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Love Thy Neighbor and CarePortal now in Craig County

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

On Tuesday, Aug. 15, Jordan Labiosa and Mayor Lenny McDonald hosted a meeting to introduce the Love Thy Neighbor Fund which is joining CarePortal to aid those in need in Craig County.

It was held at Lasterday, where proprietor Jasmine Brown, provided an array of desserts with homemade lemonade and tea.

Though three years in the making, Labiosa and McDonald have formed the nonprofit Love Thy Neighbor Fund which now seems to be the foundation of the beginning of a new relationship, bringing CarePortal to Craig County.

"The Department of Social Services (DSS) is so excited to have the CarePortal come to Craig," shared Craig County Department of Social Services Director Pat Franklin. "The CarePortal is a service that will allow greater needs to be met beyond what DSS can or could every do on our own. The Care Portal is more than a financial assistance program, it is a way to allow the community to

come to the aid of their neighbors and help hold them up and support them through rough times."

McDonald opened with a prayer thankful for the people who are already ready to serve and the explanation of the creation of the Love Thy Neighbor Fund.

"During COVID Jordan and I were sitting on our duffs an awful lot which meant that we would call each other and go to lunch each day and share the vision that he had for Craig County and what was possible," McDonald shared. "Not what was being done, but what was possible."

McDonald added with a laugh, "I learned really quick that Jordan doesn't sit still very well. So, we hatched a plan to start the Love Thy Neighbor Fund that would serve the needs of Craig County that could be uniquely met by forming this non-profit organization as there are some very unique things that a non-profit can do."

"Our fund is based on the Bible scripture of Matthew 22:39 that says thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, so we tried to take that and put it into action," McDonald added.



PHOTO BY PAM DUDDING

The first public meeting of the joining of Love Thy Neighbor Fund and CarePortal was held on Tuesday, Aug. 15. Speakers were Mayor Lenny McDonald, co-founder of Love Thy Neighbor Fund, Pat Franklin, director of the Craig County Department of Social Services, Brandi Paige, with Southwest Virginia Crossroads Coalition for Orphan and Foster Care, Jordan Labiosa, co-founder of Love Thy Neighbor Fund, and Carrie Gooseman, adoption and resource family supervisor with the Roanoke City Department of Social Services.

They are a charitable nonprofit organization that has been launched in Craig County to live out this teaching.

McDonald listed three ways they have envisioned they can impact the county most effectively, adding value to its citizens.

Reduce the impact of poverty.

Virginia statistics say 10% living below the poverty line

Craig County is 14% living below the poverty line

Children in Craig County have 25% living below the poverty line

Make generational changes.

Developing strategies to overcome family struggles they face

Biblical based financial literacy courses

Increase community pride

Develop and help

maintain high quality public spaces that highlights our rich history while reducing the tax burden of such spaces from our community at large.

"With Craig having 25 percent living below the poverty line, that means they are one automobile accident away from a crisis. Clearly there is a need! And, the DSS has their hands full and overwhelmed

sometimes," McDonald said. "Yet there are enough effective people who wish to serve in some way that we felt we could marry CarePortal with DSS, the school system and make a difference."

He added, "If we understand there is a need and we have the ability to fulfill it, Jordan isn't going to sit. He is going to jump on it

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COURTESY PHOTO

The 3rd Annual Waiteville School Reunion will be held on Saturday, Sept. 16 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Waiteville Community Center. All previous students are encouraged to attend, have a dinner, win prizes and meet old classmates and guess who is in the pictures everyone brings.

Waiteville School Reunion Sept. 16

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

When high school ends, many people lose touch with their friends they grew up with.

Having a school reunion has become a special time for many people who wish to see and talk with old friends and to make new ones.

The 3rd Annual Waiteville School Reunion has been scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 16 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Waiteville Community Center.

A catered lunch will be served, and the cost will be \$15 per person.

The organizers always add a little fun with games

and special door prizes and a grand door prize drawing. These were donated by local business owners and greatly appreciated.

"An updated Waiteville School Roster of students and teachers from 1950-1967 will be available for you to review, add other names, and share memories," shared Janet McDaniel. "This will also be a special occasion to celebrate the former Waiteville School's recent listing in the National Register of Historic Places."

Anyone having school pictures is encouraged to bring their and share, or an extra copy to donate.

