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# Craig County Child Care Center, Field of Dreams get new playground equipment



The old playground equipment at the Craig County Child Care Center was 20 years old. They were happy to get new equipment for their kids.

**Pam Dudding**  
Contributing writer

There is something about a playground that heightens kids' excitement. Combine that with the outdoors where they can get fresh air, run and play and even the parents' level of contentment rises.

The Craig County Child Care Center and the Field of Dreams recently received some new playground equipment for the kids to enjoy.

Teresa Oliver, director of the center shared, "The Craig County Youth and Community Services Board (CCY&CS) and the Craig County Child Care Center's governing board, voted to construct the structure as part of our community involvement

to help strengthen families and help build a stronger sense of community. The grant funding was through funds the child-care center received."

The board helped select the equipment with a subcommittee of, Oliver, Debbie Snead and Shelby Crofts.

The Field of Dreams received a play structure, swings, a bench and trash receptacle.

The center received new belt swings and a beautiful new play structure for the school kids' playground. Their old one was approximately 20 years old.

The installation sales representative was Eric White with All Recreation, at 20609 Gordon Park Sq. Suite 190 in Ashburn.

PHOTO BY PAM DUDDING

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The new Cornerstone Clothes Closet is open in Craig. Most everything is only \$3, excluding a few new items with tags still attached. Monies are going to assist in a teen program.

## Clothes Closet opens in Craig

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Many people have been wanting a clothes closet in Craig County. The Cornerstone Church – New Castle heard those requests and has responded.

They have taken the brick home beside of the church and filled it with

clothing for all ages, shoes, jewelry and niceties to sell for a small amount.

Each item is only \$3, with a few exceptions of new items with tags on them.

"These funds are then donated to the Youth Department for equipment that will be used at the school for the new Adventure for teens, which starts on

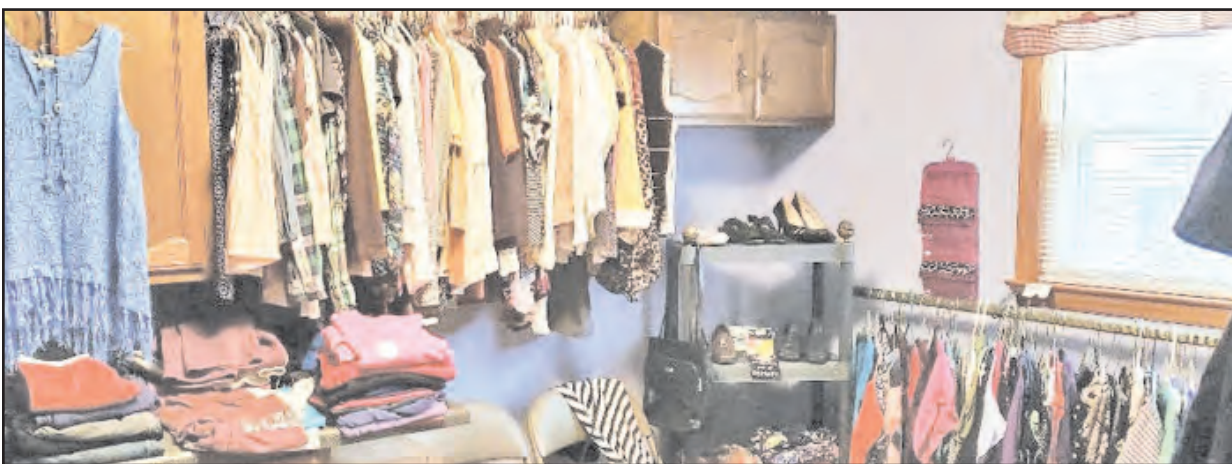
Sundays," Rosemary Duncan shared.

They are open every Monday and Saturday, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

If anyone would like to donate items to support the cause, they may contact Duncan on Facebook.

They accept most all clothing of all

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There are clothes for every member of the family and all seasons. They also have a selection of shoes and coats.

