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## UCCVFD dedicates Engine 51 to Matheney and Waller



Chief Shawn Matheney and President Jake Waller enjoyed a great surprise when the Craig Creek Volunteer Fire Department dedicated Engine 51 to them at a special meeting.

**Pam Dudding**  
Contributing writer

For many different reasons, lives are at risk every single day. When a fire engulfs one's home, much devastation and grief also engulf lives of that family, and a more than grateful feeling comes across one when the big red fire trucks zoom in on one's catastrophe.

Local volunteer firefighters in Craig County are people who give out of their hearts with fervor and deep compassion.

On August 28, at Fire Station 5, the Upper Craig Creek Volunteer Fire Department dedicated their Engine 51 to Chief Shawn Matheney and Jake Waller, President of the Board.

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Submitted photo: The Salem Police Department assisted by blocking the Red Lane Bridge that crosses I-81 in north Salem at 10:15 a.m. so that the Fire and Rescue teams could post a huge 25-foot flag in between their two ladder trucks as well as have many who stood on the bridge to salute as Sgt. Knauss's procession drove under the bridge.

## Honor has no bounds

**Pam Dudding**  
Contributing writer

People who serve others often know no bounds to honor their comrades. The Salem Fire and EMS Truck 1 and the Roanoke Fire and EMS Ladder 2 recently showed this with extreme measures on Thursday, September 16.

As the fallen soldier Army Staff Sergeant Ryan C. Knauss, was escorted on Interstate 81 with his procession of vehicles, local Fire and EMS made sure that this area showed their respect and honor in a massive way.

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Leading the procession through Virginia to

take Army Staff Sgt. Ryan C. Knauss to the Arlington National Cemetery were the State Police Motorcycle Troopers.

Knauss was amongst the other 12 military service persons who were killed in Afghanistan on August 26 during the attack on The Kabul Airport. He was only 23, yet a soldier who gave his life.

Salem Fire Chief John Prillaman shared that they only found out about the procession the evening before.

"It came from another chief, south in Abington. He found out about the escort and sent the information to the Virginia State Fire Chiefs. It escalated from there," he said. "Others agreed to do additional intersections, with hopes that on every underpass there would be a fire fighter and a flag."

Prillaman added, "We honor a fallen fire fighter with the raising of the flag on our ladder truck."

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## Rockets hold prayer for a team's family member



After the Rockets had their team picture taken, player Brayden Frango led them in a prayer for Michelle Jones family, who had passed that morning. "It is Coach Brock Jones' mother who was a beloved school employee and friend," said Coach Jimmy Fisher.

## Warwick's retiring brings sadness to many

**Pam Dudding**  
Contributing writer

School is no longer just school when students have teachers and administrators who care deeply for them. It becomes more like family when this happens.

After 32 years in public education, Superintendent Jeanette Warwick announced her retirement at the September School Board meeting, effectively November 30, 2021.

"I have decided to retire this fall as the Board has asked me to stay to find a replacement," she said. "In the 12 years I have been in Craig County, it has been a joy to sign diplomas and to congratulate seniors who were with me when I was principal at the elementary school."

She added that she could "only hope that I have made a small difference."

When Warwick started her career 32 years ago, she was "a brand-new teacher" in Norfolk, Virginia. Her husband was stationed in the Navy there.

"I was in an inner-city school that was a great experience, but when we moved back home, which was Roanoke, you don't go into teaching for the money, as you obviously know. But you go into teaching because you have compassion and a love for kids," she shared. "I take that with me every day and every decision that I have made as an Administrator over the last number of years, I make the decision



Submitted photo: Though with emotion, Jeanette Warwick was able to announce her retirement at the September School Board meeting. After making tremendous strides of accomplishments, many hearts were saddened to see her leave the CCPS School system. However, all are happy she will be able to enjoy more of her little granddaughter. She was "talked into" staying until November to assist the Board in finding a replacement.


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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY

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

# Future Farmers of America is "bringing home the pork"



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Future Farmers of America is teaming up with Virginia Tech and the school's meat lab by selling pork sausage as a fundraiser. Please consider connecting with them on Facebook or a student to place an order by October 4.

## Pam Dudding

Contributing writer

Craig Countians are known for "bringing home the bacon" ...literally. Many families raise their own hogs and when the time comes, bacon and sausage, gravy and even hog jowls hit the tables with anticipation.

This year, the new Agricultural teacher, Emily Nolen, is helping her students with a special project connected with the Virginia Tech Meat Lab, selling pork sausage.

"This sausage fundraiser was created by the Virginia FFA Association and shared with us through an email list," Nolen said. "The Virginia FFA Association set up the fundraiser with the VT Meat Lab."

The sausage is coming from swine raised at the Virginia Tech Swine Facility. Sausage ingredients consist of pork, water, salt, black

pepper, sugar, sage, corn syrup, red pepper and solids.

All FFA members are selling the sausage and the money will go towards the FFA students in purchasing their blue jackets, traveling to contests across Virginia, helping fund a teacher appreciation event and other needs.

Nolen noted that she has shared the fundraiser through the Craig County FFA Facebook Page and the Craig County Land Lab Facebook page. Those who have any questions can send an email to [enolen@craig.k12.va.us](mailto:enolen@craig.k12.va.us).

For orders, the students will need to know the number of pounds interested individuals wish to purchase along with their name and phone number to contact for pickup.

They will have a school pick-up day where community members can pay and pick-up their pur-

chased sausage.

Added Nolen, "Some students will deliver to their relatives; however, we hope for people to pick-up and interact with the FFA."

"The FFA jackets are an emblem of FFA that sticks with you forever. Having a blue jacket represents a dedication to the agriculture industry and an organization that works to involve the community," she continued. "Students will always look back to their blue jacket whether it be in a future career, organization or in their own families."

Those who don't wish to purchase sausage but would like to make a contribution can email [enolen@craig.k12.va.us](mailto:enolen@craig.k12.va.us) to set up an arrangement.

Sales will last through October 4. Citizens are encouraged to connect with the FFA students or Facebook and place their orders to support the children.