The Waiteville Cookbook with unusual recipes will be available to

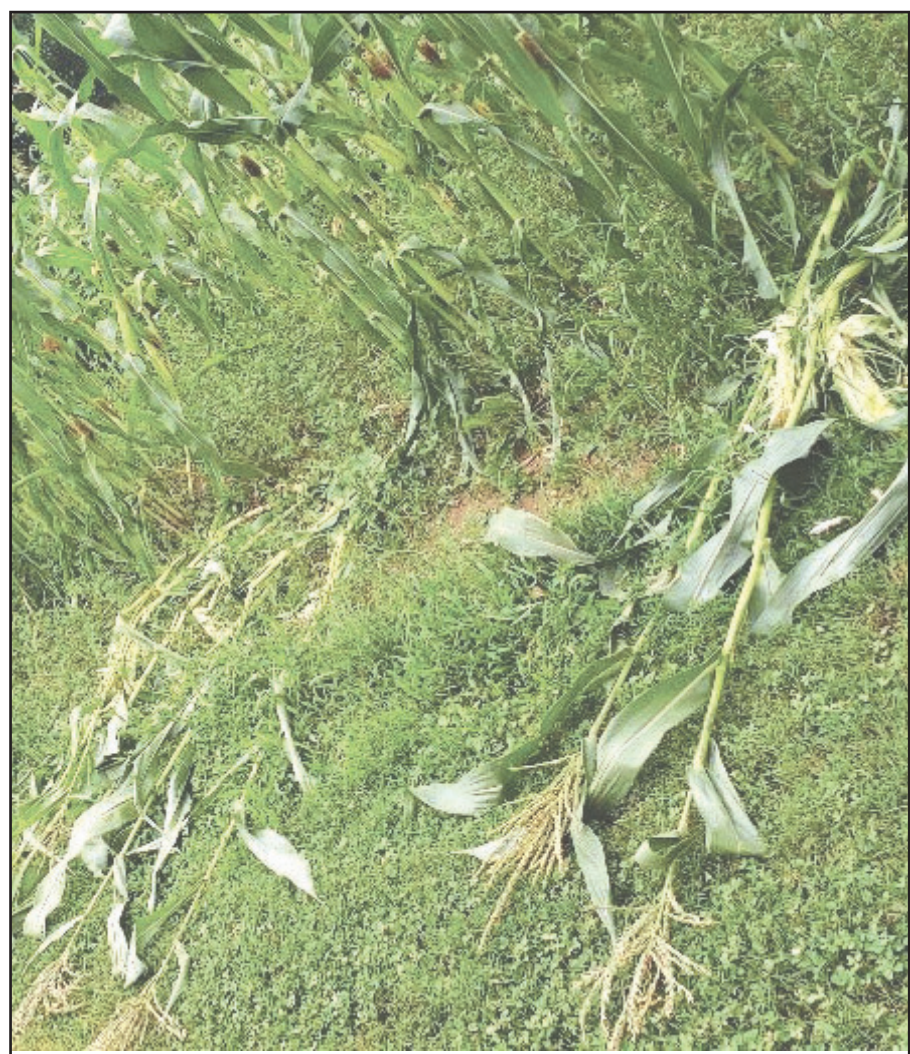
purchase for only \$12 as well as two new Waiteville items, mugs for \$15 and computer mouse pads for \$10.

They ask that everyone register with Shelby Jennings by Sept. 1 if they plan to attend. Those interested can reach her at (304) 772-5503 or shelbyjennings1958@hotmail.com.

Checks should be made payable to the Waiteville Community Center and mailed to, Shelby Jennings, 7644 Waiteville Road, Waiteville, WV 24984.

McDaniel noted, "We hope you plan to visit with your former classmates, relatives, and friends at the Waiteville School Reunion!"

Bears continue to destroy crops, rummage porches and homes



COURTESY PHOTO

Bears have become a nuisance in the town of New Castle and surrounding streets. Two bears have eaten the entire corn crop of the Dudding family, emptied the freezer and refrigerator, as well as other families complaining about their gardens being destroyed and freezers/refrigerators being emptied. Ammonia, bleach, noise, rubber bullets and even hound dogs chasing them away have not yet kept them away on Holcombe Avenue and Marshall Street, as they come back within the hour. Residents are concerned about what they'll attack next once the gardens are gone. "I can't wait for bear season to come in!" one resident shared. "We aren't allowed to kill them, and the warden can't do anything; it is a little absurd if you ask me." Since this photo was taken, all the corn has now been depleted by the bears.



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and find a way to make things better.”

McDonald made the statement that if citizens educate people on financial literacy, then they have the opportunity to not just fix the crisis but to build the strategy for that family to have success and move forward.

“I am so excited that you are here, that you have a heart for service, that you want to help the Love Thy Neighbor Fund make a change for the better,” McDonald shared.

Brandi Paige with Southwest Virginia Crossroads Coalition for Orphan and Foster Care has been a part of launching several CarePortals and Labiosa shared that she has been a useful resource and has helped trained many thus far in how to use the system.

Paige shared that when she drove to Craig for the first time, her breath was taken away with its beauty.

She added, “I wish I could take Jordan and put one of him every community that borders West Virginia and Kentucky as they are all like you, small communities that feel like they are forgotten.”

“I live in Wytheville and cannot say enough about the difference it made in our community,” Paige said. “Your heart beats for your community and the children in it and you

want them to have all the things they need to grow up successful and to make your community successful.”

