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Schools Land Lab close to becoming a reality, volunteers and supplies are needed



The vacant lot has been calling out for the Land Lab for several years. With the help of the community and the guidance of Ag teachers, it is now becoming a reality for CCPS students.

Pam Dudding

Contributing writer

For quite some time, Craig County Schools have been wishing for a Land Lab to be built on their vacant property. Finally, their wishes are coming

Because of community support, there is action on the property now.

John and Mary Hunter have taken the project "by the reins" and are helping to spearhead its phases, along with the new Agriculture teacher, Emily Nolin, and the Ben Flinchum Agriculture Shop teacher.

We're just here to help coordinate, ask for donations, and assist in any way possible to keep things moving forward," they said. "Any work we do would be on behalf of Craig County Farm Bureau and the Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee."

Both groups have always taken a very active role in encouraging previous superintendents of the school system to first reinstate the Ag program into their curriculum and then en-

couraged them to keep the program.
Added the Hunters, "We have been very fortunate that Jeanette Warwick has been a huge supporter of the Ag program and has helped to get the curriculum to where it is ready for a land lab to be established so that the students can have hands-on learning

See Land Lab, page 6

Rockets enjoy some fun



The Craig County Rockets football players are serious on the field, but still enjoy a little down time. Recently, Jonny Hutchison decided to say down as his players, Logan Reynolds, Layton Huffman, Joseph Fisher, Nathan Fisher and Trapper Vest, looked on.

Harvest Concert receives rave reviews

Pam Dudding

Contributing writer

Music is an avenue that ministers to the heart and soul. When it is shared with others, it seems the healing multiplies.

"By September, nearly every farmer and backyard gardener has harvested their crop – and all deserve a good break," Rob Senter

It was with that idea and a post on Facebook that the Annual Harvest Concert Series was birthed.

The Senter Farms, LLC and Zimmerman Equipment held their First Annual Harvest Concert Series on Saturday, September 26, at the Craig County Fairgrounds.

See **Harvest Concert**, page 3



Taylore Price enjoyed her high school buddies posing with her and supporting her love of music. From left to right, Gavin Lane, Cody Hutchison, Will Looney, Hannah Honaker, Taylore Price, Zach Nobles, Meaghan Looney and Tyler Hall.

School Board elects Altizer as new member

Pam Dudding

Contributing writer

On Tuesday, September 14, at munity that Craig County has given the monthly School Board meet- so much of itself to my family over ing, CCPS had the task of filling the empty Craig Creek representative seat from the resignation of Susan Cren-

Two outstanding candidates spoke for the position, Shari Winebarger and Kevin Altizer.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Kevin Altizer was elected as the newest School Board member to represent the Craigs Creek area.

Winebarger had to skype her inter-

view, as she was out of town. "I'd like to give back to the comthe years," Winebarger said. "I love this community."

For the last 16 years, Winebarger and her family have called Craig

County home. She added, "I've been a member on the Special Education Advisory Committee and have in depth understanding of that area and feel I can add some insight on the issues in special education. I've been substituting in all three schools which has given me a well-rounded knowledge of what is going around in the school. I am a mother of five and have three grand-

Winebarger has worked in the insurance industry as an underwriter which she feels has given her more of the business-side of knowledge. Also, she was financial secretary at a Baptist Church for several years.

"I'd like to help in bringing the board, the schools, parents and teachers together, especially in this crazy time of unrest. I feel it is important to bring school, community and parents together," she said. "I'd like to see the school systems keep the small county traditional values that we hold and into the future. Once they walk down the aisle, they are in a competitive arena. Also, I'd like to see parents to become more active in the school."

In addressing the Board, she said,

"I appreciate you all." Member Faye Powers did ask her if she was willing to give up her subteacher pay for the \$200 she would be making on the School Board, as she would not be able to be a paid employee of the school. Winebarger stated she understood that and was taking that into consideration but would also like to be able to continue doing volunteer work, if possible. Bellassai added that volunteer work would be

Altizer stood before the Board, sharing that he believes he is qualified to be on the School Board because of

his sense of community. "I believe we should all strive to make our communities and world a better place to live. That is something that has been instilled in me and I believe it is something that needs to be instilled into our children," he said. "I believe that the education of our children is of utmost importance, and I believe we are to teach our children how to think and not what to think. I think it is important to instill these things into our young men and women who are coming up in our school system."

Altizer has been in a leadership role

See **Altizer**, page 5



Zachary Peters, Cameron Shell and Layton Huffman all have what it takes to help lead the Rockets to a winning season. (See Pg. 10 for more coverage)

"New fun" comes to the Fall Festival

Pam Dudding

Contributing writer

A "bucket load of fun," as country folk often say, will be hitting the streets of New Castle this Saturday, October 9.

'Who's ready for Fall Festival?" event organizers excitedly asked. "After last year's pandemic-induced cancellation, the Craig County Historical Society has finalized plans for the 38th Annual Craig County Fall Festival from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. - rain or shine!"

This county tradition is the primary fundraiser of the Craig County Historical Society and this year's theme is "Connecting Craig County's Past with "Connecting its Future."

Added to the festival this year, said coordinator

Robyn Foster, is the first annual Flat-Footing Contest at 11 a.m., with music by the Blue Connection Band in front of the Hotel. For those who know how it's done or for those who wish to learn, join in! Awards will include cash prizes, medals and certificates for both adults and children under 12. The winners will be decided by the crowd's applause.

"It's a don't miss event," organizers said.

The Society is grateful to Adams Construction, Craig Botetourt REA, Appalachian Power Company and Morgan Stanley for their sponsorship which helps offset expenses," they shared. "Proceeds are used to curate and maintain

See **Festival**, page 9



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MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY

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

EVERY TUESDAY

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

•New Castle Church of

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

EVERY FRIDAY

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

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 pastored by Sheldon Cosma is having services at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., with communion at each, and is on Facebook live at 9 a.m.

•St. Johns Catholic Church, on Route 615, is having virtual masses at 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. by Father Steve McNalley. They are also live on Facebook. For more information, contact (540) 864-8686 or send an email to stjohnnewcastle@tds.net.

SECOND MONDAY

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

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

THIRD MONDAY

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

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, 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 information, contact 540-864-5136.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

Craig County Fall Festival 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Downtown New Castle. 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

Visitors invited to Cabin Gardens



the log cabins on Court Street. From left to right, Lee Greiser, Sue Helems, Carolyn Fleming, Darlene Charlton and Sue Crenshaw.

