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**Tolbert** PHOTO COURTESY OF NEW RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL JAIL

## Tolbert apprehended in Dublin arrest ends weeks-long manhunt

**Aila Boyd**  
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DUBLIN – Shawn Michael Tolbert was apprehended by law enforcement authorities Aug. 30, a Dublin Police Department release said. News of Tolbert's arrest in Dublin brings a weeks-long manhunt to a close.

Tolbert, 42, of Burkeville, was wanted by authorities in both Craig and Montgomery counties.

According to previous New Castle Record coverage, the ordeal was sparked Aug. 11 when he came to the attention of law enforcement due to the fact that his vehicle matched the description of a vehicle that was believed to have been used in a robbery near Buchanan. Although he was not involved in the robbery, Tolbert fled when an officer attempted to engage him. A chase ensued along Interstate 81, which ended with a crash in Craig County.

On Aug. 30, a town of Dub-

lin resident contacted the Dublin Police Department and notified authorities that based on photos from local media outlets, he had observed someone who appeared to match Tolbert's description.

A Dublin police officer in an unmarked vehicle verified Tolbert's location, which triggered the deployment of a Virginia State Police tactical team to a bus that was in a backyard. "They safely took the subject into custody," the release stated.

Tolbert's capture was facilitated by the Dublin Police Department, U.S. Marshals Service, Pulaski County Sheriff's Office, Virginia State Police and the Virginia Conservation Police.

Part of the search to apprehend Tolbert included saturation patrols, foot patrols, K-9 units and drone searches, according to the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office.

A Virginia State Police spokesperson said last week that Tolbert had been hospitalized.

## Cougars kickoff football season



The young Cougars had their first game Saturday, Sept. 3, and won 14-12. The second team came close to their win.



PHOTOS BY PAM DIDDING

The Cougar cheerleaders gave a halftime performance. They cheered during the game with great enthusiasm. They also sold all their Krispy Kreme donuts. They sent a "big thank you" to all who supported them. Both the cheerleaders and teams are holding fundraisers, as the football team needs equipment and helmets, and the cheerleaders need uniforms, jackets and shoes. They report that any donations would be greatly appreciated.

See Cougars, page 2



**John's Creek Vol. Fire Dept. Fundraiser**  
**Spaghetti Dinner**

IMAGE COURTESY OF JOHN'S CREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

**The Johns Creek Volunteer Fire Department is continuing to work hard in their fundraisers to purchase needed equipment. Make plans for Saturday, Sept. 17, 5-7pm for their Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser.**

## John's Creek VFD hosts fundraisers for necessary fire equipment needs

**Pam Didding**  
Contributing writer

Just like any volunteer group, most volunteer fire departments must work extra hard to raise funds to be able to care for their community.

The Johns Creek Volunteer Fire Department works diligently in raising funds to purchase the necessary equipment for the firefighters and for their trucks and equipment.

On Saturday, Sept. 17, the department will be hosting their annual Spaghetti Fundraiser Dinner, from 5-7 p.m. at the JCVFD, Station #1 at 116 Dicks Creek Road.

The meal is \$10, which will include spaghetti, Italian bread, salad, dessert and a drink.

And, finally, they will be able to host it onsite again. "We will have sit-down

See JCVFD, page 3



At the Mud Run, people added lift kits to be able to compete in the competitions.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF METAL CARNAGE TV

Trucks flung mud high and out into the spectator areas, but no one seemed to mind. Cheers continued after each run.

## Mud Run brings more excitement All drivers seemed to have a great time

**Pam Didding**  
Contributing writer

No one can predict what will happen when vehicles are driven through inches of thick mud but it sure is fun to watch and even more fun to drive through it.

Corie Trivette and friends decided to have a Mud Run earlier this year and it seems to have been a success. Because of that, the second one was quickly suggested and scheduled.

On Saturday, Aug. 27, over 70 drivers of cars, trucks and side-by-side vehicles lined up to test their skills through inches of wet mud.