She shared that when one joins CarePortal, there is an app to download.

“You will receive a notification of a need and we encourage each of you to make a personal connection to that family because that is what the heart of CarePortal does,” Paige explained. “It lets us go out on little mission trips and meet our neighbors right where they are.”

A video was shared that said, “The mission field is in our backyard. It means meeting a need at just the right time. At other times the connection starts life-changing relationships that change lives, transform communities, and reverse the foster-care crisis in our nation. That yes makes children a priority. Children have the power to change us.”

“It is really shocking at the level of homelessness, incarceration, and even sex-trafficking that can be associated with the foster care system,” Labiosa added. “If we can interact before they even enter the system and save those biological families, think about how many people we can save throughout the long run in their lives.”

Carrie Gooseman, adoption and resource family supervisor for the Roanoke City



COURTESY PHOTO

Many more chairs had to be brought in due to the large crowd who wished to see and assist the Love Thy Neighbor Fund and CarePortal idea come into fruition. The heartfelt goal is, “No need unmet in Craig.”

Department of Social Services, shared a testimonial about a child from Craig with CarePortal.

The child had been placed in different places, yet the end of the story is that through CarePortal, they were able to get the child back with family who needed furniture, etc. before they could be ready.

Care Portal is also able to help with directions for the family and starting relationships with community.

“Self sufficiency is the goal though not always a reality,” Gooseman said.

She added that they welcome churches, groups and individual community members to be a part of this program such as have furniture, clothes, financial assistance, etc. they wish to donate.

“We are so excited to have some school board members and so many churches and others who have shown interest,” Labiosa shared. “Also, Pat Franklin has been a great resource for us only being in Craig for a year and half, but it seems like she has had five years of organization accomplished with all the work she has done.”

Franklin shared that the department is small with only 11 total employees with only three other employees besides herself that takes care of adoption, Child Protective Service, foster care and other needs.

“That is not enough, but with Care Portal, it will allow us to expand our footprint and to help more people in Craig,” Franklin said. “If we can reach a family and get the needed

help before it becomes a CPS, before the child has to be removed, then we have done our job.”

She gave an example of a child coming to school with dirty clothes. Sometimes it is just that their washer broke, and the family cannot afford another one and there is no laundromat in the county.

“DSS has limited funds so if we can enter into CarePortal that we have a need for a washer, it can possibly stop the issue,” Franklin added. “The child is then not embarrassed and it not acting out because they don’t want to be in school because they don’t have clean clothes and they are ashamed; we have done our job! The factors and steps to save a family is so important.”

Franklin explained that it takes a community or village to raise a child, and this is what CarePortal and the Love Thy Neighbor Fund is all about, helping them to get assistance to families when DSS is unable to meet all the needs.

Franklin added that they need people to help install or to move furniture for them once they purchase or find the items. Also, contractors from all areas are needed.

McDonald added, “Everyone has mentioned these needs but none of this will work if we do not have participants to join us. We have several churches who have already signed up including Cornerstone-New Castle, Grace Assembly and Kindling School Ministries, as well as other pastors that have shown interest that I will be visiting.”

“DSS is our main partner when it comes to making requests,” Labiosa said. “We will

be approaching the school system this year about having guidance counselors potentially being able to make requests on behalf of the students and eventually the sheriffs’ office. We are super excited about this.”

Alex Bunnell, of Craig County DSS, shared the first call of a teenage girl. However, Cornerstone Church -New Castle was present and donated a check to DSS to fund the need. Other people present shared that they could help in other ways as well.

“Our goal is to have no need unmet in Craig County,” McDonald shared.

For the first year, Love Thy Neighbor Fund has received donations to cover expenses of joining the Love Thy Neighbor Fund which the schools will not have to pay, hoping that even in future years, they will have enough funds to cover it as well. No individual pays.

Paige added that other larger schools pay much more but usually donations are received to cover them.

McDonald also shared the 78% success rate that Teen Challenge has five years after someone graduates.

“The reason why I think this is so successful is because it introduces the community of the church to people,” McDonald added. “There is a root cause that a church can meet and help the family overcome.”

McDonald and Labiosa encourage community members to contact them if they are interested in donating or being a source of assistance or to inquire more deeply into the program to see if “it is

a right fit for you or your organization.”

Matthew 22.org is the Love Thy Neighbor Fund website and they were excited to announce that they have collected funds to pay for the first year to join CarePortal, to try and use the program.

If community members are looking to join or look into the program, go to CarePortal.org and then click on “get involved” and from there it will direct individuals.

McDonald requested to pray for them and the future.

To report a need, please call Craig County DSS at (540) 864-5117.

“I am pleased that we had the restaurant filled with folks who want to make a difference in our community. It was humbling,” McDonald shared. “I am excited about the impact we can make with the Love Thy Neighbor Fund. This is our first step of many to add value to our County!”

