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THE NEW CASTLE RECORD



BOILED PEANUTS ARE BACK

Fall Festival set for Oct. 8

The streets of New Castle will be busy this Saturday, Oct. 8.

The 39th Fall Festival officially starts at 9 a.m., but a country breakfast will begin in the Old Brick Hotel dining room at 7 a.m. and vendors will be setting up a variety of crafts, exhibits and souvenirs on Main and Court Street. Antique cars are expected to fill up Middle Street.

In addition to breakfast at the Old Brick Hotel, homemade peach and apple fried pies will be sold from the hotel porch with hot coffee. At 11:30 a.m., pinto beans and cornbread will be served in the dining room.

FFA students from Craig County High School will provide bull-roping, sack-races and more way-fun games. The students will have livestock that will be available to view. Sausage and dog treats will be available, as well as Pumpkin Smash raffle

tickets.

Music and raffle drawings will be at 4:30 p.m.

The day will end with a demolition derby at the fairgrounds. Gates open at 5 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 6-12 and free for children under 5. Powerwheels and lawnmowers will kick off the derby, with the main event to follow at 7 p.m.

Schedule:

Fall Festival Singers – 9:20 a.m.

Merchant Copy – 10 a.m.

David Francisco – 11:15 a.m.

Blue Connection, Flat foot dance competition – 12:30 p.m.

40 Years After, Jitterbug dance competition – 2 p.m.

New Horizon Gospel – 3:30 p.m.

Raffle drawings – 4:30 p.m.

-Submitted by
Craig County Tourism
Commission

As part of the 2022 Craig County Fall Festival on Saturday Oct. 8

@ 1:00
Flat Foot
with
Blue Connection!



Medals & Cash
Prizes awarded to
1st, 2nd and 3rd
place.
Judged by crowd
applause!

@ 2:00
The Jitter Bug
with
40 Years After!



COURTESY PHOTO

Last year a flat foot competition was added. This year, a jitter bug competition has been added to the day's festivities.



Zac Wright, the new agriculture and natural resources extension agent, introduced himself to the members. He shared that he was excited to start meeting the community and helping where he could.

Farm Bureau hosts annual meeting



Mark Campbell, senior district field services director, spoke of member benefits and the new farm use placard.

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

The Farm Bureau hosted its annual meeting on Sept. 20 at the Craig Valley pavilion. A catered meal by Scott Zinc of Hethwood Market Catering was served.

President and State Board Representative Jeannie Dudding opened the meeting.

The FFA members led in the Pledge to the flag and gave their reports on how the FFA has progressed this past year, much due to the assistance of the Women's Committee and the manual help of John Hunter and other Farm Bureau members.

They have also started their fundraiser sales of sausage by the pound, which is from Virginia Tech live-

stock, and can be purchased from any Craig County FFA member or by calling the school. It is \$5 per pound and helps the FFA with their needed projects, including their new Land Lab. Pickup is Nov. 11.

Zac Wright, the new agriculture and natural resources extension agent, shared that he has a background in environmental science and has researched natural resources. He also grew up in agriculture, having been a member of FFA in Alleghany County. He spent the last 10 years in Paint Bank, working with the fishery. He is also pursuing his master's degree at Virginia Tech, as well as getting married Oct. 1.

"I am just getting started and getting my feet wet in all

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VFW cookbook will be available at Fall Festival

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

The local Craig Valley VFW Post 4491 created a cookbook that includes unusual recipes that likely can't be found anywhere else.

The Craig County VFW Post 4491 "Recipes to Remember Cookbook" has over 350 recipes and ideas for everyone to enjoy, including appetizers, beverages, soups, salads, main dishes, vegetables, side dishes, desserts, cookies and candies. Wild game receipts are also included.

A local resident, Michelle Songer, suggested the idea of a cookbook to the VFW a few months

ago. Once approved, she took it by the reigns and with the help of a few others, received the recipes and completed the submission for print.

She had read where the VFW group needed to make some improvements at their post and decided it was time to go to action. She contacted a couple of people who had assisted the VFW in other projects and started her venture.

"I was really nervous at the beginning. I've never taken on a project this big or that mean so much to me," Songer shared. "Supporting our military has been a goal for so long. Each and every day, no matter what, they serve us."

She added, "Meeting people in the community and sharing their favorite family recipes was exciting. Once I got started my nerves calmed down and I knew this would be great!"

The cookbook will be available at the VFW Post at the Fall Festival Saturday, Oct. 8 for \$15.

Those who are interested in the book but won't be at the festival can contact Songer at Msonger2013@gmail.com or VFW Post Commander Billy Lee at (540) 864-6169.