The crowd cheered as the mud was flung higher and higher during the event, though at this mud run, the spectators seemed to be seated

a little further back, hoping to not receive the enormous mud pelts they did the last time.

Excitement filled the air as each driver revved up their engine and drove down the track.

However, it was obvious when the spectators got seriously pelted with mud. The groans and exclamations were loud. "It's to be expected!" one guy shouted, as he tried to rub the mud off his shirt.

Still, laughter filled the air, and everyone seemed to have a great day.

The winners for the Mud Run classes were:

- 4 & 6-cylinder class: 1st - Brendon Sowers, 2nd - Smith and 3rd - Malachi Depriest
- Street Class: 1st - Bucky Hypes, 2nd - Chris Kerns and 3rd - Gary Kinder

- Mod Street: 1st - Mark Boothe, 2nd - Seth Grimmert and 3rd - Caleb Pressnell

- Hot Street: 1st - Allen Ragland, 2nd - Seth Grimmert and 3rd - Tony Shelton

- Renegade Class: 1st - JD Campbell, 2nd - Austin Ragland and 3rd - Kenny Mays

- Open Class: 1st - JD Campbell, 2nd - Austin Ragland and 3rd - Brad Fry

- Side-by-side: Chuck Didding

All drivers seemed to have a great time, as they conversed with each other, laughed, and exchanged their driving experiences.

They wish to send special thanks to the New Castle Vol-

See Mud Run, page 3



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# Roanoke College releases latest poll

The Institute for Policy and Opinion Research at Roanoke College released the results of its most recent poll late last month. As part of the poll, 640 adult Virginians were interviewed between Aug. 7 and 16 on a range of topics, including the war in Ukraine, abortion, Gov. Glenn Young's national spotlight and general feelings about current and former elected officials. The survey had a 4.5% margin of error.

**Approvals, favorable/unfavorable, direction of Virginia, country**  
According to the poll, Young-

kin's approval rating has increased to 55%. In May, it had been 53%. His disapproval remained at 35%. President Joe Biden's approval rating also increased, going up to 39%. It had been 37% in June. The poll indicated that 25% of respondents said that the country is headed in the right direction, up from 21% in May. Those who feel that the country has gotten off on the wrong track were at 72%. As for Virginia, 51% of respondents said that it is headed in the right direction, with 45% saying that it is headed in the wrong direction.

**Abortion, Supreme Court**  
The poll indicated that 40% of respondents in Virginia believe that abortion should be legal under all circumstances, up from 35% in May. Those who feel that abortion should be legal under some circumstances was at 48%, down from 53% in May. Those in favor of a total ban on abortion was at 10%, down slightly from 11% in May. **Youngkin, the national spotlight**  
For the first time, the poll from Roanoke College asked Virginian about their opinions on Youngkin and the national

spotlight given the speculation that he may run for president in 2024. The poll found that 36% of Virginians think Youngkin should run, while 54% do not. In an early matchup for the Republican primary for president, the poll found that among Republicans 28% would vote for Youngkin, 62% for former President Donald J. Trump and 9% for someone else. **Russia, Ukraine**  
As the war in Ukraine continues, 73% of respondents said that they continue to follow the news either very or somewhat closely. The number is down

slightly from May. According to the poll, Democrats, 80%, followed the war more closely than Republicans, 70%. The number of those who believe the worst of the war is yet to come was 64%, down slightly from 66% in May. The poll indicated that 45% of respondents believe that the United States should offer more support to Ukraine, but not at the risk of going to war with Russia. The number of respondents who feel that the United States is already doing enough to support Ukraine was at 36%.

-The New Castle Record

## Cougars from page 1



The Cougars football teams had help from their parents in washing cars at Food Country to raise funds for uniforms and helmets. The boys really "got into it," as all were soaked from head to toe, but they seemed to be having a blast.



