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FFA in Craig competing, winning and sponsoring a fair

Pam Dudding Contributing writer

Craig County is known for its hand in the field of agriculture and students at Craig County High School are benefiting from their FFA class.

The CCHS Future Farmers of America (FFA) is proud to announce that their students entered major competitions and came back with good placings in their wins.

Emily Nolen, Agriculture Teacher & FFA Advisor at Craig County High School, shared, "The FFA accomplishments of our CCHS Livestock Judging Team here at the school, brings nothing but grit, determination and success."

Their recent competitions showed their skills in Abingdon and Blacksburg.

"We competed in the Southwest Virginia Stockmen's Competition and the Block and Bridle Livestock Judging Competition," Nolen shared.

She was proud to announce the winners of SWVA included Craig County students.

"The Junior A Team consisted of Carter Calfee, Makenzie Lucas and Brooke Beers," she said. "They finished in the top five, with a fourth place overall finish. Carter Calfee placed in the top ten individual category."

In the B & B (Block and Bridle), Alex Drake placed 19th overall and Chasity Wolfe placed 21st overall.

"This competition was statewide and had over 250 contestants at the senior level," Nolen proudly shared.

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In the B & B competition, Alex Drake placed 19th overall and Chasity Wolfe placed 21st overall out of over 250 contestants. Team members pictured here are Carter Calfee, Alex Drake, Jamie Ratliff, Nevaeh Hypes, Peytin Ragland, Cheyanne Bell, Kylee Gilreath, Eliza Muncey, Colby Wolfe, Brooke Beers, Chasity Wolfe, Isaac Foster and Gabriella Hypes.

Farm Bureau Women's Committee celebrates Ag Literacy week at McCleary

Pam Dudding Contributing writer

The Craig County Farm Bureau Women's Committee and FFA students fosters students' understanding of farming during Agriculture Literacy Week with great zeal at McCleary Elementary School. It has been stated, "As younger generations of Virginians grow up disconnected from the farm, connecting children to agriculture has never been more important."

For the 12th year, Virginia AITC celebrated Agriculture Literacy Week March 14-18, and the Craig County Farm Bureau Women's Committee read Tales of the Dairy Godmother: Chuck's Ice Cream Wish by Viola Butler to the students of all levels at Mc-Cleary Elementary. Mary Hunter, President of the FBWC, shared, "The story talks of where Chuck's Dairy Godmother grants him the wish of having all the ice cream he wanted to eat, but taught him how much hard work the dairy farmer has to do before ice cream can be made."

"Chuck found himself checking on the cows, feeding them, milking them, cleaning the floors of the milking parlor, and testing the milk to make sure it was stored at the right temperature, so it didn't spoil," Hunter continued. "After all the hard work, he finally got his ice cream and then realized in order to have more ice cream, all the hard work had to start all over again as a dairy farmer has to milk the cows at least twice a day, every day of the year."

In addition to being read to, the FFA students worked with a group students to make butter by placing whipping cream, salt and a marble in a sealed container and shaking it until it turned into butter. The students were then able to taste the butter they had just made. "While all this shaking was going on, additional FFA students worked with another group to take vanilla ice cream cups, add flavoring, and make their own special flavor of ice cream to eat as they colored pictures," Hunter added. "The Virginia Foundation

for Agriculture in the Classroom's core mission is to help students and educators gain a greater awareness and understanding of agriculture," Hunter explained. "The organization achieves this through AITC-designed lessons and resources, newsletters, school grants, volunteer projects and initiatives such as Agriculture Literacy Week."

Agriculture Literacy Week is Virginia AITC's largest educational event, with approximately 2,000 volunteers reading to 60,000 children statewide. To date, more than 22,000 agriculture-related books have been placed in classrooms, and more than 15,000 volunteers have read to about half a million children. "During Agriculture Literacy Week, volunteer readers from across the state help our vouth learn about the sources of their food, make connections with local farms and agribusinesses and discover the importance of agriculture in their daily lives," said Tam-



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FB Women's Committee member, Carol Looney, reading to a McCleary class during Ag Literacy week.



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The Cougars played hard, lost some games but when the playoffs came, they came alive and won the championship. Front row, left to right, Dallas Broughan, Lillie Ann Conner, Emerson Phillips, Rheagan Howell and Laylah Armes. Back row, left to right, MiKenna Freeman, Summer Medley, Maeleigh Slusher and Skylyn Gilmore.