The New Castle Garden Club welcomes visitors to the gardens around the cabins on Court Street, which should be in peak fall season on October 9. Fall festivalgoers will enjoy browsing the herb garden behind the Old Brick Hotel, the perennial bed along the back fence and the Monarch Waystation around the Hawkins-Brizendine Cabin. Many plants have been marked and extra annuals have been

The Garden Club has received several awards at the District and State level for their work at the cabins. A highlight was a

first-place award from National Garden Clubs, Inc. received last spring. The award was in the category "Community Garden/Continuing Project." Club members are grateful to Lee Greiser, past president, for time and effort spent to compile an outstanding application, which

cites the work done by members and the garden's benefits to the community. Club members will have a

booth at the upcoming Fall Festival on October 9 which will feature raffle tickets for a gardening basket and several handpainted gourds by Hattie Miller.

Individuals interested in joining New Castle Garden Club, founded in 1939, should contact Anita Martindell 540-864-5032 or Darlene Charlton 540-864-8265.

> -Submitted by New Castle Garden Club

-scale earthquake shakes Roanoke

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The City of Salem, Roanoke County, Montgomery County, Blacksburg and other neighboring areas all ex-

perienced a small-scale earthquake last Monday around 9:40 a.m. Within minutes, the Virginia Tech Seismic Network detected the quake. Initially thought to be

a mining blast by some,

the National Earthquake Information Center confirmed that it was indeed a quake. The US Geological Survey later confirmed that the quake Richter magnitude scale. and 9:40 a.m.

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While earthquakes of this magnitude are con-

sidered weak, they can still be felt by people. Some Salem residents described the ground measured at 2.4 on the shaking between 9:30 Coincidentally, Steve

Withers was on his way to get a milkshake when he felt the ground move. "Over the years, I've realized that when I start

domino effect tends to happen," he said. "I was reaching for my wallet when I felt something. I was shocked to learn later that it was in fact that was cool." an earthquake." One minute, drew Croswell was jog-

Lots of weeds were pulled and hard work was done, but the end result is fall beauty.

Park with his dog. And the next, he said, "I felt The Craig County Special Education Advisory

Committee (SEAC) will meet at 5:30 pm in the high school auditorium on the following dates this school year: Monday, October 18th Monday, November 15th

Monday, February 21st Monday, April 25th If you have any questions or for more information please contact Elaina Wolfe-Carper

at 540-864-5191 ext. 328.

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, ap-

proximately 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 dcol-

lins@craigcountyva.gov or by phone at 540-

864-5010 until October 7th, 2021. **Craig County Board of Zoning Appeals**

my week with a straw-something slightly move. berry shake, a positive I didn't know what it was at first because I was too busy jamming to a J. Cole playlist. When I found out later that it was a quake, I thought

It has been a decade since Virginia experienced a massive earthquake. On August 23, ging through Longwood 2011, a 5.8 magnitude quake that centered in Louisa County was felt a great distance away from the epicenter.

Michael Joplin, 41, says he wasn't living in Virginia at the time, but remembers hearing about that Louisa County quake on the news. Last Monday's quake is the first one he says he ever experienced. As soon as it happened, Joplin sent out a text to some loved ones to see if they felt anything. "Some of them said they did, while others said didn't feel anything. All that matters to me though was everyone's safety," he said.

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Harvest Concert from page 1



Over 120 people enjoyed a relaxing atmosphere with great country music at the First Annual Harvest Concert Series





Hometown girl Taylore Price brought many hoots and hollers as she played many songs, including two that she wrote herself.



Travis Reigh stepped on the stage and was immediately welcomed to Craig County. His low tone voice of country music was an enjoyment to all.

People started arriving early to pick out their favorite spot. Some chose right up front while others had a little family picnic in the grass a little further back.

People then walked down to the edge of the fairgrounds to buy food at the travel trailers.

'We had about 120

joy the concert," Rob plimented. the ticket booth for the song he played. evening and the Zimhelpful all around."

py to have her picture nostalgia came over me taken with family, and as I watched some teens many friends, both old throwing a football back

David Givens with his Dave's Sounds had the system set up and on

Price opened the show after 6 p.m. and she was greeted immediately with shouts and handclaps. She played favorites as well as a couple of her own songs she wrote herself, Hippie Soul and Indian Giver.

Following was the headliner, The Travis Reigh Band, a Roanokearea country music band.

When Reigh started playing, his voice permeated the atmosphere with his low country people show up and en- tone, which people com-Everyone Senter said. "I stayed in seemed to enjoy every

Senter added that from merman kiddos happily the ticket gate, he could stamped hands and were hear the concert music

lpful all around." and enjoy the fall air.
Taylore Price was hap- "A bit of small-town

and forth," he shared. "It was a perfect evening in small-town America.'

Price later shared, This concert is something I never thought I'd do. I've played at the Fall Festival before and I was asked to do it again, so that I kind of saw it coming, but doing a concert like this with another headliner is just something I never saw coming. This is my first time and I'm very excited and nervous. I'll be playing two of my own tonight. They were actually played on WUVT radio this morning."

After Reigh finished his set, he thanked Craig County for having him.

Senter and Zimmerman are going to bring the concert back next

"We will have more bands, a better mix of genres to appeal to everyone, and a fun time for our community. Our home," Senter ended.

Governor's High School Voter Registration Challenge starts this week

Governor Ralph Northam recently announced the start of Virginia's sixth annual Governor's High School Voter Registration Challenge.

"Our democracy depends on voting, and it should be as easy as possible," said Governor Northam. "Our landmark 2021 Voting Rights Act of Virginia makes voting easier and more accessible. This challenge helps ensure young people have the resources they need to become active and civic-minded citizens for

The Governor's High School Voter Registration Challenge encourages schools to register as many of their voting-age population as possible. High schools that register at least 65 percent of their eligible senior class will receive a congratulatory certificate from the Governor. The annual competition, created in 2016, is the result of a collaboration between the Office of the Governor, the Secretaries of Administration and Education, the Virginia Department of Elections, and the League of Women Voters of Virginia.

The Governor's Challenge helps high schools comply with a 2020 law that requires Virginia public high schools to facilitate voter registration during the school day. Students born on or before November 2, 2003, can register to vote in this year's November 2nd general election.

We are always excited to be a part of this event," said Secretary of Administration Grindly Johnson. "This contest is a great way to introduce the next generation of Virginia voters to the electoral process. We hope that it continues to encourage students to be enthusiastic about making their voices heard and contributing to our democracy."

to vote. Volunteers or local election officials will provide voter registration opportunities for students in public and private high schools. Virginians are automatically registered when they access services at a Department of Motor Vehicles office or on the DMV website. Additionally, Virginians can register to vote by submitting paper applications to their local general registrar by mail, in person, or by completing the online form on the Department of Elections' website.

