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Though having been side swiped in a turn and taken out of first place, the Stars and Stripes crossed over in Colorado Springs to be met by family, friends and supporters.

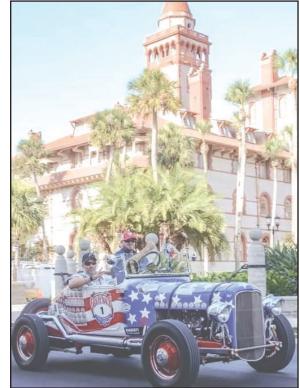
Hull and Stahl taken out of first place in Great Race

Pam Dudding *Contributing writer*

For a racer, there is nothing worse than another vehicle taking them out of first place position by running into their vehicle.

That is what happened to Josh Hull and Trevor Stahl as they were leading in the race on the next to the final day of a six-day cross country race.

The huge Great Race is a different "bird" of its own anyway, as vintage vehicles as old as 1911 have hit the road to compete in this mental, physical and unusual ra



First 'Bluegrass and BBQ' event offered family fun

Pam Dudding **Contributing writer**

Most everyone needs a fun and relaxing day these days and that is just what two churches gave Craig County community on Saturday, July 22.

Though much hard work and planning went into the entire day, the attendance and the amount of food was "over the top" in expectations.

Almost 150 people attended, bringing side dishes and desserts to add to the barbeque meat and the fresh cooked barbeque chicken legs that were prepared by Randy Stanley.

It took a few hours to cook but the results were delicious, many shared.

Craig Valley Baptist d Grace Baptist and churches have joined their congregations lately in hosting different events for the Christian community which have proven to be successful and fun.

This was their first "Bluegrass and BBQ' event and though their expectations were high, they had no idea the turnout would be double what they were expecting. It was held at their pavilion beside the Field of Dreams.

They had posted signs around town with balloons directing everyone's attention to the event.

People showed up with chairs in one hand and side dishes in the other. There were canopies set up also in the grass, but over half the day, the clouds gave everyone a cool break. It seemed everyone had smiles and chatter was abundant, as well as laughs and giggles from the children.



PHOTO BY PAM DUDDING

The slow cooking of the barbeque and chicken made for a delicious meal as Randy Stanley made sure they were perfect.

They played badminton, corn hole and other games that were set up, while others dipped in the cool creek that flowed beside the pavilion.

Music played throughout the day and some even stood up and danced a little, while others tapped along to the beat with their feet and hands.

The musicians were Rick and Joe Francisco, Mike King, Tim Chaney, Jessica Dennis and Randy Dudding.

well all the drinks and ice.

Though there was a question as to whether there would be enough food for all the people that came, after everyone went through the line, there was enough for another 100 people to eat.

"God multiplied it as He usually does!" one member shared with a smile.

Randy Spencer, the interim pastor of both churches, gave a short sermon from the book of John, chapter three, speaking of Nicodemus. "Nicodemus had the miracle of spiritual birth," Spencer explained. "God totally transformed him and told him what it was

country.

"It was the next to final day, but the last full day of racing when we got knocked out," Hull shared.

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Along the race, Georgia welcomed them with open arms as they crossed into the evening.

The food tables stretched from one end of the pavilion to the other and every table was jammed packed with food.

The churches provided all the paper products as

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School starts in just three weeks – supply list for McCleary

Pam Dudding

Contributing writer

Many in the county find it difficult to believe that summer break is almost over for the students of Craig County Public Schools, but it is.

The division brought a bus to Food Country on Saturday, July 22 so families could help support kids in the community by filling up the bus with supplies.

However, those who missed this opportunity may drop them off at the schools or the Craig County school bus will also be at the Salem Walmart on Saturday, Aug. 5.

The teachers and administration at McCleary Elementary School have made it easier for parents to purchase supplies by providing a specific list.

Below are the categories:

Preschool: Backpack, 1 one-inch binder, 1 box of crayons, baby wipes (Necessary only if your child is potty training), tissues, gallon size bags, beach towel or small blanket for rest time this will be sent home every Friday to be washed and returned and is for full day students, and a change of multi-seasonal clothes/to be replaced

See School, page 3



PHOTO BY PAM DUDDING

School starts in August and Craig County Public Schools are getting ready to assist their students in their supplies. Volunteers brought a school bus to Food Country on Saturday for people to "load the bus" with needed school supplies for kids in Craig. Those who missed this event may drop donated supplies off at the schools or catch the next "Load the Bus" for Craig County students on Saturday, Aug. 5 at the Salem Walmart. The students are so appreciative and so are the teachers.





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While many sat under the pavilion, several enjoyed the shade of the canopies to eat and have some good fellowship times with friends.



Mike King and Tim Chaney, along with Rick and Joe Francisco, kept the bluegrass and gospel music alive during the event. Later Randy Dudding and Jessica Dennis joined them.

to be born naturally and then to be born again into spiritual life."

He added, "Without that, no one can see the kingdom of God. It is your second birth, from natural birth then to your spiritual birth as first we are born into the world and then we have the option of being born into the kingdom of God."

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After the sun came out, the kids and some adults decided that a dip in the cool creek that meandered beside the pavilion was a great place to cool off.

