathers from its surveys of college students who rate

and report on various aspects of their campus and community experiences. The Princeton Review does not rank the colleges from 1 to 387 in any category.

In its profile of Roanoke College, The Princeton Review quotes extensively from Roanoke students who were surveyed for the guidebook. Among the student comments:

Most students agree that Roanoke "[excels] in academics and learning how to relate to what is learned in the classroom to real world jobs."

"It feels like one big family here. The small tight-knit community

allows [students] to have a home away from home"

Roanoke students are "people from all over the world; students from every corner of the globe, from Asia to Europe... all congregate together in Roanoke peacefully and work together to find the common string that binds us all together as a community."

The atmosphere at Roanoke "is kind and inclusive, with many opportunities to meet new people in and out of your major or subject of interest."

-Submitted by Public Relations Department

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

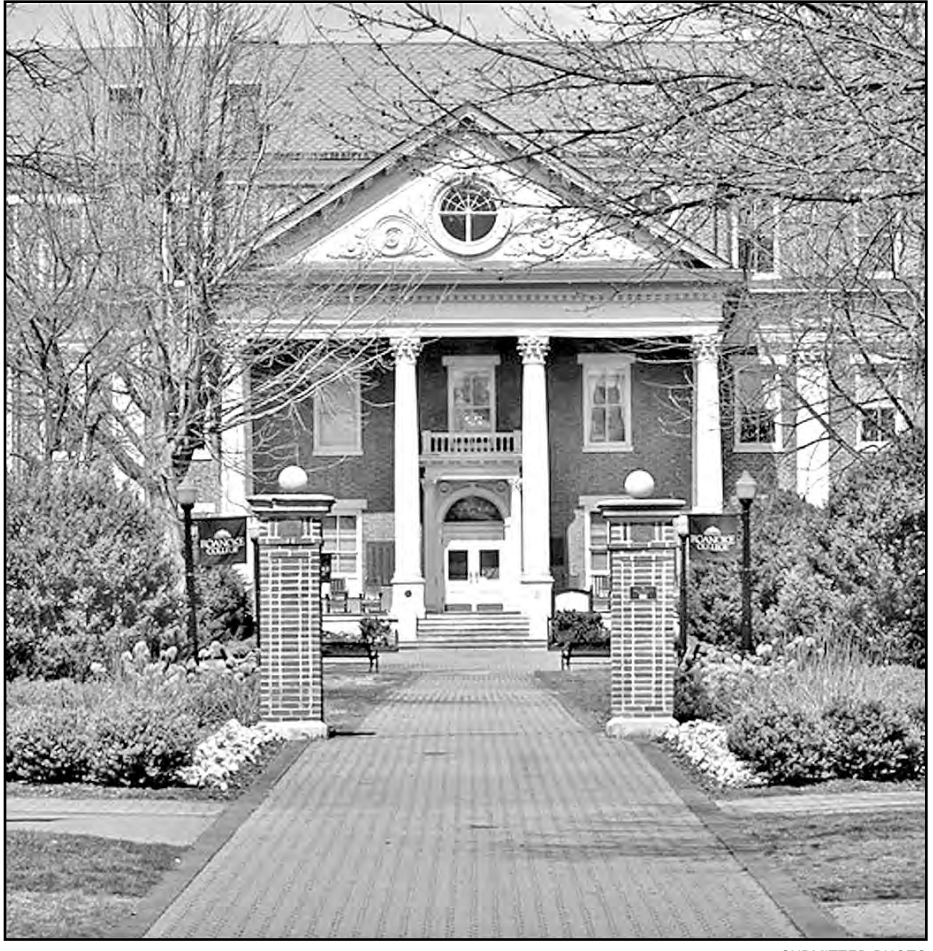
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- Nursemaids
- Coats a porous surface
- Garment of long cloth
- Containing a broader message
- University of Dayton
- Patti Hearst's captors
- Insane
- Bristlelike structures in invertebrates
- Taxi
- Trainee
- Comedian Carvey
- Some couples say it
- Belong to he
- High schoolers' test
- Young goat
- You drive on one
- Denotes a time long ago
- Space between two surfaces
- By and by
- A way to sell
- A line left by the passage of something
- Indicates near
- Where wrestlers compete
- Prosecutors
- Body part
- Soluble ribonucleic acid
- Indicates silence
- NFL's Newton
- Ancient Roman garments
- Drunkard
- Expression of satisfaction
- Thus
- Noisy viper
- Plants of a particular region
- Communicated with
- Latches a window
- Swarm with