"We remain committed to assisting high schools throughout the Commonwealth in meeting their obligations to register qualified students, whether in person or virtually," said League of Women Voters of Virginia President Deb Wake. "We believe each qualified high school student who registers to vote is given a strong start to exercising and understanding their valuable rights as a citizen of Virginia. We encourage high schools to give students an opportunity to register before the October 12 deadline for the November 2nd general election."

Resources to help schools educate and register students are available through the Department of Elections and the League of Women Voters of Virginia. Schools participating in the Governor's Challenge can get credit for each student who registers to vote via the Department of Elections' Citizen Portal by using their school's unique URL that can be found on the League of Women Voters of Virginia website. For more information, contact Janet Boyd, Voter Services Director for the League of Women Voters of Virginia, at HSVR-Challenge@lwv-va.org.

conclude in the last week of April

The Governor's Challenge will

-Submitted by Alena Yarmosky, Office of the Governor



Gov. Northam has said that schools across Virginia have set goal to register 65 percent of eligible voters.

Area Kiwanis Club celebrates 100 years of community service

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When an organization invests in the community, the possibilities are endless. The Salem Kiwanis Club, established in 1921, recently celebrated 100 years of community service. Former and current Club members gathered at Longwood Park on September 14 to celebrate the milestone.

Seeing so many familiar faces created a fun, familyfriendly atmosphere. The roughly 40 current Club

members range in age from late 20s to middle 90s.

Mary Cross joined the organization in 2007. That year, her husband was the President. Today, Cross holds that distinction and presides over the Club meetings. She also presides over the Board of Directors and the various Committee Chairmen.

"Our Kiwanis works with or organizes various events such as the Christmas Parade. Twice a year, we recognize the First Responders of our community. At election time, we hold forums for the candidates to speak and for the community to attend and ask questions," Cross said. "We also assist various organizations financially such as 4-H Summer Camps, Challenger Little League, Food Pantry, Mrs. Dorsey's

Clothes Closet and the Sa-

lem Museum." Iris Park currently serves as a Board Member. When she speaks about the organization, she does so with great reverence. "I help review strategic plans and goals and monitor the organization's services and

programs. My most cherished memories are the fellowship with past and present members, events such as the Christmas Parade and our wonderful guest speakers," Park said.

Each year, the Club offers two scholarships to high school seniors who have achieved academic excellence. If not a four-year university or college, recipients can attend a community college or technical

program. "These scholarships are in memory to honor Kiwanians or members of the

community who are no longer with us, but have served our community for many years," Cross said. "The scholarships are presented at one of our meetings and the students and their families are invited to join us for the presenta-

As a Club ages, so do its members. In recent years, membership to the Club has declined significantly. "If an individual is interested in joining the Club,

they can look up Kiwanis Club on the internet and visit our site. There, they will see we meet at the Civic Center on each Tuesday of the month," Cross said. "This site will give times of the meetings and show events and projects the club is doing for the period."

Park says she is glad she joined the Kiwanis Club and never once regretted her decision. The same thing, she said, goes for my fellow members.

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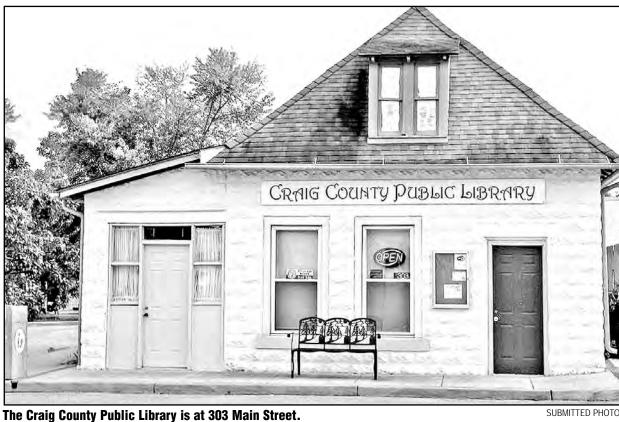
Empowering individuals to build a stronger community

The library has a long history of dreaming of an expansion but remains frustrated that services for the community are not available due to lack of space too. Many impassioned volunteers and staff have mapped out solutions. Numerous supporters have pitched in along the way. This became evident when the library discovered the stockpile of materials held in the Crown Building that date back to when the high school renovated their library. That's a long time ago!

The library was given notice to begin a monthly rental agreement with the new owners or remove the items stored in the building. Under dim light and layers of dust, library board members

found a bay full of donated library items: tables, desks, chairs, modular shelving, and a variety of items. The work and generosity to set aside all these materials was overwhelming. But the realization that the library still had no home for these things was deeply saddening. The library could not even use one computer table. They are too wide for our space.
Given the limited

time frame and available volunteers, we advertised and held a one-day sale. A Film Strip reader found a new home at the Historical Society. Local business folks and residents loaded their trucks with tables, chairs, and of the remaining metal shelving. A couple traveling from Boone's Mill to Roanoke stopped by. He works for a library and showed us how to make a purchase supassembly the many loose porting the library, nedparts into specific shelving systems. He, like the are grateful to the many others, left with a full



truck and a generous donation. We collected over \$900 on our oneday sale.

Ned Savage, a board member, loaded the bulk shelving and hauled them to his house for continued sales. Contact Ned if you want to savage@gmail.com. We who added to one more

successful event of community supporting community.

Jennifer Lovejoy Craig County Public Library, Inc.

Library News:

Oct 9, Saturday all day: Fall Festival in New Castle. Come by the library for the giant book sale and for other activi-

Monday, Oct 11 at 6:00 p.m. Library Board meeting on the patio

November 6, Saturday, SWAP DAY. The theme will be winter clothing, holiday decorations, and of course books! Bring a donation, take something home!

Barn Quilt and Book Lamp raffle tickets are on sale now. Buy some tickets for someone you love, and they might win a full-size personalized Barn Quilt! Tickets are available from board members and at the li-

brary. Drawing will be at the end of Fall Festival.

GED practice tests are available at the library.

The library is compiling a list of tutors available in the area for children and adults.

Recycling Project starts in October. To sign up to participate, please contact the library at craiglibrary@ swva.net. Help us earn a bench for the outdoor library patio.