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J<u>BITUARIES</u> Nelson Sr., Charlie Lee

Charlie Lee Nelson, Sr., age 82, passed away on July 22, 2023. He was a Navy Veteran and retired from Craig County Schools after 16 years of service. Charles was a devoted member of Light House Baptist Church in New Castle, VA.

Charlie is survived by his wife of 48 years, Amber K. Nelson; son, Mark A. Nelson (Dana); daughter, Laura Lee Nelson; two grandchildren; and two great-grandsons; three brothers; and one sister. A memorial service will be held on July 29,

2023, at Light House Baptist Church, New Castle, VA with the visitation beginning at 1 p.m. and the service to begin at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Lighthouse Baptist Church Building Fund.

Upcoming public meetings in Craig Co.

July 27

The Department of Social Services Board will meet at 6:30 p.m.

Aug. 3

The Craig County Board of Supervisors will hold its monthly meeting at the Craig County Courthouse at 6 p.m.

Aug. 14

The Library Board of Trustees will meet at the Craig County Library at 6 p.m.

Aug. 15

Rep. Morgan Griffith will hold a citizen comment period from 9-10:30 a.m. in the courthouse breakroom.

The Planning Commission will meet from 7-8 p.m.

Aug. 16

A CPMT meeting at CPMT -Department of Social Services will be at 1 p.m.

Aug. 21

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

Aug. 24

The Department of Social Services Board will meet at 6:30 p.m.

Race from page 1

"We were on a two-lane country road in a 55mph zone. We were slowing down to make a left onto another road. While we were turning, the car behind us went into the opposing lane and hit my driver front wheel. It crippled us as it bent the drivers wheel, broke the steering box off of the chassis and bent a few of the tie rods."

Sadly, Hull and Stahl were in first place when it happened.

They had to be picked up by the sweeper truck.

"We are all ok and that's the most important," Stahl exclaimed. "We live to rally another day!" "Luckily, I was able to line up a welder and our mechanic in Pueblo, Colorado to work on the car when we came in that evening," Hull said. "The motto of the race is 'to finish is to win.' We were able to finish the race the next day but we were not competitive. The car was too banged up. I believe we finished 109th." When asked what they would have to do to the "Stars and Stripes" to compete for next year, they said, "The car is very solid and dependable. The only thing that needs to be wired in it the front end (steering components) that were damaged in the race.'

Sept. 7

The Craig County Board of Supervisors will hold its monthly meeting at the Craig County Courthouse at 6 p.m.

Sept. 11

The Library Board of Trustees will meet at the Craig County Library at 6 p.m.

Sept. 18

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

Sept. 19

Rep. Morgan Griffith will hold a citizen comment period from 9-10:30 a.m. in the courthouse breakroom.

The Planning Commission will meet from 7-8 p.m.

Community events:

Ongoing

Every Friday. Craig County Genealogy Library is open 1 to 4 p.m. 152 Main Street. High school annuals, family histories and genealogy resources. Contact 540-864-7023.

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their favorite things about the race were getting to be with friends and the Great Race family.

"We enjoy the beautiful scenery throughout the route," Hull added. "My wife, son, sister, and mother and a bunch of cousins were at the finish to Great us in Colorado Springs.'

Though they had a setback this year, it seems there is also another thing to be cautious about.

Last year, they won, therefore were laced into the Grand Championship category with the other drivers who had won the event in previous years. We now have a target on our backs from winning the whole thing last year," Hull said. "We would have finished in the top three easily this year if we were not involved in the accident." Hull and Stahl expressed their sincere gratitude to all the people who followed and encouraged them in the race as well as congratulated the Sharps on their fourth win and the other teams who finished.



He shared how one enters into heaven by faith. "Jesus had to enter earth like man in a natural birth so we could then enter heaven by Jesus Christ,' Spencer said. "Jesus told us, "I Am the way, the truth and the life and no man enters the Kingdom but by Me."

More music was played as others joined the group playing. Relaxation seemed to be the unspoken theme of the evening.

More and more kids and adults decided to wade the creek as the sun came out with a bit of intensity.

As people started to pack up and leave, several took meals to some elderly while others shared theirs with family members there.

The churches extend their appreciation to everyone who attended, and especially to all those who helped to plan, set up and make the day a true pleasure.

They also extend an invitation to attend their churches if someone does not have a church home. "We would love to have you to join us!" they shared.

School from page 1

size baggies.

Kindergarten: Pencils, pencil box, box of crayons (basic 8 colors), one pair of blunt edge scissors, glue sticks, two-pocket folder, baby wipes and headphones or ear buds. Also, if you would like to donate items for the classroom, their wish list includes tissues, markers, glue sticks and baggies of any size. Also, parents should send a change of multi-seasonal clothes for spills and incidents.

First grade: 1 plastic pencil box, 1 black 1 and half inch three ring binder with clear plastic sleeve on the front of it, 1 plain red plastic pocket folder for desk work, 1 dozen sharpened pencils, 1 pair of blunt end scissors, 2 dozen glue sticks, 1 box of Crayola fine line markers, 2 boxes of Crayola 8-count basic crayons only and a set of headphones or earbuds. The classroom wish list includes black dry erase markers, tissues, sandwich and gallon



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The food that was brought by everyone that attended was deemed to be delicious, which made it difficult for those present to choose what to put on their plates.