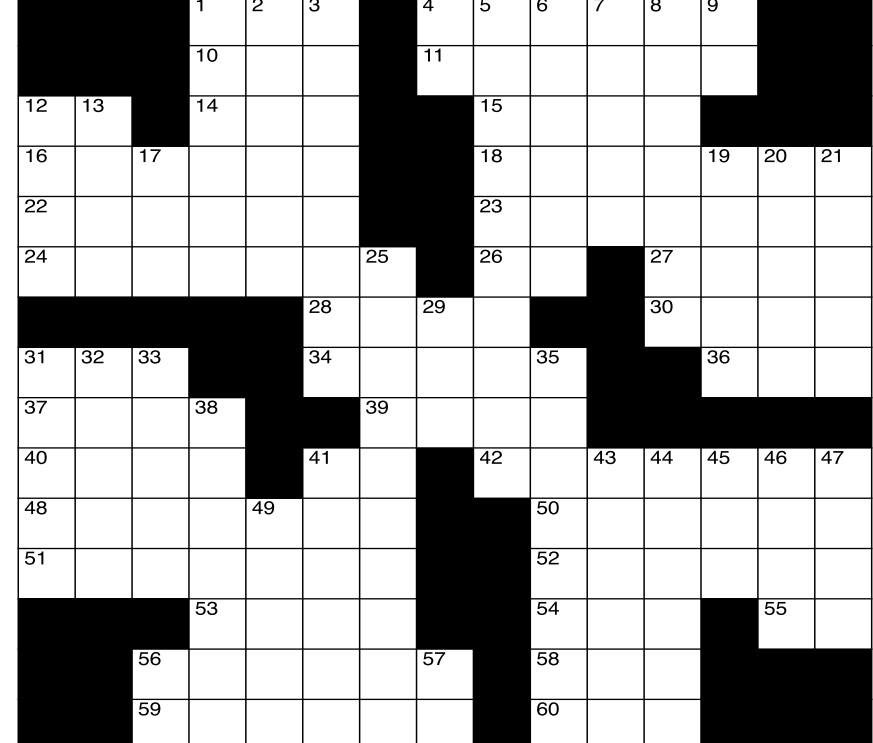
# Concert kids excited to see local artist



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A line quickly formed as local artist Taylore Price stood for pictures at the Senter Farms & Zimmerman Machinery first concert at the Fairgrounds. This little fella ran for his picture and couldn't contain his enthusiasm. So many came up to talk with Taylore and get their picture taken too. (Full article next week)

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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  - A type of center
  - About spring
  - Equal to 64 U.S. pints (abbr.)
  - Precursor to the EU
  - Something that can be cast
  - Gold-colored alloy
  - A salt or ester of acetic acid
  - A hard coating on a porous surface
  - A type of detachment
  - Filmmakers need them
  - Promotional material
  - Bylton, children's author
  - Short, sharp sound
  - Feeling of intense anger
  - Popular TV network
  - Island entry point
  - Disfigure
  - College army
  - One who's revered
  - Long, winding ridge
  - Football stat
  - Stealing
  - Hawaiian island
  - More raw
  - In one's normal state of mind
  - Daniel LaRusso's sport
  - Tropical American monkey
  - Measures heart currents
  - Midway between south and east
  - Knotted again
  - Born of
  - Value
  - Soviet Socialist Republic
  - One's mother
  - Vietnam's former name
  - Snow forest
  - Church officer
  - Hardens
  - Ancient
  - Advertising gimmick
  - Subatomic particle
  - Not fresh
  - Loosens
  - Religious symbols
  - Film
  - Orthodontic devices
  - Grilled beef sandwich
  - Journalist Tarbell
  - Brooklyn hoopsters
  - Japanese social networking service
  - Romantic poet
  - Dorm worker
  - Poor grades

# Roanoke College resets published tuition price to help more students

- Tuition reduced by 28 percent and launching new center for "purpose, life and career exploration" -

Roanoke College recently announced a series of measures that will strengthen the value and accessibility of a Roanoke College education, including a new published tuition price of \$33,510. This news is accompanied by the announcement of additional support for student exploration of purpose, life and career at the College.

College will reset its published tuition price from \$46,510 to \$33,510, aligning the College's published tuition price closer to what students actually pay.

"I've seen many families make decisions based on published tuition prices without knowing that scholarships and financial aid often make the cost

Beginning in the fall of 2022 for all new and returning students, Roanoke

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Established in 1842, Roanoke College has approximately 2,000 students today that represent about 25 countries.

# Governor Northam announces EarthLink to create 285 New jobs in Southwest Virginia, establishing major customer support center



**“EarthLink’s new support center will play a major role in bringing the company’s customer service operations to the United States, creating economic opportunity and new jobs for Virginians,” said Northam. “The rural regions of the Commonwealth successfully compete for and attract projects due to their infrastructure, business-friendly operating costs, and dedicated and highly-skilled workforce. We look forward to supporting EarthLink’s growth and achievements in the Commonwealth.”**

## Shared Stewardship Agreement with United States Department of Agriculture officially signed

Governor Ralph Northam recently announced the re-opening of Green Pastures Recreation Area. The Commonwealth of Virginia will work with the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service to restore and manage Green Pastures as a satellite of nearby Douthat State Park.

This area was one of the few federal outdoor recreational areas throughout the country that was set aside exclusively for African Americans during the segregation era in the 20th century.

The Governor and federal officials signed an historic Shared Stewardship agreement between the Commonwealth of Virginia and the United States Department of Agriculture to coordinate a response to the increasing ecological challenges and natural resource concerns throughout Virginia. The memorandum of understanding establishes a framework for state and federal agencies to improve collaboration as they strive toward their mutual goals of reducing wildfire risk and taking action against threats to forest and ecosystem health.

“Segregation affected every aspect of life for Black Virginians, including when and where they could access recreation spaces,” said Governor Northam. “People would come from all over to Green Pastures for cookouts, church outings, and celebrations with friends and family. Through this federal partnership, we will protect the land of this historical site and share the Green Pastures legacy with a broader audience.”

The Civilian Conservation Corps began building Green Pastures in the Alleghany Highlands in 1938. From 1940 to 1950, the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service operated the area as a segregated site for African Americans. Virginia and West Virginia opened segregated state parks in 1950. In 1963, the Forest Service changed the park’s name to Longdale Recreation Area. Under the new Historic Property Lease between the Forest Service and the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, Green Pastures will now be known by its historic name.

“Restoring and reopening Green Pastures has long been a priority under Governor Northam’s Historic Justice initiative,” said Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources Matthew J. Strickler. “I am

pleased that we have been able to work with state and federal partners to pay appropriate tribute to this place, and ensure it is accessible and properly remembered to all Virginians.”

“The signing of this Shared Stewardship Agreement is emblematic of the long-standing relationship between the United States Department of Agriculture and the Commonwealth of Virginia,” said Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry Bettina Ring. “The United States Department of Agriculture and the Virginia Department of Forestry have collaborated on the Virginia Interagency Coordination Center, forest health initiatives, water quality protection, urban and community forestry, and longleaf pine restoration. Working with and through each other, we can help ensure we have healthy forests, healthy people, and healthy communities across the commonwealth.”

