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## Volunteer fire fighters get new water system



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Employees of Southern Trust volunteered and blessed Upper Craigs Creek Volunteer Fire Department with a new water filtering system and a hot water heater. From left to right, Lewis Kirsch, Allen "Toad" Nicholson, Daniel Thompson, Kenny Deel, Corey Shelton and Leslie Nolin.

**Pam Dudding**  
Contributing writer

Having to start from scratch to reopen a fire department is a big task, but the citizens of Craig still seem to pull together in times of need. Recently, the Upper Craig Creek Volunteer Fire Department (UCCVFD) received a gift beyond their imagination.

A volunteer at UCCVFD, Allen, "Toad" as most know him, went to his employer at Southern Trust and explained that his firehouse had a situation: the station's water filtration system was in need of replacement. After a visit, Kenny, an employee of Southern Trust, told Chief Shawn Matheney to "not drink the water."

Leslie, Southern Trust managing director for the last three years shared, "We offer a large

line of services such as plumbing, electrical, HVAC, bathroom remodeling, drain cleaning, generators and more. Over the years, our communities have been so good to us. They have supported us and helped us grow. We employ the absolute best in tradesmen and women."

She added, "Therefore, we want to give back."

The Southern Trust team got all the needed equipment together from different vendors. Kenny had also shared with the team that, though the fire department never mentioned it, the hot water heater needed to be replaced as well.

Leslie, who has a long history with fire and rescue herself, shared that they even had a vendor to donate it. She then put in the request for installation to the plumbing team.

When the Southern Trust team arrived at UCCVFD, they were greeted with great appreciation, handshakes, and a delicious home-cooked breakfast.

Leslie stated at the firehouse, "The amount of workers you see here today isn't even all that volunteered. We just didn't need that many people. That's the type of employees we have."

Chief Shawn Matheney began with a blessing, giving God thanks for a wonderful day and "grateful to be able to come together, to serve our community and protect the people that we care about in our area". He also gave thanks for the heart of Southern Trust, "who came to serve us, so we can better serve our community".

Leslie said that when she ini-

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The CCHS After-Prom party is going to be an exciting trip this year. Students will load up on the bus at midnight to go to NRV Superbowl for an evening of fun, food and prizes.

## After Prom community support allows students to head "Straight Outta Craig"

**Pam Dudding**  
Contributing writer

Craig County High School students are so excited for their upcoming event, After Prom.

After Prom provides a safe, alcohol-free alternative to post-Prom parties for CCHS students. The event continues this year after a two-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Thanks to the tremendous amount of support from our Craig community and surrounding areas, the After Prom event for 2022 will be taking place at a venue outside of the county," event coordinator Karen

Jones shared.

After their Prom, the juniors, seniors and their dates will board charter buses to head to It's Game Time At The Superbowl, a bowling and arcade complex in Christiansburg. The night promises fun activities such as photo ops, caricatures, henna tattoos and competitions. "They will enjoy a night of unlimited bowling, laser tag, bumper cars, and arcade games," Jones said.

In addition to the games, there will be lots of food, as well as prize giveaways throughout the night. The prizes, which were donated

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## Scholastic Book Fair returns to McCleary Elementary after hiatus

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Contributing writer

Students of McCleary Elementary School are excited about the upcoming Scholastic Book Fair returning to the school this year. After a two-and-a-half-year absence due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Scholastic Book Fair will be returning to McCleary Elementary School this Spring. McCleary will host the fair on April 11-14. The funds raised from this event will be used to purchase new books for the McCleary library.

"When we look back on our childhood, many of us have fond memories of being read to, of snuggling up and enjoying a favorite story with the people who love us," said Karen Jones, a librarian and gifted resource teacher at McCleary. "Study after study shows that early reading with children helps them learn to bond with their parents and read early themselves. Those early readers are more likely to find success later in life."

Jones also noted that evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day develop a broader vo-

cabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures.

Jones added, "Connecting kids with stories they love, in whatever format they prefer—from fiction to nonfiction, chapter books to graphic novels, physical books to digital books—has been Scholastic's mission for nearly 100 years."