Elementary Cougar girls take basketball championship

Pam Dudding Contributing writer

Parents and community alike enjoy watching the younger kids in elementary school play sports, learning the "game." Recently, the younger

Recently, the younger students at Craig County Public Schools were able play basketball "like the big kids," as one small player described.

Each week, parents and friends come to cheer on the teams and each week it seems that most all the players get a little bit better at the sport. The kindergarten through third grade girls especially enjoy their time on the court.

Some appeared to have good knowledge of the game while others were learning, being their first time on the court and playing a sport.

Yes, some fouls were made, but also some 3-pointers too!

The final games were between the Cougars and the Sparkling Unicorns. Both teams excelled in different weeks. Before the game started, some of the Cougar players started saying out loud, "We're going to win this game!" One player shared that they kept beating them a lot. The others said, "No, we're saying that we are going to win today!" So, the other players joined in, and it worked.

Good sportsmanship was shown as when a team member got hurt and then got up off the floor, teams and all fans cheered.

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MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY

The Craig County Public Library is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 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 SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous meeting. 8 p.m. at New Castle Fire Hall.

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

Botetourt/ The 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

FIRST THURSDAY

open to the public.

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

EVERY FRIDAY

Genealogy Library open from 1 to 4 p.m. 152 Main Street, behind the Old Brick Hotel. Family histories, census records, high school annuals and more. Copy service available. 540-864-7023 craig historicalsociety1981@ gmail.com

Salem High graduate named new Virginia **Museum of Transportation Executive Director**

The Virginia Museum of Transportation, Inc.'s Board of Directors recently announced the appointment of Mendy Flynn as the Museum's new executive direc-

Flynn is experienced in administration and nonprofit management, having worked for both local non-profit and for-profit organizations during the past 35 years. She came to the Museum in September 2015 to work with Bev Fitzpatrick. Flynn started working in member and donor relations, then later added to her plate special events, rentals, community engagement, and human resources, amongst other responsibilities. She has served as deputy director since 2021 following the retirement of former deputy director, Don Moser in December 2020, and the departure of former executive director Christine Williams in June 2021.

Flynn hit the ground running in her previous role of deputy director, initiating a multitude of facility improvements, staffing reassignments, COVID mitigation, and securing of important grants.

"Over the past several months we have witnessed a flurry of positive activity and important accomplishments which cemented the Board's confidence and support for Mendy. She has a deep love for the Museum and its collections, and it shows. Her innovative style and out of the box thinking are already paying dividends, along with her compassion, drive, and team building abilities. She has a keen sense of what the Museum can and should be to its members and visitors alike. One of her favorite quotes is one from Industrialist Henry J. Kaiser "Problems are only opportunities wearing work clothes". It represents her personal desire to work hands on to assist both Board and membership with ensuring the

Museum's future. The Board is looking forward to working even more closely with Mendy, and is excited about the future of the Virginia Museum of Transportation with her at the helm."-William H. Harris, President.

According to Flynn, her first priority is to provide the best possible experience for visitors of all ages. "My goal is to continue moving the Museum forward by enhancing exhibits and programs to provide educational opportunities in an interactive way that engages visitors of all ages and socioeconomic backgrounds. The main objective is to educate the public on transportation past and present ... it's diversity, it's role in our everyday lives and industry, as well as technology and innovation. So many people have emotional connections to exhibits in the Museum that they're not aware of until they are standing in front of it -a family member who

worked for the railroad, was a pilot or worked in aviation, or a loved one who drove a car like one in our automotive gallery. Emotional engagement is strong and can evolve into further interest in these areas. I'm greatly looking forward to increasing the Museum's educational programs for both children and adults. Transportation and transportation-based technologies have contributed immeasurably to our lives in the Commonwealth."

"Additionally, by utilizing the Museum as a venue for entertainment and rental opportunities, we want to attract people who may not ordinarily plan to visit, but through attendance at a concert or company party, they will be exposed to the Museum's offerings and plan a return trip. We want the same for children and teachers who visit the Museum with a school field trip. It's our pleasure to give students who attend field trips complimentary admission passes



Mendy Flynn

so they can return with their families." said Flynn.

The Museum receives visitors from across the nation and from around the world, Wednesday through Sunday.

Flynn is a native of Sa-

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lem and a graduate of Salem High School. She attended Radford University and Longwood University.