PHOTO BY PAM DUDDING

## Studio Reflections celebrates first year of business

**Pam Dudding**  
Contributing writer

There is a saying, "Beauty is only skin deep." Most people know what that means, however when someone has their hair highlighted, or gets a new haircut, it not only makes them look great, but their perception within themselves also has a tendency to grow inside as well.

Tracy Wilson, the owner of Studio Reflections shared, "My most favorite thing about hair is watching the colors come to life and changing the client's perspective on how they view themselves! Basically, making them feel beautiful when they look in the mirror!"

On Saturday, Sept. 17, Wilson celebrated the one-year anniversary

since the opening of her salon, Studio Reflections, by having a birthday bash.

She decorated it elaborately, had a smorgasbord of food and snacks and a "thank you" bag to give to customers which contained candies, a hair barrette or scrunchie, a facial gift and a freebie such as a free brow wax.

She also invited a few small businesses to sell their wares during the event.

Jasmine Brown with her business, Cowgirlaholic, had unique jewelry, cups, wristlets, nail covers and tote bags to name a few. Lindsay Hall was there with her business, Thrifty Mama. She buys clothes and resells them at a discounted price, meaning she has items that can't be found in regular stores. Brittany LaTempa with South of the Mason Dixon

was selling t-shirts for the season and flannel shirts with creative sayings on them.

Teanna Sowers was there with her two businesses, Mary Kay and The Flowergirl Boutique, which is located in Fairlawn, both having items that ladies found difficult to pass up.

"I love the Mary Kay products and how they can change your skin!" Sowers shared. She recently became a director. "My goal is to lead my people to be successful and to feel beautiful in their own skin. The Flowergirl tribe focuses on making everyone feel beautiful no matter their size, including sizes from small to 3XL, selling other items such as shoes and jewelry."

Sowers added, "Tracy and I have

See **Studio Reflections**, page 2



PHOTO BY PAM DUDDING

Tracy Kendall Wilson opened her new salon, Studio Reflections, one year ago, bringing creative hair care ideas to the county for ladies and gentlemen. Her clients seem to adore her work as they post their pictures on Facebook. She is happy to serve the Craig community and is now taking new clients.



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# VDOT ROADWATCH

## 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.

### I-81 TROUTVILLE REST AREA CLOSURE

The Troutville Rest Area located on southbound Interstate 81 near mile marker 158 in Botetourt County is currently closed until later in the month of September. Supply chain issues have delayed manufacture and delivery of metal bases for the new lighting poles that must be installed before the facility can be reopened. The Virginia Department of Transportation's contractor Branch Civil Inc. will need additional time to install the lighting so reopening the facility needs to be postponed.

Signage indicating the closure is posted in the rest area. A temporary concrete barrier wall will remain in place in front of the facility. The rest area facility, ramps and parking lot are closed to the public. This project will extend the ramp into the rest area by 500 feet and the ramp out of the rest area by 2,100 feet. It will also include expanding the truck parking area at the facility by about 10-13 spaces. Work is expected to be completed in early fall 2022.

• **REST AREA OPTIONS:** While the Troutville Rest Area is closed, southbound I-81 drivers can use the Fairfield Rest Area at mile marker 195 in Rockbridge County or the Radford Rest Area at mile marker 108 in Montgomery County. In addition, the Troutville Weigh Station, located on southbound I-81 at mile marker 149, will have portable toilets and parking will be temporarily available for commercial vehicles.

• **INTERSTATE 81 LANE WIDENING CONSTRUCTION EXIT 141 TO EXIT 143** – A project to widen the lanes on I-81 in Roanoke in both northbound and southbound directions between Exit 141 to Exit 143 has been underway. All lanes now open and will remain open through winter with periodic lane closures at night as needed. The final surface paving and markings for northbound is underway this summer during nighttime hours, 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. Drivers can expect rough pavement. Estimated completion date of the project is summer 2022.

### I-81 NORTHBOUND AT EXIT 105 NEW RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY

– Traffic on northbound I-81 has been switched onto the newly constructed bridge over the New River at the Montgomery/Pulaski County line. The old bridge is being demolished. Lane and shoulder closures may be in place near exit 105. Lane closure may be in effect during the week from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Shoulder closures may be in effect at any time during the week. Slow rolls may be performed on I-81 in the north and southbound lanes from mile marker 98 to 109. Speed limit is reduced to 60 miles per hour in the work zone. Shoulder closures will remain in place though the duration of the project. Project completion is estimated by summer 2023.