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McAuliffe leads Youngkin in race for Virginia **Governor**; Republicans lead in enthusiasm

Roanoke College Poll Conducted by The Institute for

Policy and Opinion Research

Former Democrat Governor Terry McAuliffe maintains a seven-



percentage point lead (D) ahead of former Del. over Republican Glenn Winsome Sears (R) 45 Youngkin (48 percent percent undecided in the Attorney General Mark race for Virginia gover-Herring (D) leading nor, according to The Del. Jason Miyares (R) Roanoke College Poll. 47 percent -37 percent Democrats also lead the downticket races, with Del. Hala Ayala

percent - 40 percent for 41 percent) with nine lieutenant governor and in the race for attorney general. The Institute for Policy and Opinion Research interviewed 603 likely Virginia voters between September 12 and September 26 and has a margin of error of +4.0 percent.

Republicans hold an advantage in being exenthusiastic about voting (43 percent to 35 percent for Democrats), while about 9 in 10 partisans say they are almost certain to vote (91 percent of Republicans vs. 88 percent of Democrats). Likely voters see the economy (21 percent) and COVID (19 percent) as the most important issues in the election ahead of race relations (six percent), and health care (six percent).

McAuliffe's favorable rating is 50 percent while his unfavorable is 37 percent with 13 percent unsure or not knowing enough to have an opinion. Youngkin is at 40 percent /41 percent favorable/unfavorable (both numbers up significantly in a month), while 20 percent of likely voters still don't have an

opinion about him. Biden, Northam, the Nation, and the Com-

monwealth Half of likely voters (50 percent) approve of the

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Fall gardening

Erica Jones

Master Gardener

Fall is a great time to get out in the garden. Hopefully, the summer pressures of keeping up with ripening vegetables and chasing weeds has slowed down. Sunburns are harder to get too which is an added bonus.

There are still lots of things you can do outside this time of year...

Grass/lawns. Lawn grass does not like being covered with leaves to try to rake or blow them off. One approach if the leaves are not too deep is to mow them, which chops up the leaves and blows them over. Leaves are easy to deal with, especially after they have been mowed. Keep them restrained in piles, wait about eight months, and you will have lovely compost. Watering the piles helps keep them from blowing and speeds

up the decay process. Or 6.5 - 7.2 for bluegrass. if you don't want com- Never seed with tall fespost, bag them up and cue - it is for making give them to someone hay. Your extension ofwho does.

Don't cut your lawn so take a soil test. short in the fall. I think

your grass is doing poorly, consider taking a soil test. Your pH might be lower than grass grows best at; pH of 6.0- 6.5 for short fescue, and fice can tell you how to There are some veg-

a lot of people cut too etables that overwinter short anyway, but your with a little care in this yard overwintering ben- part of Virginia. The efits from slightly longer several types of kale, grass which reduces ero- collards, Swiss chard, sion from rain. The grass and sometimes spinach will wear over the winter can make it through the and not be growing, so winter to give you earlier give it a chance to hold spring greens. By midup with the foot traffic. October though, the Nitroen should not be plants should be up and applied in the fall, but if growing and will need a good mulching to help them through the cold months. October tends to be one of our driest months, so it is better to mulch when the ground is damp vs dry ground. If you mulch when it is dry, it acts to keep that soil underneath drier. Lettuce can be covered with plastic which will extend its life into early winter, but it will generally not overwinter.

You still have time to do that fun fall ritual plant spring bulbs. This gives you something to look forward to all winter. (But mark where you put them!). Again, if the ground is dry, water the bulbs before mulching. Shop around (or

order online) and plant something new year besides daffodils. tulips and hyacinths. There are small earlier bloomers like fritillaria and snowdrops. Allium mostly bloom after tulips and are really tough. If you want tulips, try the 'Darwin' type and plant them really deep - 8" and space a couple of inches apart for 'mass' effect. Deer adore tulips; maybe more so than other foliage and flowers from bulbs, so plan accordingly

Gardeners can get more things done in the fall than you might think. Enjoy the cooler weather and stay out-

Altizer from page 1

most of his life, explaining that it is because he has been trusted to get the task at hand done and to do it efficiently and in a polite way.

"I have been involved in budget planning in business and also in churches for many years. I believe the only way to make a difference is not to complain about everything, but to do something," he said. "It reminds me of a quote I heard many years ago, 'The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

"I know there are a lot of things

coming down the pipe and pushed on our school systems and believe there are freedoms that have been taken away and believe we should stand up for the freedoms and not give them up," Altizer continued. "I am a person who will stand for what is right. No matter what, you should do the right thing. No matter the pressure, I believe it is right to do the right thing on behalf of our children, our community and our school board."

He added that he would be an asset to the Board because he is a "rational thinker guided by truth."

"Also, I can respect someone who does not have the same opinion as I do," he said. "I will strive to work together for the betterment of our school system. I love living in this place. I have been here for almost 10 years now and I am as excited today to be a part of Craig County when I first arrived. I have invested my life in this community. I strive to make a difference and have an impact for good and I have made many friendships as the people are friendly, loving and care about things and their children. I want

to be any help I can. At the end of the day, if I vote my conscious on a matter, I have fulfilled my responsibility for this district and the people I represent."

The School Board went into closed session but did not have an action when the meeting reconvened. Instead, they met on Wednesday, September 22, in a special session, voting Kevin Altizer as the new Board Member for Craigs Creek.

Bellassai stated, "We were blessed to have two very qualified candidates seek to fill the position that represents the Craigs Creek District. This made our decision difficult, as I believe both parties interested would do a great job. We made the decision we believe will most benefit our students, our parents, and our system. We are very happy to welcome Kevin Altizer to the Board."

Afterward, Altizer said, "The reason I decided to fill the vacancy was because there was a need for someone to step up and help. I love our county and want only the best for it, and if this is a way I can give back, I am more than happy to do so.'

He added that he believes he can have a positive impact on whatever areas that is required, including financial, administrative, educational, or moral decisions.

"I would like the students to know, I will always have their best interest at heart. I would never do anything to hold them back or harm them," Altizer said. "My decisions will be based upon all areas of our students lives not just one particular part. The whole person, not just one part of person's life. Our young people need to know

how to think and not be told what to think. Everything in life is connected, not just to the present but also to the future. The decisions we make today will have a positive or negative influence on our tomorrow."

He noted that he wished to share with the community that his decision to fill the vacancy came from a sense of duty to my fellowman and a desire to make a difference.

"My number one goal as a school board member will be to please the Lord in all that I do. I encourage and appreciate input from the citizens in the Craig's Creeks district," he added. would also like to add that I humbly ask our community to be praying for the school board to make the right decisions. God Bless America!'