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reporters & writers



SUBMITTED PHOTOS Each team member received their basketball medallion with their individual name on it. The most exciting one by far, however, was their CHAMPIONSHIP medallion.

Still, there were some serious moments as the young girls found out quickly that you had to hold onto the ball, or someone would take it from you.

It was difficult not to cheer for both teams when

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After the game, Coach Sherry Crowder treated the championship team to ice cream sundaes with sprinkles, M&M's, chocolate or caramel syrup, whipped cream and a cherry, as well as chips and a drink.

they would make a great play.

At the end, the Cougars pulled it out and took the championship.

The winning team was treated to ice cream sundaes in the cafeteria, which the kids loved.

However, the best part was when Coach Sherry Crowder presented each team member with their basketball medallion and the CHAMPIONSHIP medallion. Each girl excitedly stood in front of Crowder while receiving their award.

It was heartwarming to watch them show each other their medallions. Giggles, laughter and smiles were in abundance.

'It's been fun, and I have really enjoyed coaching them as they are a great group of girls," Crowder said.

Addressing the parents and family members, she added, "I also appreciate all your time in getting them here."

One team member velled out, "Yeah, we had fun!'

"I think they have

definitely learned some things," Crowder said. "At the beginning of the season, one player told me she didn't know what to do. I told her, if you learn and have fun, that is the major goal to be here."

After the ice cream sundaes were eaten, medallions handed out, many family members helped to clean up the cafeteria.

Chatter could be heard amongst the girls about the upcoming softball season and how excited they were to play.

For all the parents and friends to help these kids have a life after school, you deserve a huge kudos. Learning sportsmanship and teamwork is a huge part of being successful in any line of work and definitely in all aspects of life.

Friendship Retirement Community promotes Jessica Whitaker to Director of Marketing

Friendship Retirement Community, a local leader in senior living and rehabilitation, has promoted Jessica Whitaker from Director of Marketing and Admissions of Salem Terrace at Harrogate to Director of Marketing of Friendship.

"We are excited to have Jessica on our Leadership Team at Friendship," said CEO Joe Hoff. "It is always a pleasure to encourage growth by promoting from within the organization." Whitaker joined the Friendship team in 2021 as Director of Marketing and Admissions of Salem Terrace at Harrogate, where Friendship serves as the managing partner. Whitaker has eleven years of marketing experience, has been in the healthcare industry for four years, and has a very special tie to Friendship.

"I had a very positive personal experience with the care at Friendship when my grandfather was a memory care resident at Friendship North. He was very happy there, and the team helped him enjoy a wonderful quality of life," says Whitaker. "It's exciting to work and grow within such a great company."

All Friendship locations are currently accepting new moveins. Salem Terrace also welcomes guests for respite stays, as a temporary care solution or trial run of the senior living community expe-

e rience.

Friendship and Salem Terrace are also seeking caring and qualified individuals to join their teams. Interested candidates should apply online at friendship.us/ careers.

To learn more about Friendship, individuals are encouraged to visit the company's website, friendship.us, or call 540-265-2100.

Submitted article



New Director of Marketing, Jessica Whitaker

Commonwealth's unemployment rate decreased to 3.2 percent in February, labor participation rate still lagging

Governor Glenn Youngkin recently announced that Virginia's unemployment rate fell to 3.2 percent in February while total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 21,300 jobs. The Commonwealth's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 3.2 percent is 1.4 percentage points below the rate from a year ago. The labor force increased by 14,138 to 4,291,990, as the number of unemployed residents decreased by 3,330 to 136,004. The number of employed residents rose by 17,468 to 4,155,986. Virginia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate continues to be below the national rate, which fell from 4.0 to 3.8 percent.

The Commonwealth's labor force participation rate increased slightly by 0.1 of a percentage point to 63.0 percent in February. The labor force participation rate measures the proportion of the civilian population age 16 and older that is employed or actively looking for work.

"Given our current economy and business environment, now is a great time to forge a career and join the workforce in the Commonwealth." said Governor Youngkin. "Although we see an uptick in the labor force participation, my administration is laser focused on continually increasing our labor participation rate."

"With a 3.2 percent unemployment rate in February, Virginia continues to outperform most states," said Secretary of Commerce and Trade Caren Merrick. "The number of employed residents grew while our labor force rose significantly last month."

"The latest jobs figures indicate that Virginia is trending in the right direction," said Secretary of Labor Bryan Slater. "The increase in February payroll jobs is encouraging, as year-over-year job growth was spread across most industries."