• **ROUTE 605:** Intermittent flagging operations will be present on Route 605, located under the New River Bridge, for work overhead on the bridge.

• **LANE CLOSURES:** Nighttime alternating lane closures will be in place on I-81 northbound between mile markers 104-106 from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning.

• **SLOW ROLLS:** Slow rolls may be utilized periodically on both the northbound and southbound lanes from mile marker 98-109 for structural steel deliveries and setting beams.

### I-81 PAVING OPERATIONS

– Weather permitting, crews will pave, patch and repair pavement on various routes. Lane closures may be in place during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

• **Botetourt County:** Alternating lane closes on I-81 southbound between mile marker 162 and 164.

• **Montgomery County:** Lane closures in place for paving of I-81 northbound between mile marker 116 to 114.

• **Roanoke County:** Alternating lane closures on I-81 northbound for milling and paving from mile marker 134.5 to 132.4, 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning.

### I-81 BRIDGE DECK REPAIRS

– Weather permitting, crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate 81. Between mile markers 138 to 152, right and left lane closures will be in place northbound and southbound during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

### I-81 POTHOLE PATCHING OPERATIONS

– Weather permitting, crews will patch potholes along southbound and northbound Interstate 81. Mobile right and left lane closures will be in place and moving

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# Studio Reflections

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For her one-year celebration, Wilson invited some of her friends who also have small businesses to participate and make the day a fun one. Pictured are, Cowgirlaholic - Jasmine Brown, Liv Alive Photography - Olivia Slusher, Studio Reflections - Tracy Wilson, Thrifty Mama - Lindsay Hall, South of the Mason Dixon - Brittany LaTempa, Elsa - Taylor Cramer, Spider-Man - Brandon Slusher and Mary Kay and The Flowergirl Boutique-Teanna Sowers.



Jasmine Brown and Olivia Slusher were set up outside the building. Slusher was taking pictures of kids with Spiderman and Elsa and Brown was selling her unique jewelry, cups and many other items.



Thrifty Mama's Lindsay Hall and South of the Mason Dixon's Brittany LaTempa both had the salon packed with clothes for people to purchase.



PHOTOS BY PAM DUDDING

Teanna Sowers brought her two business ventures, The Flowergirl Boutique and Mary Kay, to the event.

been friends since high school and when she invited me to represent both of my small businesses, I was all for it! I wanted to help celebrate her business and all of her success!"

To add to the fun of the day for kids, Olivia Slusher brought Elsa from "Frozen" (Taylor Cramer) and Spider-Man (Brandon Slusher) to take pictures with. However, even a few adults took their pictures so they could send them to their kids or grandkids. She also had free face painting and a raffle basket with a \$75 gift certificate, which Kim Wolfe won.

"It was an honor to celebrate Tracy and Studio Reflections 'first' birthday!" shared Slusher. "I am so proud of Tracy for her dedication and the love she has for those she serves."

Recently, Wilson shared a little about herself on Facebook to let others who hadn't met her or been to her business yet know about her services.

"My name is Tracy! I am 21 years old, and I have two younger siblings who are like children to me. I have recently gotten married to my husband in May whom you may know as Beefhead or Tracy's man (aka: Dakota). I'm also a dog mama to a sweet chocolate lab named Bailey. I enjoy being outside and spending time with my family and interacting. Also, I'm a coffee/Starbucks and any cow/cow-print fanatic!" she said.

"Studio Reflections was introduced to

Craig County a year ago. The business started in September 2021 when Covid was finally starting to be normal," Wilson added. "I came up with the name when I realized you are what you put out into this world and that's a reflection."

Studio Reflections is located inside the door of Food Country.

Wilson enjoys her business of doing hair which includes, women's, men's and children's cuts, color, highlights, Balayage/custom, colors, shampoo and style, special occasion style, updos, brow wax, brow tint, bridal hair, Brazilian blowout and Halo extension services.