The book fair will offer specially priced books, including popular series like "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" and

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

McCleary Elementary is happy to announce the return of their Annual Book Fair which will be held April 11-14. Family night, scheduled for 4 to 7 pm on April 13, is for anyone to attend. Books for all ages and other items will be available for purchase.



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Families and friends are excited that they will be able to gather this Easter to celebrate the special season.

## Easter hunts and celebrations in Craig

**Pam Dudding**  
Contributing writer

It is a new year and families are so excited to be able to get together again to celebrate Easter. For many, Easter is an opportunity for family potlucks, egg hunts and other fun and games. Churches will be open for Easter festivities and will host a number of Craig County events.

Craig Valley Baptist is giving away 30 boxes of food on a first come, first served basis on Saturday, April 2 at 10 am. On Saturday, April 9, at 11 am,

Craig Valley will host their annual Easter egg hunt on their property for children up to 5th grade. The rain date for this event is April 16. On Thursday, April 14, Craig Valley will host a potluck dinner at 6 pm followed by a Maundy Service at 7 pm with guest speaker Randy Spencer from Liberty University. On Sunday, April 17, Craig Valley will host its Easter Sunday worship service at 11 am.

Lighthouse Baptist will host their Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 9 at Fenwick Mines Pavilion from 4-6 pm for kids ages 2-12. On Sunday, April 17,

Lighthouse Baptist will host an early service at 9 am followed by another service at 11 am.

Craig Valley Gospel Fellowship will hold a 7 am sunrise service on April 17 followed by a potluck breakfast.

New Castle Christian Church will host their Easter service at 10 am on April 17, which will include music and messages by Donn Ford.

From bunnies and eggs to tons of candy, family get-togethers, a new outfit and special weekend Easter egg hunts, the week of Easter seems to be filled with tons of fun and events!



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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY

The Craig County Public Library is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. 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](http://www.craiglibrary.org).

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## 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

The Botetourt/Craig/Roanoke Farm Service Agency County Committee meets each month at 10 a.m. at the Bonsack USDA Service Center. Please call one day before the meeting

date regarding possible cancellation information 540-977-2698, Ext. 2. The Bonsack USDA Service Center is located at 36 Executive Circle, Suite 1, Roanoke, VA 24012. All County Committee meetings are open to the public.

## FIRST THURSDAY

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

## EVERY 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.historical.society1981@gmail.com](mailto:craig.historical.society1981@gmail.com)

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## Roanoke Valley High School wins 16th straight VHSL State Forensics Title

The Salem High Spartans once again proved that no one in the state can talk the talk like they can.

Two Saturdays ago, the Spartans won their 16th straight Virginia High School League team State Title with a convincing 35-14 victory over second place Handley High School.

"Although we had a lot of young talent this year, watching the members grow into confident performers with both humor and purpose and seeing them fight alongside some of our strongest veterans, is one of the most rewarding things a team, as a whole, can experience," says Team Captain Nash Lakin. "As a captain, it is an honor to compete at the championship level, but it is an even greater honor to compete alongside teammates that I have come to know and love."

After going virtual last year, the competition was held recently at Clover Hill High School in Midlothian. The victory not only kept Salem's current streak alive but, more importantly, it set a new VHSL mark for consecutive Forensics titles. The previous record was set by Blacksburg High School from 1989-2003.

"Coach Pam Carter and I witnessed Blacksburg complete their 15-year run in 2003 and never imagined



It has been a long time since the Spartans of Salem High School lost a VHSL State Forensics Title.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

we would have a comparable streak," says Head Coach Mark Ingerson. "I think the key has always been focusing on the competitor in front of you right now, the practice happening currently, the round you are competing in at the moment. Don't think about the big picture, just think about getting better now."

Salem was led by five individual event champions

and the Spartans swept the top two places in both Humorous Interpretation and Serious Duo, scoring 16 of the team's 35 points in those two events alone. Individual event winners included Senior Captain Julia Vaughan in Dramatic Interpretation.

"After my years on the team, I feel that I've learned and grown so much, but not only have I seen growth in myself but also in my team-

mates," says Vaughan. "It's been wonderful getting to see so much talent, old and new. I'm so proud of everyone's hard work and dedication, making my last year unforgettable."