“Through Shared Stewardship, we have an unprecedented opportunity to work together to set landscape-scale priorities, implement projects at the appropriate scale, co-manage risks, share resources, learn from each other, and build capacity to improve forest conditions,” said United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service Associate Chief Angela Coleman. “This collaborative approach will have direct and positive effects on land management practices for Virginians.”

“The Natural Resources Conservation Service is pleased to join our sister agency, the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service, in renewing our commitment to partner and prioritize programs based on local needs,” said United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service Chief Terry Cosby. “Leveraging funding and expertise enables us to do more to conserve natural resources, improve water quality, and protect biodiversity than we could ever hope to accomplish individually, and we hope to replicate this approach in every state across the nation.”

“The Department of Conservation and Recreation will be responsible for restoring, operating and maintaining this as part of the Virginia State Parks system,” said Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation Director Clyde Cristman. “It’s critical to acknowledge that

Green Pastures was originally built because African American families were excluded from taking advantage of the outdoor recreational opportunities at Douthat State Park—only 11 miles away—and other public places in the central Appalachian region.”

“We look forward to welcoming all to Green Pastures as an outpost of Douthat State Park,” said Virginia State Parks Director Dr. Melissa Baker. “Once restoration work is complete, visitors can once again gather with family and friends and enjoy a connection with the outdoors while learning about its important history.”

State and federal agencies will align their priorities for the surrounding George Washington and Jefferson National Forests, as well as other Virginia forests, under this Shared Stewardship Agreement. They will work to improve forest conditions in the face of urgent challenges, such as fire, flooding, insect and disease outbreaks, and invasive species.

“The Virginia Department of Forestry is proud to be among the Southern states who have signed a Shared Stewardship Agreement,” said Virginia State Forester Rob Farrell. “We are grateful to our federal partners for their support of Virginia’s vision for sustainably managed forests and anticipate future successes together.”

“The restoration of Green Pastures and the signing of a Shared Stewardship Agreement provide a tremendous combination of benefits for our outdoorsmen and women and our wildlife resources,” said Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources Executive Director Ryan Brown. “This will enhance efforts under our agency’s Cooperative Agreement with the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests, which is the oldest such agreement in the nation, and the preservation of Green Pastures will properly recognize the passion for the outdoors held by all Virginians, past and current.”

*Submitted by Alena Yarmosky, Office of the Governor*

# Hotdog Social Benefit enjoys much success



Phil Walker, one of the cakewalk winners.

Members of the Shiloh Union Church, Catawba residents and other caring folks gathered at the church on the afternoon of Sunday, September 26, for a Hotdog Social Benefit. This is an annual affair, with the proceeds going to a local resident or family in need.

Proceeds from the meal and the Chinese auction have been donated to Jesse Sowers and his family. Sowers is the young Roanoke County farmer who was seriously injured in a recent tractor accident.

Although Jesse is making great progress, his recovery will take several months.

Pam Garman, one of the organizers of the event, said, “We are always surprised and gratified by the generosity of people who are so willing to help out those in need, even those they don’t actually know. This proves that there are still many caring and loving people, especially in our local area.”

*-Submitted by Ann G. Harrell*

# Virginia’s unemployment rate drops for 15 straight months

*- Virginia outpaces the nation in economic recovery -*



For a greater statistical breakdown, visit the Virginia Employment Commission’s website.

Governor Ralph Northam recently announced that Virginia’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 4.0 percent in August, 3.0 percentage points below the rate from one year ago.

The labor force increased by 5,550 to 4,247,321, as the number of unemployed residents decreased by 7,678 to 168,515. The number of employed residents rose by 13,228 to 4,078,806. In August 2021, Virginia saw over-the-year job gains of 2.2 percent. Virginia’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate continues to be below the national rate of 5.2 percent.

“Virginia’s economic recovery continues to outpace the nation,” said Northam. “Our unemployment rate remains well below the national average and has fallen consistently every month for the past fifteen months. More people are working and businesses are continuing to flock to our Common-

wealth—even with the ongoing threat of COVID-19. I’m proud of our roaring economic growth, and I look forward to seeing these trends continue.”

“This month’s declining unemployment rate is made possible through the hard work and determination of Virginia’s workers and employers, who are the true champions of economic recovery in the Commonwealth,” said Secretary of Labor Megan Healy. “While we have more work to do, we can all be proud of how far we’ve come.”

“The overall trend in the unemployment rate we see is very encouraging, as the number of jobs being added to payrolls across Virginia continues to increase,” said Secretary of Commerce and Trade Brian Ball. “The trends are clear—businesses are hiring and folks are getting back to work.”

In August, private sector employment increased by 1,500 jobs to 3,208,700, and employment in the public sector gained 9,000 jobs to 704,500. Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 10,500 jobs in August. Compared to a year ago, on a seasonally adjusted basis, nine of eleven major industry divisions experienced employment gains. The largest over-the-year job gain occurred in leisure and hospitality, up 37,100 jobs or 12 percent. The next largest over-the-year job gain occurred in professional and business services, up 20,600 jobs or 2.7 percent. Trade and transportation experienced the third-largest over-the-year job gain of 16,600 jobs or 2.6 percent.

*-Submitted by Alena Yarmosky, Office of the Governor*

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Craig County Board of Zoning Appeals will conduct a public hearing on Thursday October 14th, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Craig County Courthouse - New Castle, VA to consider the variance of Ralph Mitchell and Tonya Wilson who are seeking an exception to Section 58-260 (Setback Regulations) of the Craig County Zoning Ordinance for A-1 Agricultural. Property reference parcel 26A-1-12, Prices Cabin Road, Lot 12. The applicant is requesting a variance to build a 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 1,120 square foot dwelling. This property is located on Prices Cabin Road, off 615, 1st road to left after concrete bridge, approximately 7.3 miles from New Castle, VA 24127.

Comments can be submitted in writing to Dan Collins, County Administrator, County of Craig at P.O. Box 308, New Castle, VA 24127 or at dcollins@craigcountyva.gov or by phone at 540-864-5010 until October 7th, 2021.