Business hours are Tuesdays 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Wednesdays through Fridays 2 p.m.–8 p.m. and Saturdays are by appointments. Appointments can be made by calling (540) 580-8396. She is closed Sundays and Mondays.

After a full day of celebration, Wilson was a happy business owner.

She not only shared her happiness with the community but allowed other young business owners to be a part and grow their business as well.

Craig County has a number of young entrepreneurs and hopes are that they can continue their successful businesses in our county, with more and more doors opening for each of them.

"My hopes are to GROW my business and establish a happy clientele within our hometown," Wilson shared. "Thank you for all your love and continued support! And I'm taking NEW clients!"

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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- One of the four Vedas
- Part of (abbr.)
- At the peak
- African antelope
- Expression of satisfaction
- Yankees' ace
- Belittled
- A baglike structure
- Utah Jazz coach Snyder
- Actress Tomei
- Explosive
- Formal for "on"
- Cruelties
- Country singer Brad
- Make very happy
- Binary compound of hydrogen with a metal
- Albanian currency
- Subatomic particle
- Type of salt
- 007's creator

### CLUES DOWN

- Emerging
- Railroad flare
- Observed
- Capable of reproduction
- Indicates adjacent to
- Legendary Notre Dame coach
- Not wide
- An embarrassing mistake
- Pearl Jam's debut album
- Denotes passerine birds
- Stumble
- Midway between east and southeast
- W. Indian trees
- You
- Pigpen
- Be aware of

### CLUES DOWN

- Crease
- "Honey" actress Jessica
- Broad volcanic crater
- Product safety watchdog
- Southern Colombian city
- Part of a church
- Perceptible by touch
- Pronounce not guilty of criminal charges
- Hairpiece
- Variety acts
- "Mystic River" actor Sean
- Remove salt
- Went out with
- Type of bread
- Popular Eagles song
- Philosophy degree
- Vote
- Passports and licenses are two
- No seats available

### CLUES DOWN

- Pounds per square inch
- A way to launch an attack on
- The lowest cardinal number
- Popular Miller beer
- Pokes holes in
- Closest to
- Folk singer DiFranco
- Rivne's former name
- Flat ruler
- Lacking the means to do something
- Cockatoo
- Dred Scott decision deliverer
- Explosion exclamation
- Canadian flyers
- Houston university
- At some prior time
- Red, swollen mark

# Upcoming public meetings in Craig County

**Sept. 21**  
A CPMT meeting will be at First Baptist Church at 40 Boyd Avenue Sept. 21 at 1 p.m.

**Oct. 6**  
The Craig County Board of Supervisors will meet Oct. 6 at 6 p.m. at the Craig County Courthouse in New Castle. All citizens are welcome to attend.

**Oct. 11**  
Rep. Morgan Griffith will hold a comment period at the Craig County

Courthouse in the break room from 9-10:30 a.m. Oct. 11.

The Craig County School Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Craig County High School auditorium.

**Oct. 17**  
The New Castle Town Council will meet Oct. 17 from 7-8 p.m. at the New Castle Town Hall at 339 Market Street in New Castle.

**Oct. 19**  
A CPMT meeting will

be at First Baptist Church at 40 Boyd Avenue Oct. 19.

**Nov. 3**  
The Craig County Board of Supervisors will meet Nov. 3 at 6 p.m. at the Craig County Courthouse in New Castle. All citizens are welcome to attend.

**Nov. 8**  
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**Nov. 16**  
A CPMT meeting will be at First Baptist Church at 40 Boyd Avenue Nov. 16.

**Nov. 21**  
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Castle.  
**Dec. 1**  
The Craig County Board of Supervisors will meet Dec. 1 at 6 p.m. at the Craig County Courthouse in New Castle. All citizens are welcome to attend.

**Dec. 13**  
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-The New Castle Record

## Virginia's August unemployment rate decreased to 2.6%

RICHMOND — According to a release from the Virginia Employment Commission from last week, Virginia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased in August to 2.6%, which is 1 percentage point below the rate from a year ago.