PHOTOS BY PAM DIDDING

Lasterday Market kicked off the season to support the Cougars by serving them a free dinner Friday night and donated 15% of the proceeds sold that night to the team. They had games set up for them to play which they all seemed to enjoy. Pictured are, Assistant Coach Josh Ouellette from back left, Silas All, Ethan Cassell, Dalton Cassell, Andrew Webb, Ryne Crowder, from front left, Layden Taylor, Mason Ouellette and Brayden Slusher.

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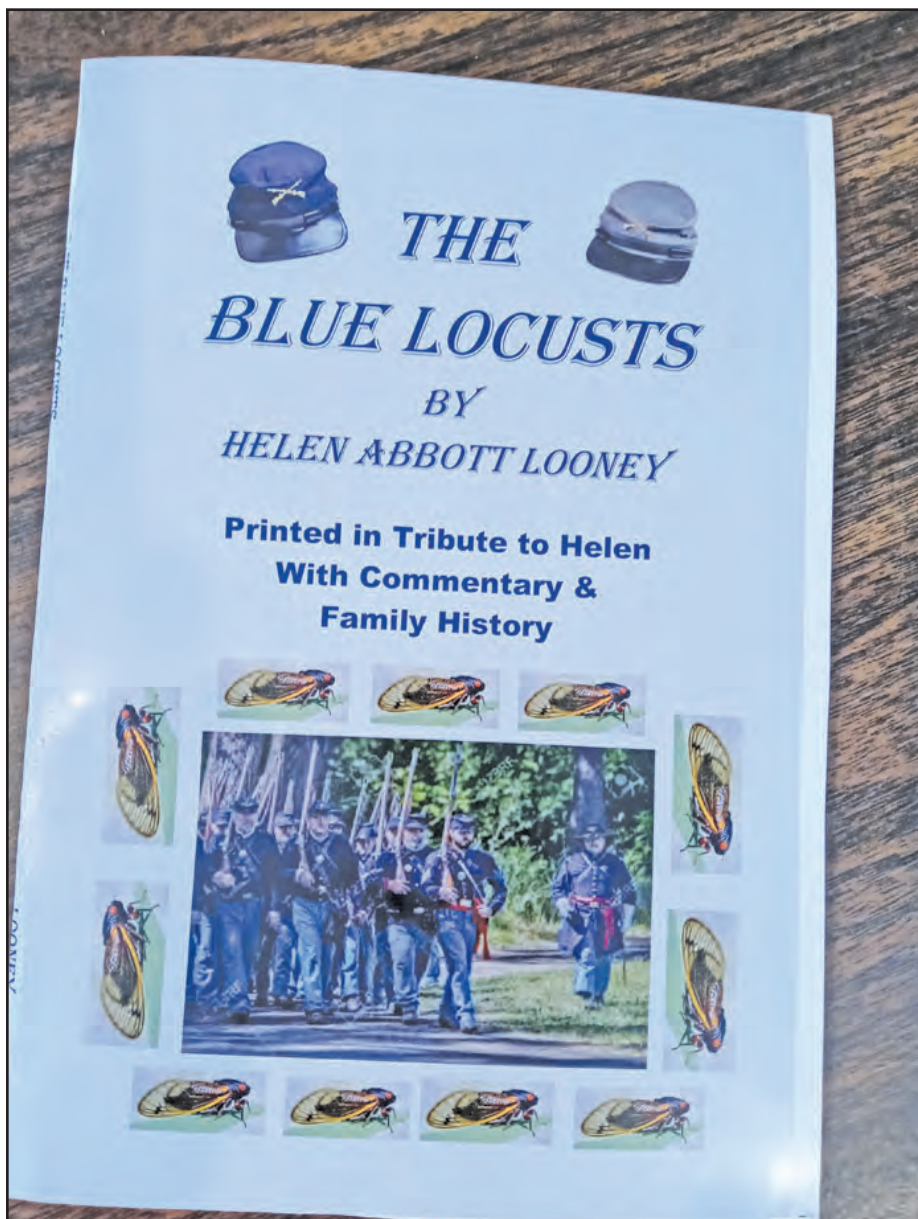