Second grade: 1 pencil pouch or box,

1 pack of washable markers and/or colored pencils, 1 pack of crayons, 1 pair of scissors, at least 15 Glue sticks, 1 twopocket folders, 1 pack of highlighters, 1 pack of black dry erase markers, and 1 pair of headphones or earbuds. The classroom wish list includes extra glue sticks, tissues and sandwich and gallonsize baggies.

grade: Third Pencil pouch or box, sharpened pencils, loose leaf paper, 1 marble composition, notebooks, 2 spiral notebooks, glue sticks, highlighters, scissors, pencil cap erasers, black dry erase markers and headphones or Earbuds. The classroom wish list includes tissues, hand sanitizer, sandwich and gallon-size baggies, graph paper, colored pencils, washable markers and crayons.

folders, pencils, colored pencils or crayons, glue sticks, scissors, pack of black dry erase markers (others stain the whiteboards), individual pencil sharpener, highlighters and headphones or earbuds. The classroom wish list includes tissues, and sandwich and gallon-size baggies.

Fifth grade: 2 boxes of pencils, scissors, glue sticks, reusable water bottle (no glass please), pack of pencil top erasers, pack of black dry erase markers (others stain the whiteboards), a 2-inch 3-ring binder, pack of tab dividers, 2 composition notebooks and headphones or ear buds. The classroom wish list includes loose leaf paper (wide ruled), hand sanitizer, sandwich and gallon size baggies, construction paper, graph paper, highlighters, colored pencils, crayons and red pens for students to check work.

as needed, including shirt, pants, socks, and underwear.

As always, Hull and Stahl shared that

'We are already looking forward to the spring rally at the Stahl's Automotive Foundation next May. Also, for The Great Race, our goal next year is redemption and winning our second championship!" they added.

Fourth grade: lose leaf paper, pencil pouch, 5 spiral notebooks, 5 pocket

Also, those who need assistance in providing supplies for their child, should contact the school's principal.

Email letters to the editor to aboyd@mainstreetnewspapers.com



BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

11599 Cumberland Gap Road/Rt. 42, New Castle, 864-5242; church phone:544-7040 Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m., Sunday School 10:30 a.m., Choir Tuesday 7:30p.m., Youth Outreach and Missions Program. Rev. San Kang.

CHESTNUT GROVE CHURCH

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

CORNERSTONE CHURCH

Pastor Don Brown, Corner of Salem and Wagner, New Castle, 580-3228. Sunday Worship 10:30am (Children meet separately, Nursery provided). Bible Study - Wednesday 6p Teens - Wednesday 6p. Ministries: Men, Ladies, Young Adult, and Seniors. Times vary, call for details.

CRAIG HEALING SPRINGS CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)

Pastor - Kenneth W. Davis, Jr., 6 Grannys Branch Road (Johns Creek), New Castle, Phone: 864-6102. Sunday School at 10 am. Sunday Worship at 11 am every Sunday. Fellowship meal after Sunday Worship on second Sundays. Everyone is welcome!

CRAIG VALLEY BAPTIST

171 Salem Avenue, New Castle, 864-5667; Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m., Wednesday: Prayer Service and Bible Study 7:00 p.m., Youth Group 6:30-8:00PM, Bible Buddies at 6:30-8:00PM. Transportation provided - call the church. Hearing devices also available. www.craigvalleybaptist.com

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HWY 621, Pastor Roy Lee Law Jr., "Jay", 864-8984. Sunday School 10:00am; Worship 11:00am., Wednesday night Bible study 7pm, from HWY 311, up HWY 621, 8 miles on left.

CROSSROADS CHURCH

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

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

7:00PM, Reformers Unanimous Addiction Recovery every Friday evening at 7PM.

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5530 Catawba Valley Drive, Catawba, VA, 540-384-7075. Pastor Loraine Taylor, agladypastor@msn.com. Sunday service begins at 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday Evening service at 7:00 p.m.; Youth (ages 13-18) & Super Church (ages 4-12) Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. You can also watch on Facebook Live at 10:30 a.m. www.graceassemblycatawaba.org

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

159 Old Railroad Ave, New Castle, 540-864-PRAY, Sunday School 9:30AM, Sunday Worship Service 10:00AM, Wednesday Night Services 7:00PM.

HEBRON UNITED METHODIST

Pastor Rodney Longmire, Rt. 606, 1981 Caldwell Mt. Rd., New Castle, 540-400-3419. Worship 11:15AM.

LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST

Rev. Lee Looney, Rt. 311 N., New Castle. Sunday: Sunday School 10AM, 11AM, & 6PM. Wednesday Bible Study 7PM.

LEVEL GREEN CHRISTIAN CHURCH

3388 Cumberland Gap Rd. Newport, Duane Wente, Minister, 540-544-7179. Sunday School 10:00am, Sunday Morning Worship 11:00am, Children's Church 11:00am. Choir Practice, bi-weekly 7:00pm, Ladies meeting first Monday of each month at 7:00pm.

LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST

Pastor Lee Looney, Rt. 311 N., New Castle, 540-525-7662. Sunday: Sunday School 10AM, 11AM, & 6PM. Wednesday Bible Study 7PM.