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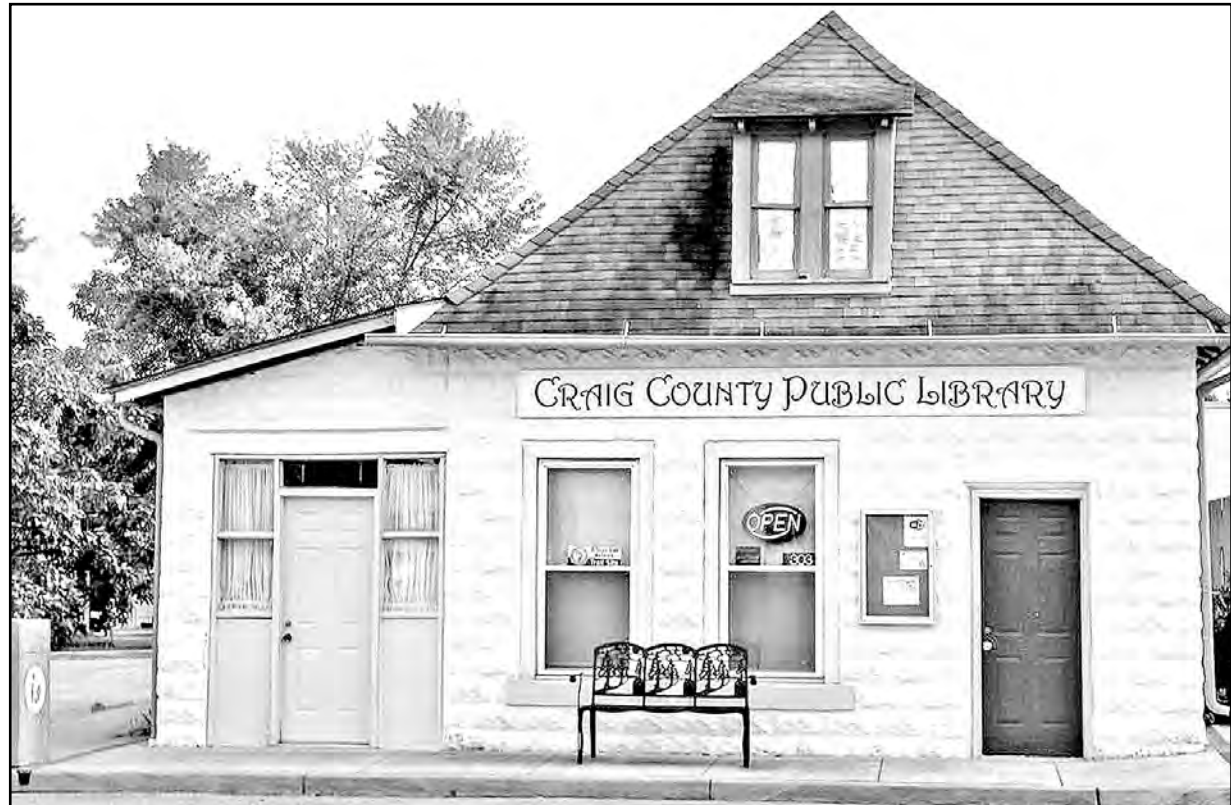
**Library Corner**  
Empowering individuals to build a stronger community

Have you met the newest smiling face at the library? Meet Michaela Crawford, a local gal who was born and raised in Craig County. Michaela graduated from Craig County High School in 2005 and went on to receive a degree from Virginia Western Community College. She has her AAS in Nursing, and AAS with pre-BSN specialization. She plans to graduate in January 2022 with her BSN degree. Currently, Michaela helps staff some hours at the Craig County Public Library and is a practicing RN with nursing facility in Roanoke. Michaela married her

high school sweetheart Christopher Crawford. In October, they celebrated 18 years together. They have four children, Langley, Rylen, Baryn, and Jemisyn.

Said Michaela, "I love to read and have carried at least one book with me everywhere from the time I was little. I love to talk about books and suggest new authors and great reads to anyone!"

I have some of the best English and Reading teachers to thank for my love of reading. Mrs. Carla Williams, Mrs. Craig Starnes, and Mrs. Debbie Huffman introduced me to some of the greatest children's and young adult books. I saved many of the books I loved when I was younger for my children. Buddy Boitnott is another person that helped shape my love for read-



The Craig County Public Library is at 303 Main Street.

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ing. He always encouraged me to read during Sunday service at Hebron Church."

Michaela's favorite

books are The Old Man and the Sea, The Things They Carried, The Haunting of Hill House, the Harry Potter series,

Of Mice and Men, and The Graveyard Book.

Her favorite authors are Shel Silverstein, J.K. Rowling, Neil Gaiman,

Nathaniel Hawthorne, Ernest Hemingway, Tolkien, Charles Bukowski, Shirley Jackson, and Charles Dickens.

## Tuition

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of college much more attainable," said President Michael Maxey. "By lowering the cost barrier, we will put the real value of a Roanoke College education in sharp relief, enabling more to gain from our distinct vision

for creating student and graduate opportunities for lives lived on purpose."

"Providing a clearer picture of what families actually pay will be helpful to everyone who wants to thrive at Roa-

noke College," said Dr. Brenda Poggendorf, vice president for enrollment and dean of admissions and financial aid. "While we're proud of our commitment to providing scholarships and financial aid, which will not change, we also know that publishing a price that is much higher than what our students actually pay can be confusing to prospective students and their families, and that's why we are resetting our price."

Along with changes to tuition, Roanoke College also announced the launch of a center for Purpose, Life and Career Exploration, a "PLACE" dedicated to helping students explore lives of meaning and purpose through mentorship, experiential learning opportunities

and career preparation.

"Research shows that Roanoke College graduates are significantly more likely than graduates from other colleges to find meaningful careers and feel their job is important," said Dr. Richard Grant, interim vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College. "And there is growing scientific evidence showing that having a strong sense of life purpose is important to emotional and physical health and career success. This is one of the many reasons why we are creating a dedicated space on campus to help further our students' connections to purpose in life and career."

The new tuition, for all current and new students, takes effect

at the start of the 2022 academic year. Roanoke College's financial aid and scholarship packages will be adjusted in line with the new tuition, meaning current students and their families can expect to pay the same net tuition price as they currently pay, plus a smaller-than-usual annual tuition increase. Due to the new, lower tuition base, the annual tuition increases students pay over time will be lower than they would have been before the adjustment.

"Roanoke College is stronger than ever. We've recently added or expanded academic programs in public health, data science, engineering science and education and management. We've introduced new athletics, including men's and

women's swimming, men's wrestling and men's volleyball, and we are expanding our men's and women's track and field program. We're investing even more in mentorship, experiential learning opportunities and career preparation through the launch of PLACE," said President Maxey. "We're setting students up for success and helping them find a sense of purpose in their lives — and that is what we want students to think about when they think about Roanoke College. We want them to consider the best overall fit, not an obstructive sticker price."

For more information, visit [roanoke.edu/pricerreset](http://roanoke.edu/pricerreset).

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# Henry Street Music Festival brings history, entertainment and fellowship to the Roanoke Valley



PHOTOS BY SHAWN NOWLIN

This year's festival celebrated African American heritage with crafts, merchandise, cuisines and of course, music.