PHOTO COURTESY OF THE CRAIG COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The most recent publication of the Craig County Historical Society is a novel found in the papers of Helen Looney, founding member and long-time officer. Looney's story is called "The Blue Locusts" and tells what might have happened to families who lived along what is now Rt. 311 in June 1864, when 18,000 Union troops retreated through Craig County. Her story highlights the hundreds of descendants of the James Abbott family and others. The society is using the printing of this book to pay tribute to Helen and her many contributions to the county. "The Blue Locusts" can be purchased at the Old Brick Hotel for a donation of \$20. Contact 540-864-7023 or [craig.historicalsociety1981@gmail.com](mailto:craig.historicalsociety1981@gmail.com). Additionally, the Craig County Fall Festival will be held Oct. 8.

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# News from the 9th: Presidents are not kings

Americans have long been skeptical of monarchs. We still celebrate July 4 each year, marking the adoption of the Declaration of Independence which catalogued our grievances against Britain's King George III. We celebrate George Washington precisely because he chose to be a president who retired after two terms rather than a king. Presidents throughout our history who were seen as overstepping the bounds of office have been compared to kings, and not in a positive way.

This national trait of ours is a healthy one. As Ronald Reagan said of freedom, "It is not ours by way of inheritance; it must be fought for and defended constantly by each generation."

Our republican form of government requires the engagement of its citizens. Further, it separates powers between the legislative, executive, and judicial branches and expects each to guard those powers from the others.

Nevertheless, the presidency has clearly accumulated great power of which the kings and queens of old could scarcely

dream. In a spirit not of partisanship but of concern for our form of government, I offer some examples where recent presidencies surpassed their authority. Even if you or I agree with the goal, we should beware executive overreach.

Let's start with the Biden Administration. Under President Biden, the Department of Homeland Security has ruled that large swathes of the illegal immigrant population should not be eligible for removal from our country. Of course, we have seen the immediate consequences of this legally unportable position: much more illegal immigration.

But it also damages the rule of law in the long term. Congress writes immigration laws. Several presidents have sought bills to grant amnesty to illegal immigrants, but they have not passed Congress. President Biden's decision amounts to amnesty, but it is a decision he is not free to make.

His recent order canceling student loan debt at the cost of hundreds of billions of dollars



Morgan Griffith Representative

will likely be challenged in the courts. Its foundation in emergency authority is constitutionally dubious.

During President Trump's Administration, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) unilaterally issued a nationwide moratorium on evictions in September 2020. Congress had previously passed a set of protections from eviction during the coronavirus pandemic in the CARES Act. The eviction limits expired, so the CDC cited a vague law allowing its director to take "measures to prevent such spread of the diseases as he/she deems reasonably necessary" to issue its own moratorium.

The CDC continued to extend the moratorium under President Biden until the Supreme Court eventually

blocked its enforcement.

President Obama's time in office was characterized by aggressive efforts to push the envelope of his legal authority. He entered the Paris climate agreement without seeking Senate approval as a treaty. His Administration issued guidance documents that sought to evade the steps for rulemaking required by law. Just this year, the Supreme Court found in *West Virginia v. Environmental Protection Agency* (EPA) that the Obama EPA tried to usurp authority that did not belong to it in the regulation of greenhouse gases.

President George W. Bush's time in office was consumed by the response to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, but national security does not justify acting outside the law. The Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) set rules for reviewing requests by intelligence agencies to keep track of suspects. I believe the Bush Administration went beyond the rules to allow the National Security Agency to eavesdrop on suspects, including Ameri-

cans, without a warrant.

Preventing presidents from overreaching their authority can be difficult. One may sympathize with the president's goals or not want to side with the president's opponents. Nevertheless, keeping our republic requires vigilance against presidents of any party acting outside their legal and constitutional limits.