Poll from page 4

way President Joe Biden his handling his job and 45 percent disapprove. Biden's approval rating has remained relatively stable, but disapproval has been rising in each Roanoke College Poll since he took office. Biden's favorable/unfavorable rating is 51 percent /46 percent. Just over one-third (35 percent) of respondents think the country is headed in the right direction, while 58 percent think the country is on the wrong track. While a majority of likely voters (59 percent) think the decision to withdraw troops from Afghanistan was correct, two-thirds (66 percent) think the United States failed in achieving its goals. Nearly threefourths (73 percent) of respondents rate the job of the Biden administration in Afghanistan as fair or poor, and 90 per-

to the security of the U.S. Job approval for Virginia Governor Ralph Northam sits at 55 percent, while 40 percent disapprove of his performance. Just over half (52 percent) of respondents think that Virginia is headed in the right direction, but 43 percent think the state is on the wrong track. Northam is viewed favorably by 54 percent of likely voters (a Roanoke College Poll record high for him) and is seen unfavorably by 39 percent (also a record

cent view Taliban control

of Afghanistan as a threat

high). Regarding the Commonwealth's budget surplus, voters prefer to see increased funding for education (42 percent), or tax cuts (29 percent), while fewer want to see more money allocated for social programs (20 percent) or salary increases for state employees (six percent). Abortion policy has been emphasized in the campaign as well. A majority of likely voters (62 percent) thinks abortion should be legal in most or all cases, while about one-third (32 percent) think it should be illegal in most or all cases.

COVID-19 Nearly three-fourths (74 percent) of Virginia residents know someone who has contracted CO-

being vaccinated, up our judgment for the exit from 62 percent in May. poll." Another three percent say they plan to be vac-

not going far enough (34 proprietary online panel percent), but more than a quarter (26 percent) think the federal response has gone too far.

Analysis

'The common theme in U.S. elections in the past decade has been a base election that will be decided on turnout.' Virginia 2021 is no different," said Harry Wilson, senior political analyst of

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A majority (61 per- after an election consis- stituted 45 percent of the cent) thinks they would tently show more support completed phone interbe slightly ill if they confor winners than they views. The online panel tracted the virus (up sigreceived in the actual of Virginians was facilinificantly since we asked election, this poll shows tated by Lucid, LLC, a this in November 2020), a 17-point margin for supplier of high-quality while eight percent think Northam in 2017 when online respondents. Of they would be very ill, he won the election by 9 the 381 panel particiand another seven per-points. Partisans vote for pants, the 184 that were cent think they would their candidate in large able to be matched to be extremely sick and numbers — usually 90 the L2 registered voter perhaps die (both down percent or more. That list were included in this from November 2020). happened in 2017, and study. said they were slightly ill, publicans, but they report likely to vote or have 38 percent were very ill, voting for Northam in seven percent were ex- 2017 in greater numbers tremely sick, and 12 per- than the 2017 exit poll cent were asymptomatic. suggests. We continue to A plurality of respon- use that exit poll as our dents (42 percent) thinks benchmark because it is the media coverage has the only/best benchmark made the virus seem available. It is easy to say worse than it really is, that the electorate won't while almost as many (38 be the same four years percent) think the cover- later; it is much more difage has been accurate. A ficult to define precisely large majority of respon- how it will differ. We dents (82 percent) report chose not to substitute

Methodology Interviewing for The cinated, and 11 percent Roanoke College Poll was say they will not be vac- conducted by The Institute for Policy and Opin-A plurality of voters ion Research at Roanoke (47 percent) thinks the College in Salem, Virginresponse from the state ia, between September 12 government has been and September 26, 2021. appropriate to slow the A total of 603 voters likespread of the virus. For ly to vote in the gubernathe first time, more re-torial election in Virginia spondents think the were interviewed by rangovernment's dom telephone calls to response is appropriate 412 respondents and 184 (35 percent) rather than responses drawn from a

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

VID. Among those who the Roanoke College Poll. of Virginians. Telephone spondents (18 percent) tained his lead, but some ed in English and that had the virus themselves. of the underlying actors sample was drawn from More than half (51 per- favor Youngkin and the a list of registered voters ber who was sick, and an advantage in enthu- cal, a non-partisan pro-51percent have a friend siasm and, perhaps, a vider. Participants were or relative who had the tiny advantage in likeli- sampled from that list, are very or somewhat entrenched in support proximately 72 percent concerned that they or of their candidate, Re- of the registered voters in hold will contract the strongly than in 2017." ed both landlines and cell "While polls taken phones. Cellphones con-

Only 10 percent think the results of this poll re-they would show no flect that. The Indepen- fined as registered to vote symptoms. Of those who dents in this poll have in Virginia and who are had the virus, 43 percent "shifted" toward the Re- extremely likely or very

already voted in the November elections.

Questions answered by the entire sample of 603 residents are subject to a sampling error of plus or minus approximately 4.0 percent at the 95 percent level of confidence. This means that in 95 out of 100 samples like the one used here, the results obtained should be no more than 4.0 percent percentage points above or below the figure that would be obtained by interviewing all Virginia likely voters who have a home telephone or a cell phone. Where the results of subgroups are reported, the sampling error is higher.

Quotas were used for both the telephone mode and online mode to ensure that different age groups and regions of the Commonwealth were proportionately represented. The data were statistically weighted for gender, race, political party, and education. Weighting was done to match the modeled general and race demographics of the 2017 Virginia Gubernatorial Election. The margin of error was not adjusted to account for the design effect, 1.322, due to weighting; this would increase the margin of error to 4.59 percent.

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opportunities as part of their ag curriculum.' At the September School

Board meeting, John and Mary gave a detailed report on the "wish-list" as well as the long-awaited news that work is actually being accomplished.

Though Nolen could not attend due to illness, the Hunter's reported for her. She later shared, "I am

beyond excited to share my passion for agriculture. At their age, I found myself focusing on how I wanted to create an impact within the industry, whether it be through the FFA, the family farm, personal livestock production or reading on a subject. I hope that through my personal experience and passion, I can provide these students the opportunity to find their spark in agriculture. The agriculture industry fuels the world and it's important that students understand the importance of an industry that is oftentimes forgotten." Nolen currently has 35

students that want to be in the FFA program. We have known Em-

ily since she was a little bitty kid," Mary said. "Once she was hired here, she was telling us about her opportunity to fill the Land Lab vision. We were happy to work with her and lead her in directions to people who could support her in ways to bring in some funds to support the pro-

Mary is co-chair of the Women's Leadership Program. She, along with her husband, are on the Board County Farm Bureau.