“We are thrilled with the overwhelming turnout at the launch of CarePortal in Craig County! It’s evident that our community is not only excited but also deeply committed to the mission of the Love Thy Neighbor Fund,” Labiosa added. “The response highlights the shared belief in the power of community collaboration and the potential that CarePortal holds to create a lasting and positive impact on our county. We look forward to working hand in hand with our local churches, community groups, and volunteers to uplift vulnerable families and foster a network of support that goes beyond immediate assistance, providing lasting change and empowerment.”

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Craig County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing **September 7th, 2023 at 6 pm**, or soon thereafter at the Craig County Courthouse in New Castle, Virginia, to consider the application of Corie Trivette/Country Campground for a **“Use Not Provided For”** permit. An approved permit will allow the property owners to conduct a Mud Run Event with camping, on September 30th, 2023, noon to 10pm. Mr. Trivette is also asking for an extension of 3 years. This parcel is zoned RR, Rural Residential and is located at 202 Country Campground Road, New Castle, VA 24127, Tax map #87-A-5. The property contains 62.3 acres and is located in the Craig Creek District on the left side of State Route 311 approximately 4 miles south of the Town of New Castle in Craig County.

Public comment on the application may be submitted in writing to the County Administration Office, P.O. Box 308, New Castle, Virginia 24127, by calling 540-864-5010, or in person at the public hearing.

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OBITUARIES

Doss, Toni Myers



Toni Myers Doss, 74, of Salem, VA, formerly of New Castle, VA, went to her heavenly home on Saturday, August 19, 2023. She was born on September 8, 1948, to the late Carl Van Buren Myers and Pearl Estelle Myers. She was a graduate of New Castle High School and National Business College. She married her soulmate, Coleman O'Neil Doss on September 6, 1969, beginning a loving 52-year marriage. Toni was a dedicated mother, wife, and friend, and treasured her beloved daughter, Lauren. Toni was a respected Christian and member of Edgewood Christian Church, where she served the Lord faithfully. In addition to her husband and parents,

she is preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Van Buren Myers; maternal grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Joel Everett D. Carper; and brother, Donnie Carl Myers.

She is survived by her daughter, Lauren Myers Doss (James); sister, Cathy Myers Bostic (Mike); nephew, Jeffrey Carl Myers (Diana); daughter figure and caretaker, Wendy

Leigh Belcher, as well as numerous friends and family.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 26, 2023, at Edgewood Christian Church,

1006 Peck St., NW, Roanoke, VA 24017, with Larry Atkin officiating. Burial will follow at Huffman Memorial Park in New Castle, VA. Pall bearers will be James Abeyta, Bryce Dunn, Prestyn Dunn, Jamie Elliott, and Joshua Goins. Friends may visit with the family from 1 p.m. until the hour of the service.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to Edgewood Christian Church, St. Jude Children's Hospital, or your local American Legion.

Anderson, Pearl Linton



Pearl Linton Anderson, 86, of New Castle, VA passed away on Saturday, August 19, 2023. Born on March 4, 1937, to the late Vergie F Wickline Linton and Otto M. Linton. Pearl was a hard worker, at 83 she was being offered jobs when everyone was being laid off. Her family was most important to her, she took on the task of independently raising her family. She was very faithful to Humphrey's Chapel and New Castle United Methodist Churches, and she enjoyed loving everyone she came across. In addition

will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, August 23, 2023, at the Paitzel Funeral Home in New Castle, VA, with Pastor David Brown officiating. Burial will follow at Paint Bank Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at the funeral home.

to her parents, she is preceded in death by her granddaughter, Misty Witlock; brothers, Glen Linton, and Ray Linton.

She is survived by her children, Anita Hinson (Mike), Cynthia Anderson, and Bill Anderson (Donna); five grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren. A funeral service

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Humphrey's Chapel United Methodist Church, 15997 Paint Bank Rd, Paint Bank, VA 24131.

Paitzel Funeral Home of New Castle, VA is serving the Family of Ms. Anderson.

Upcoming public meetings in Craig Co.

Aug. 24
The Department of Social Services Board will meet at 6:30 p.m.

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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COURTESY PHOTOS

Craig County residents enjoy West Virginia State Fair

The West Virginia State Fair has always been a favorite of many in Craig County. Several families visited for the great concerts, shows and the selection of rides for their kids. The Slusher family rode a lot of rides that made the mom a bit uneasy on her tummy, but she stuck with her kids.

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- Alternate Compliance Officer, Gerri Vandyke, Director of Student Services, 6 Alleghany Circle, New Castle, VA 24127, (540) 864-5191;

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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 Tuesdays 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!

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CRAIG VALLEY GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP
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.

GRACE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
5530 Catawba Valley Drive, Catawba, VA, 540-384-7075. Pastor Lorraine 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.