**Shawn Nowlin**  
shawn.nowlin@ourvalley.org

On September 18, thousands of Roanoke Valley residents attended the Henry Street Music Festival. Formerly known as the Henry Street Heritage Festival, event organizers decided to rebrand the annual gathering this year.

The festival, which began at 3 p.m. at Elmwood Park and lasted for approximately seven hours, celebrated African American culture with crafts, merchandise, cuisines and of course, music.

Said event organizer Kianna Price Marshall on

her television show Living Local, "Most years this festival feels like a family reunion. But it truly felt like a homecoming after not being able to have the festival last year."

Tickets were \$20 for 13 and older, and free for those 12 and under. In large part because of the Delta variant, organizers encouraged attendees to wear a mask, and required the unvaccinated to mask up.

Anticipating a hot afternoon, many participants made sure to bring chairs and plenty of water bottles. The revenue generated from the festival will provide resources to

support the ongoing programs and operations of the Harrison Museum of African American Culture.

Urban Luv, She's International Boutique and DePaul Community Services were just some of the vendors spread out through Elmwood Park.

Over the years, musicians like Ruben Studdard, Jagged Edge, Slick Rick, Doug E. Fresh and Jon B. have performed at the festival. The music lineup this year consisted of four local and regional bands: Touch of Class Band of Roanoke, Applebutter Soul from Lynchburg, Signature Sounds from Greensboro



Kianna Price Marshall speaking to the audience.

and Spectrum Band from High Point. A theatrical tribute to historic Henry Street was also on the bill.

Ask five different attendees what they enjoy most about the festival and likely, five different responses will be given.

"I love the variety of vendors the festival always has. Each year that I attend, I come across new entrepreneurs that I end up supporting," James Paul said. "This year I purchased some lotions for my wife, a dress for my mother and some African garments for myself."

Explained Havana Woods, "I love music just about as much as I love

oxygen. Getting to experience different acts grace the stage over the years has been a real treat for me. Two of the bands this year I had never heard of until they performed. After their set, they made a new fan."

What Bryan Carter loves most about the festival is that it provides an opportunity to catch up with friends and loved ones. "I've kept in touch with family and close friends during the pandemic, but there is nothing like seeing them in person," he said. "We stayed the entire time and greatly enjoyed ourselves from start to finish."

One didn't have to be an African American to enjoy the festival. At an early age, Abigail Clarkson's parents emphasized the importance of learning about different cultures and ethnicities.

"I am obviously white, but I've never felt uncomfortable or mistreated at the festival," she said. "The exact opposite actually. I make sure that I ask questions when I don't know something, and people are always more than accommodating. I would not have the life perspective that I do today without attending events like the Henry Street Music Festival every year."



Emily Moore and Jorge Santos of DePaul Community Resources were on-site to provide information about their organization.



More than a dozen musicians graced the stage and left a favorable impression.



Members of the community filled up Elmwood Park to support the festival.

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# Honor

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SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Leading the processional through Virginia to take Army Staff Sgt. Ryan C. Knauss to the Arlington National Cemetery were the State Police Motorcycle Troopers.



Solemn respect filled the air as the procession passed by. All of Salem and Roanoke's finest held a heartfelt salute, honoring the fallen soldier.

## OBITUARIES

### Via, Donald Lanier

July 14, 1937 – September 24, 2021

Donald Lanier Via (Spike) was called to his Heavenly Home on Friday, September 24, 2021. Don was a Navy Veteran, a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather, and was loved and respected by all who met him. He was active in his church and loved singing in the choir. In his younger years, he loved farming and horseback riding. In his later years, he enjoyed nothing more than sitting on his carport soaking in the warm sun and enjoying the cool breezes.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, Jefferson and Lillie Via; brothers, Warren Via, JD Via Jr. (Cub), Frank Via, Burnell Via (Buddy), Charles Via (Charlie), and Harry Via, sisters Pauline Herrity (Polly), Ruby Craft, Katherine Fields, and Joyce Via, son Dwayne Via,



and daughter Lisa Via.

Left to cherish his memory are his loving wife of 64 years, Mary Via; son and daughter-in-law, Darren and Tammy Via; sister, Gwen Bostic; grandsons Andrew Via and Ian Hall, and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to all the family and friends who assisted with Don's care over the last few months.

A service to celebrate Don's life was held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 28, at the New Castle United Methodist Church. The family received friends at the church at noon on Tuesday. Interment followed at Hebron United Methodist Church Cemetery.

Arrangements by Paitsel Funeral Home. [www.paitselfh.com](http://www.paitselfh.com)

Pictures were posted on The City of Salem – City Hall Facebook page. Countless comments flooded with honorable thank you's to the first responders, Staff Sgt. Ryan Knauss for his service and prayers for his family.

"We are honored that we could pay tribute to him in this manner," they shared.

Other comments included: "Thank you for your ultimate sacrifice, Staff Sgt. Ryan Knauss; Thank you! We stand together with our fellow man, Very proud of our collaborative efforts of our community in honoring this brave fallen soldier,"

"Wow, what a beautiful tribute that was so deserved. A life lost in an unnecessary and tragic way, So, proud to be from a town where heroes get the respect they deserve! Thank you for doing this for him,"

"Thank you, Salem for honoring Staff Sgt. Ryan Knauss. Makes me proud to live in Salem with my family. Thank you, Staff Sgt. Knauss for your service and my

families' hearts are with you and your family. May Sgt. Knauss rest in peace., Pure class."

"Thank you, Salem and Roanoke 1st Responders. God bless you Sgt., Wow, what a heartfelt tribute. Thank you, Salem and Roanoke, for honoring this hero."

Craig County's EMS Director Jim Cady said, "Unfortunately, we did not know he was passing through the Valley. We send our respects, and we also thank those agencies that did show honor to Him."

Solemn respect filled the air after the procession passed, taking ten of the men and women who just held a heartfelt salute, to fold the American flag.

"Anytime we get a chance to honor someone that gave their life, it is huge for all of us," Prillaman said before adding, "We are first Americans. It is a great opportunity to pay our respects to someone like that, being a part of Virginia's fire service coming together, all up the interstate corridor."

### Warwick

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daughter. God bless you."

I personally have been covering the School Board meetings since 2015. It has been my privilege to have gotten to know Jeanette over these years in her different capacities. She is a woman of integrity, honor and compassion. Her words ring so true when she said that she makes every decision as if she were making it for her own children. I have heard so many parents talk of the "huge hole" she will leave at CCPS. Yet, I am one who truly believes, that when someone of this character needs to have their time in their personal life, then with prayer, God will fulfill the shoes for us quite well, which is what I know Jeanette will want as well.