"We promote Agriculture Education every year and have fundraisers to do Ag programs in the community and provide scholar-

Wiley Francisco;

nie Brizendine (Mickey),

Angel Hedge (Chuck),

Denise Wright (Willie)

and Rechelle LaPrad; 17

great-grandchildren; three

great-great-grandchildren;

numerous step-grand and

step-great children; nieces,

nephews, and a multitude

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Mela-

granddaughters,

ships for graduating seniors," Mary added. "All the money that we raise goes right back into our community, helping to raise the awareness of the needs of agriculture." They reported that Nolin

and Samuel Foster had dis-

cussed ways to use the Land Craig County Farm Bureau Lab – a shed for food and supplies, animal handling facility and show ring for the students. Also, a place of Directors for the Craig where FFA and 4-H could practice grooming, clipping, haltering, and showing and completion of their livestock evaluation curriculum, a cattle working facility and barns where students could care for about four calves each year as well as a crop garden area and small raised beds that various classrooms can use and a butterfly garden.

"A project of this type is very expensive, and we have received some support from the community," Mary said. "We do need volunteers to help us work, we need donations and people to help with fundraisers."

John knows the Ag teacher, Stuart, in Botetourt, so they took Emily to visit their Land Lab as the acreage is similar in size to what CCPS

"With her being a new teacher, he was great about giving insights on what we are to plan for, what to expect, how to get started in the right direction, the whole shebang," John reported. "It was very impressive as what they were able to do on such a small scale, the same size area as we have here."

"She was so excited she said that her head was just spinning, as it's going in 20 different directions of things I want to do and things that I can do," Mary said.

John added, "The kids go out and water the animals faithfully every day. They have sign-up sheets and if they don't do it, they get reprimanded by the other kids. They do their own feeding with hay and grain. They do this seven days a week, including Saturdays and Sundays and holidays, and fight over who gets to feed them." Currently, Nolen is working on Phase I of the proj-

fence. that they were able to get enough wire and posts to build the entire fence with donations from Giles Farm Bureau Cooperative (five rolls of woven wire donated), Pembroke farmer George Atkins (another roll of wire and 25 fence posts donated) as well as an anonymous cash donation received from a farmer in Botetourt County after they spoke about the land lab at a Cattlemen's Association picnic.

The Craig County Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee has provided financial support of the Ag programs at the school for many years. They were asked **Fencing and posts were already donated by a few people.**

if they could purchase more posts to go with one's they had purchased years ago for the land lab but hadn't been used yet. They agreed. Rockingham Cooperative allowed them to purchase the posts at their cost at a significant discount.

Richard Brown agreed to bring his equipment and drive the fence posts, with the help of community vol-

Completion of Phase I will allow livestock (up to four steers or heifers each year) into the facility, assisting the students towards their evaluation curriculum. Once the posts are set,

both Nolen and Flinchum's

Ag classes will be able to start

building the fence with help

from the community. John also added that he is working on getting a wagon train to place the portable chicken coop on in hopes to have it ready in the next few weeks so the students can begin raising chickens. In the spring, they will start

their garden.

"Students will be involved in this process the entire project with lots of hands-on activity," they noted.

Nolin and Flinchum are both developing training and safety programs for the students. They will complete their training before being allowed to go on a task, like building fences. Flinchum will have his

students build the barns that will be needed to house the animals, tools and equip-Nolin has created a Craig

County Land Lab Facebook page for the community to keep up with the progress and needs. Any in-kind items would be greatly appreciated for the Land Lab such as gates,

corral panels, water and feed troughs, wiring, lights, a squeeze chute, staples, brace wire, brace pins, fence pliers, gloves, safety glasses in addition to any supplies for fence and shed building and housing animals. Volunteer labor is need-

ed, especially for driving fence posts, which is one of the few things the students ect which is building of the are not allowed to do.

To assist the Land Lab, The Hunter's reported the Women's Leadership

Program will be selling raffle tickets for a quilt at the Fall Festival. Crosswhites on

Johns' Creek are also donating shale to use to establish a good ground base for the handling facilities. Volunteers are needed to haul that

"There's been a lot of progress since the last time it was mentioned," Chairman Trace Bellassai said.

"I am more than excited," Warwick said.

"We are happy to take donations of items that are in good working condition from your farms that you no longer need as well as cash contributions that can be used to purchase items that we cannot get donated," both shared.

All cash donations are tax-deductible. The school can give you a receipt. Cash or checks can be delivered to the school board office or mailed to Craig County Public Schools, 6 Alleghany Circle, New Castle, VA 24127. Checks should be made payable to Craig County Schools with "land lab" written in the memo section or on a note, as a separate account has been

For items one would like to donate, they can contact John Hunter at 540-309-2526. If people wish to be added to the volunteer list to be notified of times when they need assistance, they should email Mary Hunter at huntermd56@gmail.com.

'Be sure to follow us on Facebook at Craig County Land Lab," Nolen said. "We will be posting dates of planned projects and when we need volunteers to help

"I just want to put emphasis on allowing community partnership, as I think it is important that families and community members get to recognize the impact that hands-on learning provides to students,' she added. "This is where community engagement becomes involved. Please reach out if you would like to donate materials or money to the Land Lab, plan an event pertaining to the land lab, or help build this awesome



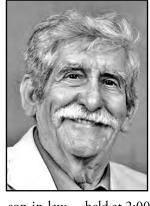
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BITUARIES

Jones, Fredrick "Bugs" Raynell Zachary Sowers (Ashley),

Fredrick Raynell Jones, 89 of Čatawba, went to be with the Lord on Monday, September 13. He was preceded in death by his parents, Gerrard and Kathleen Jones; son, Casey Jones; grandsons, Travis LaPrad and BJ Sarver; brothers, JT and Jones; sisters, Dillard Mildred Switzer and Vivian Switzer; twin sister, Gaynell Persinger; and Gary Francisco,

He is survived by his loving wife of 70 years, Noline Jones; son, Frederick Jones (Vanessa); daughters, Victoria Francisco and Minerva Duncan (Mike); grandsons, Chris Jones (Carmen), Ben Jones (Beth), Anthony Jones (Suzanna),



son-in-law,

held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 16, at Grace Assembly of God of Catawba Church with Pastor Loraine Taylor officiating. Burial was private. The family received friends one hour prior to the service from 1 to 2 p.m. Arrangements by Paitsel Funeral

of friends.

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Francisco, Victoria "Vicky" Jones

Victoria "Vicky" Jones Francisco, 69, of Catawba went to be with the Lord on Friday, October 1. She was born on July 31, 1952, to Noline Caldwell Jones and the late Fredrick Raynell Jones. Vicky was a devote woman of faith. She was a member of Grace Assembly of God and attended regularly with her family for nearly 20 years.