**CLUES DOWN**

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- Ask humbly
- Distinctive smells
- Digressions
- Partner to cheese
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- Tin
- Appetizer
- Presenting in detail
- Compound in guano and fish scales
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- Buffer solution
- Muslim physician using traditional remedies
- Fantastical planet
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- The tops of mountains
- Expression of disapproval
- Skeletal muscle
- Game show host Sajak
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- Hammerin' Hank
- Lowest point of a ridge between two peaks
- Elaborately draped garment
- Check
- Car mechanics group
- One point east (clockwise) of due north
- Austrian river
- A command to list files



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Roanoke College has been featured in the annual Princeton Review since 2012.

# Salem native among five sailors who died in helicopter crash in California



James "Jimmy" Buriak with his wife, Megan, and son, Caulder. SUBMITTED PHOTO

**Shawn Nowlin**  
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For most people, they discover their life's calling after they become an adult. For James "Jimmy" Buriak, his family knew at an early age that whatever field he entered, it would be to serve others. Buriak's ultimate aim in life, according to those closest to him, was to help as many people on the planet as possible.

Tragically, Buriak, 31, was one of five sailors who died on August 31 after a Navy helicopter crash off the California coast. All five individuals who perished were assigned to the Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 8 crew.

Many immediately went on social media to express their sorrow once the news became public.

"I met you through Britt and Dave while you guys were at college and as one of Dave's groomsmen when they got married. What an amazing young man you were. Thank you for your service to this country. You paid the ultimate sacrifice, and your time came too soon. My con-

dolences, thoughts and prayers go out to your family. RIP my friend," said Leilani Naylor.

Expressed Matthew Walter, "I hated hearing this news. I know you won't read this, but hopefully somewhere up there you'll see it. Carolyn and I have been talking about the old days when you guys worked at Enterprise together and would come visit me at Hot Tuna. Thank you for your service, Jimmy. Thank you for all the laughs and the beers together, you were an incredible guy."

Raised in Salem, Buriak was an alumnus of both Salem High School and Roanoke College. His father, Jim, is a retired Roanoke College Athletic Trainer and Associate Professor of Health and Human Performance. The Office of Alumni & Family Relations released the following statement before press time, "We send our deepest sympathies to the family and to all of those touched by Jimmy's passing and this tragedy."

In 2017, Buriak joined the Navy and served as a rescue swimmer. In

February 2020, he rescued a tourist swimming in Gun Beach, Guam. When interviewed immediately afterward, he stated, "I would like to think regardless of who it was, they would have done the same. Someone said they needed help, and anyone would do the same in my shoes."

The other four individuals who died in the crash were Lt. Bradley A. Foster, 29, a pilot from Oakhurst, California; Lt. Paul R. Fridley, 28, a pilot from Annandale, Virginia; Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Sarah F. Burns, 31, from Severna Park, Maryland and Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Bailey J. Tucker, 21, from St. Louis, Missouri.

Jimmy is survived by his wife, son, father, mother, Carol Buriak, sister, Laura Buriak, and brother-in-law, Erik Zickefoose. A GoFundMe page was created in his honor. Individuals interested in donating can visit <https://www.gofundme.com/f/aws2-james-buriak>. An investigation into everything that happened is currently underway.

# Power Wheels tikes enjoy their derby



As all power wheels were making their hits, Dino tried to back up into him but Grave Digger with spike green hat came in behind and gave #23 a nice hit.



Little Grave Digger came in on a hit as #44 and little pink one hit; however, #23 interrupted the action as he turned a circle before hitting them both. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

# Virginia Department of Forensic Science achieves 15,000th DNA data bank hit

Governor Ralph Northam recently announced the Department of Forensic Science reached its 15,000th DNA Data Bank "hit." This is a significant milestone in the history of the Data Bank, which was created in Virginia in 1989.

A "hit" occurs when a DNA profile from an unsolved crime is a match with a DNA profile from an offender or another crime scene in the DNA Data Bank. This ability to link previously unsolved crimes to an offender, arrestee, or another case in the Data Bank provides law enforcement with investigative leads, often in cases that have gone cold.