Warwick shared, "I would like to let the community know that I feel honored to have served the families of Craig County Public Schools since 2009 as Elementary Principal, Director of Pupil Personnel Services and as Superintendent since 2016. I am proud that by working together we were able to offer in-person instruction last year with very few closures and continue to do so. I will be working closely with the School Board to find my replacement."

Jeanette Warwick, on behalf of our community, the staff at CCPS and the students whose lives you have impacted we wish you many years of laughter, love and treasured family moments. However, keep in touch, as you have also become a friend to many. Shalom!

### Jones, Charlene Michelle

Charlene Michelle Jones, 54 of New Castle, a wonderful wife, mother, Granny, mother-in-law, sister, and friend went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, September 21, at Roanoke Memorial Hospital surrounded by her husband of 36 years, which never left her side.

Michelle, as she went by, was born on August 11, 1967, in Roanoke. She would go on to marry her best friend, Mark Jones, of 36 years on August 16, 1985, and would reside at their home in New Castle, where they raised their four children.

Michelle was preceded in death by her parents, Thelbert and Doris Mays; sister, Debbie Mays all from Roanoke; sister, Kathy Jones of Salem; father and mother-in-law, Edward and Wanda Jones; and sister-in-law Teresa Wright, all from New Castle.

She is survived by her loving husband of 36 years, Mark Jones of New Castle; son, Derek Mays and wife Debra



All; son, Brock and wife Crystal Jones; son, Brad and wife Emily Jones; daughter, Maddy Jones and fiancé Jake Robertson; seven grandchildren, Makala, Hayleigh, Maggie, Kailyn, Braydon, Bo, and Abby, all from New Castle; sister, Dawn Phillips and brother-in-law Doug Arthur of Boones Mill; sister-in-law, Marsha and husband Sput Jones; brother-in-law, Eddie Wright, all of New Castle; and multiple nieces and nephews.

Michelle will be missed by her family and many friends.

Funeral Services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, September 24, at Paitsel Funeral Home with Pastors Lee Sarver and Kevin Altizer officiating. Interment followed at the Bowen Cemetery, Catawba, VA. The family received friends from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, September 23, at Paitsel Funeral Home.

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Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316  
**Case No. JJ003213-14-00**  
Radford City Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Radford City DSS v. Alyssa Parris  
The object of this suit is to: Terminate the residual parental rights of Alyssa Parris, legal parent of Zyan Parris a minor, in that said parent has, without good cause, failed to correct the conditions which resulted in the child entering foster care and it is not reasonably likely that they will be able to do so in a reasonable amount of time, failed to maintain continuing contact with the child and substantially plan for the child's future. Residual parental rights include, but are not limited to, the right to visitation, consent to adoption, the right to determine religious affiliation, and the responsibility for support. The termination of your residual parental rights will permanently end all of your rights and responsibilities to the child named in the petition. It is ORDERED that Alyssa Parris appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before December 6, 2021.

9/14/21  
Melinda D. Bishop  
Deputy Clerk

**ORDER OF PUBLICATION**

Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316  
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9/15/21  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

City of Radford Appropriation Ordinance for F.Y. 2021 Radford City Budget

Radford City Council will hold a public hearing on October 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers located at 10 Robertson Street for the purpose of receiving public comments on the City's proposed appropriation ordinance of \$4,114,196 to the F.Y. 2021 City Budget for the purpose of the American Rescue Plan Act funding.

BY ORDER OF THE RADFORD CITY COUNCIL

**Legals - City of Salem**

**Notice is hereby given to**  
all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on October 13, 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

**Legals - City of Salem**

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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. Talianferro, II Executive Secretary

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The Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 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. Amendments to the Planned Commercial Development in the B-3, General Business zoning district at 2705 Market Street NE by NRV Marketplace LLC (known as the Marketplace shopping center) to allow multi-family residential uses as part of

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the overall site masterplan, increased building heights and reduced onsite greenspace from the B-3, General Business standards, and a reduced residential parking requirement for the independent living multifamily use on Tax Parcel 436 -- (5) -- 1. The Planned Commercial District also includes Tax Parcels 436--(5)--B, F, I, L, and M and Tax Parcels 406--(7)--E and K. The overall site is approximately 28.9 acres. This Planned Commercial Development was originally approved by Town Council on September 24, 2019. 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 public comment can be made in-person. Additionally, the meeting will be streamed live on the Town of Christiansburg's YouTube channel at [www.christiansburg.org/you\\_tube](http://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/publ\\_ichearings](http://www.christiansburg.org/publ_ichearings).

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.

**TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA THE CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER)**

The Town of Christiansburg, as a recipient of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding, is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to prepare the 2020 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). The CAPER is an evaluation and performance report detailing accomplishments toward meeting the goals outlined in the 5-year Consolidated Plan. The CAPER compares the actual performance measures with those measures listed in the 2020 Annual Action Plan. Public Comments will be received through October 28, 2021.

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
Town Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room, Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street to receive comments on Council's intention to adopt the 2020 CDBG CAPER. A draft copy of the 2020 CDBG CAPER is available for review ending October 28, 2021 and may be viewed in the Office of the Town Manager, Town of Christiansburg, 100 E. Main Street during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. -- 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. In addition, a draft electronic copy is available on the Town's Web Site at <https://www.christiansburg.org/729/Community-Development-Block-Grant>. Any interested party whose participation in this meeting would require reasonable accommodation of a handicap or language services should contact Andrew Warren at (540) 382-6128 ext. 1130 or by e-mail at [awarren@christiansburg.org](mailto:awarren@christiansburg.org).

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# SPORTS

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## Rockets will play at Vinyard Park Friday after falling to strong Twin Valley team



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN  
Coach Jim Fisher watches from the sidelines at a recent game.

The Craig County football team will be in Vinton this Friday to try and even their record against Roanoke Catholic. The game is scheduled for 7 pm at Vinyard Park.

Catholic is off to an 0-5 start after a 39-24 loss to Fishburne Military last week. The Rockets are 1-2 after falling at Twin Valley last Friday, 40-16.

"Catholic is down from what they have been in the recent past but they get better each week," said Rocket coach Jim Fisher. "We kind of took a step back and have some injuries to work through. We need to have the effort and execution we had the first two weeks to be successful Friday."

The Rockets made the long trip to Pilgrims Knob last week to take on an undefeated team of Panthers. Thanks to local supporters Mike Carper and Jason Lucas the team was able to take an Abbott bus for the journey, but once they arrived the game didn't go as

smoothly as the ride.

"We had a tough night on the field," said Fisher. "But we started out well when Cameron Shell, who is playing football for the first time, returned the opening kickoff for a 62 yard TD."