"I pray this helps the VFW and they can do what they need to do," Songer said. "I'd also like to thank everyone again for all their help. This has been very humbling."



The local Craig Valley VFW Post 4491 has created its own cookbook with over 350 special recipes that likely can't be found elsewhere, along with veteran remembrances. The books will be available at the Fall Festival Oct. 8 for \$15.



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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:

Ramp closures: Ramp closures at exit 137 are possible during nighttime hours, 12 a.m., to 5 a.m. Drivers should watch for message boards dates and times the ramp will be closed.

Lane closures: Alternating left and right lane and shoulder closures during nighttime hours between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, are possible. Lane widths will be reduced to 11 feet.

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 will remain closed until before Thanksgiving to support holiday travel. The opening scheduled for the end of September has been rescheduled due to the contractor encountering challenges with a slope on the project.

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 before Thanksgiving to support holiday travel.

Rest area options: While the Trout-

ville 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.

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: Left lane closes on I-81 northbound between mile marker 147 and 149.

Montgomery County: Right lane closures in place for paving of I-81 southbound between mile marker 130 to 128.

Pulaski County: Right lane closures in place for paving of I-81 northbound between mile marker 102 to 104.

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. Periodically, exit 132 northbound may be closed. Message boards will notify drivers.

Roanoke County: The exit 141 on-ramp on southbound I-81 may periodically be closed. Message boards will notify drivers.

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 along northbound and southbound lanes during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for moving vehicles and equipment. Expect possible delays.

INTERSTATE 581
ROUTE 581 BRIDGE WORK OVER WILLIAMSON ROAD – On Route 11 (Williamson Road) drivers can expect intermittent and alternating lane closures between the intersections with Rutherford Avenue and Wells Avenue. Intermittent daytime and nighttime lane closures between the intersections above might be required, and will be in place utilizing flagging operations. Any impacts to I-581 will be minimal. The project is expected to be complete at the December 2022.

Lane closures:

- A left lane closure will be in place on northbound and southbound I-581 from mile marker 0-1, Monday at 7 a.m. through Wednesday at 7 p.m.

- A right lane closure will be in place on northbound and southbound I-581 from mile marker 0-1, Thursday at 7 a.m. through Saturday at 7 p.m.

- A left and center lane closure will be in place on northbound and southbound I-581 from mile marker 0-1, Saturday at 5 p.m. through Sunday at 2 p.m.

- A right lane closure may be in place on Route 11 northbound between the intersections of Rutherford Avenue and Wells Avenue periodically.

Nighttime left lane closures for both the northbound and southbound directions of Route 11 are possible between the intersections referenced above.

I-581/220 EXPRESSWAY 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.

I-581/220 LANE & RAMP CLOSURES FOR PAVING AND MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS IN ROANOKE COUNTY – Weather permitting, crews will be milling and paving along Interstate 81. Right and left lane closures will be in place along northbound and southbound lanes during nighttime hours. Drivers should expect possible delays.

I-581 BRIDGE REPAIRS – Weather permitting, crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate 581. Right, center and left lane closures will be in place northbound and southbound during nighttime hours,

10 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays. Scheduled traffic impacts include:

Left or right lane closures may be in place on I-581 northbound from Orange Avenue to Valley View Boulevard from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Left or right lane closures may be in place on I-581 from Valley View Boulevard to Orange Avenue from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Flagging operations may be in place on Liberty Road NW from Lukens Street NE to Hunt Avenue NW from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

ROANOKE CITY
13th STREET SE IMPROVEMENTS WITH DETOUR – A project to improve a portion of 13th Street SE in Roanoke is underway. Located in a residential neighborhood just east of downtown Roanoke, this project will improve traffic flow and connectivity along 13th Street SE from Tazewell Avenue to Norfolk Avenue. The project entails reconstructing about 0.2-mile of 13th Street as an improved, two-lane roadway with 10.5-foot-wide travel lane and a raised median. A new roadway will extend 13th Street to Norfolk Avenue and the intersection at 13th Street and Wise Avenue will be reconfigured to include a roundabout. Bike lanes, sidewalks, crosswalks and curb and gutter will also be added. Southbound 13th Street traffic has a detour in place using Norfolk Avenue onto 12th Street to Tazewell Avenue. This detour will be in place throughout the duration of this project. Signs will be posted to designate the detour route. Northbound 13th Street will remain open to traffic. Flaggers may be possible and the speed limit through the work zone is 25 mph. The project is expected to be completed in summer 2023.

SURFACE TREATMENT OPERATIONS – Weather permitting, crews will begin surface treatment operations on various routes. Lane closures may be in place and flaggers may control traffic at times during daylight hours. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays. The road surface may be rough for a several weeks after surface treatment is applied. Once it packs down, the road surface will be brushed and return to a more smooth surface.