Salem also picked up key wins from Nash Lakin and his brother Kade Lakin in Serious Duo. Senior Graham Roudebush won in Humorous Interpretation, Juniors Taylor Berenbaum

and Ben Hathaway were victorious in Humorous Duo, and freshman Connor Smythers took home the top prize in Children's Storytelling. It was a second individual title for Nash Lakin, Roudebush and Berenbaum, who each won individual championships last year.

"When one member wins, he or she is representing the dedication of every-

one else on the team," says State Champ Hathaway. "That commitment to helping each other has persisted for its sixteenth year despite a global pandemic completely changing the game. Salem Forensics is not just a team, it is a family."

Submitted by Mike Stevens, City of Salem Communications Director

## New System

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tially spoke with Shawn about the replacement, she asked, "I have a question, and whatever you answer will not change what we are going to do."

Leslie continued to share with Matheney that she had some new guys in training on water filtration specifically and asked if he would mind if they did some of the work as the senior men taught them.

"Leslie, I have spent my whole life training the younger generation through fire stations and others," Matheney said. "If you want them to do the entire project, that would be great."

Southern Trust is part of the state apprentice-

ship program through the school system.

"We get them in high school and start training them all the way through their school and years after, paying for their schooling," Leslie said. "Many stay with us after they graduate."

"Trade is a great place to make a living," Leslie added. "It is recession proof. It is an essential service that you can't go without. They also get to see how rewarding it is to help people."

After breakfast the team went straight to work. Southern Trust worked as a well-oiled machine as each went to work in their area of expertise, also mentoring the younger generation.

Matheney and crew members watched as ST worked their magic.

"We are sitting here with a donated fire engine, a donated tanker, and to get the members that we have now and the way the community has supported us through the fundraisers, and company's like this stepping up and even our local businesses here in Craig have really helped us," Matheney said.

Leslie added, "When there are situations like this and a brotherhood comes together, they all come together to support each other. We are doing more of this with different trades."

Southern Trust has organized a few programs that allow them to do just that, like the "Heat for a Hero" program in the winter where veterans who are nominated and chosen get equipment and installation at no cost.

"That is part of what

we do as a company," Leslie said. "We wish to say to the communities, 'thank you,' and to show our appreciation."

In just over a year, the UCCVFD now has 21 senior members on the roster and 12 junior members.

"Out of the [senior members], in 2021, everyone answered at least one call," he said.

At their last fundraiser, they stayed until 11 pm to finish a cornhole tournament.

"The youth in our junior program, seem to want to be at the fire house," Matheney added. "They want to stay here and put time in. Volunteers are so hard to come by and we are growing. This program gives them something to do to keep them active in a good way, off the streets and running around and out of trouble."

"We want to them know they are wanted and needed and that

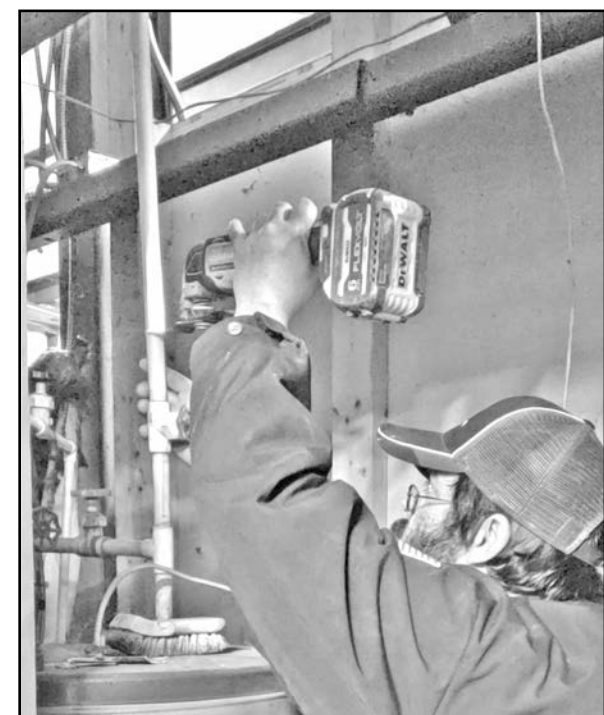
they have worth," he said.

And now with a new water system, the station is able to do more at the site as well as offer more for their community and youth programs.