As a Member of Congress, I have sought to keep presidents within the law. Under Presidents Obama, Trump, and Biden, I have called for the review and repeal of the authorization of use of military force in Iraq to prevent it from being used for unrelated purposes. I have been an outspoken critic of the FISA court process.

Further, I have spoken out against regulations that do not follow the proper rulemaking process, and have supported legislation to keep the president, whoever he or she is, within the limits of their office.

A president is not a king, no matter how well-meaning he is. All citizens should seek to keep it that way.

# 'Raising Lazarus' and our own Beth Macy

## Library Corner

Empowering individuals to build a stronger community  
By Marge Lewter

Author Beth Macy got her graduate degree at Hollins University and served the Roanoke area as a reporter for the Roanoke Times for many years. You may have heard of the Hulu series "Dopesick," which grew

from Macy's third book of the same title. Her fourth book is called "Raising Lazarus" and is a hopeful sequel to "Dopesick." Recently Beth spoke in Roanoke to a house of 400 attendees to launch this latest book. She shared the call out for communities to work together to address what we can do to help the overwhelming number of victims addicted to opioid and similar drugs, fueled by the over prescribed pain killer Oxycodone.

Sobering statistics were shared by Macy about this epidemic that has touched virtually every one of us. Over 8 million people have Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and one third of families are affected by the tragic consequences. According to the Yale Medicine website, "OUD is a chronic brain disease in which people continue to use opioids in spite of harms caused by their use." OUD often leads to the use of more dangerous and addictive drugs. In today's world, street drugs are plentiful and cheap with frequent dangerous adulteration with deadly ingredients.

Besides addiction and changes in brain chemistry,

opioids cause severe respiratory depression. When a user is alone, they can stop breathing and die within minutes. Lifesaving Narcan is an opioid reversal drug that is given intra-nasally to chemically reverse certain opioids. In keeping with Macy's proactive approach, quick training of Narcan use by the Virginia Health Department was offered to every person who walked in the door to her program. Our local social services offer this training in New Castle. One participant's shirt read "Acta non Verba" translated to mean "Act, don't Talk." Families and friends of the addicted can do much to help. Recovered addicts are especially effective at becoming part of the solution.

It was stressed that education about the disease of addiction is key to finding solutions. Individuals can make a difference in many ways. A story was told about a front desk staff member who showed extra kindness to a homeless person who sought medical help and how that small effort enabled the person to stick with the program and receive continued medical care. Thinking of OUD

as a disease like diabetes or cancer can help to reduce the stigma associated with it and help us to understand that lifetime care is needed as with other conditions.

Education of police and medical personnel is essential to treating victims with dignity and reducing the stigma associated with addiction. OUD can have a ripple effect on a person's life by exposing them to infectious diseases like AIDS and Hepatitis C as well as homelessness and prostitution. Webster defines stigma as "a mark of disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person." Addiction or any of these collateral harms can cause stigmatization which further discourages the victim from receiving help. Macy suggests treating addicts as people, not as criminals.

"Raising Lazarus" contains the stories of individuals and grassroots organizations that are making positive steps in treating the disease of addiction. Clean needle exchanges are essential for preventing the spread of deadly infectious diseases. Macy shares that statistics prove

that those who use clean needle exchanges are more likely to get help than those who don't. Transportation networks are being implemented so that addicts can get to doctor appointments and counseling sessions until they get back on their feet. Medicaid expansion has helped to expand healthcare for the homeless. Telehealth has made it possible for those in rural areas to get help. Affordable housing and job opportunity are critical for people to recover from the cycle of addiction and relapse.

"Raising Lazarus" offers actions that every one of us can take to make a difference to people who are suffering in our own communities. In doing so, we have the knowledge that one person can truly make a difference.

Beth Macy has a Facebook page under "Author Beth Macy" where you can find links of recordings of her presentations and learn more about her books. Book one was "Truevine" and book two was "Factory Man," both riveting true stories of people who made a difference in the face of great adversity.