ROANOKE COUNTY
ROUTE 311 AND ROUTE 419 ROUNDABOUT AT HANGING ROCK - A road project to replace the signalized intersection of Route 311 and Route 419 in Roanoke County at Hanging Rock with a roundabout is set to begin. The new roundabout is currently open to traffic. During the remaining construction, lane closures may be in place. Drivers should expect the following:

Paving: Paving is underway until complete. Drivers should expect lane closures and flagging operations during nighttime hours, 7:30 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning.

July through November: The new roundabout is now open to traf-

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Leg shank
5. A way to recognize
11. "VeggieTales" character
12. Getting out of by cunning
16. Mythological mountain
17. Atomic #18
18. Viscous liquid
19. 2010 Denzel film
24. 12th star in a constellation
25. Made better
26. Pouches
27. Nervous twitch
28. This (Spanish)
29. Tennis legend Bjorn
30. Hand (Spanish)
31. Afrikaans
33. Int'l interpreters organization (abbr.)
34. Treated with kid gloves
38. Leaseholder
39. Frogs, toads, tree toads
40. Popular dance

CLUES DOWN

1. A way to fit out
2. Football carries
3. Force out

CLUES ACROSS

43. Sailing maneuver: tack & _
44. Indicates speed of rotation (abbr.)
45. Mark
49. Health insurance
50. Custom clothing brand
51. One who makes suits
53. Execute or perform
54. Degree of pleasantness when tasting
56. Equal to roughly 5.6 bushels
58. Blood group
59. Imaginary line
60. Hopeless
63. Darken
64. Spoke
65. Work units

CLUES DOWN

4. Maintaining equilibrium
5. Sealed with a kiss
6. Type of container
7. Hollywood
8. We
9. Small freshwater ducks
10. Norse personification of old age
13. Says who you are
14. Candidate
15. Sugar found in honey and sweet fruits
20. Defunct language (abbr.)
21. Take too much
22. Iranian province
23. Records electric currents
27. _ and feathers
29. Beloved Mr. T character
30. More (Spanish)
31. Beverage
32. Promotional material
33. Green vegetable
34. National capital
35. To any further extent
36. Swollen, inflamed lymph node
37. Anger
38. Pound
40. Popular Yugo
41. Salt of acetic acid
42. Milliheny
44. Israeli city _ Aviv
45. Make wiper
46. Drink containing medicine
47. Acknowledging
48. Private, romantic rendezvous
50. Calvary sword
51. Disease of the lungs
52. 2001 Spielberg film
54. Fleshy, watery fruit
55. In one's chambers
57. Set of information (abbr.)
61. Dorm employee
62. Indicates position



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Book signing planned for Oct. 15

A book signing for the revised "Paint Bank Travel Guide & History" by Mary Kay Williams will be held at The Emporium at 211

Main Street in New Castle Saturday Oct. 15 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The revised book includes in-

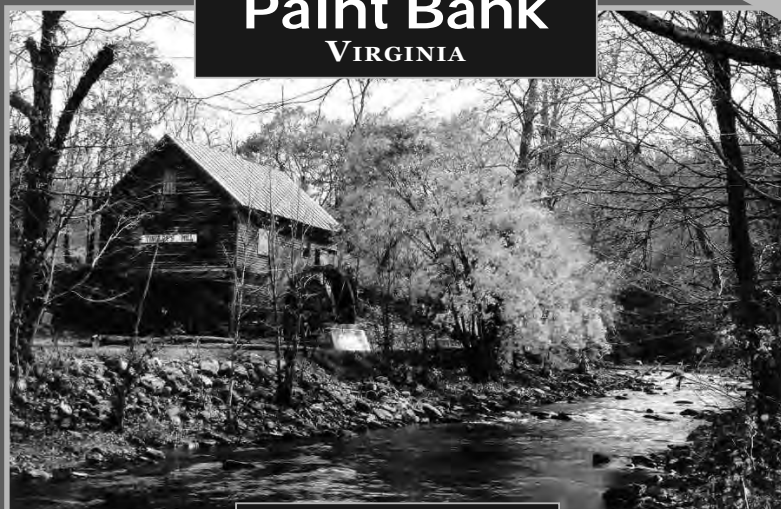
formation on New Castle and environs, in addition to Paint Bank. The book is dedicated to Opal Bradley Caldwell of the Craig

County Historical Society for preserving Paint Bank's past and to Nancy Mulheren and the late John Mulheren of New Jersey for

providing for Paint Bank's future.