"Each of the 15,000 hits has meant answers and justice for people impacted by a crime," said Governor Northam. "The data-bank has led to convictions as well as exonerations, helping make our communities safer. This milestone is a testament to the innovative spirit in Virginia and our investments in science and technology."

"The Department of Forensic Science has been a pioneer in the use of DNA technology," said Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security Brian Moran. "They were the first state laboratory to offer DNA analysis to law enforcement agencies, and the first to create a Data Bank of previously convicted sex offenders.

I am proud of them for reaching this milestone of 15,000 cases. Because of this accomplishment, the Department of Forensic Science was able to assist in solving numerous previously unsolved crimes and help secure a myriad of criminal convictions, as well as exonerations."

Since the Data Bank was created in 1989, legislation has been passed to broaden the types of crimes for which DNA samples are collected. The Data Bank receives the samples of any person convicted of a felony offense, including juveniles 14 years of age or older who have been adjudicated delinquent of felony offenses. Samples are also collected from persons convicted

of other specified misdemeanor offenses, and persons arrested for any violent felony or certain burglary offenses.

When a charge against a person arrested for a qualifying offense is dismissed, or the person is acquitted, the Department of Forensic Science will destroy the sample and associated records. Their record will remain if there is another arrest or conviction that would otherwise require that the person's sample remain in the Data Bank. There are currently over 480,000 offender and arrestee samples in the Data Bank.

"DNA technology used for the DNA Data Bank has advanced over the years with the addition of robotics to in-

crease efficiency, and the expansion of the number of areas of DNA analyzed - from 8 loci to 20 loci - to enhance sample selectivity," said Department of Forensic Science Director Linda Jackson. "Each month, our dedicated Data Bank staff analyze the over 1,000 offender and arrestee samples received, typically within two to three weeks. We are proud of the role the Data Bank plays in providing investigative leads to help bring justice in these cases."

The Department of Forensic Science is a nationally accredited forensic laboratory system, established by Virginia

law to provide forensic laboratory services to the Commonwealth's state and local law enforcement agencies, medical examiners, Commonwealth's Attorneys, fire departments, and state agencies in the investigation of any criminal matter. Department of Forensic Science scientists provide technical assistance and training, evaluate and analyze evidence, interpret results, and provide expert testimony related to the analyses of physical evidence recovered from crime scenes.

-Submitted by Alena Yarmosky, Office of the Governor

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# OPINION

## Raffle sales begin now

### Library Corner

Empowering individuals to build a stronger community

The library has two great raffle items to offer this year for Fall Festival. Tickets are on sale now, so you can better your odds of being a winner. For those who have been to the library in the past few months, you may have noticed a lamp made out of books at the check-out desk. This was made by Connie Moody from books she purchased at various library book sales.

She and her husband Dell had a booth selling lamps like these at Black Dog Salvage in Roanoke. Before she moved from Craig County, Connie donated the book lamps