According to household survey data in August, the labor force decreased by 7,142 to 4,346,858 as the number of unemployed residents decreased by 1,956 to 114,103. The number of employed resi-

dents dropped by 5,186 to 4,232,755. Virginia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate continues to be below the national rate, which rose to 3.7%.

The commonwealth's labor force participation rate edged lower to 63.7% in August. The labor force participation rate measures the proportion of the civilian population age 16 and older that is employed or actively looking for work.

Virginia's nonagricultural employment, from the monthly establishment survey, rose

by 16,700 jobs in August to 4,085,300. July's preliminary estimate was revised down by 2,200, subtracting from that month's job gain. In August, private sector employment increased by 7,400 jobs to 3,361,900 while public sector employment climbed by 9,300 to 723,400. Increases within that sector occurred in local government (+8,700 jobs), federal government (+300 jobs) and state government employment (+300 jobs).

Employment rose in eight

of 12 major industry sectors, was unchanged in one, and declined in two. The largest job gain during August occurred in government employment, with an increase of 9,300 jobs to 723,400. The second largest increase occurred in miscellaneous (+2,400 jobs) to 188,000. Education and health services was third, with a gain of 2,100 jobs, rising to 568,600. Other increases included professional and business services (+1,900 jobs) to 795,100, manufacturing (+1,600 jobs) to 239,400,

trade, transportation, and utilities (+1,600 jobs) to 670,900, construction (+700 jobs) to 205,800, and information (+400 jobs) to 70,400. Mining and Logging was unchanged at 7,500. The largest job loss during August occurred in leisure and hospitality (-2,400 jobs) to 410,300. The second largest decrease occurred in finance, with a decrease of 900 jobs to 205,900.

-The New Castle Record

## Field of Dreams from page 1

"The staff and children are all super excited to have a new place to take the kids to play this year," Oliver shared. "As well school kids are super hyped about their new playground at the center."

Having the playground area at the Field of Dreams will also allow parents that go to watch older children play ball while younger children are able to safely play.

Oliver added that since COVID-19, they have all learned the importance of being able to get outside and play.

"This will allow another great opportunity for our community to have an exceptional play area," Oliver said. "With more and more children using more electronics and gaming devices, our hope is that this will encourage them to get active and outside."



The Field of Dreams now has a nice play area for younger kids to play while their older siblings are playing ball.

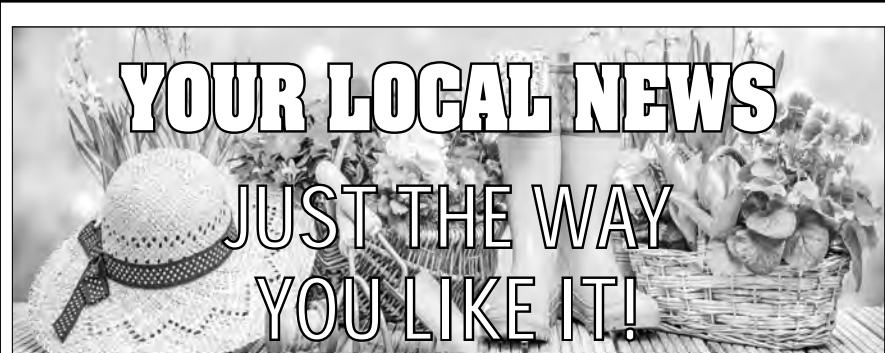
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## New roof installed



COURTESY OF CRAIG COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A new metal roof has been installed on the old Clifton's Cash Store building on Main Street. It is the first phase of restoration work by Craig County Historical Society. The large two-story building is estimated to be 90 years old and once housed general stores operated by William Wagener and Clifton Elmore. The work in this phase was done by contractor Robert Welch.



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# Border problems continue

When asked recently by NBC News whether the border is secure, Vice President Kamala Harris, the Biden Administration's "border czar," said, "We have a secure border in that that is a priority for any nation."

The Vice President's confusing syntax aside, the only answer to the question "Is the border secure?" right now must be "No."

A secure border would not be setting records for daily encounters of illegal immigrants, but the Washington Free Beacon reported on September 15 that internal U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) documents indicate about 8,000 illegal immigrant encounters are taking place at the border each day, the highest daily number in our history.