MOUNTAIN VIEW CHRISTIAN

4199 Craig Valley Drive, New Castle, Jonathan Lee, pastor, 864-6622. Sunday: Worship Service 9:00 a.m., Children's Church 9:15 a.m., Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

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282 Salem Ave., New Castle; 864-5212; Pastor Bill Frazier. Sunday Service: 10 A.M.; Wednesday night Bible study at 6:00 P.M. for K-5; If you need a ride to church, please contact Calvin Duncan by 8 P.M. on Saturday at 864-5321; www.nc-cc.org.

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Pastor John D. Abbott, Hwy 621 (10 miles), phone: 864-8242, Sunday Prayer 10:00-10:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday Service 6:00 pm.

PAXTON CHAPEL

Pastor Kenny Davis, 17 Sage Brush Lane, New Castle; "Presenting God's Word Faithfully"; Sunday School 10:00 AM; Sunday Worship Service 11:15 AM; visit us on the web at www.paxtonchapelchurch. com; email at paxtonchapel@ yahoo.com.

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NEW CASTLE UNITED METHODIST

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UPINION

News from the 9th: Biden and FBI investigations



Currently, there are multiple inquiries into Hunter Biden and the investigating FBI.

There is a long list of legitimate investigations happening, more so than ever during my tenure in Congress. The House Committees on Judiciary, Oversight and Accountability, and Ways and Means, the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and the Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of Government are all investigating Hunter Biden, the FBI, or both.

for me to pre-judge the outcome of ongoing investigations whose evidence I may later be required to make significant judgements on. Today, I am explaining the current state of affairs.

ultimately clear It is Congress' responsibility to investigate claims of government wrongdoing, though some into and Democrats might not that want that to happen, we are obliged to do so.

in 2020 that Delaware Ziegler, came forward to U.S. Attorney Weiss was Hunter Biden for tax crimes. The investigation dealt House Ways and Means with Hunter Biden's Committee that DOJ business dealings with officials delayed Weiss foreign entities.

When Republicans took control of the House in January, the Committee on Oversight Accountability and immediately launched its own investigation into Hunter Biden and whether the Biden family was engaged in influence peddling.

In March, the Committee announced they obtained financial records showing Biden family members receiving This column is not money from Chinese Communist Party connected individuals, while Joe Biden was Vice President.

> April, IRS In Greg whistleblower Shapley came forward with information about Biden...where a "failure to mitigate suggested he was sitting

conflicts of interest in the ultimate disposition" of the criminal investigation Hunter, stating Hunter was receiving preferential treatment. A second It was announced IRS whistleblower, Joe validate Shapley's claims.

The whistleblowers testified before the investigation, allowing the clock to run out on charging Hunter Biden with felonies; shared sensitive information about the investigation with Hunter Biden's attorneys; and denied investigators the ability to follow evidence that implicated President Joe Biden.

At the House Oversight Accountability and hearing on July 19, IRS whistleblower Greg Shapley testified that "prosecutors instructed investigators not to ask about the "Big Guy" or "Dad" when conducting interviews" and that they were "not allowed to follow up on WhatsApp messages from Hunter he

next to [Joe Biden]." In June, DOJ announced that Hunter Biden would plead guilty to misdemeanor tax offenses, avoiding jail time. Immediately Chairmen of the House Judiciary Committee, Oversight and Accountability Committee, and Ways and Means Committee opened a joint investigation into how the Justice Department, FBI, Secret Service, and IRS handled the case and whether their investigations were

influenced by politics. On a similar, yet separate note, Republicans have begun probing FBI misconduct in general. Evidence suggests that the FBI and DOJ improperly targeted conservatives after a series of concerning instances.

In a 2021 memo, Attorney General Garland asked the FBI to coordinate with school districts in response to threats related school to boards meetings where conservative parents questioned school policy. The memo likened these parents to domestic terrorists. Further, an FBI

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COUNTY OF CRAIG, VIRGINIA

PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Pursuant to Section 15.2-2506 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, notice is hereby given of a public hearing to be held by the Craig County Board of Supervisors on the proposed County Budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2022-23 (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023) and also for Fiscal Year 2023-24 (July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024). The Public Hearing, which may be continued or adjourned, will be held Aug 3, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter is heard during the Board of Supervisors meeting at the Craig County Courthouse in New Castle, Virginia.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public review at the County Administrator's Office in the County Administration Building, New Castle, Virginia.

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Newfound favorites... read one book! Currently, I have started Library Corner

Joanna Ryan

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Over the years, my

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I really enjoy. Recently,

I found my long-lost

2012 Kindle tucked in

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as I have a few classics

loaded that I appreciate.

A few people mentioned

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great source to try new

genre's, my husband

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what do you like to

read...what would you

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reading for fun again, rather than educational purposes only. It is this stage that I typically like to ask others what do you like to read? Often people offer me a specific genre or the name of one or two authors they have grown fond of and then the fun begins. This time, I have a certain special person who is recommending some of her favorites and I am sticking to them. A genre I hadn't fully explored previously, Psychological Thrillers. I am hooked!!