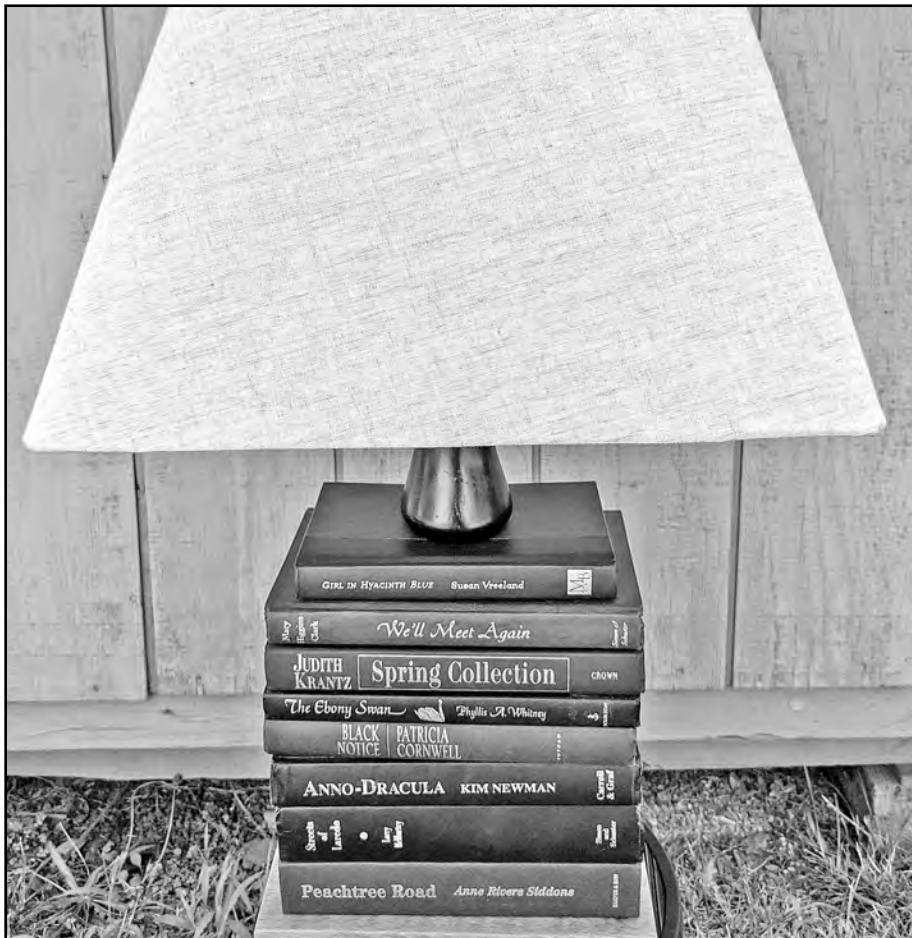
she had made to the library. She is a strong supporter of libraries and what they can do for communities. She generously contributed her handmade lamps as a fundraising item to help support our library. We appreciate her creative talent and contribution for someone else to enjoy. Stop by the library and check it out.

Martha Dillard, our resident artist, is once again offering a four-foot square barn quilt of your chosen design. Not sure how to select a design? Martha will work with you to develop design ideas and offer step-by-step assistance to discover your personal design. Her quilts have added to the scenic drives in our county and many New Castle buildings. Some of her quilts are as far

away as California. Here is a great opportunity to have your own barn quilt.

Raffle sales are available at the library or any board member. Ticket costs are \$2.00 each for the book lamp or \$5.00 for three tickets. The Barn Quilt is \$5.00 each or \$20.00 for five. Winners will be announced at Fall Festival. Be a winner and buy tickets now for you or maybe for someone special in your life. The season of giving is just ahead.

Coming up in November, the first Saturday, is another Swap Day. The library will feature Holiday Décor or Winter Clothing items along with another free-book day. Plan to join us on the library back porch and bring items and take some home, all for free.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Craig County Public Library is offering two great raffle items at this year's Fall Festival.

## Fairgrounds

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successful – he and other sponsors may want to make the concert an annual event.

“By September, nearly every farmer and backyard gardener has harvested their crop – and all deserve a good break,”

he said. “In that respect, the ‘Harvest Concert Series’ seemed the best fit.”

Music already has been confirmed.

Our Craig County local, Taylore Price, will be opening the show at around 5:45 p.m. She

will be followed by the headline event by the Travis Reigh Band, a Roanoke-area country music band. David Givens will be running the sound and lighting.

Food vendors onsite will be Cabo Taco Food Truck and a BBQ vendor. A tent with water and sodas will be set up for purchase. No outside alcohol will be allowed.

The concert will be held at the Craig County Fairgrounds and gates will open at 5:30 p.m. Adult admission is \$7.00 while children ten and under can get it for free.

Senter added that a portion of the proceeds will go toward staffing and fundraising of the volunteer department(s) that will be participating in the event.

Rusty Zimmerman, owner of Zimmerman's Equipment, Inc. is a co-sponsor of the event.

“We have been working on the logistics and brainstorming ways to make this concert a hit,” Senter shared. “The Fairgrounds Association has been very helpful, as has Jim Cady's directives on what emergency service staffing would be

necessary.”

Bad weather may require event rescheduling. If so, it will be announced on social media.

This is an outside event, so everyone needs to bring a lawn chair or something to sit on.

Come and enjoy a relaxing evening in Craig County, ending under the starry night.