If the border were secure, we would not hear howling when governors on the southern border send a few busloads of illegal immigrants to areas that commonly vote for the politicians that op-

pose fully securing the border.

Sustained high daily numbers of encounters, just the latest negative record set at the border under the Biden Administration, mock the idea that the border is anything close to secure. Border Patrol agents cannot adequately respond to the situation. The astounding numbers of illegal immigrants at the border, many of whom are eventually released into our country, also signal to others contemplating unlawful entry that they can make the attempt without having to worry about legal consequences.

An uncontrolled border also offers countless opportunities for criminals or other unscrupulous actors to gain. Cartels traffic people across the border with little regard for the illegal immigrants in their charge and smuggle drugs that make their way to communities across the country, including some in Virginia's Ninth Congressional District.

Utter incompetence and mis-



**Morgan Griffith**  
Representative

management allow some of these unscrupulous actors to cash in with American taxpayer dollars.

Illegal immigrant minors who are caught crossing the border are detained and housed while the Federal Government seeks sponsors in our country to take them into custody. The government often contracts with nongovernmental organizations to provide these services, but recent arrests and indictments suggest the government cannot always find trustworthy partners.

At the beginning of September, the CEO of International Education Services, a contractor providing temporary shelter and other services for unaccompanied alien minors, was indicted by a federal

grand jury on embezzlement and theft charges.

News reports on the indictment report that International Education Services received almost all its funding through federal grants. The indictment alleges that the CEO, Ruben Gallegos Jr., used grant money to pay to himself and other individuals salaries hundreds of thousands of dollars above a cap imposed by federal regulations. While the cap was \$187,000, Mr. Gallegos in four separate years paid himself salaries ranging from \$435,417 to \$492,002. He also used grant money to lease properties from himself at excessive rates.

While the Biden Administration's chosen leaders for DHS have created many of the problems along the border, responsibility for unaccompanied alien minors falls under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR). This agency comes under the congressional oversight jurisdiction of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, on which I serve.

From trips to the border and oversight work, I have noticed

problems myself with how ORR vets the people it gives the minors to for care. To match these minors with family members already in the country, I found that ORR relies on common background search websites that often turn up incorrect or incomplete information, instead of a full-blown criminal background check.

To be clear, these minors should not come here illegally, but if we are going to allow them here and claim to be looking out for them, ORR should not compound the damage by potentially matching them with people who have not been properly vetted.

If in the future I were honored to serve as the Chairman of the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee of Energy and Commerce, I would strive to hold HHS leadership accountable on how it performs its duties at the border.

Of course, the best way to avoid problems with placing illegal immigrants is securing the border. As long as the Biden Administration avoids taking this action, it is responsible for the legal and humanitarian disaster that results.

# Health districts encourage flu vaccines

Influenza (the "flu") is a common, often miserable, and sometimes very serious illness. The symptoms of classic influenza include the abrupt onset of fever, sore throat, headache, cough, muscle aches, and fatigue. Every year, influenza kills between

12,000 and 50,000 people in the United States.

Influenza viruses are constantly changing, but what doesn't change is that flu shots are the best tool we have to combat influenza. Annual flu vaccination is recommended for everyone older than the

age of 6 months. This is especially important for women who will be pregnant during the flu season, persons with chronic diseases or immunosuppressive disorders, and residents of assisted living or long-term care facilities.

**How is influenza spread?**

The primary mode of influenza transmission is through large, virus-laden respiratory particles called droplets. When an infected person coughs or sneezes, they generate droplets that can travel up to 6 feet or more. When someone near the infected person breathes the droplets in, they can settle on the mucous surfaces of the upper respiratory tract, which can lead to infection.

**What are some of the complications of the flu?**

Most people who develop influenza recover without any complications. However, the elderly, young children, and individuals with underlying medical conditions such as chronic heart or lung disease or diabetes are more susceptible to more serious complications. These complications can include pneumonia and the worsening of underlying medical conditions.

**What are the best ways to prevent the flu?**

Seasonal influenza infection is preventable. Annual vaccination against influenza is the best way to protect against serious illness.