Right now, I am at the tail end of a trilogy by Kiersten Modglin: "The Arrangement," "The Amendment," "The Atonement." I first found K. Modglin with the recommendation of "The Dream Job." I like her writing style, vocabulary use, and length of the books are perfect for me. Although I am not one of those who will reach 100 books read in 2023, I am proud to say I am on # 9. As for the Kindle Unlimited subscription, Facebook must have been listening because a few days later a free trial came up. Although it is nice, and I do enjoy my Kindle very much, there is nothing like holding a book. Happy reading!

teased me by saying...It See **9th**, page 7 will cost you 50 bucks to



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Court upon the filing of a Motion for Quiet Title on the 15th day of March, 2023, asking that the Court to confirm the ownership of real property located in Botetourt County known as Tax Map No. 108-1A comprising approximately 5.971 acres, currently titled I the name of Jennifer M. Arrington and Aaron M. Musselwhite, as more particularly described in the Deed dated July 7, 1997 recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt in Deed Book 533, Page 865.

It appearing to the Court that because all parties with a potential claim to said property are unknown and based off the Affidavit filed by Plaintiff's counsel in this case, it is hereby Ordered that this Order of Publication shall be posted as an Order of Publication at The Botetourt Circuit Court Courthouse, 1 West Main Street, #120, Fincastle, VA 24090, and published once a week for four consecutive weeks in the Fincastle Herald, a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Botetourt. Any person with an interest in the aforementioned property should appear, answer or otherwise respond to the allegations set out in the Motion in this matter no later than the 15th day of September, 2023. Entered this 25th day of June, 2023. Joel R. Branscom, Judge I ASK FOR THIS: John K. Prillamen, ESq. VSB #81306

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showing that the Respondent Michael Robbins cannot be found and that due diligence has been used without effect to ascertain his location and last known mailing address is unknown Upon consideration, this Order of Publication is granted, and it is ORDERED that the above-named Respondent shall appear in the Circuit Court of Radford City on or before 31st day of July, 2023, after proper publication of this Order, to protect his interest in this cause. Entered: 6/2/2023 Teste: Melissa White DEPUTY CLERK CIRCUIT COURT, RADFORD, VA. Written Answer may be filed in lieu of Court appearance. Reply should be received by 31st day of July, 2023. Kristen L. Mynes (VSB No. 94905) Counsel for Petitioner 323 Second Street SE #700 Charlottesville, VA 22902 (434) 977-2569

Legals - City of Salem

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,20-104 Case No. CA23-04, CA23-05 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF SALEM CRYSTAL YVONNE TERRY, petitioner IN RE: Children to be known as: Landon Jordan Pierce Birth certificate:145-16-074993 DOB: 9/21/2016 And Lukas Wayne Pierce Birth certificate:145-16-074992 DOB: 9/21/2016 The object of this suit is to: Enter a Final Order of Adoption allowing Crystal Yvonne Terry to adopt Landon Edward Scott Pierce and Lucas Roman Wayne Pierce and change

their names to Landon

Jordan Pierce and Lukas

Virginia, in re Baby Girl Doe v. Unknown Father The object of this suit is to: Terminate the residual parental rights of Unknown Father, legal parent of Baby Girl Doe, a minor, in that said parent has, without good cause, failed to correct the conditions which resulted in the child entering foster care and it is not reasonable likely that they will be able to do so in a reasonable amount of time, failed to maintain continuing contact with the child and substantially plan for the child's future. Residual parental rights include, but are not limited to the right to visitation, consent to adoption, the right to determine religious affiliation, and the responsibility for support. The termination of your residual parental rights will permanently end all of your rights and responsibilities to the child named in the petition.

It is ORDERED that the t Unknown Father appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before AUGUST 21, 2023 JUNE 29, 2023 Amie Blankenship, CLERK

All persons affected by or interested in the proposed items above may appear and present their views. After each public hearing, Town Council will consider action on the item. Copies of materials related to the above items are on file and can be obtained in the Office of the Town Clerk, 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, weekdays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. For land use matters, copies of applications and all related items may also be found online at www.blacksburg.gov/public hearings or reviewed in person at the Blacksburg Planning and Building Department, 400 South Main Street, Blacksburg, Virginia. Individuals with disabilities who require special assistance to attend and participate in this meeting should contact Lorraine Spaulding, Town Clerk at (540) 443-1025 or

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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:

ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC IMPACTS:

TRAFFIC SHIFT ON WILDWOOD ROAD: Expect a traffic shift with narrow width on Wildwood road after exiting I-81 southbound heading towards Salem. Southbound and northbound I-81 exit and entrance ramp narrows possible at Route 311.

WORK ZONE SPEED: With narrow spacing in lanes due to barrier walls, lack of shoulders and lane shifts in various locations, drivers should adhere to posted 60 mph speed limits in the work zone and allow space when following a vehicle.

RAMP CLOSURES: Ramp closures 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.

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 offramp 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 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 - There will be intermittent lane closures on Route 605 under the bridge maintained by flagging operations. SLOW ROLLS: A slow roll operation may be in place daily, Monday through Friday, between mile marker 101 and 105 northbound and between mile marker 109 and 105 southbound, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. 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. 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.

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. Alternating lane closures maintained by flagging operations may be in place. The project is expected to be completed in August 2023.