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## DAR

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cated at 1776 D Street in Washington, D.C. The inscription on the pediment reads, “Constitution Hall – a memorial to that immortal document, the Constitution of the United States, in which are incorporated the principles of freedom, equality and justice for which our forefathers strove.” DAR Constitution Hall is the only structure dedicated to the U.S. Constitution and has recently had

a multi-million-dollar restoration, making it a world-class performing arts venue.

One of the largest patriotic women's organizations in the world, DAR has more than 190,000 members in approximately 3,000 chapters across the country and several foreign countries. DAR members promote historic preservation, education and patriotism via commemorative events,

scholarships and educational initiatives, citizenship programs, service to veterans, meaningful community service and more. For additional information about DAR and its relevant mission, visit www.dar.org. For information about the local chapter, contact Margaret Hines at 540-864-8447.

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# New Roanoke Valley medical facility offers a variety of resources



Valley Care, LLC. is located at 610 S. Market Street in Salem

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At Jessica Brim's privately owned clinic, she primarily manages common acute and chronic health problems for patients ages 13 and older.

## Shawn Nowlin

shawn.nowlin@ourvalley.org

More than 30 million Americans do not have health insurance in any capacity, according to the Congressional Budget Office. Data from the Virginia Health Care Foundation shows that nearly 11.2 percent of all Virginians between the ages of 19 and 64 have no health insurance. While the numbers have dwindled over the years, a lot more needs to be done to close the gap.

Health care workers have made incredible sacrifices over the last year to ensure that the needs of Roanoke Valley residents are prioritized. Jes-

sica Brim, a Nurse Practitioner (NP), recently opened her privately owned medical facility on Market Street in Salem, Valley Care LLC.

"Finances are the biggest reason people lack access to healthcare. The price of premiums monthly and increasing cost of deductibles makes individuals not want to purchase insurance policies," she said. "Therefore, decreasing their chances to adequate healthcare."

At an early age, Brim knew that she wanted to be a nurse. Born in Collinsville, she and her family moved to Roanoke when she was eight. After graduating from Cave Spring High,

she joined the Coast Guard.

"I stayed there for eight years, four of which were active and the other four were reserve. I was trained as a military nurse. While in the Coast Guard, I went back and forth from Elizabeth City, NC, where I was stationed to Jefferson College of Health Sciences for my four-year RN degree," Brim said. "I worked for Lewis Gale for several years while obtaining my Master as a Nurse Practitioner."

Asked to explain what a Nurse Practitioner is, Brim said, an advanced practice registered nurse and a type of mid-level practitioner. The training that is required to be a

NP, she continued, covers basic disease prevention, coordination of care, and health promotion, but oftentimes does not provide the depth of expertise needed to recognize more complex conditions.

Nurse Practitioners are trained to assess patient needs, order and interpret diagnostic and laboratory tests, diagnose disease, formulate and prescribe treatment plans. No longer requiring supervision by a physician, NPs can now practice independently and to the extent of their education in 24 states which includes Virginia.

The US Bureau of Labor Statistics has predicted that the Nurse Practitioner field will

grow by 45 percent by 2029. Brim's advice for individuals who want to enter the field is to do so with passion, not money or popularity.

"The facility came about from a childhood dream. I never thought I would become a Nurse Practitioner, but that is where life led me. I have felt like a leader my whole life and I am blessed to be an entrepreneur," Brim said. "I would like the Roanoke Valley community to know that I am just a simple and humble individual who wants to do good for the community and I am here for their healthcare needs."

More information can be found at valleycarellc.com.

# Roanoke College's Calendar of Events for September

Roanoke College continues to offer community events through virtual and in-person participation. The Fall 2021 event topics include political and economic analysis, exploration of science and race; as well as leadership, art and more. These events are free, unless otherwise noted, and are open to the public. Events with an asterisk (\*) require advanced registration and/or tickets. Interested individuals who would like to receive event-related emails from the college can contact [revents@roanoke.edu](mailto:revents@roanoke.edu) and put "Event Mailing List" in the subject line.