Southern Trust is

located in Roanoke at 5505 Starkey Road. You can reach them at (540) 343-4348 or [www.southerntrusthomeservices.com](http://www.southerntrusthomeservices.com).

"We can't thank them enough for what they did for our station!" Matheney said.



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The Fire Department was surprised to hear a new hot water heater was donated to them and Southern installed it also.

### Women's Health Fair

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# A Community Farewell

-Salem's Brooks-Byrd Pharmacy shuts its doors after 97 years in business-

**Shawn Nowlin**  
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For the first time in nearly a century, the building at 2 E Main Street in Salem no longer is in business. On March 29, Brooks-Byrd Pharmacy dispensed its last prescription.

While not news to many customers, for people like Sally Carter, it took some time for the word to spread. "I grew up in the area but moved away almost two decades ago," she said. "When I heard the news, I called the store to thank them for all they've done for the community."

Webber's Pharmacy was created in 1925. Thirty-four years later, Ray Byrd Sr. and Ervin Pollard Brooks purchased the company, eventually changing the name to Brooks-Byrd Pharmacy.

Cameron Brooks, the longtime pharmacist, is the son of Ervin Brooks. He and his wife Ann have lived in the Roanoke Valley pretty much their entire lives. While it's next to impossible to accurately tally the number of hours he's spent at the pharmacy over the years, Cameron says he never took his relationship with the community for

granted. "The community has supported us over the years through and through. Without that support, there's no way we would have lasted this long," Cameron, 68, said.

The last time Steve Clarkson visited the pharmacy he had a gut feeling that they would be closing sometime in 2022. "It was in January. I walked in with my mask and as always, everyone was extremely accommodating," Clarkson said. "I just had an urge that this would be their last year. While I knew this day was inevitable, it's still surreal that it is happening."

Throughout the years, Brooks-Byrd took tremendous pride in customers always being able to get an actual person on the phone, rather than an automated system.

Countless people have gone to Facebook to express their sentiments about the pharmacy closing. Said Betty Booth, "This has been a hard pill to swallow, no pun intended! Seriously, I feel I'm losing a part of my family! They have always gone out of their way to be here for my family. I used to say that it seemed the orangeades and not the

meds made my girls feel better when they were sick as youngsters. You deserve a wonderful retirement Cameron, good luck!"

Expressed Lisa Daugherty, "I took my girls, Kayla and Leah, there regularly as children for orange drinks as we called them. I recently went there to get an orange drink for myself. Little did I know that they would be closing the following week. I understand Cameron needs to retire so I get it. But it still makes me very sad to know but they will be gone."

Photos of the early days of Brooks-Byrd Pharmacy hold a special place in Cameron's heart. Even in the pharmacy's last week, original furniture from the beginning of the business was still being used.

"We didn't just look at our customers as loyal supporters, we considered them family. So many people that I met as young teenagers have grown up to have families of their own. We have been very fortunate. As I head off into retirement, on behalf of our entire team, thank you the community from the bottom of my heart."



PHOTO BY SHAWN NOWLIN

Cameron Brooks, left, and pharmacy technician Whitney Bousman wanted to convey this message to the Salem community, "Thank you for all the memories you've given us over the years."



Ray Byrd Sr. and Ervin Pollard Brooks in front of their Brooks-Byrd Pharmacy drugstore when they both turned 50. The two met in the seventh grade and instantly became lifelong friends.

## Roanoke County Fire & Rescue respond to brush fire in Havens Management Area

Roanoke County Fire and Rescue responded at approximately 2 p.m. on March 29 to the 2500 block of Wildwood Road, in the Fort Lewis area, for a report of smoke near the power lines on the mountain. First responding crews from Station 9 found a brush fire under the power lines that was

about two acres in size. The fire was described as slow-moving and has died down since the initial report. At no time have any structures been threatened and there are no injuries to report at this time. The Virginia Department of Forestry was immediately on the scene with personnel and

two bulldozers to help cut containment lines around the fire. The fire produced smoke and flames that were visible from across the valley. Units were on scene most of the night and remained to bring the fire completely under control. Units also conducted back-fire operations

which involve setting controlled fires to burn up fuel ahead of the fire. The public was asked to avoid the 2500 block of Wildwood Road as many firefighting resources exist in that area. Roanoke County currently had roughly 23 units assisting firefighting efforts,

including engines, tankers, brush trucks, drones and utility vehicles from across the county. There were approximately 50 personnel committed to this fire.