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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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"WHERE YOUR HEART CAN FEEL THE DIFFERENCE"
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.

NEW CANTERBURY PENTECOSTAL FELLOWSHIP
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.

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST
118 Main Street, New Castle. Service Times: Sunday, Bible classes-10 a.m., Evening Worship-6 p.m.; Wednesday, Bible classes - 7 p.m.

NEW CASTLE UNITED METHODIST
Rev. San Kang, 364 Main St., New Castle, Va. Sunday School 10AM, Worship 11AM; UMW 3rd Wednesday@1PM, Youth and other programs, Bible Studies.

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OPINION

News from the 9th: Second quarter accomplishments



Morgan Griffith
Representative

In April, I reflected on what we have been able to accomplish in the House of Representatives during the first three months of the year.

Now that it is August, let's look back through the rest of spring and summer.

Legislation passed

My legislation, the HALT Fentanyl Act, to permanently schedule fentanyl analogues, passed the House in May with bipartisan support, with a vote of 289-133. It is now pending in Senate. I hope they will vote on this important legislation soon.

Also in May, House Republicans passed H.R.2, the Secure the Border Act, in an effort to combat the humanitarian crisis at our southern border. Unfortunately, Biden Administration policies have led to increased rates of human

and drug smuggling. They have also led to an historic number of unaccompanied minors living in our country, many being exploited and abused (see below). The House Republicans' bill will force the Biden Administration to restart the construction of the border wall, deploy needed technology to increase security to both the southern and northern borders, and provide funding to increase the number of border patrol agents. It will also strengthen current law aiming to protect unaccompanied children from human trafficking.

In late April, House Republicans passed H.R.734, the Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act of 2023, legislation to ensure that women and girls have a fair playing field in sports by guaranteeing that schools adhere to Title IX's recognition of biology and genetics of an individual at birth. This bill is about fairness, which is why I was an original cosponsor. Women fought for years for equal opportunities in sports. Why should women be forced to

sacrifice playing time and scholarship opportunities? They shouldn't.

The House has also passed other impactful legislation, like the fiscal year (FY) 2024 National Defense Authorization Act, the Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization bill, and the FY 2024 Veterans Affairs appropriations bill.

Committee work

The Energy and Commerce (E&C) Committee has worked hard on issues within its jurisdiction.

As Chairman of the E&C Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee, I have held 13 hearings since the beginning of April. One focus of the subcommittee is to provide oversight of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

We have worked to hold HHS responsible for their abject failure to competently manage the record number of unaccompanied minors in this country. While we may disagree on what brought these kids to the U.S., once we have taken responsibility for these children, we have a moral obligation to ensure they have the care they need.

We have also explored emerging public threats like antimicrobial resistance (bacteria that is resistant to antibiotics) and how phage therapy (the process of using viruses that kill or weaken bacteria by attacking the bacteria) can combat this growing problem.

I am also a member of the Health Subcommittee and Energy Subcommittee. In the Health Subcommittee, we have held hearings covering our country's overdose crisis, a serious problem in our district and our nation. We also

continue to look for ways to lower our health care costs, whether that be Medicare or prescription drug costs.

On the Energy Subcommittee, we have held hearings about the need to secure our nation's power grid, a real problem in the age of ever-increasing cyberattacks.

We have also looked at all of the above solutions in energy, including the future of nuclear energy in the United States. Nuclear energy is a dependable energy source and with the advent of small modular nuclear reactors, it is a potentially more significant electric provider for the future. That does not mean that we, and the rest of the world, will not need thermal coal.

I also serve on the House Administration Committee.

The Committee continues to examine our country's elections and voting processes. In July, Committee passed the American Confidence in Elections (ACE) Act, which included my NO VOTE for Non-Citizens Act. The bill reaffirms it is a crime for non-citizens to vote in our federal elections and withholds some federal dollars from state/local jurisdictions that allow non-citizens to vote in their elections.

The Committee has also done oversight work over the U.S. Capitol Police (USCP), bringing in the USCP police chief, inspector general, and police board. I am investigating the sweetheart retirement deal granted to former Assistant Chief Pittman, which was revealed to the public through our hearings.

There is more work to be done between now and the end of the year. I will continue to take our Fightin' Ninth values to Washington.

Story about the peacocks - Part one: The secret lives of animals

Library Corner Marge Lewter

Animals rarely give us a glimpse into the astounding stories of their lives. Birds are particularly amazing because they are so far removed from our own experience as mammals. They have feathers and they have hollow bones. They live high in trees with much exposure to predators and climate, yet they are successful. It seems that every time I try to intervene and try to help, everything goes wrong. As a wildlife rehabilitator once told me, the best thing you can do for wildlife is to keep them from being eaten by other wildlife and exposed to the elements. It's really the only thing you can do to ensure a positive action. Everything else you do is subject to your knowledge, your experience and some extreme luck.