Vicky was a prayer warrior, and the co, Javla Hutton, Tyra Hutton; numerfrom the Salem VA Medical Center where she served as a telephone triage representative. Prior to serving in that capacity, she served as an RN working in mental health care at the VA. If you visited her home, you'd quickly find that her choice of décor was anything pertaining to cows, crosses and angels! Vicky will be dearly missed by all who knew her, this is evident because of the love she had for her family and friends, as well as, anyone around her. In addition to her father, she was greeted on the shores of heaven by her husband,

and a brother, Casey Jones. To carry on her legacy, she leaves behind her daughters, Melanie Brizen-

Gary L. Francisco; son, Travis LaPrad;

dine and husband, Michael, and Angel Hedge husband, Chuck; Wiley Francisco; daughter-in-law Rechelle Laprad; stepdaughter, Teanna Hutton and husband, Joey; special son, Brian Rowell; grandchildren Matt Brizendine, Olivia LaPrad, Jesse Brizendine, Cole Hedge, Hedge, Grace LaPrad, Trevyn Francis-

first one to pray for others. She retired ous nieces and nephews; and her special furbaby, Wilbur.

A funeral service to celebrate her homegoing will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, October 6, at the Grace Assembly of God, 5530 Catawba Valley Dr., Catawba, VA 24070, with Pastor Loraine Taylor officiating. Burial will be held privately with her family at the Francisco Family Cemetery in

Friends may visit with the family from 1 p.m. until the service hour at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made to the Grace Assembly Youth Ministry.

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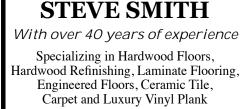


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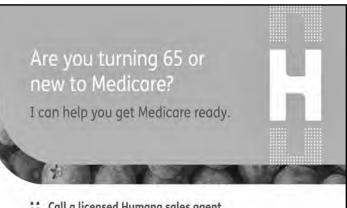
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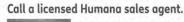












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Legals - City of Radford

ORDER OF **PUBLICATION**

Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316 Case No. JJ003213-14-00 Radford City

Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Radford City DSS 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

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It is ORDERED that Alyssa Parris appear at the abovenamed 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 Case No. JJ003213-15-00 Radford City Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Radford City DSS

Dante Larnell Hayes The object of this suit is to: Terminate the residual parental rights of Dante L. Hayes, 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

It is ORDERED that Dante Larnell Hayes appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before December 6,

9/15/21 Melinda D. Bishop Deputy Clerk

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 .Com Properties 8, LLC, property owner, for rezoning the property located at 1796 Apperson Drive (a portion of Tax Map # 257-2-1.1) from **HBD Highway Business** District to LM Light Manufacturing District.

Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or

Legals - City of Salem

amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development. 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia.

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

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

Executive Secretary

Notice of Public Sale

Notice is hereby given that Storage King USA 201 Berkley Rd.NE Roanoke VA 24012 will sell the contents of the storage units listed below at a public auction to satisfy a lien placed on the contents (Virginia Statute 55). The sell will take place at the website Storage Treasures.com on 10/12/2021 at 9:00 am. The sale will be conducted on Storage Treasures.com, under the guidance of Christopher Rosa (2907004316) on the behalf of the facility's management. Units will be available for viewing prior to the sale on Storage Treasures.com. Contents will be sold for cash only to the highest bidder. A 15% buyer's premium will be charged as well as a \$100 cleaning deposit per unit. All sales are final. Seller reserves the right to withdraw the property at any time before the sale or to refuse any bids. The property to be sold is described as "general household items" unless otherwise noted. 308-Robert Newman-Household goods: 068-Enchante Crusehousehold goods: 253-Ashley Wright-

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given to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem, at its regulai meeting on Monday, October 25, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., in the Community Room of the Salem Civic Center, 1001 Roanoke Boulevard, 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:

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LEGAL NOTICE OF

PUBLIC HEARING 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 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/vout ube 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

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

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

Legals -Montgomery County

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.o rg/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.

Legals - Town of Vinton

LEGAL NOTICE

Walnut Avenue Bicycle and Pedestrian **Accommodations Project** From: W. Lee Avenue To: 1st Street Willingness to Hold a Public Hearing

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You may view the Project information on the web at www.vintonva.gov/walnut2 or by visiting to the I own of Vinton Municipal Building, Planning and Zoning Department, 311 S. Pollard Street, Vinton, VA 24179. Please call 540-983-0605 in advance of your visit to assure that staff is available to meet with you and answer your questions

If your concerns cannot be satisfied through informal discussion the Town of Vinton is willing to hold a public hearing. You may request that a public hearing be held by sending a request in writing to Anita McMillan, Planning and Zoning Director. Town of Vinton Municipal Building, Planning and Zoning Department, 311 S. Pollard Street, Vinton, VA 24179. Your request must be received on or prior to October 28, 2021. If a request for a public hearing is received, a notice of date, time, and place of the hearing will be publicly posted.

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fers a peek into many of this year's activities - both returning fan favorites and new additions, including a Kids Marbles Tournament, which will be held in the courthouse yard where children between the ages of 7 and 12 can learn how to play marbles, then compete for prizes throughout the day

 The courthouse yard will have horseshoes and cornholes set up for children of all ages

•Music will fill the streets throughout the day

•Tim Leftwich will spin oldies at the Town Pavilion to keep toes tapping for those viewing this year's vintage and antique car entries in the Marshall Reynolds Memorial Car

•The Museum, three cabins and Genealogy Library will be open for selfguided tours and exhibits all day. Be sure to stop by the gift shop where you'll find local cookbooks, note cards, prints, Hometowne Collectible® reproductions of local landmarks, as well as all past editions of the popular In & Around Craig County Series

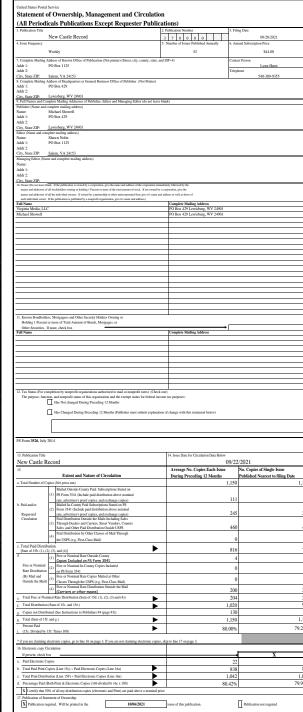
were rushing to get their

reservations in early and we're expecting some great options for those who love to shop. This year will consist of over 75 vendors and exhibitors filling the streets all the way to the public library," the team shared. "You will find candles, CBD oils, clothing, essential oils, jewelry - even wooden crafts and furniture and hair braids and ex-"This year exhibitors tensions. It's sure to be a perfect time to start your

holiday gift-buying.' If you like festival food, you won't be disappointed as home-baked goods, hot apple cider, Kenny Burgers, and funnel cakes are only some of the many delicious foods that will be awaiting you.