Submitted by Brian Clingenpeel, Community Outreach Coordinator



Eyewitnesses initially described the fire as "slow-moving."

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Approximately 50 personnel worked together to contain the fire.

### CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Midway between south and southeast
  - 4. Celebrations
  - 9. Pulpits
  - 14. Pin
  - 15. Rare laughing
  - 16. Parts of the circulatory system
  - 17. Financial term
  - 18. Pearl Jam frontman
  - 20. Cores of vascular plants
  - 22. Strong sharp smell or taste
  - 23. City in S. Korea
  - 24. One from Damascus
  - 28. Short message at the end of an email
  - 29. It cools your home
  - 30. Towards the mouth or oral region
  - 31. Intestinal pouches
  - 33. Boys and men
  - 37. The 12th letter of the Greek alphabet
  - 38. Former CIA
  - 39. A way to arrange
  - 41. Body cavity
  - 42. The Great Lake State
  - 43. A type of seal
  - 44. Stop for a moment
  - 46. Ancient kingdom
  - 49. Off I
  - 50. White clerical vestment
  - 51. Songs to a lover
  - 55. Prices
  - 58. Sun-dried brick
  - 59. Where to park a boat
  - 60. One who values reason and knowledge
  - 64. Partner to feather
  - 65. Sailboats
  - 66. Actress Zellweger
  - 67. Type of screen
  - 68. Country singer Haggard
  - 69. Puts together in time
  - 70. When you hope to arrive
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. An involuntary muscular contraction
  - 2. PA transit system
  - 3. Leaves a place
  - 4. Sweet greenish fruit
  - 5. Sweets support to
  - 6. Chap
  - 7. Singer Di Franco
  - 8. Water at boiling temperature diffused in the atmosphere
  - 9. Asserts to be the case
  - 10. Doctor (Spanish)
  - 11. Auction attendee
  - 12. Characterized by unity
  - 13. Soviet Socialist Republic
  - 19. Way to analyze video (abbr.)
  - 21. Nonclerical
  - 24. Tree resin
  - 25. The academic world
  - 26. Khoikhoi peoples
  - 27. Infer from data
  - 31. Arrives
  - 32. Apart
  - 34. Takes on cargo
  - 35. Beloved Hollywood alien
  - 36. Takes apart
  - 40. Dorm official
  - 41. Secondary or explanatory descriptor
  - 45. Relating to wings
  - 47. Speaker
  - 48. Situated in the middle
  - 52. Loop with a running knot
  - 53. Alaska nursing group (abbr.)
  - 54. Beloveds
  - 56. Establish by law or with authority
  - 57. Border river between India and Nepal
  - 59. Millisecond
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# Happy National Library Week!!!

## Library Corner

Empowering individuals to build a stronger community

I love the celebratory calendar events that society has created. Although some may seem trivial, I applaud the creation of celebrating the workers and volunteers of all occupations that keep our communities thriving. People work hard at their jobs, and although the paycheck is the reward, feeling appreciated for the efforts make the tasks more rewarding. This week, April 3rd – 9th is National Library Week 2022. What a wonderful time to take a moment and recognize the hard work and efforts of our Craig County Public Library (CCPL) workers and volunteers. Before

we get into all the exciting ways that our workers and volunteers support our community, let us introduce our CCPL staff:

Letha Persinger, Library Director

Alex White, Library Assistant

Michaela Crawford, Library Assistant

These fabulous workers are on part-time schedules but, 100 percent dedicated to assisting every patron's request to the best of their ability. They strive to keep the library neat, clean, and safe for all. You may have noticed that our little library has been quite festive over the last few holidays, and they always find creative solutions for the space limitations. CCPL workers have managed to keep the library operating at regular hours through the lingering

phases of COVID and continue to offer in-person services while other libraires shut down or limited their services. CCPL continues to serve and find ways to engage with our community. One of their latest ideas is offering gift card raffles on a regular basis. Local businesses donate the gift cards, and all proceeds support library operations. This is a win for all involved!