The most happy of these stories is my interaction with the Peacock family that lives on my farm. I have been spending dusk sitting on my porch swing watching tiny fluff balls go to roost. They are less than 4 inches tall, flying straight up in the air like little helicopters by the sheer force of will and desire. They follow their gargantuan mother up into the highest branches of a giant silver maple tree in my yard every night. Going up is a series of amazing vertical flights from ground to limb, and limb to higher limb and on to the very top branches of the big Maple. Once they finally make it, they snuggle up under Mom's wings perched on a branch safe from predators. Their little heads peek out from between the feathers of her wings as if they have climbed up into her armpits if she had any.

Let me go back and explain how these little fluff balls came to be. I acquired two female peahen chicks from another farm three years ago. They grew up into a pair of the most beautiful lady birds I had ever seen. They did everything in tandem and

acted as one unit from gliding around my yard, to roosting at night. The sisters were inseparable. Their big dark brown feathers and their beautiful emerald green shimmering necks are gracefully offset the expressive eyes in a white face topped by the little peacock crown. I could never get close to them but when I put feed out, they would always come, making sure that they were at a safe distance from me. Just out of reach from my fastest sprinting grasp.

One fall day I noticed one of the females staying particularly close to my henhouse which seemed a bit unusual. The next day she went in the henhouse to eat and I followed her. When she could not get away from me and really did not try very hard, I realized she was very ill. I did the thing that the wildlife rehab person told me to do. I took her inside where it was safe and warm where she promptly died within 10 minutes. Such fragile creatures, I thought.

I worried so for her partner and I worried so the partner could also die of a broken heart. Being curious as always, I had to know what was going on. Now I know anything about Peacock anatomy and had not dissected a bird since poultry pathology lab in Vet school 35 years ago. I forged ahead with a complete necropsy. Everything looked totally normal except for one small part of her intestine which contained classical necrotic enteritis lesions. How I recalled this from vet school I do not know, but I thought it wise to send samples into our local diagnostic lab to confirm the diagnosis. The only satisfaction I got out of the event was that I was right! I purchased medication and treated the entire flock just in case of chickens and the other Peacock.

Stay tuned for "The rest of the story" as Paul Harvey would say.

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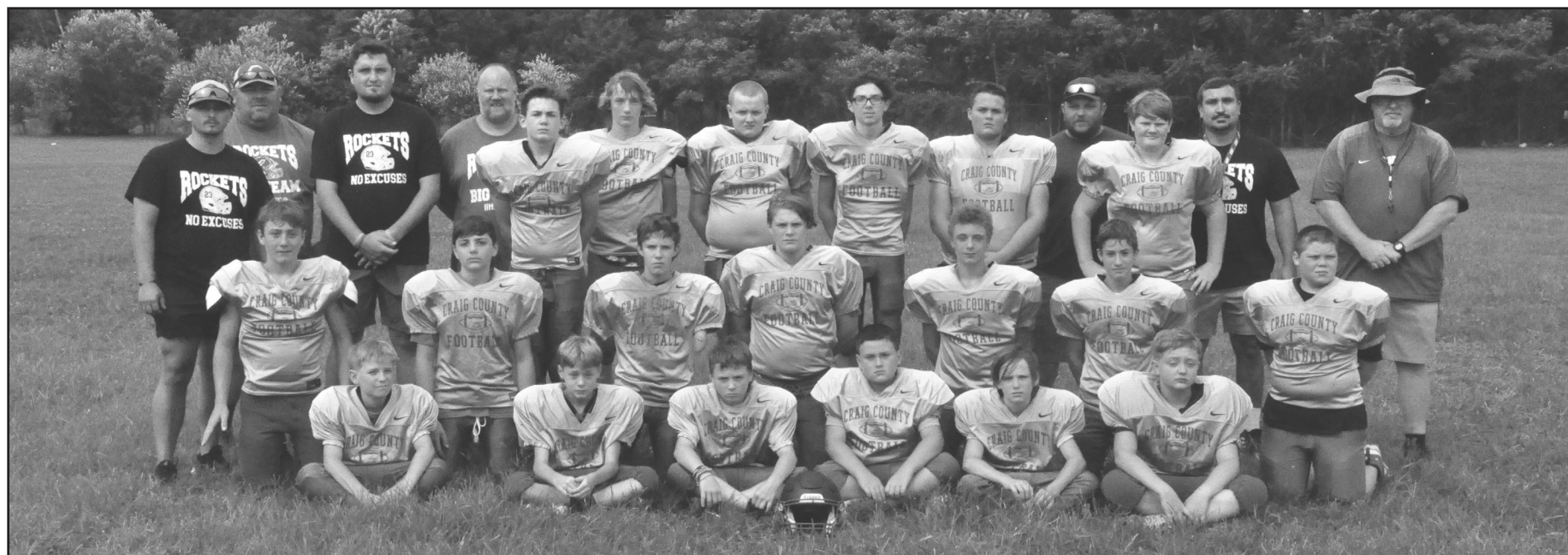


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The Craig County football team will open the season Friday with a game at Bland County. It will be the third year in a row the Rockets have opened with Bland, winning 20-14 in New Castle last year after dropping an 8-6 decision in Bastian to open the 2021 season.