We are often asked, "Can I get influenza from getting a flu shot?" The answer is "No," the flu shot does not cause the flu. The influenza viruses contained in a

flu shot are inactivated (killed), which means they cannot cause infection. Flu vaccine manufacturers kill the viruses used in the vaccine-making process, and batches of flu vaccine are tested to make sure they are safe.

**Some additional steps you can take to prevent the flu include:**

Wash hands often with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth. Germs and viruses that cause illness can be spread this way.

Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash afterwards, and wash your hands.

If you are sick with a flu-like illness, stay home for at least 48 hours after your last

fever without the use of fever-reducing medicine.

Find more tips at [cdc.gov/flu/consumer/prevention.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/flu/consumer/prevention.htm).

Influenza vaccines are very safe. Each year tens of millions of doses of vaccine are used in the United States and extensive surveillance confirms vaccine safety. In the U.S., because flu activity typically peaks between December and February, September and October are the best times to get vaccinated. Ideally, everyone should be vaccinated by the end of October, however; even after October, vaccination is still recommended because significant flu activity can continue into the late spring.

*-Roanoke City & Alleghany Health Districts*

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The Craig County defense shut out Montcalm in the second half last Friday.

## ROCKETS WILL PICK UP FORFEIT WIN THIS WEEK

The Craig County football team will pick up a forfeit win this week against Twin Valley as the Panthers have cancelled the rest of their season due to lack of numbers.

This was supposed to be Craig's second home game of the season. They opened with a win over Bland County, but since then Bland has also cancelled the rest of its season. On the second scheduled week Craig could not play at Auburn due to lack of numbers and the following week was the Rockets' bye week. So, this will be the fifth week of high school football and Craig County will have played just two games.

The Rockets lost to Twin Valley last year in Oakwood, 40-16. The Panthers played just one game this year before bowing out of the remainder of the season. The opened with a 44-14 loss to Montcalm, a team Craig played last week. The Generals scratched out a 12-6 win over Craig in Montcalm last Friday to improve to 4-0.

"A tough loss," said Craig coach Jimmy Fisher. "Montcalm has their best team ever but we still should have won the game. We could not match their energy level in the first half and they jumped on us pretty quick. I know the crowd was upset at the officiating (Craig had 150 yards in penalties), and it could have been better, but it was a lack of execution by our team and a lack

of preparation by me that cost us the game."

The Rockets have a very young team this year and that showed up against the more experienced Generals.

"We are young and inexperienced at most positions," said Fisher. "We have had to make so many position changes and scheme changes that we are behind where we should be at this point in the season. We had an offensive starter quit and then a defensive starter suffered a broken ankle in practice last week. We are down those two more kids for the rest of the season. We currently have two two-way starters banged up from Friday and are uncertain of their availability for next week's road trip to Mountain View High School."

At Montcalm Zachary Peters leading the way with 92 rushing yards. Peters also threw for 121 yards. Bryce Drake had 59 yards receiving and Craig uncovered a new weapon in Jaycob Wolfe, who made several contested receptions for 62 yards and the Rockets' lone TD.

"Defensively, we struggled early but got some things figured out the second half and were able to keep Montcalm scoreless the second half," said Fisher. "We have to put four quarters together."

With the forfeit this week the Rockets' record will be 2-1. The next scheduled game is September 30 at Montcalm.



The Rockets huddle up with coach Jim Fisher during a timeout at a recent game.