-Submitted by Mary Kay Williams

The historic frontier town of Paint Bank is nestled in a sublime setting in the Allegheny Mountains of southwest Virginia. Surrounded by spring-fed creeks, caves, and forests with abundant wildlife, fish and game, Paint Bank is in the midst of a major restoration to serve as an "experience destination" for geo-tourism, recreation, and outdoor sports.



Paint Bank VIRGINIA

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"Paint Bank Travel Guide & History"

COURTESY OF MARY KAY WILLIAMS

Young hunters have success in deer hunting



At only 4 years old, Bo Jones got his first deer with his dad.



Jase Hypes, age 8, was proud to have gotten his first deer this year. His brother, Waylan, was happy for him.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Holley Givens joins in as she took down her first deer this year. From lawnmower derbies to deer hunting, this girl stays active.

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this for Craig and Alleghany counties. I am excited to get involved with everything from the FFA and Craig County High School to get you any support you need there. I am working with all the producers here in the county, whether big or small and getting people started in different agriculture processes as a business enterprise," he said.

He added that he was excited to get with the community, hear ideas, help with any situation, start a new enterprise, diversify farm operations, get into a new ag process and creating good relationships with the people.

His office is at the old Forest Service building across the street and up the road from Craig County Public Schools.

The annual minutes and reports were given and approved; committee reports shared as well as the State Board report.

Mark Campbell, senior district field services director, a Farm Bureau member for 24 years, talked about member benefits and showed a video about the upcoming changes in the "farm use" placard.

It was reported that many had abused the system, therefore more rules will be applied. More information can be found at vafb.com/resources. The cost is \$15 per placard.

Dudding reported that she represents District IV and gave big thanks to the new staff and others.

"Ag in the classroom is really important to cultivate that next generation of Agriculturalist and to educate those who may not be directly involved, helping them to understand exactly what it is that we do on our farms, disputing the negative that some pass on about farmers," Dudding added. "Our women's committee is a great driving force for that."

She mentioned that the new program called "Cultivate 880" is a push to get all 88 counties to support Ag in the Classroom, which shows unity.

"We have been successful in the last two years to have all 88 counties to donate towards this," she added.

Dudding noted that for the fifth year in a row, the Virginia Farm Bureau has made the awards top 50 list of insurance companies. There are only four other Farm Bureaus on this list.

The political work that Virginia Farm Bureau Federation does on behalf of producers, starts at the county level.

Dudding encouraged those present to bring forward information they felt was necessary to take to Richmond, adding, "As members, you can sign up to get action alerts

to be able to 'speak your mind' on issues discussed in the General Assembly."

She explained the different areas Farm Bureau supports such as, the Land Lab at Craig County High School, Craig County Library, Virginia FFA Foundation, Friends of the Field, Virginia 4-H Scholarship, Hunters for the Hungry, Ag in the Classroom, Virginia 4-H Foundation, flooding victims in Wise and Dickenson counties and senior scholarships. These are some of the areas the annual \$40 dues go towards.

Dudding was happy to introduce Leeann Mattox, the young farmer chair. She said, "She has gotten a group together that is attending some of the state level young farmer events and joined with Montgomery County."

Mary Hunter reported that they have grown from four members to 14 and are encouraging more to join.

The Land Lab was the largest project undertaken with many hours of volunteer work, many of which were provided by John Hunter.

The Women's Committee has had many fundraisers. It set aside over \$8,000 to help jumpstart the project, with building the fences and pole barn in Phase I of the project.

Also, they gave an additional \$1,000 to the ag department for the activities in the Land Lab, as Craig doesn't have a lot of money to support the project.

She added that they will be continuing fundraisers to support the Land Lab, which will help it to grow into a fully functioning facility for the students.

The Women's Committee also participated in many other projects during the year, as well as donated to students and events.

The Women's Committee added that their next quilting class will be Oct. 21-23, which will be a snowman banner. "This class is for both beginners and those who wish to quilt. You will be able to take it home completed by the end of class!" Mary Hunter shared. "These funds are used towards Ag in the Classroom."

Dr. Hollie Schramm, clinical assistant professor at VA-MD College of Veterinary Medicine, was the special speaker for the meeting. The zeal in her talk was felt by most as she seemed adamant about the education of ticks and how each can harm someone or their animals. The meeting ended with the presentation of several door prizes.

Old store gets new facelift



PHOTO BY PAM DUDDING

Watching this historical building get its new facelift has warmed many hearts in Craig County. Several have already shared their stories of going in with their parents to shop. The Historical Society has taken on a significant project and seem to be pushing forward as they prepare for the Fall Festival with a new red roof and paint job, as well as many other inside jobs.