Craig coach Jimmy Fisher is entering his third year as Rocket head coach and he has 27 players on the varsity roster, a good number for a school the size of Craig. However, Craig has a very young team with just four healthy seniors. Two of the more experienced players, seniors Tyler

Fitzpatrick and Trevyn Franciso, open the season on the injured list but otherwise the Rockets are relatively healthy.

"We came out of our only scrimmage injury

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ROCKET VOLLEYBALL TEAM WILL OPEN AT EAST MONT SATURDAY

The Craig County volleyball team will participate in a season opening volleyball tournament at Eastern Montgomery High School on Saturday.

The Rockets will compete in "Pool Play" in the morning. Craig is scheduled to play Alleghany at 9:45 am, Roanoke Catholic at 10:30 am and Eastern Montgomery at noon. At that point seeding will be determined for an afternoon tournament, beginning at 1:30 pm.

After Saturday the Rockets aren't scheduled to play again until September 6 at North Cross School in Roanoke. The first home game is scheduled for October 2nd against Roanoke Valley Christian. At that time the new wooden gym floor at Craig County High School should be complete.

Look for team photos of the varsity and jayvee teams in next week's edition of The New Castle Record.

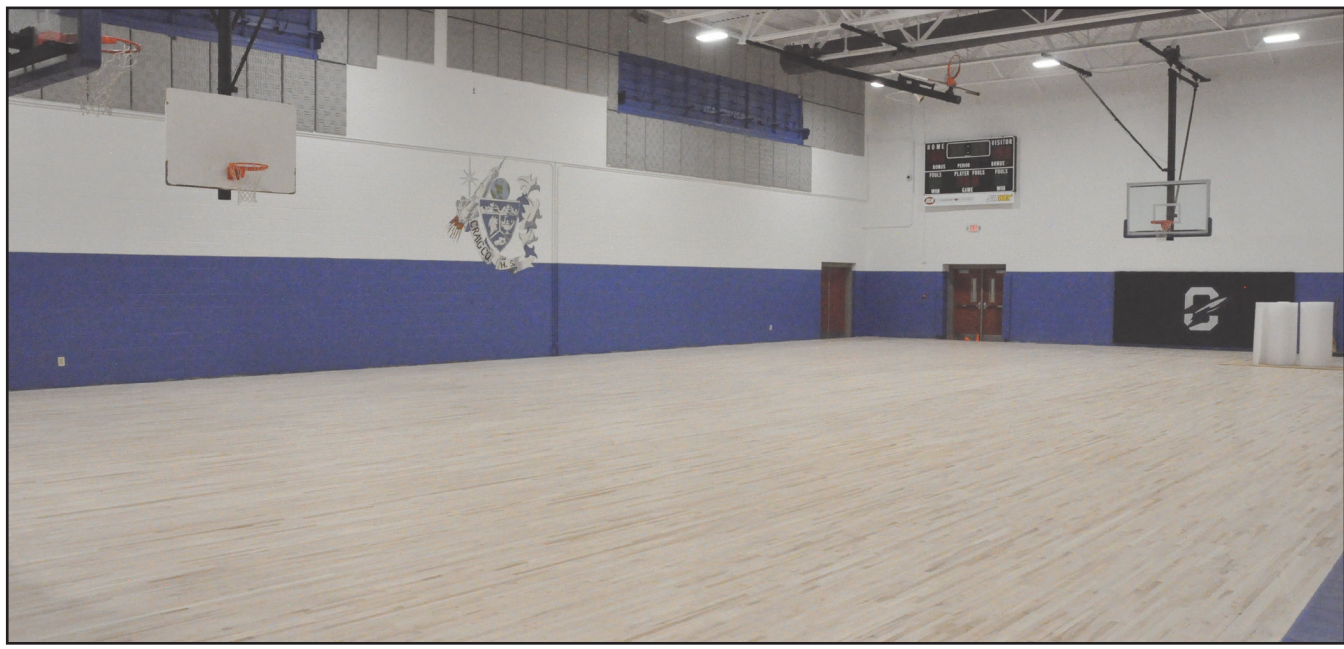


PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

The new wooden gym floor at Craig County High School has been laid down. When this photo was taken workers were preparing to seal and paint the floor with hopes of having it ready for the volleyball home opener.