Roanoke County

STARKEY ROAD AND BUCK MOUNTAIN ROAD ROUNDABOUT - A road project to construct a single-lane roundabout at the intersection of Route 904 (Starkey Road) and Route 679 (Buck Mountain Road) is underway. Drivers should be aware of a new three-way stop to be implemented in the work zone at the intersection. A flagging operation will be in place between the 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the intersection of Starkey Road and Buck Mountain Road. The new roundabout is expected to be open to traffic sometime this summer. Once the roundabout is open, drivers should still expect lane closures with flaggers controlling traffic for final paving, additional concrete pouring and pavement marking until the project is finished. Final completion expected in late spring 2024.

LANE CLOSURES WITH FLAGGING OPERATIONS: Lane closures with flagging operations will be in place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the summer. Lane closure times of 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. will resume on Monday, July 31 to allow preparation for school to begin.

THREE WAY STOP: Stop signs will be in place on each road approaching the intersection. This means drivers on Buck Mountain Road who do not stop currently will be required to stop while the intersection is under construction.

TRAFFIC SHIFTS: In addition, drivers should also be alert to traffic shifts and changing traffic patterns while the roundabout is under construction.

MOUNTAIN VALLEY PIPELINE - Mountain Valley Pipeline is expected to begin full construction again by mid-July. Temporary intermittent flagging operations will be in place in the county throughout the remainder of the project (with a tentative completion date of February 2024) to load/unload equipment at crossings and construction entrances. Scheduled completion is February 2024.

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 or nighttime hours. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

Botetourt County

DALEVILLE INTERSECTION PROJECT

agent out of Richmond connected white nationalist groups to "radical-traditionalist Catholics." The agent claimed that violent extremists have "sought out and attended traditional Catholic houses of worship" and suggested that the FBI develop informants within the church.

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In fairness, FBI Director Wray recently testified before the House Judiciary Committee, stating he was "aghast" when hearing of the memo and had it removed from FBI systems.

Unfortunately, this is not your father's FBI.

Additionally, a boatload of Biden A d m i n i s t r a t i o n officials and agencies, including the FBI, have been enjoined from contacting social media companies relating to "the removal, deletion, suppression, or reduction of content containing protected free speech posted on social-media platforms."

U.S. District Judge Terry Doughty stated in part, "Plaintiffs have produced evidence that Defendants did not just use public statements to coerce and/or encourage social-media platforms to suppress free speech, but rather used meetings, emails, phone calls, follow-up meetings, and the power of the government to pressure social-media platforms to change their policies and to suppress free speech."

This comes after evidence, presented by journalists, that the FBI and other agencies had numerous communications with Twitter immediately prior to the breaking of the Hunter Biden laptop story.

Of course, one must not forget the Russia collusion hoax. Special Counsel Durham recently released a report in which he concluded, among other concerning actions, that FBI investigators relied on "raw, unanalyzed and uncorroborated intelligence," and repeatedly relied on "confirmation bias," ignoring or rationalizing away evidence that undercut their premise of a Trump-Russia conspiracy.

More evidence to come. Stay tuned!

Golf from page 8

later as an undergraduate at Virginia Tech. Green was a good golfer in high school, but admittedly not good enough to earn a scholarship, so he pursued what he considered the next best thing – course architecture.

Bork, Dean an associate professor in architecture at the time, cautioned Green of the pitfalls of that career. Bork, who is now retired, brought credibility to the conversation - he worked in the industry before becoming a professor at Virginia Tech. But Green remained undaunted, graduating with a degree in landscape architecture, a five-year program in what is now the College of Architecture, Arts, and Design, and earned a second degree, this one in crop soils and environmental science turfgrass option — in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. "I told him what the likely consequences of pursuing it might be, and he was determined," Bork said. "That's what he wanted to do, and from all sides, he's really made a good show of it. "I do know that to be successful in the golf business, you have to be capable of networking with the right people. I think Andrew was acquainted with a few PGA Tour professionals when he was still a student ... and those kinds of connections helped propel his career forward because it's really tough to get those kinds of clients without the right network of contacts." Green's brother, Sam, helped him start that network. Sam Green '94 worked as a golf course superintendent for several years, including a stint at Congressional Country Club in Bethesda, Maryland, the site of the 1997 U.S. Open. At that event, Sam helped his brother secure a volunteer spot assisting with course preparation, thus introducing him to the professional golf world. Andrew Green eventually worked for McDonald & Sons, a company that builds golf courses, for 14 years, learning every aspect of the business before striking out on his own. A job renovating the bunkers at Country Club of York in York, Pennsylvania, helped

him break through in the profession.

Throughout his career, Green has been involved in the restoration or renovation of several famous courses, including Inverness Club in Ohio; the Blue Course at Congressional Country Club, Scioto Country Club in Ohio; Whitemarsh Valley Country Club in Pennsylvania; Indian Creek Country Club in Miami; and of course, Oak Hill.

During all those projects and others, Green found himself reflecting on Virginia Tech's impact on him.

"Every step of the way, Virginia Tech helped me," Green said. "There's a level of pride and perseverance that you have from being in Blacksburg. It's that grassroots or blue-collar mentality. It is certainly with the football team, right? Coach [Frank] Beamer and coach [Bud] Foster built that mentality that we're going to get up and go to work every day and we're going to overachieve. We're going to be great by working together. Those things certainly resonated. "Within the landscape architecture program, I was very laser focused on wanting to do this, but they helped show me the value of all the other things within that discipline that have benefited me in so many ways that I didn't even realize at the time. ... Then in the turfgrass department, the relationships I've built, the hard work and camaraderie in that side of the world, was phenomenal." Green's success at Oak Hill has given him the honors for other projects. He and his team just started work at Interlachen Country Club in Minnesota - the site of the 1930 U.S. Open won by legendary golfer and seven-time major champion winner Bobby Jones. Later this fall, he will be overseeing the renovation of East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta, Jones' home course. Green is excited to tee off on those and others, though they may slice into time reserved for wife, Jennifer '00, and three children. His listing of projects stretches to 2026-27 – an accomplishment in a profession prone to volatility.