OPINION

Reforms empower small businesses

Small businesses are the engines that power the American economy. According to data from the U.S. Small Business Administration, the 33.2 million small businesses across the country employ 61.7 million people, 46.4 percent of all U.S. employees. In Virginia, we benefit from 795,624 small businesses employing 1.6 million people.

If we do not work at a small business, many of our family and friends do. These enterprises pay taxes. Many of them donate to support local causes or events in the community.

The best thing the Federal Government can do is empower small businesses and make sure the hand of government does not weigh too heavily upon them.

I am happy to report that Congress recently passed a bill that will encourage small business innovation and meet federal research goals while also reducing the risk to taxpayer dollars. It is not the

sort of bill that draws major headlines, but the difference it makes for innovative entrepreneurs in our country is meaningful, and its sensible policies drew wide bipartisan support.

The bill, numbered S. 4900, focuses on two existing programs, Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR).

SBIR was enacted by President Ronald Reagan in 1982. It reserves a modest percentage of federal research and development dollars for small businesses. This approach produces technical innovation and lets small businesses perform projects prioritized by the Federal Government. It also creates a pipeline for federally supported research to be patented and brought to market. STTR was established ten years later and requires a small business to partner with a non-profit research institution, most often a university, to receive funding.



Morgan Griffith
Representative

Under SBIR, federal agencies with a research budget above \$100 million per year must set aside 3.2 percent of the funding Congress has appropriated for research and development contracted outside those agencies. Under STTR, federal agencies with research budgets above \$1 billion per year must set aside 0.45 percent of research and development funding. The money set aside must be awarded to small businesses through a public and competitive process.

Among the agencies funding these programs are the National Science Foundation, the Departments of Defense and Energy, and the National Aeronautics and

Space Administration.

These programs serve an important role for our economy, but that does not mean they cannot be improved. It is important for taxpayers to know that the money they put into research yields results.

National security also requires more vetting for the enterprises receiving money through these programs. The Department of Defense found instances of firms that had performed research on its behalf coming into China's orbit. One startup had received a SBIR grant and then dissolved and transferred its research, development, and intellectual property to China. Others employed individuals with ties to the Chinese regime. American taxpayers should not be footing the bill for research that can be exploited by unfriendly powers.

Fortunately, S. 4900, the SBIR and STTR Extension Act of 2022, makes innovation easier for U.S. small businesses. Not China.

Further, it makes necessary reforms while extending the programs for three years. They require agencies involved in these programs to implement a more

rigorous vetting process to combat foreign influence and increase transparency and oversight.

The bill also limits the number of research projects that a small business can perform if they are not already bringing previously patented inventions to market. These limits will hopefully incentivize all program participants to focus on innovation and not just winning government contracts.

The Senate passed the SBIR and STTR Extension Act of 2022 on September 20, and the House passed it on September 29.

Not every bill stirs strong feelings or earns a central place in the news, and not all of them should. There are plenty of things Congress can do to make things better without instituting drastic changes that unsettle our laws and society. This bill was one such case, and it drew support from Democrats and Republicans on its merits.

My hope and expectation is that the changes made in the SBIR and STTR extensions will strengthen these programs, protect taxpayer dollars, and help small businesses flourish.

For the technologically challenged: All of us?

Library Corner

Empowering individuals to build a stronger community
By Marge Lewter

The terms used in this story would have been unheard of 20 years ago. Keeping up with technology is becoming more and more challenging for most of us. Being no expert myself but having a business which is dependent on software and cloud storage and data access, I thought I would share a few

things I learned today. These ideas come from Firefox's Tech Talk focused on how to educate your kids on internet safety. October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month so read on!

It turns out that millions of pieces of data are collected on everyone, but especially kids who freely use social media to connect with each other and have not quite learned the rules of engagement. Maybe there are no rules, but having a family discussion can be challenging because the younger ones often know more than their parents about using devices as tools for communication. Caution is thrown to the wind with kids who cannot perceive how data collection and hacking can lure them, guide their purchases and create a world which calls into question, "What is reality?"

The digital world has surely changed our world in so many good and so many negative ways. Here are some tips for keeping out the negative while taking advantage of the fabulous possibilities afforded by the internet.

You can turn off location services to keep data private and select "ask app not to track" when downloading apps on your iPhone. Also, you should turn off notifications on most apps so you will not be distracted constantly all day long. This is especially important with children.

What are internet Trolls? According to Wikipedia, "In Internet slang, a troll is a person who posts inflammatory, insincere, digressive, extraneous, or off-topic messages in an online community (such as social media (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, etc.), a newsgroup, forum, chat room, online video game, or blog), with the intent of provoking readers into displaying emotional responses, or manipulating others' perception." A bot is an automated entity which amplifies messages by sharing and reposting them. A troll may use bots to amplify a message over and over.