CCPL volunteers help the workers to keep the library operations running smoothly. CCPL volunteers support programs in varying ways: administrative support, accounting, marketing and advertising, Library Corner articles in the New Castle Record, website maintenance, Little Free Libraries, Board Members, Facebook updates, and Swap Days. These outreach



efforts are possible because of the workers and volunteers. If you happen to see any of our library workers or volunteers, please be sure to offer them a smile or word of thanks.

Although CCPL is little, there are vast amounts of useful information packed inside just waiting for you to explore. CCPL extends support to the community by offering; WIFI Hot Spots, take home COVID Tests, WIFI in the building and parking lot, movies, magazines,

new books, old books, computer use, children's area, book clubs, job searching assistance, tutoring, GED preparation supplies, and so much more! Did you know that on the CCPL website there are links to career preparation, educational courses, and language learning opportunities. CCPL worker and volunteer efforts are endless!

Here is how you can help celebrate our CCPL workers and volunteers this National Library Week. Stop in the

library and buy a raffle ticket, join the Friends of Library, offer to volunteer at one of the upcoming events including April 16th Swap Day follow/like Craig County Public Library on Facebook, check out a book or movie, purchase a bag full of books from our growing collections in the book barns, donate gently used books, make a donation, offer a business gift card for the next raffle, or even just say hello.

Happy National Library Week!!

# National Public Health Week 2022

## Dr. Cynthia Morrow

Roanoke City and Alleghany Health Districts Health Director

During the week of

April 4-8, the Roanoke City and Alleghany Health Districts will observe National Public Health Week. The national theme, "Public Health is Where You Are," celebrates what we know is true: the places

where we live, work, learn and play have a huge impact on our physical, mental and social well-being.

The role of public health is to assure the conditions in which people can be healthy. Every day, public health workers in our districts, regions and across the country work to make sure that our water, air and food are safe. These workers' contributions to the protection and improvement of our public health often go unnoticed. That changed over two years ago when the COVID-19 pandemic brought light to the work that public health workers do every day. The pandemic has highlighted how interconnected public health issues are and reinforced two fundamental and

ongoing concerns: first, social inequities, already prevalent in our communities, were exacerbated over the past two years; and second, the community must work together and rely on each other to protect and improve the health of everyone in the district meaningfully and sustainably. We are so thankful that we have been able to build so many partnerships since the beginning of the pandemic.

As our current COVID-19 situation has stabilized over the last month, we are poised to return more of our attention to the core services of public health. We will leverage these reinvigorated relationships with our public health partners to optimize the benefits for the

community.

For example, recently, we have been working to address a significant increase in the number of people who are becoming very sick from hepatitis A. Specifically, we are working with partners serving our residents who use injection drugs and our unhoused population to provide education about hepatitis A mitigation. Our epidemiologists, nurses, outreach workers and other team members are working with trusted community partners, especially the Drop-In Centers and the Virginia Harm Reduction Coalition, to educate and vaccinate vulnerable people who are at risk of contracting this vaccine-preventable disease. In addition, we partnered with the Res-

cue Mission and Roanoke City jail to provide hepatitis A vaccines and provided our first responders with education about the virus.

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Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316  
**Case No. JJ004566-06-00**  
RADFORD J&DR - JUVENILE DIVISION  
Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re MORGAN, GABRIELLA JOSEPHINE RADFORD CITY DSS /v. KAITLIN MORGAN ADKINS  
The object of this suit is to: TERMINATE THE RESIDUAL PARENTAL RIGHTS OF KAITLIN MORGAN ADKINS, legal parent of Gabriella Josephine Morgan, 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 she 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 parental rights will permanently end all of your rights and responsibilities to the child named in the petition.  
It is ORDERED that KAITLIN MORGAN ADKINS appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 05/13/2022 08:30 AM.