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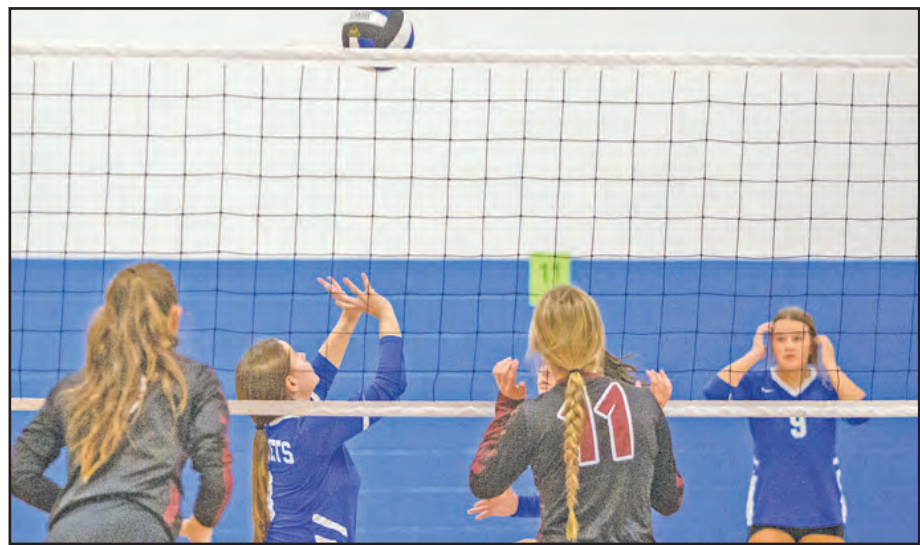
## ROCKETS LOOKING FOR FIRST VOLLEYBALL WIN

The Craig County volleyball team will be home tonight looking for their first win. The jayvees and varsity will host North Cross, with the jayvees kicking

things off at 5:30 pm. The Rockets lost a close match to North Cross the first time they played, in Roanoke, with two sets going to 25-23. Craig was home

to Narrows on Tuesday but results were too late for publication.

The Rockets dropped two more matches last week to fall to 0-9 on the season.



Jenna Boitnotte sets the ball.



Randaly Taylor (#13) puts up a block at the net.



Erin Snider serves one up against East Mont.



Maggie Mays digs one out against the Mustangs.

PHOTOS BY JIM & REGINA DEVINNEY

## Motor Mile Speedway crowns track champions in four divisions

After a rainout the previous Saturday, Motor Mile Speedway hosted its Weekly Racing Series last Friday evening, September 16th.

It was championship night for the Late Model Stock Cars, Mod-4's, U-Cars and Pure 4's. And, because it was Friday night, Motor Mile had a few extra Late Model drivers on hand including two who are the finalists for NATIONAL champion in Late Model, Peyton Sellers and Layne Riggs.

Sellers came to "collect trophies" as he said after winning both 50 lap late model races. Riggs dropped back to 8th in the first race so that he would start the second race in first place, following the inversion of the top 8 finishers in race one. Then in the second race, the car count dropped below the minimum for the winner to get bonus points, so Riggs just dropped out to

save his car for Championship Night on Saturday at Dominion Speedway.

Sellers chose to stay out and win the second race. Sellers had switched to his teammate's car, number 0, which seemed to be handling the track better. Sellers and Riggs would move on to the final race at Dominion Speedway on Saturday, where Sellers would win the first race.

The spotlight was on the local drivers competing to be track champion for Late Model, and it was Kyle Dudley who would prevail. Dudley and Craig County's Mike Looney had come into the night only five points apart. They battled, as they have all season, for many laps until they got together in race one, resulting in Looney having a tire go down causing body damage to the car. He would not even run the second race after going out on the first few laps.

Dudley celebrated with a couple donuts in turn one concluding the races. It was a cap on a season for Late Model that saw Dudley and Looney dominating the season in Victory Lane.

Kevin Canter was crowned champion after winning both Mod-4 races, Jamie Lafon is the champ for U-Cars in spite of Kirby Shipman winning both races, and William Hale won the championship for the Pure 4 division.

While their championship night is still to come, the Sportsman and Super Streets both had a single race on Friday. South Boston Speedway Limited Sportsman champion Kyle Barnes returned to Motor Mile and was the winner in Sportsman, and Brent Bell held off a hard charge from Hank Turman to win for Super Streets.

On October 1st Motor Mile will welcome the

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Mile, the Smart Modified Tour, will have a 99-lap race, plus twin 30 lap races for sportsman, and twin 25 lap

features for Super Streets. Both local divisions will find out their track champion that night.



Kyle Dudley edged Craig County's Mike Looney for the Shelor Motor Mile Late Model championship after Mike blew a tire.

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