These can be particularly hard on children who post on social media and receive hurtful remarks. Make sure children know how to recognize trolls and bots. One idea is that a family can agree to only post positive remarks. Negative comments displayed on a public forum are particularly hurtful and should be shared face to face or privately with someone.

What is a VPN? It is virtual private network that one can subscribe to that protects your personal data when using a public Wi-Fi. Be warned that data can easily be hacked from your device on public Wi-Fi, so how does this happen? Other computers connected to this Wi-Fi can infect your computer with viruses

and malware that can cripple your system. Hackers can access passwords and encrypted data such as saved credit card numbers. What to do? It is safer to use your unlimited data plan on your cellular service, to have a VPN to protect your computer, and to have password protected wireless routers at home. This is especially important for people working from home to protect their company's data. It is important to have firewalls and anti-malware software installed on all of your devices. Refer to your phone's support website to learn how to maximize protection on your portable devices.

A word about passwords. Are you as tired as I am of generating longer and more complicated passwords to remember? It is actually very important to have a secure password and to change them often. This is especially for children who are allowed create passwords for themselves. We all thought nobody would ever guess our pet's name, didn't we? Well, it turns out that is the most common password. One suggestion for a better password is to choose a fun random phrase which includes numeric characters and symbols.

Private browsing mode can be used to erase one's browsing history which is used by advertisers to track you. It

is found on the upper right corner of your window where you can choose New Private Window which takes you to an incognito mode. However, this also prevents a parent from tracking their child's browsing history. Check out the parental controls choices for this purpose to prevent unwanted content exposure to kids.

What about photographs? Just know that anything you post is public and can be shared. Use extreme caution when posting photographs of minors without their parent's permission. Think twice about posting an embarrassing photo of yourself or others. We all know what happens if you run for public office someday! There is much data in photographs to be accessed from your home's details to your circle of friends. This is why detectives often use data found from photographs to apprehend criminals.

There is much more to learn about internet security and I urge parents to understand its implications for their children. Since day one libraries have been at the forefront of digital access and education. Here's to being cyber aware while using this valuable resource!

Library news: Come and visit the library during the fall festival!

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fic. Drivers should still expect nighttime lane closures with flaggers between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday around the roundabout for final paving, pavement marking and sign installation.

ROUTE 628 CULVERT REPLACEMENT - Beginning April 11, 2022, Route 628 (Greenridge Road) will undergo a culvert replacement located .25 miles east of the road's entrance from Route 780 (Cove Road). Both lanes are open to traffic with flagging operations in place through the end of the project. Expected completion is October 2022.

BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY CLOSURE - The Blue Ridge Parkway will be repairing slope failures and a culvert failure at mile marker 127.9. A 15-mile stretch of the Parkway, mile marker 121.4 to 136, will be closed to all uses including cyclists, pedestrians and drivers. Detour signs to detour traffic around the Bent Mountain section of the Parkway will be in place. Traffic will be rerouted to Route 220 south to Route 419 north to Route 221 south. Traffic traveling north on the Parkway would be reversed. The detour is expected to be in place until 2023.

PAVING OPERATIONS - Weather permitting, crews will pave, patch and repair pavement on various routes. Lane closures may be in place and flaggers may control traffic at times during daylight hours. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

SURFACE TREATMENT OPERATIONS - Weather permitting, crews will begin surface treatment operations on various routes. Lane closures may be in place and flaggers may control traffic at times during daylight hours. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays. The road surface may be rough for a several weeks after surface treatment is applied. Once it packs down, the road surface will be brushed and return to a more smooth surface.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA COUNTY ROUTE 11 BUCHANAN BRIDGE PROJECT - A construction project on the Route 11 Bridge in the

Town of Buchanan began on Monday, August 15. Water Street is closed and drivers should expect lane closures with flagging operations to begin in about two weeks. Message boards are present to alert and update drivers.

ROUTE 1095 (HIGHLAND DRIVE) PIPE FAILURE CLOSURE - Route 1095 (Highland Drive) near its intersection with Sanderson Road has been immediately closed until further notice due to a pipe failure. The road is currently impassable and is being assessed for repairs and materials. Drivers will need to seek alternate routes to avoid the area such as Murray Court to Richardson. Please adhere to closure signs. The road is expected to be closed approximately at least through Mid-December 2022.

ROUTE 622 CLOSURE - A road closure will be in place on Route 622 (Prices Bluff Road) beginning September 19 at 8 a.m. to install a concrete slab span located 0.23 miles from Route 696 (Locust Bottom Road) and 0.40 miles from Route 622 (Bridge Street.) The road is scheduled to reopen on October 28, 2022 at 4 p.m.