Virginia was tied with Georgia for the fourth lowest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate among the Southeast states behind Oklahoma, Alabama, and Arkansas. Virginia was tied with Georgia for the sixth lowest rate among the states east of the Mississippi. Indiana, New Hampshire, Vermont, Wisconsin, and Alabama had lower rates. Virginia was ranked 17th in the nation for the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate.

Over-the-year employment growth in Virginia had been positive for six consecutive two years ago in February 2020 but dramatically changed course with the onset of the COV-ID-19 pandemic. In February 2022, Virginia's over-the-year job gain of 2.9 percent was less than the 4.6 percent increase nationwide.

From February 2021 to February 2022, the VEC estimates that establishments in Virginia gained 111,900 jobs, an increase of 2.9 percent. In February, the private sector recorded an over-the-year gain of 99,600 jobs, while employment in the public sector gained 12,300 jobs. Compared to a year ago, on a seasonally adjusted basis, nine of eleven major industry divisions experienced employment increases while two saw employment decreases. The largest over-theyear job gain occurred in leisure and hospitality, up 55,300 jobs (+16.4 percent). The next largest over-the-year job gain occurred in professional and business services, up 18,300 jobs (+2.4 percent). Other job gains occurred in trade and transportation (+15,600 jobs), government (+12,300 jobs), and education and health services (+6,000 jobs). Within government, local (+12,600 jobs) and state government (+1,000 jobs) both gained jobs over the year while federal government saw a decrease in employment (-1,300 jobs). The largest job loss during February occurred in finance (-2,900 jobs) to 207,200. The second largest decrease occurred in manufacturing with a decrease of 2,200 jobs to 236,200.

For more details, visit the Virginia Employment Commission's website at vec.virginia.gov

Submitted by Macaulay Porter, Office of the Governor

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my Maxey, Program director for Virginia AITC. "This special week grows in popularity each year among classes and volunteers, and often features fun bonus activities like interacting with farm animals or making ice cream in class."

These presentations provide a wonderful opportunity to increase interest among children of how food and other goods are produced, and to meet the men and women who ensure we are fed and clothed," Maxey added. FB The Women's Committee enjoyed being a part of growing the knowledge of our kids in Craig while having a great time in learning.



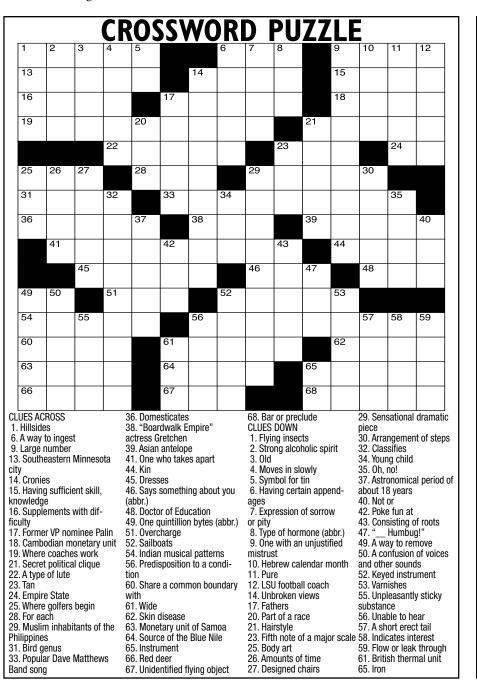
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t The FFA students worked with a group students to make butter by placing whipped cream, salt and a marble in a sealed container and shaking it until it turned into butter which they got to taste.





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Calling all Library Lovers

Library Corner Empowering individuals to build a stronger community

Communities, especially smaller ones like Craig County, often depend on volunteers to support programs, events and participate on decision-making boards. Without volunteers, most of our community programs and events would not exist. Between planning, organizing and attending meetings, a lot of time is invested by community members. As a growing and ever-changing population, these community engagement regularly opportunities need new members. Each year, the Craig County Public Library Board of Trustees looks for new volunteers to serve. The Annual Meeting is held

in May and Trustees are elected based on the volunteers available

Volunteering not only benefits your community, but you personally as well. Volunteering offers citizens a chance to network, find new hobbies, build skills, find a new purpose and help your neighbors. As the Harvard Women's Health Watch reported, "Dozens of studies have shown that people who have satisfying relationships with family, friends and their community are happier, have fewer health problems, and live longer." (June 12, 2017) Volunteering with CCPL is a terrific way to involve yourself in your community, meet new friends and nurture personal relationships.