03/10/2022  
Sally Davis  
Clerk

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RADFORD J&DR - JUVENILE DIVISION  
Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re MORGAN, GABRIELLA JOSEPHINE RADFORD CITY DSS /v. BENJAMIN JOSEPH ALVAREZ  
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**Legals - City of Salem**

**Notice**

Take notice the undersigned will apply to the Council of the City of Salem at a public hearing on April 25, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as may be heard in the Council Chambers of the City of Salem, at 114 North Broad Street, Salem, Virginia, based on an application to permanently dispose of an approximate .137 acres of an unopened right of way. The unopened right of way is an alley bounded on the north by 9<sup>th</sup> Street and on the south by the Norfolk Southern Railway and by the following:

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Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or 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 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA

BY: H. Robert Light  
Clerk of Council



**Legals - City of Salem**

**Order of Publication**

City of Salem, Virginia vs. Oscar Martin, et al.  
Case No. CL21-366  
The object of this suit is to enforce the lien for taxes assessed by the City of Salem, Virginia against certain real property designated as Tax Map Parcel No. 80-2-22.

An affidavit having been made and filed that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of Oscar Martin and that there are or may be persons with an interest in the subject property, including heirs, devisees, and successors in the title of Oscar Martin, who may be deceased, whose names and addresses are unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that each of the parties appear on or before the 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, and do whatever is necessary to protect their interest in said land.

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A copy of the Advertised Budget is available for inspection at the County Government Center, in the County Administrator's Office, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg; the Blacksburg Library, 200 Miller St., Blacksburg; the Christiansburg Library, 125 Sheltman St., Christiansburg; the Meadowbrook Library, 267 Alleghany Springs Road, Shawsville; the Blacksburg Community Center, 725 Patrick Henry Dr., Blacksburg; the Christiansburg Recreation Center, 1600 N. Franklin St., Christiansburg; the Blacksburg Municipal Building, in the Town Manager's Office, 300 S. Main St., Blacksburg; and the Christiansburg Town Hall, in the Town Manager's Office, 100 E. Main St., Christiansburg.

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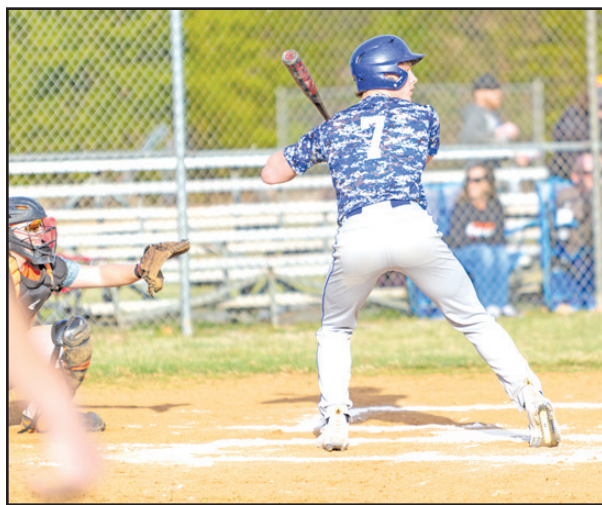


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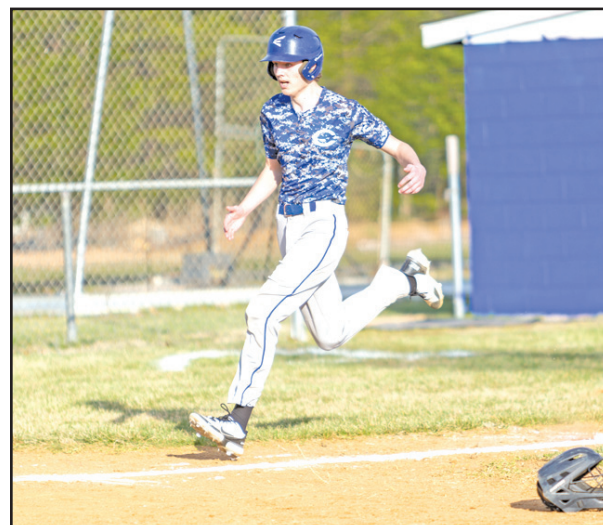
## ROCKETS FALL TO BLUES, SPARTANS IN BASEBALL



Brayden Frango bats for the Rockets



Hayden Reynolds takes a cut.



Nathaniel Sarver checks in with a run for Craig County.

PHOTOS BY JIM & REGINA DEVINNEY

It was spring break for many schools last week but not in New Castle, and the home team Rockets didn't get a break against two opponents on the baseball diamond. Craig lost to Parry McCluer and Giles on back-to-back days.