ROUTE 611 (GREYLEDGE ROAD) - A 1.5 mile section of Route 611 (Greyledge Road) is closed due to flooding that damaged the roadway. Extensive repairs will be needed and a detour will be in place. There is no estimated time for the road to reopen.

ROUTE 817 (OLD RAIL ROAD) BRIDGE WORK - Old Rail Road in Oriskany is closed for repairs to the bridge over Craig's Creek, the historic McCallister Truss Bridge. The bridge is located 0.60 miles from Route 704 (Branchwater Road) and 0.20 miles from Route 770 (Edlo Lane). The bridge will be closed during daytime hours, 8 a.m. through 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday, when the water is level is low. Work on this

bridge is restricted when waters in the creek is high. All traffic between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. will use the Edlo Ford. Signs have been posted to alert drivers. Estimated time for completion Fall 2022.

PAVING OPERATIONS - Weather permitting, crews will pave, patch and repair pavement on various routes. Lane closures may be in place and flaggers may control traffic at times during daylight hours. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

CRAIG COUNTY ROUTE 311 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT OVER MEADOW CREEK - Temporary signals control traffic across the bridge and will be in place throughout the project. Construction will begin on the northbound side of the bridge and once completed, work will switch to the southbound side. In addition, a section of Route 646 (Allen Street) between Route 650 and Route 311 will be closed during construction and a signed detour will be in place. All traffic will be detoured to Marshall Street and Kanawha Street to access either 311 or the homes located off Allen Street. Speed limit will be reduced to 35 mph in the work zone with a width restriction of 9 feet. Drivers should expect delays and allow extra travel time through the work zone. Weather permitting, the bridge is expected to be open to traffic by the end of 2022.

Traffic switch: On or about September 22, traffic on the bridge will switch from using the southbound lane to the northbound lanes while work continues. Southbound lanes will be closed. Temporary traffic signals will continue to direct traffic and message boards will

notify drivers. MONTGOMERY COUNTY ROUTE 615 CULVERT REPLACEMENT - As of April 11, 2022, Route 615 (Pilot Road) will undergo a culvert replacement located at the intersection of Pilot Road and Old Pike Road, across from the Pilot Post Office. Road is now open. Flagging operations may continue to be in place. Route 615 will be limited to one 10 foot lane. Expected completion is October 2022.

ROUTE 11/460 MAINTENANCE WORK - Beginning on October 11, the right lane will be closed on Route 11/460 (Roanoke Road) towards Christiansburg Mountain from Route 641 (Den Hill) to just east of Route 639 (Mt. Pleasant) for shoulder and ditching. This lane closure will be in place throughout the week and is scheduled to reopen on October 14, weather permitting.

ROUTE 622 BRIDGE WORK CLOSURE - Route 622 (Bradshaw Road) will be closed for a bridge maintenance project over Bradshaw Creek beginning on October 17. The location of the bridge is 0.10 mile from the Roanoke County line and 2.0 miles from Route 623. Drivers will need to seek alternate routes and residents on the road will have access to their homes during the closure. The road is expected to be open on October 20.

ROUTE 685 UTILITY WORK - Utility work is being performed on eastbound Route 685 (Prices Fork Road) to connect gas lines starting on Monday, September 26, 2022. Motorists should expect delays due to lane closures from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Work is expected to be completed by Sep-

tember 30. ROUTE 8 EVENT TRAFFIC CONGESTION - Route 8 may experience heavy traffic on fall weekends due to tourist events at local farms in the area. If possible, motorists should utilize detours to avoid traveling on Route 8 between Christiansburg and Riner

during the peak hours of 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. PAVING OPERATIONS - Weather permitting, crews will pave, patch and repair pavement on various routes. Lane closures may be in place and flaggers may control traffic at times during daylight hours. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.



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Signed: Tommy L. Moore, Clerk on 9/12/22

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY

IN RE: ESTATE OF JOHN T. GARVEY, DECEASED NOTICE: Having been requested to do so by T.O. Rainey, III, Esq., administrator of the estate of John T. Garvey, Deceased, and in accordance with Section 64.2-550 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, all creditors of John T. Garvey, and all persons in any way interested in his estate are hereby notified that I have fixed the 2nd day of November, 2022 at 9 o'clock a.m., at my office at 13 South Roanoke Street, Fincastle, Virginia as the time and place for determining an account of the debts and demands against said John T. Garvey or his estate, the priorities among them, and the names of the persons to whom they are due. All creditors of John T. Garvey, deceased, and persons interested in his estate should appear at the time and place named, or any other time or place to which the proceedings may be adjourned, and protect their interest. Given under my hand this the 27th day of September, 2022.