Football from page 7



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The 2023 Craig County varsity football team. Front row, left to right; James Johnson, Brad Arthurs, Marcus Donithan, C.J. Armes, Matthew Via, Casey Hutchinson, Wyatt Huffman and Morgan Underwood. Second row, left to right; Mason Huffman, Tristan Dooley, Josh Craft, Isaiah Will, Blake Wright, Caleb Fields, Malachi Paitsel, Hunter Sowers and Isaiah Nichols. Third row, left to right; Coach Seth Hall, Tyler Fitzpatrick, Carter Price, Carter Calfee, Isaac Lucas, Jaycob Wolfe, Marcus Keen, Ethan Sink, Noah Paxton, Peyton Fields and Dakota Caldwell. Fourth row, left to right; Coach Roland Donithan, Coach Corey Smith, Coach Danny Owens, Coach Jayke Dowdy, Coach Jimmy Fisher. Not Pictured: Trevyn Francisco, Coach Brock Jones, Coach Jeremy Howell and Coach Jerod Deel.

free, and that hasn't happened for a couple years," said Fisher after the Rockets scrimmaged at Patrick County on August 12. "We're a very young team, especially on the line."

Craig will run a double-wing and shotgun-wing offense. That's a good system to run with an inexperienced offensive line.

"We don't have to drive people off the ball," said Fisher. "We'll do a lot of angle blocking."

Junior Jaycob Wolfe will be the quarterback. He's dangerous as both a runner and passer and he'll be backed up by sophomore Carter Calfee.

Junior Josh Craft and freshman Noah Paxton will be the tailbacks, a position Francisco

likely would have played. Likewise, Fitzpatrick was scheduled to be the blocking back, but that position will now be manned by either Calfee or Paxton.

Craig County receivers will be sophomore Tristan Dooley, freshman Wyatt Huffman and junior Blake Wright. Junior Isaac Lucas will be the tight end.

The offensive line consists of three sophomores and two freshmen. Sophomore Hunter Sowers is the center and guards are 225 pound sophomore Caleb Fields and 239 pound freshman James Johnson. Tackles are freshman Carter Price and 230 pound soph Ethan Sink. Price and Fields will be on the "quick side" and Johnson and Sink man the "strong side." Sophomore Mason Huffman and freshman Marcus Donithan are the backups.

"The strong side is almost always blocking

down," said Fisher. "We can flip then for every formation."

Fisher is doing his best not to play any of the offensive linemen on the defensive side of the ball.

"We try not to play the line both ways," he said. "It's important for them to be rested, and the drop off isn't that great."

Craig will play a 3-4 base defense with senior Isaiah Will at the nose. Marcus Keen, a 280 pound senior, will be the "big tackle" and Lucas is on the other side. Price, Sink and Johnson are backups while Mason Huffman will be the end on defense, backed up by Sowers and Lucas.

"We don't have a lot of depth on the defensive line," said Fisher.

Craft will be the Mike, or middle linebacker, with Dooley on the strong side and Paxton on the weak side. In the secondary Wyatt Huffman and Blake Wright are the corners, Wolfe is the free safety and Calfee is the "dog," or strong safety.

Lucas and Paxton have been manning the kicking chores and Noah is also the punter. Calfee

2023 CRAIG COUNTY VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE		
DATE	TIME	LOCATION
8/25	7:00PM	at Bland County
9/1	7:00PM	Auburn
9/15	7:00PM	Montcalm
9/22	7:00PM	at Twin Valley
9/29	7:00PM	Mountain View-Quicksburg
10/6	7:00PM	Eastern Montgomery
10/13	7:00PM	at Parry McCluer
10/20	7:00PM	at Bath County
10/27	7:00PM	Narrows
11/3	7:00PM	at Meadow Bridge

will return kicks.

Fisher's coaching staff includes Jayke Dowdy, who is the defensive coordinator and also coaches quarterbacks and defensive backs. Rocket alum Brock Jones is the offensive coordinator and he handles wide receivers and the secondary on defense.

Roland Donithan works with both lines and he's also the middle school defensive coordinator. Cory Smith works with the outside backers and offensive line, Craig grad Jeremy Howell does inside backers and tight ends, Seth Hall has runningbacks and

outside linebackers, Jered Deel has runningbacks and inside backers and Danny Owens helps with receivers and floats on defense.

"It's important that we have two coaches working at every spot because some of our guys work somewhere else," said Fisher.

This year's schedule is the same as last year with one exception. Covington is off after combining with Alleghany to form one school, and they'll be replaced by Meadow Bridge of West Virginia for the last game of the regular season. Craig will have home games with Auburn, Montcalm, Mountain View, Eastern Montgomery and Narrows and road trips to Bland, Twin Valley, Parry McCluer, Bath County and Meadow Bridge.

One change fans will notice is that Craig will be wearing black helmets this year with a blue "CC" on the side. They look sharp and will go great with the blue and white uniforms with some black trim.

"I saw Duke and Kentucky wearing them and I liked them," said Fisher. "The kids like them, and we'll do anything we can to get the kids out for football."

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