If you are new to Craig County or have recently found yourself with a little free time, volunteering with CCPL offers these

opportunities and more. You do not need to be a scholar or read one hundred books a year, we are a diverse board and welcome new energy of all kinds. Regular monthly meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 pm. You will also find opportunities to serve with some wonderful community members participating in programs and special events. Here are some of the programs and events that CCPL offers: Little Free Libraries, Free Swap Days, Book Clubs and varying children's programs.

If you would like to learn more about the opportunity to serve on the Craig County Public Library Board of Trustees, please reach out, we would love to hear from you. For questions or more information please email the library at:



Former South Africa President Nelson George once said, "It is in your hands to create a better world for all who live in it."

ccpubliclibrary@swva.net or if you see one of the current board members, please feel free to stop and chat: Joanna Ryan, Jennifer Lovejoy, Jane Henderson, Carol King, Ned Savage, or Pat Meyers. As well, if you are interested in volunteering for special events or at the library, we would like to hear from you. Although we would love for your interest to be with CCPL, we encourage you to find your special place volunteering for any one of the remarkable boards, clubs or special groups here in Craig County. We truly have a wonderful community, and it is up to all of us to keep it that way.

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"In order for a student to be a part of the livestock judging and stockmen's competitions and teams, they must understand the integral components of raising livestock such as the anatomy and structure of an animal, identify feeds, breeds, and equipment used on the animal," she explained. "They also evaluate

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products such as the hay the animal consumes and endproducts such as meats."

Nolen also noted that the students prepare by working on quiz questions, practicing identification and working on team problems.

"The teams are working hard and preparing for their next opportunity in Rockingham County on March

29," she added. "They will compete in a Skillathon contest which is essentially looking at the same things."

Nolen is excited about how the progress of the schools Land Lab is finally coming to a reality, with the help of great community members and students putting in much of the manual labor.

"Once the Land Lab is up and running, the students will have live animals on site that will allow them to get first-hand experience at identifying important traits in regard to beef cattle as well as identify a structurally-sound animal," Nolen said.

She noted that the students have placed emphasis on the understanding of the livestock industry and how this competition has helped them recognize the ag industry around them.

On May 7, the Craig County High School FFA and Ag Program students in conjunction with the Craig County Farm Bureau Women's Committee and Young Farmer Committee

will hold a Land Lab Ag Fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the high school.

Their hopes are to have demos running throughout the day, though not totally confirmed yet, but in the works will be, police dog, drone flying, horse shoeing, ATV safety, beekeeping, sheep, and pigs. They plan to have an area where you can see truck and farm equipment and be able to touch and climb on them.

There will be a crafters and vendors row with a variety of crafts and products for sale and we will have a yard sale section for the thrifty shopper. They will have a crafters row as part of the fair and are looking for vendors!

Booths are \$25 with all proceeds from the booth fees going to support the Land Lab.

For more information, email huntermd56@gmail. com for a registration form and additional details about this event that will make a fun day and help to support our youth in Craig.



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This summer, hundreds of local children may lose access to nutritious meals if Congress does not take action

On Monday at the Bristol Virginia-Tennessee sign, Feeding Southwest Virginia and Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee gathered together to express their alarm at the failure of Congress to extend the USDA child nutrition waivers.

Last year, when many schools moved to remote learning, the USDA provided schools and charitable children's feeding programs like Food Banks with a waiver of the requirement for children to consume meals onsite in a congregate setting. These

waivers allowed local children's feeding programs to safely and swiftly distribute food through grab-and-go methods, sometimes enough food for several days. Consequently, Food Banks were able to expand their children's feeding programs to meet the unprecedented number of kids now living with hunger in Southwest Virginia and Northeast Tennessee.

"In my opinion, the loss associated with the Congressional decision to eliminate the exemption of congregate meal requirements is discriminatory

against children living in rural communities," said Pamela Irvine, CEO of Feeding Southwest Vir-ginia. "Rural children who live several miles from meal sites will only receive one meal to consume onsite, rather than multiple graband-go meals permitted under the waivers. Families will have to make more trips to meal sites, and gas prices are high. Many rural sites will be unable to operate under the requirements for serving meals. Feeding Southwest Virginia is committed to equitable food distribution within our 26-county region. This summer, 1,800 children across Southwest Virginia could miss good, nutri-tious meals. That is unacceptable."