Craig lost to Parry McCluer 10-0 at home despite a capable pitcher performance from Zachary Peters, who struck out 11 in five innings and walked just two. Drew Duncan had two hits for the Rockets.

"We played a game full of

mental errors against a solid Parry McCluer team," said Craig coach Zachary Peters.

A day later the Rockets were in Pearisburg and didn't fare much better, dropping a 16-1 decision to host Giles. Again, errors hurt the Rockets as they dropped to 1-2 on the young season.

Matthew Lucas was two for three at the plate for Craig and Duncan continued to have a hot bat, hitting a stand up double in the first inning to score junior Zachary Peters for the only RBI of the game.

Lucas started on the mound for Rockets. He was relieved by two new pitchers to finish the game as senior Dylan Crawford was out from concussion from the Bath game. Sophomore Hayden Reynolds and freshman Jaycob Wolfe both had a good first showing on the mound. Both recorded their first strike outs at the varsity level.

"In both games we had too many mental mistakes to compete with the teams we played," said coach Peters. "We're not catching balls hit to us or thrown

to each other. We are having a hard time getting on base and hitting the ball due to players watching three strikes going by them. We need to start swinging the bat and catching the ball to compete in the games."

While Peters was disappointed with the results he was far from discouraged.

"This is a very talented and smart team, but overthinking is what is hurting us," he said. "We learn from every game both players and coaches. We all make mistakes but it's what you learn

from them that makes you better. Our pitchers are throwing strikes but our defense is struggling to make the plays needed, which makes our pitchers throw more pitches in the games. We will get our offense and defense working in sync together to start playing great ball."

The Rockets were scheduled to host Eastern Montgomery on Tuesday of this week and next week they have two more home games, on April 12 against Narrows and April 14 against Covington.

## SOFTBALL TEAM PICKS UP FIRST WIN



Annabelle Gregory spears a line drive at shortstop.



Chasity Wolfe fires the ball in from left.



Craig catcher Lily Hutchison chases down a bunt.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Sara Jones struck out a dozen Spartans in a complete game effort on the mound as the Craig County softball team picked up their first win last week. The Rockets took a 10-3 win over Giles in Pearis-

burg. "We fielded and hit well this game," said coach Elaina WolfeCarper. "Hopefully this means we're hitting our stride and will keep building and improving from here."

The win boosted Craig to 1-4 after a 21-3 loss to Christiansburg in New Castle on March 29. It wasn't a great result but the girls showed improvement over their first game against a talented Class

3 Blue Demon team.

"There was a lot of improvement shown," said WolfeCarper. "Our fielding was much better and we got the bat on the ball. Christiansburg is a strong team."

The Rockets had a game with James River postponed by inclement weather last week. They were scheduled to host Eastern Montgomery on Tuesday. Next Tuesday, April 12, Narrows is here.

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## Salem Red Sox Return to Carolina League

### MiLB announces leagues for the 2022 season

The Salem Red Sox, Class-A affiliate of the Boston Red Sox, will once again be a member of the Carolina League when they open the season at home this weekend.

The Sox will open their season on Friday night with a three game series against Lynchburg. Friday's game is a 7:05 pm start, followed by a 1:05 pm game Saturday and a 5:05 pm start on Sunday. After an off day Monday the Sox will then head to Fayetteville where they will play a six game series with the Woodpeckers.

The Red Sox are back in the Carolina League after one year in Low A East. The teams are the same, only the name has

changed. There was no Carolina League last year after Major League Baseball revamped the minor league system.

The Sox are excited to be back in the Carolina League, the place they called home since 1968 prior to last year's restructuring. In 1972 the Salem Pirates, an affiliate of the Pittsburgh Pirates, captured the league championship for the first time. Since then, the professional team in Salem has celebrated being the best in the Carolina League three more times, the last being in 2001 as the Salem Avalanche, a Houston Astros affiliate.

Salem is joined by the 11 other teams and will

primarily compete against teams in the Northern region of the conference.

"We are excited to be back in the Carolina League after a year away," Salem General

Manager Allen Lawrence said. "The Red Sox have a lot of history in the league, and we are thrilled at the opportunity to make even more history against a handful of great teams."