ROUTE 605: Alternating lane closures and flagging operations will be present on Route 605, located under the New River Bridge, for work overhead on the bridge.

I-81 PAVING OPERATIONS – Weather permitting, crews will be performing paving operations along Interstate 81. Right and left lane closures may be in place along northbound and southbound lanes during nighttime hours, 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. Drivers should watch for moving vehicles and equipment. Expect possible delays.

I-81 BRIDGE DECK REPAIRS – Weather permitting, crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate 81. Between mile markers 170 to 95, right and left lane closures will be in place northbound and southbound during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following mornin00g. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

Interstate 581

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.

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 FOR FIELDSTONE DEVELOPMENT ACCESS – Lane closures northbound and southbound on Route 220 in Daleville will be in place for construction of a median with crossover, a right turn lane and a new traffic signal. This work is associated with construction of the Fieldstone Development through a permit. Lane closures will be set up on various days and noise disturbances may be in place through July 2023.

ROUTE 11 BUCHANAN BRIDGE PROJECT - A construction project on the Route 11 Bridge in the Town of Buchanan is underway. Water Street is closed for the duration of the project. Drivers should expect delays due to a single lane closure across the bridge with a flagging operation. The jacking and bearing replacements have been completed. Contractors are now applying protective paint underneath the bridge and will replace expansion dams on the bridge deck. Message boards are present to alert and update drivers. Expected completion in Summer 2023.

FLAGGING OPERATION - A flagging operation will be in place on the bridge Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. until early part of August 2023. Drivers should expect delays.

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 or nighttime hours. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

Route 11 – Milling and paving with flaggers and alternating lane closures, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., from Route 838 to 0.12 miles north of Route 1039 Route 167 to just past Route 653.

Craig County

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The Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame inducted the Class of '23 on Sunday after co-sponsoring "The Last Inning" games on Saturday along with the Salem Red Sox. The Hall of Fame's Class of '23, along with guest speaker Abe Naff, includes, left to right; Reggie Poff, Matt Trent, Nick Jones, speaker Naff, Randy Lawrence and Roy Clark. On Saturday the Hall of Fame announced that Cave Spring's Trey Ludy has been named the Ray Bellamy Award winner as the top high school player in the Hall of Fame's coverage area. Here Hall of Fame vice president Gary Walthall presents Ludy with a plaque between games of "The Last Inning" doubleheader for high school seniors at Salem Memorial Ballpark Saturday.

HALL OF FAME INDUCTS CLASS OF '23, HONORS HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS



LOONEY STRETCHES LATE MODEL WIN STREAK TO SIX AT PULASKI COUNTY

The month of July has been very busy at Pulaski County Motorsports Park. It continued this past weekend as over 1,000 people came to the racetrack for Fan Appreciation Night.

Fans were treated to six different races - 195 laps across five different divisions. Seven drivers earned a trip to victory lane, the most of any race this season.

Kevin Canter picked up the first win of the evening as he led the Total Car Care Mod-4 division across the line. Tony Sarver Jr. was the only other competitor to lead any part of the 25-lap race. Gary Fitzgerald rebounded from an early spin to claim a secondplace finish while Doodle Lang earned the final podium spot. Canter's victory helped him extend his points lead in the championship standings.

The Price's Body Shop Late Model Stock Cars then hit the track for their first 50-lap twin. Craig County's Mike Looney won each of the previous five races this season, and he extended his streak to six on Saturday night. After starting at the rear of the field, the former Martinsville 300 winner worked his way to the front of the pack to claim the checkered flag. Kyle Dudley surrendered the lead with just a few laps remaining and ultimately brought it home in the second spot. Zeke Shell pieced together an impressive run; the Bluff City, Tenn. native started on the final row but fought his way up to the



New Castle's Mike Looney(#87) races at the Pulaski **County Motorsports Park last weekend.**

Valley welcomed the East Coast Flathead Racing Association to town. Six vintage Flathead Fords competed in a 20-lap dash for a chance to be crowned as either a sportsman or modified winner.

Johnny Johnson came across the line first to earn the overall win. The 82-year-old driver was the leader of the modified division while Wayne Lawson came across the line second to earn the top spot in the sportsman class.

As the sun began to set behind the mountains, it was the DCT Towing Super Streets that took to the track next. Tristan Barnes dominated the night as he laid down the fastest lap in qualifying and led all 30 laps to secure his third victory of the season. The points leader, Jimmy Mullins, finished second, continuing his streak of top-five finishes in all seven races this year. Ray Sowers piloted his machine up to third, notching his first podium finish as a recent addition to the Barnes' race team.