Based upon recommendations from the CDC and be-

cause of COVID-19 surges in our region and across the country, Roanoke College will require everyone on campus to wear a mask in indoor settings through September. Please note that the College continues to closely monitor COVID-19 cases in our region and may need to adjust, postpone, change to virtual events when possible, or cancel in-person and on-campus events to ensure the health and safety of our Maroon community. Full event details, including virtual access and ticket requirements, are available at [www.roanoke.edu/events](http://www.roanoke.edu/events).

SEPTEMBER  
Race, Health, and Future

Humans: Lessons from the Legacy of Henrietta Lacks  
Featuring Sylvester A. Johnson

Thursday, September 23, 2021 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Colket Center, Wortmann Ballroom

Guest speaker, Sylvester A. Johnson is Assistant Vice Provost for the Humanities and Executive Director of the "Tech for Humanity" initiative at Virginia Tech. He is the founding director of Virginia Tech's Center for Humanities, which is supporting human-centered research and humanistic approaches to the guidance of technology.

Sponsored by the Biology

Department, Office of Multicultural Affairs, and the Dean of the College.

David L. Guy Lecture Series presents Stephen Moore

Thursday, September 30, 2021, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Colket Center, Wortmann Ballroom

Stephen Moore is an economic writer and political analyst. He joined The Wall Street Journal as a member of the editorial board and senior economics writer, focusing on economic issues including budget, tax and monetary policy.

Moore is the founder and past president of the Club for Growth, which raises money

for political candidates who favor free-market economic policies. Moore has served as a senior economist on the Congressional Joint Economic Committee, as a budget expert for the Heritage Foundation, and as a senior economics fellow at the Cato Institute, where he published dozens of studies on federal and state tax and budget policy. He was a consultant to the National Economic Commission in 1987 and research director for President Reagan's Commission on Privatization.

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**CHESTNUT GROVE CHURCH**  
Duane Wente, Minister, Rt. 42, New Castle, 540-864-5692. Sunday: Worship 10:00 a.m.

**CORNERSTONE CHURCH**  
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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, September 27, 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

**Legals - City of Salem**

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

**Legals - Montgomery County**

**LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Christiansburg Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 20, 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. Amendments to the Planned Commercial Development in the B-3, General Business zoning district at 2705 Market Street NE by NRV Marketplace LLC to allow multi-family residential uses, increased building height, reduced onsite greenspace, and reduced residential parking requirement on Tax Parcel 436 - ((5)) - 1. The original public hearing on August 30, 2021 was postponed due to further amendments to the items listed above. The property is designated as Business/Commercial on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

A copy of the application, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning

**Legals - Montgomery County**

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.

**LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 28, 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. Major Home Occupation Conditional Use Permit for a single-chair salon in the Agricultural zoning district at 725 Stafford Drive on Tax Parcel 405 - ((A)) - 8. The property is designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

B. Rezoning from R-3, Multi-Family Residential and B-3, General Business to B-3, General Business by the Montgomery Museum & Lewis Miller Regional Art Center (Montgomery Museum of Art and History) at 300 Pepper Street SE on Tax Parcel 527 - ((A)) - 235. The property is designated as Parks/Open Space.

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](http://www.christiansburg.org/youtu) 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](http://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](mailto:awarren@christiansburg.org) with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

**Legals - Town of Vinton**

**TOWN OF VINTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 15.2-1800 (B) et seq., of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, the

**Legals - Town of Vinton**

Town Council of the Town of Vinton, Virginia, hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., or immediately thereafter, in the Council Chambers of the Vinton Municipal Building, 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia.

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning the proposed granting of a lease to VINDOS LLC. for a certain lot lying to the rear of the former Vinton Branch Library on the southeast side of Meadows Street and below the storm water detention basin for the Vinton War Memorial identified as 060.16-06-33.00-000, all of which is located in the Town of Vinton, Virginia, said lease to be for a ten-month period with no more than four additional one-year renewal terms.

A complete copy of the proposed Lease and additional information concerning this public meeting is available in the Town Manager's Office, located in the Vinton Municipal Building, (540) 983-0607. Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate at this public meeting should contact the Town Manager's office at (540) 983-0607.

Susan N. Johnson  
Town Clerk

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The new art can be viewed from the intersection at East Main Street and College Avenue.

there,” Johnson said. She added, “That came together after I hired Page and Zephren to create the signage in my parking lot. To put it mildly, the old sign had certainly seen better days, and when I saw how they were going to design it and the materials they were using, one project led to another. I had ruled out vinyl, paint on brick, aluminum and neon as potential applications. I mentioned the idea of gemstones cascading down rather than a piece of jewelry.”