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# V DOT ROADWATCH

The following is a list of forecasted highway projects that may impact traffic traveling in the 12-county Salem Transportation District this week. Work schedules and construction project timelines are always subject to change and weather dependent.

## INTERSTATE 81

**INTERSTATE 81 LANE WIDENING CONSTRUCTION PROJECT EXIT 137 TO EXIT 141** – A \$179 million design-build project to widen both directions of I-81 between mile markers 136.6 and 141.8 from two to three lanes is set to begin. Starting in February and continuing into the early summer,

work will be performed on the inside and outside shoulders along a five-mile section of both northbound and southbound Interstate 81 in Roanoke County and the city of Salem. The shoulders will be built up before barrier wall can be installed for road crews to work behind. Barrier wall will be installed along the shoulders in the spring and summer. Two lanes of I-81 traffic in each direction will remain open during the project with periodic lane closures scheduled during nighttime hours or outside of peak travel times as needed. Drivers can expect the following lane closures and upcoming impacts on northbound and southbound I-81:

- Nighttime lane closures may be in place

and lane widths will be reduced to 11 feet.

- From mid-March until mid-June, nighttime right lane and shoulder closures between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday

- From mid-May to mid-June, alternating left and right lane and shoulder closures during nighttime hours between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday

- Nightly lane closures may be in place along the right lane with possible nightly ramp narrows as needed for guardrail and shoulder strengthening.

- Northbound I-81 lane closures from mile marker 138 to 142

- Northbound I-81 exit

and entrance ramp narrows possible at Route 311.

The project also includes replacing six bridges, widening two bridges, installing approximately 2.6 miles of

sound barrier walls along northbound I-81, improving the southbound exit 137 off-ramp intersection at Wildwood Road and adding interchange lighting at exits

137, 140 and 141 are also included in the project. Expected completion in early 2026.

For a full VDOT Road Watch list, visit The New Castle Record website.

# OBITUARY

## Chalmus Bryan (Bobby) Rose

Chalmus Bryan (Bobby) Rose passed away peacefully on August 21, 2022 at his home in Chesterfield, VA. He was born on March 13, 1929 and raised in Paint Bank, VA. He was preceded in death by his first wife Shirley Dunbar Rose, and second wife Eleanor Hubble Rose. He is survived by his son Bryan; daughter Gayle; son Kenny; four grandchildren; and four great grandchildren. Bob retired from ExxonMobil after 37 years. He served in Korea as an Army Sargent. He was a dedi-



cated member of Bethia UMC where he gave much of himself through service and labor. Bob was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting (especially bear), fishing, and being in the woods. He was a loving and loyal father and friend and will be remembered for his kind deeds and his charming smile. He was buried on August 27 at Paint Bank Community Cemetery.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Bethia UMC or Paint Bank Volunteer Fire Department.

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**Oct. 10, 2022:** Registrar's Office closed due to holiday

**Oct. 18, 2022:** Voter Registration deadline  
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**Oct. 28, 2022:** Last day to accept absentee applications  
Application must be in Registrar's Office by 5pm

**Oct. 29, 2022:** (Saturday) Registrar's Office is open 9am - 5pm for in-person early voting

**Nov. 05, 2022:** (Saturday) Registrar's Office is open 9am - 5pm  
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**Nov. 08, 2022:** General Election. All polling places will be open 6am - 7pm  
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# SPORTS

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## ROCKETS HAVE HOME VOLLEYBALL GAME THURSDAY



Jenna Boitnotte(#8) sets ones up.



Maggie Mays(#24) blocks a Raider spike at the net.



Cheyenne Bell(#4) goes up for a spike against North Cross.



Randalyn Taylor(#13) plays the net for the Rockets.



The Rockets huddle during a timeout at North Cross last week.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

The Craig County girls will be looking for their first volleyball win this week when they open the Pioneer District season with two matches. Craig was scheduled to play at Parry McCluer on Tuesday, then host Covington on Thursday.