Malcolm McL. Doubles Commissioner of Accounts

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY IN RE: ESTATE OF HOMER LEE KELLEY, DECEASED NOTICE Having been requested to do so by Brenda S. Smith,

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executrix of the estate of Homer Lee Kelley, Deceased, and in accordance with Section 64.2-550 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, all creditors of Homer Lee Kelley, and all persons in any way interested in his estate are hereby notified that I have fixed the 2nd day of November, 2022 at 10 o'clock a.m., at my office at 13 South Roanoke Street, Fincastle, Virginia as the time and place for determining an account of the debts and demands against said Homer Lee Kelley or his estate, the priorities among them, and the names of the persons to whom they are due. All creditors of Homer Lee Kelley, deceased, and persons interested in his estate should appear at the time and place named, or any other time or place to which the proceedings may be adjourned, and protect their interest. Given under my hand this the 30th day of September, 2022. Malcolm McL. Doubles Commissioner of Accounts

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CRAIG COUNTY SANDLOT FOOTBALL



PHOTOS BY EMILY ANDERSON

The Craig County Little football team, for 6-8 year olds, will have a home game on Saturday, October 15. Here Ethan Cassell (#4 top) of the Little team carries the ball against Alleghany East and Dalton Cassell (#28) of the Big team, for 9&10 year olds, picks up yards for the Cougars.

IAN WIPES OUT ANOTHER ROCKET FOOTBALL GAME

The Craig County Rockets missed out on another football game last Friday and the only thing they can blame is the weather. The Rockets were scheduled to play at Mountain View but the game was postponed due to an ominous weather forecast with Hurricane Ian whipping up the east coast.

“Our administration made the call to cancel or postpone Friday’s game due to the impending storm,” said Craig coach Jimmy Fisher. “It was 100 percent the right call. Governor Youngkin had already declared a state of emergency and we weren’t going just a county away, we were taking a high-profile charter bus up into the Shenandoah Valley. With a forecast of torrential rains and powerful wind gusts, it just wasn’t worth the risk. Safety of the kids has to come first.”

Friday was the third time in five games the Rockets didn’t get to play. They lost the Auburn game when Craig didn’t have enough players. Then, on September 23, they lost a home game with Twin Valley when the Panthers cancelled their season. Craig received a forfeit win for that game.

Most likely, the Mountain View game will not be made up since it’s a long trip and the Rockets have games scheduled every week until the end of the season.

“We do not know if we will get to make up the Mountain View game,” said Fisher. “We have a game sched-

uled every Friday and it is a long way to go on a week night. We will definitely be looking to play somebody to make up that game.”

The Rockets are scheduled to play at Eastern Montgomery this Friday in a Pioneer District game. The Mustangs are 1-4 with a 20-13 win over Auburn and losses to Holston, Rural Retreat, North Cross and Northwood. East Mont was shut out the first three weeks of the season before beating Auburn in Elliston two weeks ago.

“They’re down some from last year but they play a very difficult non-district schedule and are much better than their record indicates,” said Fisher. “They are well-coached and they are always a scrappy bunch. They are going to play hard every single play. They have changed their offense and in the last couple of games they have been in a power set, double tight, zero splits and in a straight T. They look a lot like us on offense. Defensively, no one takes a play off, they always fly to the ball.”

Both teams like to run the ball. “It’s going to be a relatively short game with two teams trying to run the football 90 percent of the time,” said Fisher. “We will just be glad to get to play somebody. We have only gotten to take the field twice. Most teams have five or six games behind them and are in mid-season form. We have not really had the opportunity to get going yet.”

VOLLEYBALL TEAM WILL HOST BATH COUNTY THURSDAY

The Craig County volleyball team is hoping to crack the win column this week with two Pioneer District matches. The Rockets are at Covington Tuesday and have a home game with Bath County on Thursday.

Last week the girls fell to Parry McCluer in New Castle, 25-11, 25-15 and

25-7. Annabelle Gregory led the team with five kills and she also had a dozen digs and a pair of aces.

Other highlights included Erin Snider with 14 assists, three aces and six digs, Daileigh Donithan with three kills, two aces and eight digs, Randalyn Taylor with two kills, two aces and a block

and Maggie Mays with a couple kills and eight digs.

“The girls played a good defensive game and really started to get in the swing of things,” said coach Suzanne Crawford.

The Rockets come into the week at 0-12. They’re at Eastern Montgomery next Tuesday.



Jenna Boitnotte serves one up for the Rockets.



Craig’s Maggie Mays gets a dig.



Randalyn Taylor makes a valiant effort to save the ball. PHOTOS BY JIM & REGINA DEVINNEY

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