Next April, RM Johnson & Sons Jewelers will celebrate three decades of business on South College Avenue. Over the years, the company has earned a reputation as a destination where people can work with store jewelers to create something unique and beautiful.

Tina Light, Johnson’s long-time right hand, is the company’s American Gem Society (AGS) Registered Jeweler. While one son, Mack, serves as a custom engraving specialist, Johnson’s other son, Zach, has been hand-crafting unique jewelry for customers for over a decade.

“We carry beautiful engagement

rings and wedding jewelry, the area’s largest collection of Australian black opals and an award-winning collection of 22 and 24K gold-accented jewelry by Lika Behar,” Johnson said. “We have things you may not expect to find, as well as many gift items starting at under \$20.”

Authenticity, truthfulness and accountability are all keys Johnson says are vital to being a successful business owner. With no signs of slowing down, the employees of RM Johnson & Sons Jewelers are looking forward to serving the Roanoke Valley, including Craig County, community for many years to come.

“We would love for the community to consider checking with us first when they are shopping for an engagement ring or looking for a special anniversary, birthday, graduation, new baby or retirement gift for someone,” Johnson said. “And if they think our new artwork is a nice addition to our downtown, we would like to encourage them to take a selfie or a photo and share it.”

More information about the company can be found at [www.rmjohnson.com](http://www.rmjohnson.com).

# Virginia to receive \$220 million for broadband expansion

U.S. Sen. Mark R. Warner (D-VA) recently applauded an announcement by the U.S. Treasury Department that Virginia is eligible to receive \$219,812,354 from the American Rescue Plan to support broadband expansion in the Commonwealth. The funding is the result of a \$10 billion investment Sen. Warner secured in the American Rescue Plan that will help states, territories and tribal governments carry out critical capital projects to enable telework, online education, and tele-health in connection with COVID-19. State governments will also be permitted to use funds to increase broadband efficiency and reduce the costs of providing broadband services.

“Broadband is to the 21st century what electrification was to the 20th. The COVID-19 crisis exposed that far too many Americans are being left behind without access to high-speed internet for work, school or telehealth. That’s why I fought to secure a record \$10 billion in federal funding to expand broadband access and affordability as part of the American Rescue Plan,” said Sen. Warner. “The Treasury Department recently announced that Virginia will be eligible to receive at least \$220 million of this funding in order to expand broadband to households across the Commonwealth.”

-Submitted by Rachel Cohen, Communications Director

# Motorists, pedestrians urged to safely share Virginia roadways

Ensuring the safety of all road users should be a year-round commitment for all motorists - a point that’s being emphasized during Bicyclist and Pedestrian Awareness Month in September.

The annual observance in Virginia serves as a reminder for motorists and pedestrians to look out for others and share the responsibilities of roadway safety.

According to Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles crash data from 2020, the number of accidents and fatalities significantly decreased last year from record-high totals in 2019.

In 2020, there were 1,242 accidents and 114 fatalities involving pedestrians, down from 1,896 accidents and 126 fatalities in 2019. Additionally, there were 560 cyclist-involved accidents and eight fatalities, down from 754 and 13, respectively.

John Saunders, director of highway safety for Virginia DMV, considers last year’s decreases in accidents and fatalities a hollow victory. He noted that even though travel was restricted for several months during the COVID-19 pandemic, 122 people needlessly lost their lives on Virginia roadways.

“Numbers are one thing, but when these lives are lost, it’s also the families that are impacted when [individuals] lose their lives on roadways as pedestrians and bicyclists,” Saunders said.

“We should be doing all the things we need to be doing to be responsible drivers, and definitely not driving distracted or impaired,” he added.

“And, we need to slow down, and take our time.”

According to additional Virginia DMV data, pedestrian-involved accidents and fatalities are on track to decrease again in 2021, as are the number of cyclist-involved accidents.

However, through July, the number of bicyclist fatalities this year already has increased to 11.

To stress the continued importance of sharing Virginia’s roadways safely, Drive Smart Virginia - of which Virginia Farm Bureau is a founding member - is promoting its “See and Be Seen” campaign.