The Rockets come into the week at 0-5 after playing a tough schedule to open the season. Craig, a Class 1 school, had home-and-home matches with two Class 3 schools along with a match in Roanoke against a private school, North Cross.

Last week the Rockets dropped all three of their matches, beginning with a 25-23, 25-14 and 25-23

loss to North Cross. The Raiders pulled out close sets in the first and third in a match that was closer than the score indicated.

On Wednesday of last week the Rockets traveled to Christiansburg to play a strong team of Blue Demons and fell 25-8, 25-5 and 25-9. Then, a night later, the Rockets were home to Staunton River and lost 25-10, 25-10 and 25-15.

Maggie Mays played the setting position against Staunton River.

“With a young team with a lot of potential we wanted to see the strengths of some players,” said coach Suzanne Crawford. Mays had three assists,

two kills, and two blocks. Annabelle Gregory contributed 17 digs, four aces and three kills while Randalyn Taylor played great at the net as the middle blocker with four blocks.

Freshman Daileigh Donithan played great defense with eight digs. Erin Snider was aggressive offensively with five aces and she also picked up 12 digs.

“We had some struggles, learning positions and adjusting to more aggressive play,” said Crawford. “The girls played hard. If they continue to play aggressively they will do well this season.”

## Former Rocket is coaching football at Franklin County High



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Jefferson Lee, a standout placekicker during his days at Craig County High School, is in his second year as an assistant football coach at Franklin County High under head coach JR Edwards. After high school Lee went to kick at Division III power Mount Union College in Alliance, Ohio before returning to the Roanoke Valley. Jefferson, who also teaches in Franklin County, and his wife recently had a baby boy, Crimson. Franklin County split their first two games, defeating Bassett in the opener but falling to Salem last Friday, 33-32, in a game that went down to the wire in Rocky Mount. Ironically, the Eagles missed two extra point kicks in the one point loss to Salem. If they could have suited up Jefferson for the game they probably would have won.

## CRAIG FOOTBALL GAME CANCELLED DUE TO SICKNESS



PHOTO BY CHELSEA LOUTHEN

The Rockets will have a bye this week following last week's cancelled game with Auburn. Here they take the field prior to the season opening win over Bland County.

The Craig County football game at Auburn was cancelled last week due to sickness. The Rockets didn't have enough healthy players to take the field due to several sicknesses that hit the team.

Coach Jim Fisher indicted that over half the team and over half the staff was out due to sickness. The Rockets didn't schedule another practice until Tuesday of this week, and they're fortunate to have their bye week this week,

giving them an extra week to get better. The next game is scheduled for Friday, September 16, at Montcalm.

“The Auburn game is up in the air,” said Fisher. “We'd like to play it if we can work something out.”

## VHSL has new mobile app for Virginia high school sports fans

The Virginia High School League recently announced the release of the new VHSL Live mobile app compatible with both iOS and Android devices. The app is a collaboration between the VHSL and FanThreeSixty, an industry-leading fan engagement software and analytics company.

The mobile app enables fans to follow activities for all 318 VHSL member schools from one place. In addition, fans can access the latest VHSL news, schedules, rosters, stats, and scores. It also integrates and links to live feeds from the NFHS Network for VHSL Championship events.

VHSL and member school fans may purchase tickets and merchandise right from the app, and they can favorite their preferred schools and sports to receive notifications for those specific teams.

The app includes several innovative features, such as the VHSL FanCam, where fans can share experiences and photos with custom filters on social media right from the app. The VHSL Live app will also integrate many other app exclusive features to enhance the experience at VHSL events and for following the action year-round.

FanThreeSixty has extensive

experience and knowledge in building and managing mobile apps that deliver personalized fan experiences while managing event data for thousands of teams. It has successfully introduced mobile apps for a variety of state activities associations, sports teams, and enterprises including Washington Interscholastic Activities Association, Speedway Motor Sports, Inc., Sporting Kansas City (MLS), Real Salt Lake (MLS), Sioux Falls Skyforce (NBA G League) and Etihad Stadium.

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