Without further action from Congress, many children's meal sites will be forced to shutter leaving children without meals that they rely on. In far Southwest Virginia, 19 Feeding Southwest Virginia partner meal programs likely will not reopen this summer, leaving hundreds of children without a stable meal source. In Northeast Tennessee, none of the

reopen without the exten- mer sion of the waivers. children

"Many in Northeast Tennessee rely on our summer feeding program for meals when they are not in school. The exemption of congregate meal requirements provided by USDA help children get the food they need throughout the summer break. Without the exemption, Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee cannot operate the feeding sites that are so desperately needed throughout our region,"

said Executive Director Rhonda Chafin, "these programs are the most efficient and effective ways to serve children in remote children's feeding sites will rural areas during the sum-

> Submitted by Emma Beaver, Grants Manager

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

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21892 Craigs Creek Road, New Castle. Pastor Gary Burch. 864-7520. Sunday School- 10-10:45AM, Sunday Worship - 11AM-Noon. FIRST BAPTIST

Pastor Kevin Altizer, Corner of Main Street & Boyd Ave., New Castle Church phone 864-5919. Sunday School 10:00ÅM, Sunday Worship 11:00AM and 6PM. Wednesday Evening Bible Study 7PM, Youth Group

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Board of Supervisors	\$	282,503	\$	282,521	\$	18		
County Administration	\$	2,139,175	\$	3,420,597	\$	1,281,422		
County Attorney	\$	392,712	\$	395,987	\$	3,275		
Finance	\$	1,026,940	\$	1,100,302	\$	73,362		
Insurance	\$	210,695	\$	230,695	\$	20,000		
Information Technology	\$	2,166,844	\$	2,251,939	\$	85,095		
Commissioner of the Revenue-State	\$		\$	607,609	\$	3,537		
Assessment-100% County	\$		\$	483,425	\$	(18,013		
Treasurer-State	\$		\$	494,464	\$	(9,341		
Collections-100% County	\$	501,782		458,110	\$	(43,672		
Electoral Board/Director of Elections	Ψ \$		\$	550,237	\$	69,638		
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Commonwealth Attorney		1,363,990		1,377,342		13,352		
Courts	\$	271,939	\$	275,888	\$	3,949		
Clerk of the Circuit Court	\$	777,980	\$	808,014	\$	30,034		
Sheriff-State	\$	8,414,297	\$	8,260,821	\$	(153,476		
Sheriff-100% County	\$	7,374,033	\$	7,473,269	\$	99,236		
Fire Departments and Rescue Squads	\$		\$	1,528,181	\$	33,200		
Animal Care and Adoption Center	\$	665,885	\$	696,830	\$	30,945		
General Services	\$	6,775,341	\$	6,936,621	\$	161,280		
Children's Services Act	\$	1,651,969	\$	1,651,969	\$	-		
Human Services	\$	401,863	\$	393,713	\$	(8,150		
Public Health Department	\$	604,488	\$	615,000	\$	10,512		
Social Services	\$	6,467,965	\$	6,814,076	\$	346,111		
Parks & Recreation	\$	1,321,070	\$	1,424,223	\$	103,153		
Regional Library	\$		\$	2,392,230	\$	(5,822		
Planning & GIS	\$		\$	982,839	\$	16,857		
Economic Development	\$	470,549	\$	482,054	\$	11,505		
Other Agencies	\$	2,804,425	\$	2,860,159	\$	55,734		
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Contingencies-General								
Contingencies-Special	\$	8,141	\$	2,319,702	\$	2,311,561		
Revenue Refunds	\$ \$	195,000	\$	195,000	\$	-		
Subtotal:		53,774,822	\$	58,347,124	\$	4,572,302		
Law Library	\$	17,600	\$	17,600	\$	-		
SCHOOLS:								
School Operating	\$	121,984,741	\$	126,380,044	\$	4,395,303		
School Capital	\$	2,195,645	\$	2,259,973	\$	64,328		
School Nutrition	\$	4,633,474	\$	4,633,474	\$	-		
Subtotal:	\$	128,813,860	\$	133,273,491	\$	4,459,631		
County Capital	\$	3,580,645	\$	3,644,973	\$	64,328		
Debt Service	\$	24,722,725	\$	24,722,725	\$	-		
Economic Development	\$	380,000	\$	380,000	\$	-		
COUNTY TOTAL	\$	211,289,652	\$	220,385,913	\$	9,096,261		
RESOURCES:	FY 2022 Budget		Ad	FY 2023 Ivertised Budget	Increase (Decrease)			
REVENUE:		-				· · ·		
General Undesignated Revenue:								
Current Property Taxes (1)	\$	103,807,971	\$	107,793,451	\$	3,985,480		
Delinquent/Other Property Tax Revenue	\$	2,996,000	\$	3,359,323	\$	363,323		
Sales and Use Tax	\$	10,202,157		11,153,109	\$	950,952		
Undesignated Consumer Utility Tax	\$	1,628,000		1,563,000		(65,000		
Motor Vehicle Licenses	\$	800,000		800,000	\$			
	\$	1,325,000		1,455,000	\$	130,000		
All Other Local Taxes	φ \$	113,268		75,028		(38,240		
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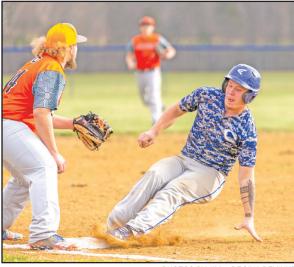
Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on April 13, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 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:

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Rockets win opening day baseball game





PHOTOS BY JIM & REGINA DEVINNEY Dylan Crawford steals third base for the Rockets.

After a two-year hiatus baseball returned to Craig County high school in a big way last week. The Rockets defeated Bath County, 12-6, in a Pioneer District game in New Castle.

Matthew Lucas started on the mound for the season opener. After an inning the score was tied 2-2 with all Bath runs coming off mental errors from Craig County.

"We started out with a lot of nerves getting the best of us,"

said coach Zachary Peters. "We had some mental errors fielding the ball, making throws, not paying attention to how many outs there were and missing signs while baserunning. After two innings we started to settle down and started playing our game.

Dylan Crawford came in to pitch midway through the second inning and after two innings Craig was up 6-4. Then, after a freak accident on

a ground ball, Crawford had to leave the game in the third inning. He finished with five strikeouts, two walks and the win.

Zachary Peters came in to pitch for the rest of the game and picked up the save. Peters finished with seven strikeouts, just one walk and allowed four hits over the four and a half innings.

After three innings Craig was up 7-6. The Rockets scored three more runs in the fifth and two in the sixth to take the

12-6 win. Lucas went 4-for-5 batting for Craig. Peters and Jaycob

Wolfe led the team with three RBIs each. Craig was aggressive with baserunning racking up 17 stolen bases.

"The heads up baserunning was getting players in scoring position to help get this win," said coach Peters. "This is a great way to start the season after two years off. We are going to take the good and bad from this game to improve throughout the season. It was great seeing the fan base that showed up to support the team and help keep the team motivated."

The Rockets were scheduled to host Parry McCluer on Tuesday of this week and today, Wednesday, they're at Giles. Next Tuesday, April 5, the Rockets are at home against Eastern Montgomery.

Rocket softball team has rematch with James River at home Thursday

third inning and a no hitter from pitcher Austyn Moran to subdue Ćraig County 16-0 in five innings last Thursday in Springwood.

Leading 3-0, in the third inning, the Knights used a combination of seven hits, two walks, a hit batter

James River used a big and two Rocket errors both offensively and deto score 12 runs, nine of them with two outs.

"The wheels fell off in the third," said Rocket coach Elaina Wolf-"Excluding eCarper. that inning, there were definite improvements from our scrimmage against James River at the start of the season,

fensively.

Karly Potter and Sara Jones split time on the mound for the Rockets. For River, Moran struck out seven batters and walked two in her sixtyfive pitch, five inning no hitter. Left fielder Kylie Brady made a shoestring catch of a pop fly to end



the game to preserve the no hitter.

The big third inning was sandwiched in between a second inning two run home run by Jenna Pugh and a fourth inning solo home run Kaycee Kincaid. by Pugh had three hits, three runs scored, and three RBIs.

The Rockets dropped to 0-3 with the loss while James River improved to 4-0 with the victory. Craig was scheduled to return to action with a home game against Christiansburg on Tuesday, and the Rockets are at Giles today. After returning home to host River on Thursday the

girls will be back on the New Castle diamond next Tuesday when Eastern Montgomery comes to town.

"We need to keep working on not letting mistakes pile up, staying tough mentally and continuing to improve our hitting," said WolfeCarper.





Kaitlyn Radford makes a running catch in center.

Madison Underwood gets the putout at first.

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