The late models returned to the oval for their final race of the night. After settling for second in the opener, Dudley was able to get past Looney early in the was able to keep Looney behind him and pick up his first win of the season. Another strong run from Shell gave him his second podium finish of the night. He methodically ran down Karl Budzevski and took over the third spot with just

a few laps remaining. The Stock-6 Series closed out the night with a 20-lap feature. Darrell Allen made a strong jump from the outside of the first row and never looked back. While Allen claimed the victory, the remaining two podium spots went to Houston Miller and Caleb Sowers.

Action returns to the track this Thursday with Tony Stewart's Superstar Racing Experience. The SRX series will feature a star-studded field that includes NASCAR Cup Series champions Kyle Busch and Brad Keselowski, Daytona 500 winner and current SRX points leader Ryan Newman as well as Indy 500 winners Helio Castroneves and Josef Newgarden. Thirteen of the world's best drivers will bring "Thunder in the Mountains" for a national audience.

The sportsman division will open the night before

PHOTO BY JOHN WACHER

top three.

For the first time this efforts to rattle the reigning season, the New River track champion, Dudley

nightcap. Despite Looney's the SRX series will take the green flag around 9:00 p.m. on ESPN.

VT GRAD IS NATIONALLY REKNOWN IN GOLF COURSE DESIGN

By Jimmy Robertson, Virginia Tech (Jimmy Robertson is a graduate of Craig County High School)

Growing up on a farm in a rural county that, at one time, lacked a single stoplight generally gives one a healthy respect for natural resources. Andrew Green is no exception.

With a job that takes him around the country, Green admires a beautiful piece of property and all it offers. Then, perhaps out of habit, he starts envisioning fairway contours, plotting bunker placements, mapping out green locations, and implementing hazards in a way to create memorable experiences for golfers of all skill levels.

A 1996 graduate of Lord Botetourt High School and a 2022 inductee in the Roanoke Valley Golf Hall of Fame, Green has come a long way since playing on the Cavalier golf team. Retired Cavalier athletic director Chuck Pound has fond memories of Andrew.

"Andrew is awesome," said Pound. "Now I can say I know someone that is famous."

Indeed, Green has made quite a name for himself since his days at LB. A 2001 graduate of Virginia Tech, Green is the President and Principal Architect of A.H. Green Design/Green Golf and Turf, Inc. He established his business with a focus on being at the forefront of the next generation of architects.

Green ranks as one of the world's top golf course architects, specializing in renovations of existing courses. He uses tools such as specialized software applications and drone footage to craft 18 holes of wonderfulness, but unlike many course designers, he occasionally hops on a Caterpillar D6 bulldozer and brings his vision to life.

"I love to play in the dirt," Green admitted in a recent phone interview. "I'm a big kid. There's more to it [course renovations] than just that, but certainly it's great therapy to get in the bulldozer and create the vision."

Green's ability to see a golf course for what it can be and not what it currently is led to one of his greatest career accomplishments. In 2016, Green and his company were chosen to renovate the East Course at Oak Hill Country Club in Rochester, New York, in preparation for this past May's 2023 PGA Championship, one of professional golf's four major tournaments.

Green possessed extensive course design and project experience, and in 2014, he struck out on his own and started his own company, Green Golf and Turf. He took meetings with clubs and courses throughout the mid-Atlantic and northeast, worked on projects of all scales, and started to earn his reputation as a restoration expert. In 2016, he made his pitch to the Oak Hill Country Club leadership, gently proposing renovations that would reflect the course's glory davs.

A humble approach befitting of his rural Botetourt County roots - he grew up in Daleville, an hour north of Virginia Tech's campus – and his love of golf history led to the leadership at Oak Hill taking a chance on him.

"I kind of approached it [his pitch for the job] differently than maybe some other individuals," Green said. "I certainly didn't approach it with a lot of ego. I try to do that everywhere I work. I approach it asking, 'What's the best thing for the project? What's the best thing for the golf course? What respects the past and pushes them toward the future?""

In meeting with the leadership at Oak Hill, Green's vision connected the course's past to its future. His presentation referenced the legacy of Donald Ross, Oak Hill's original architect who designed the course in the



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Andrew Green and wife, Jennifer, took time for a selfie following the 2023 PGA championship at Oak Hill Country Club. Green oversaw the restoration of the course and has built a thriving career in golf course design.

1920s. Green studied the original layouts and drawings of the acclaimed architect to inspire his renovation plan.

'That seemed to resonate with that group," Green said. "By being different, stood out. It took them really a leap of faith to trust me that I could do it."

Fall 2019 marked the tee time for the Oak Hill project, and Green's company spent approximately four months renovating the course – a gorgeous layout originally designed by Ross. In mid-May at the 2023 PGA Championship, Green's work led to him earning unanticipated global recognition.

Those in charge at Oak Hill spoke glowingly of his efforts. He received positive attention from media outlets and numerous fans even asked for his autograph, which, in his words, was "a little mind-blowing.'

More importantly, though, the players told Green that he had aced his project.

"Everything I've heard has been very positive," Green said. "I don't know if, after a little reflection, there have been additional conversations, but for everything that I've heard, it had been received really well.

"All the members were just so proud of what their club has become again. Being on the world stage in such a good light certainly was great to see for them."

Green credits much of the success in his current profession to what he learned in Southwest Virginia, first as a teenage cart boy and maintenance worker at Botetourt Country Club and