Dylan Crawford's successful two point conversion put Craig up 8-0 and the Rockets were off to a good start.

"They always kick to the exact same spot on the field, second row about 20 yards down to our left," said Fisher. "They hadn't really seen much of Cameron on film as he missed the Auburn game. We snuck him in there and he took it to the house."

Twin Valley then took their opening possession down the field to score.

"We had them stopped on fourth down at about our 30 yard line but an atrocious spot gave them an extra two yards for a first down," said Fisher.

Soon thereafter the

Rockets lost senior Dylan Crawford to an ankle injury. He's one of the team's top players on both sides of the ball, and that was a tough blow to the team.

"The air came out of our team when Dylan went down and was carted off in an ambulance," said Fisher. "Our intensity level was gone, as the kids were really upset with the prospects of losing Dylan for the season. We were not the same team after he got hurt."

After the game the team learned Dylan's injury was not severe, and there is a chance that he could suit up this Friday. He should definitely be back by October 8th for the next home game, against Eastern Montgomery. Craig also lost Bryce Drake to injury and his status is also unknown for this week.

"After the injury we did so much that was uncharacteristic for us," said Fisher. "I believe part of that was just being deflated from the injury, and I think

part of it was our practice routine the past couple of weeks. We were missing several coaches because of quarantine and had to change things as we were short staffed. Twin Valley is a good, physical football team, and I do not want to take anything from them. We could not match their intensity this past Friday.

On a positive note, Craig had some success throwing the ball against Twin Valley.

"We also discovered what we kind of already knew... Cameron Shell is an offensive weapon," said Fisher. "He scored on the opening kickoff, ran the ball hard on offense, is a great receiver and had several catches during the game, including our second touchdown and two point conversion. We have to continue to find ways to get Cameron the ball and I think Brayden Frango can be dynamic in other roles besides quarterback and we may see him lined up in some other spots as well."

## Rocket Volleyball teams have busy night at Highland

The Craig County middle school, junior varsity and varsity volleyball teams were in Highland County last week and returned with mixed results.

The Middle School took their first win as Natalie Fisher served a strong game and was able to score a lot of points for the team. It was all smiles for the Middle School.

"They needed that win," said coach Suzanne Crawford. "This is the second season for the Middle School Rockets. Felicity Fisher also showed great strength in the front and back row, helping her teammates and stepping up when she had to make plays as well as passing and playing strong defense."

The JV was not as successful in their double header, but they played well.

"They have come a long way with both Kallie and Kammie Fisher using their talents to read the ball," said Crawford.

Cheyenne Bell has become a very strong Middle for the JV team and Jenna Boitnotte not only has stepped up as setter but also as a defensive specialist in the back row. Daileigh Donithan was a strong outside hitter

and is serving aggressively.

"Even though they didn't pull out the win, they gave it everything they had," said Crawford. "(Coach) Debbie Boitnotte has really worked hard and it shows. The team lost in both matches but not without a fight."

The varsity split their two best-of-three matches.

"It was the first win for the season and it was an amazing victory," said Crawford. "Kaylee Stoop played strong and led the team again offensively and defensively. She is putting everything she has on the court, whether it's helping her teammates or playing her heart out, she has been a true leader."

Stoop had 40 assists, 11 kills, three blocks and 16 aces in the two combined matches. Hannah Caldwell had 18 kills to go with eight blocks and six aces.

"Hannah has played strong all the way around, especially on the net," said Crawford. "She is starting to learn to read the block and hit around it. Hannah is also starting to see the ball and blocking more aggressively. This has helped the team tremendously."

Annabelle Gregory had nine kills with two aces

and 22 digs.

"Annabelle may be small but she can fly," said Crawford. "Her ability to attack the ball has greatly improved and is only getting better. Annabelle's defensive ability to dig off the block has been outstanding."

Jennifer Fitzpatrick had six kills and four aces, Britney Brokman had three aces, Erin Snider had four aces and Ashley Keen had six digs. Kylee Clifton had nine kills to go with two aces and 14 digs.

"Kylee has been an ag-

gressive player all the way around," said Crawford.

The Rockets have been working hard to get better. They were scheduled to play at Parry McCluer on Tuesday, then host Bath County on Thursday of this week.

"Practice have been

intense," said Crawford.

"The girls are putting three to five hours in a day of intense practicing and it's starting to show. These are some pretty amazing kids. They play with smiles and work hard. What more could you ask for?"

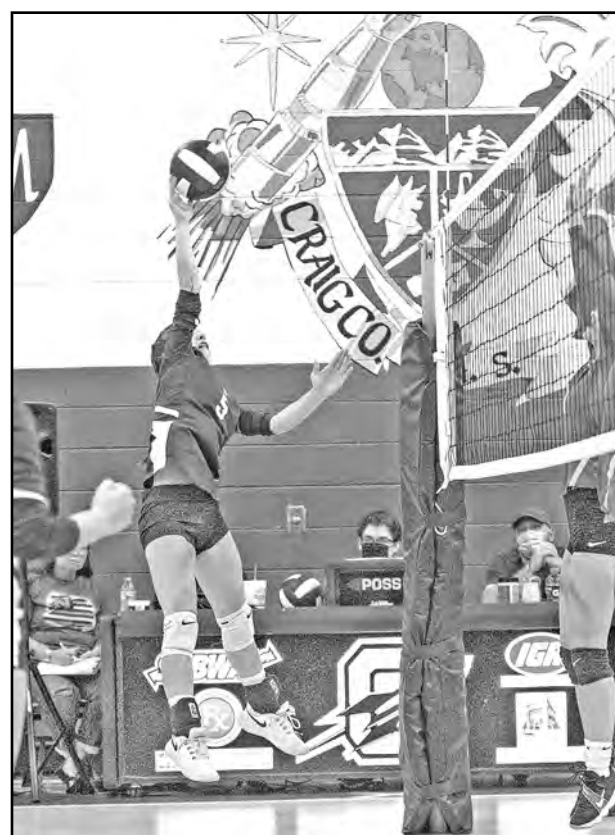


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Annabelle Gregory goes up for a spike.



SUBMITTED PHOTO  
Natalie Fisher (#5) has been a solid player for the middle school team.

## Roanoke's Cook built field of dreams



Brian Hoffman  
Sports Editor

Murray Cook built it, and they came.

Cook, who started shining shoes in the Salem Pirates clubhouse and worked his way into being one of the top turf experts in the world, was the main architect of the "Field of Dreams" for the August game between the New York Yankees and the Chicago White Sox. His Brightview Sports Turf company had the task of turning a cornfield into a baseball diamond and all the reviews were "rave" following the wildly successful Major League game.