Several local nonprofit organizations and churches, including first-timers, such as the Friends of the Library and our own Craig County HS Football team and Cheerleaders, will have raffles with a variety of prizes. Drawings will end the day at 4:30 p.m.

"Come one, come all to New Castle for this beloved event," Foster said. "Plan to come early and stay late and dress up in the spirit of pass time to honor our heritage."



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2:15 - 40 Years After

50s & 60s Old time rock'n roll

3:30 - Virginia Magic Band\* Classic Country & Southern Rock

4:30 - Prize Winners Announced

5:00p.m. - Festival Ends

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# Bath downs Craig volleyball team in four

The Bath County volleyball team edged Craig County in the first set Monday and went on to a four set win over the Rockets in New Castle last week.

Bath took the first set 25-23, then beat the Rockets in the second set, 25-21. Craig bounced back to win the third, 25-20, but Bath edged the locals in the fourth set, 25-23, to win the match.

"If we would have won the first game we could have taken this one," said Craig coach Suzanne Crawford. "Each game we lost by two or three points."

Kaylee Stroop had a big match with 25 assists,

nine kills, seven aces, four digs and a block. Hannah Caldwell had 13 kills to lead the team along with six blocks, five digs and four aces. Annabelle Gregor had 12 digs and four kills, Kylee Clifton had 11 digs and Maggie Mays had eight.

"We played very strong defensively," said Crawford. "We just couldn't get our serves in. This was a hard loss. We hope to beat them on the road."

The Rockets were at Eastern Montgomery on Monday, but results were too late for publication. Next Tuesday, October 12th, the girls are at Narrows.



Kaylee Stroop serves for the Rockets.



Kylee Clifton receives a serve.

# Rockets will host Eastern Montgomery in football Friday



Dylan Crawford makes a tackle in the backfield against Roanoke Catholic.



The Rocket defense makes a stop.

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The Craig County line is ready to fire off the ball.



Zachary Peters drops back to pass.



Cameron Shell (#11) picks up valuable yards for the Rockets.

The Craig County football team hopes to celebrate "Parents' Night" this Friday when the Rockets host Eastern Montgomery in football. Game time is 7 pm at Mitchell Field.

Parents' Night was originally scheduled for September 17 against Montcalm, but that game was cancelled. The Rockets have not been home since, so the event was moved to this Friday.

"We'll have Parents' Night scheduled for every Friday night until we get it in," joked Craig coach Jim Fisher.

The Rockets will take a 2-2 record into Friday night's game after defeating Roanoke Catholic in Vinton last week, 34-18. The Mustangs come to New Castle with a 2-2 record. They were shut out their first two games, 38-0 against Holston and 35-0 by Rural Retreat, but bounced back to win their next two, 31-0 over Auburn and 34-8 over Bland County.

The Rockets are coming off a big win over Roanoke Catholic at Vinton's Vinyard Park last Friday. After battling to a 6-6 tie at the half the Rockets outscored the Celtics 28-12 after intermission to win going away.

The Rockets took the opening drive down the field in a clock eating 16 play drive, taking eight minutes off the clock, and finished it off with a one yard run by Zach Peters.

"We dominated the first half until the last five minutes, but couldn't get the ball into the end zone," said Fisher.

Roanoke Catholic finally scored, then Craig threw an interception and had to keep the Celtics out of the end zone as the first half expired. "We were pretty upset to be tied

6-6 at the half," said Fisher. "We discussed the reasons why the game was tied and were able to correct some of it in the second half."

The Rockets shut down Catho-

The Rockets shut down Catholic on their first drive of the second half, then marched in for a go ahead touchdown and two point conversion for a 14-6 lead. The Rockets then scored again for a 22-8 lead after three quarters.

The Celtics answered with a 50 yard pass play to cut the lead to 28-12, then pulled to within 10 at 28-18 with another score. However, Craig again drove down the field only to be stopped on fourth down

at the two inch line.

"In our disappointment we gave Catholic room to breathe with an unsportsmanlike penalty," said Fisher. "But we were pretty fired up and stuffed Catholic in four downs. They had to go for it as time was running out."

Craig got the ball back and punched it in for another TD to go

up 34-18, and that was the final score. "Offensively, we played pretty well in the second half," said Fisher. "Defensively, we still need to clean some things up. The composure issues and unsportsmanlike penalties are totally unacceptable. We want these young adults to grow as individuals and part of growing as men is to be able to stay composed in chaotic and heated situations."

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Peters finished with 91 yards on 14 carries with three touchdowns and a couple two-point conversions. Dylan Crawford ran for 87 yards on 12 carries and also had a TD. Brayden Frango had 14 carries for 55 yards and a touchdown and Cameron Shell added 73 yards on a dozen carries as Craig ran for well over 300 yards as a team.



Brayden Frango catches a long pass for the Rockets.

# Rockets host sandlot football games Saturday

The Craig County recreation football teams will be playing at home for the first time this week, and both teams will be

home on Saturday.

The "C League" team was scheduled to play at Mitchell Field on Tuesday of this week,

and they'll play at home again on Saturday at 11 am against Alleghany West. The "B League" team will be play Alleghany

West at noon this Saturday.

Both teams will wrap up the regular season next week. The C team is at Casey Field to play

Covington on Monday and the B team will be home to host Covington on Tuesday of next week at 6:30 pm.

# Salem hikes pay to attract recreation league officials

The City of Salem Department of Parks and Recreation is giving a pay raise to officials for youth and adult sports in hopes of attracting more quality individuals.

"We've been having a hard time trying to cover games this year for various reasons and have increased officials' pay in hopes of attracting some new people," said Scott Hall of the Salem Department of Parks and Recreation. "Sports mean a lot to people in Salem, but we can't have games if we don't have officials."

New rates, per game, are now \$70 for youth baseball and softball, \$45 for football, \$35 for youth basketball, \$30 for flag football, adult softball and adult touch football, and \$25 for coach-pitch. Scorers for youth basketball will now receive \$14 per game.

Anyone interested in applying can call the sports office at 540-375-4094.