The campaign advocates for motorists to drive distraction-free and to be aware of other road users. The initiative also urges bicyclists and pedestrians to avoid distractions, increase their visibility by wearing bright and reflective clothing, use flashlights and bike lights, and obey traffic laws.

Virginia law requires drivers to maintain a three-foot distance from pedestrians and bicyclists on the state’s roadways. When sharing the road with vehicles, cyclists should ride with traffic, and pedestrians should walk facing traffic.

Drivers also are required to yield the right of way to pedestrians at any clearly marked crosswalks and at intersections where the legal maximum speed doesn’t exceed 35 mph.

Motorists also must yield in extensions of sidewalk boundaries at the end of a block.

-Submitted by Adam Culler, VFBF Communications

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# SPORTS

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## Rockets host Montcalm for "Parents Night"

The Craig County Rockets football team will host Montcalm High of West Virginia this Friday night for "Parents Night" at Mitchell Field. Game time is 7 pm.

The Rockets come into the game at 1-1 following their win over Auburn on September 3.

Craig had a bye last week, giving the Rockets an extra week to prepare for their second home game of the young season.

"Practices have been good and I'm hoping to see a big crowd at Mitchell Field Friday night," said Craig coach Jimmy Fisher. "We've had great community support

and great support from the administration."

Fisher rounded up a group of concerned citizens to give the stadium a fresh coat of paint prior to the first home game. The improvement was obvious as the faded blue press box turned into a bright shade of "Rocket Blue" for

the Auburn game.

Montcalm comes to Virginia with a 2-1 record. The Generals opened with a 74-0 rout of Hundred High but lost to Twin Valley, 52-6, on September 3rd. They played a close game for the first time in their home opener last Friday and beat Paden City,

20-14.

Craig and Montcalm have had a good rivalry over the years. The last time the two met, in 2019, the Rockets took a 30-16 win at Prudich Stadium in Montcalm. In 2018 the Rockets won 43-13 in New Castle and in 2017 Montcalm won at home, 32-12.



PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN  
Craig County captains Mason Huffman(#2), Johnny Hutchinson(#72) and Dylan Crawford(#22) take the field.



Craig County cheerleaders do their halftime routine.



The Rockets take the field at the last home game, a win over Auburn.



Assistant coach Jeremy Howell gives Zachary Peters(#13) some instruction.



Offensive coordinator Brock Jones sends in a play with Brayden Frango.

## Volleyball team is home Thursday to meet Narrows

The Craig County volleyball team has two home matches this week as the Rockets look for their first win. The girls were scheduled to host North Cross on

Monday in New Castle. Then, on Thursday, the girls will host Narrows in a Pioneer District showdown. Last week Craig had a match with Bath County

postponed due to COVID. On Thursday of last week the girls lost to Eastern Montgomery in three sets.



PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN  
Craig coach Suzanne Crawford talks to the girls during a timeout.



Kaylee Stroop serves one up.



Jennifer Fitzpatrick goes high for a spike in a recent match.

## Great beginnings program begins September 19

Ed Green's "Great Beginnings" programs for football and soccer will get underway on September 19 at West Salem Elementary School in Salem. Kids from all areas are welcome to sign up for the program, which targets children too young to participate in recreation sports.

The goal of the program is to help kids age three to seven prepare for the challenges of playing in team sports. Each program has a one hour session on five Sundays in September and October and parents are urged to participate with the child. Cost is \$70 for the entire five-session program.

Green, a former basketball coach at Roa-

noke College and several area high schools, conducts the program with help from former high school athletes. Ed is a member of the Roanoke College Athletic Hall of Fame and is noted for working well with kids and teaching fundamentals.

Both programs will be held on the playground at West Salem Elementary School in Salem, with the football running from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm and the soccer beginning at 2:45 pm and running through 3:45 pm. The programs are sponsored by the City of Salem Parks and Recreation Departments.

To sign up, or for more information, contact Ed Green at 387-9516.

## Challenger Golf Tournament is October 2nd

The Little League Challenger baseball program will have a Captain's Choice golf tournament on Saturday, October 2nd, to raise funds for expenses. It will be held at the Ashley Plantation Country Club in Daleville.

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