"I got so many calls from all over the world," said Cook, who worked on the project for over five years. "I got some messages in Japa-

nese. One thing I'll say is, I learned a lot more about corn than I really wanted to know."

The project began with an idea by the late Denise Stillman, who owned the property where the movie "Field of Dreams" was filmed. If you're one of the few who have not seen it, the 1989 release starring Kevin Costner was about a man who lived on a farm in Iowa and reconnected with his father in a tall tale revolving around baseball. At the climax his dad, along with the 1919 Chicago White Sox, come out of the corn field to play a ballgame. It was a very successful movie and the phrase, "if you build it they will come," was coined in the making of the film.

Unfortunately Stillman died of cancer before her idea came to fruition, but she would have enjoyed seeing how successful the project was. The current White Sox, wearing 1919 period

uniforms, won an exciting game over the Yankees, 9-8 on a walk-off home run in a nationally televised game.

"It was the most watched regular season baseball game in 16 years," noted Cook, who watched the game from a gate just past the first base dugout. "You couldn't have asked for a better game. Literally, the baseball Gods shined down on us. We had three days of rain prior to the game but it was a beautiful night and a great game to watch."

The field in the movie was not suitable for a big league game, so Cook and his company plotted a spot nearby to construct a big league ballpark. It wasn't the first rodeo for Murray, who has constructed fields for the Olympics, for a game at Fort Bragg and numerous other locations around the world. He's the official turf consultant for Major League Baseball's fields and stadiums with 35 years of experience.

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The field is located in Dyersville, an Iowa town of just over 4,000 residents that

has become quite a tourist destination for people who loved the movie. You can actually rent the house where Costner's movie family lived, and have a game of catch on the field. Fans come from all over to marvel at the site.

"The best part of the whole thing was watching the faces of people when they entered the field," said Cook. "Players were snapping pictures and running through the corn maze."

The corn maze was constructed between the original and new ballfields. The Major League Baseball logo was incorporated into the maze.

"There's a company that does that," said Cook. "It only took them about three hours to do."

The event was so successful there's talk of holding more games there, maybe one a year. For now, however, everything comes down.

"Everything outside the field is temporary," said Cook. "We'll continue to maintain the field itself."

Now 61, Cook and his wife have three grown children, a 14 year old and a grandson. Ironically his daughter Kate married a guy from Iowa.

In his years since serving as a teenage groundskeeper at Salem Municipal Stadium, which is now Billy Sample Field at Kiwanis Park, Cook has rubbed elbows with some of the greats of the game as well as national and international celebrities. He enjoyed talking to Costner in Iowa as the movie star returned to the site of the baseball movie to watch the game.

"He just looked around in amazement and said, 'is this real?'" noted Cook.

Yes it was, Kevin, thanks to Murray and his crew. He built it, and they came for one of the most memorable baseball games ever.

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It was a surprise to both.

Hunter Matheny, the Assistant Chief, spoke for the squad and the community.

"Let me first start with thanking everyone in attendance for being here tonight. It personally means a lot as I know it means a lot to the department," he said. "I speak on behalf of each of our members."

He continued, "Many know why we are all gathered here tonight, but some 'we hope' do not. These two gentlemen, that hopefully do not know why, are two men that the department and the community has needed for years, as these two men have spent countless hours working towards the better good for this department and this valley."

He noted that both men have held key roles in the fire department's latest success.

"As John Maxwell says best, 'Leaders become great not because of their power but, because of their ability to empower others.'"

Hunter spoke of both men.

"Jake is the President of our Board of Directors

and a very reliable member. At the drop of a hat and a phone call later, Jake will be in motion to come help do anything you ask of him. It just might take him a few minutes to get him up and moving. (People joined him in a chuckle.) Jake has been one of the biggest assets to this department since the reopening. There is no project too big or small for Jake. He even makes a Sam's run to get grape soda and cheese for the Chief."

Hunter added, "I have known Jake for over ten years and can remember following him around Station 8 (the volunteer rescue squad building) when I was little, watching him do odds and ends jobs fixing this and replacing that, thinking to myself one day I hope I'll be as smart as that guy."

Hunter addressed Jake, "The department, as a whole, does not give you enough appreciation that you deserve. And with that, myself, along with the department, thank you for everything you do to keep this firehouse growing."

Matheny is the Chief of the UCCVFD and has been for about 18 months.

It was noted by his wife, Heather, that when he was only 15, he was with the Fire Department and would ride his bike and beat the members to the station who were driving their vehicles. Matheny is also a life member of Dunlap Fire and Rescue prior to moving to Craig and becoming a member of New Castle Station 4. He then was Chief of Craig County Rescue for numerous years. When Billy Chrimes moved out of the area, Matheny was voted in as Chief.

Hunter then turned to address him, who is also his dad.

"Now Chief, over the last 23 years of my life you have been an officer in some capacity, whether that was for fire or rescue. But a childhood dream of mine was that I would one day be able to officially call you Chief and volunteer under your leadership," said Hunter with sincerity. "I have learned so many life lessons from who you are, that if I start naming them, we would be here for the next few days. But with that said, I would not be standing right here today without your guidance. I know without a doubt you have changed the lives of hun-



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Olivia Slusher created a secret flyer that was sent around for all to attend the surprise dedication ceremony.

dreds of people with your kind touch and strong words. I have gotten to witness the positive atmosphere you have set for this department and how you strive for every one of us to succeed, be that in our personal lives or in the firehouse. I am excited to see where you take us next. As Johnathan Slusher always says you never give yourself enough credit, and that just shows your character in multitudes."

Quickly adding, "Dad thank you for showing me the ropes and on behalf of the department thank you for always believing in us when we don't believe in ourselves."

Hunter addressed both Shawn and Jake, "On behalf of Upper Craig Creek Volunteer Fire Department it is with great honor that we are going to dedicate Engine 51, a 2001 Pierce Contender, to Chief Shawn Matheny and President Jacob Waller. Gentlemen thank you for everything you do."

Some tears were apparent as others were obviously held back. A big shout-out went up for them both.

"He is hard working, dedicated and always willing to put others first



For the honorable occasion, a special dedication sign was made.

before his own needs or wants," Slusher said. "He is a great leader and a great Chief. I personally respect him and love him for the man that he is. I think he is a great Chief for the Department because he looks out for and takes care of all the needs of the members and the community in which we serve. I think his heart is in it, and he is dedicated as well as more than willing and yeah...I

respect that!"

Heather added, "The members decided to do this as a 'Thank you' and to show appreciation for all Shawn has done to get the station back up and running the way it is and Jake as president has been a tremendous help."

Both Shawn and Jake were somewhat speechless (which others said was unusual for both), but "so very grateful and truly honored."

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