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Huff sworn in as new superintendent of CCPS

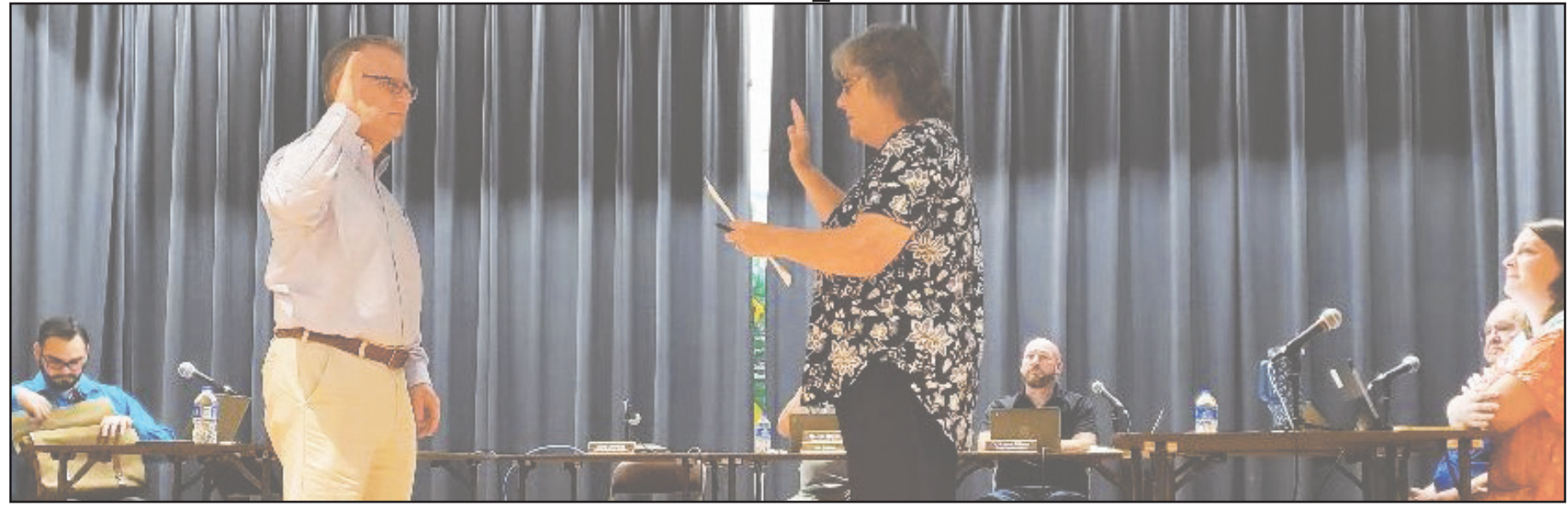


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Contributing writer

When Jeanette Warwick, the previous superintendent of the Craig County Public Schools, announced her retirement, many staff and students repeated, "Her shoes are very big to fill; she was one in a million; a leader and advocate for our kids!"

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As Sharon Oliver from the Craig County Courthouse asked him to repeat words of affirmation to the new position, the Craig County School Board smiled.

"Do you solemnly swear and confirm that you will support the constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia and that you will faithfully and impartially discharge all duties that are incumbent upon you as Superintendent of Craig County Schools according to the best of your ability, so help you God?" Oliver asked and Huff confirmed.

"We feel we have found a great man who will do good things for our schools and students here," they shared. "He holds a wealth of knowledge of the system and has a heart for kids; we are very happy and glad we took this long to find the best."

The Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) assisted the school board with the superintendent search process.

His new position will become effective Sept. 1.

Dwayne Huff comes from Grayson County Public Schools where he currently serves as the director and principal of the career and technical education center, a role he has held since 2018.

Huff earned his Master of Science in Educational Administration from Radford University, a Master's in Curriculum and Instruction from Liberty University, and a bachelor's degree in Natural Resource Management from Virginia Tech.

With over 13 years of experience in education, Huff has formerly served as an agriculture and biology teacher.

Additionally, Huff worked with the

Virginia Department of Forestry as an area forester.

He has served in lead roles with many conservation organizations, including the New River Soil and Water Conservation District, VA Forest Service, and the New River Highlands Resource and Conservation District.

"As an educator who entered the profession through the career switcher program, Huff brings a diverse background in economic development, natural resource management, organizational leadership, administration, and education," the board shared.

Trace Bellasai, chair of the Craig

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PHOTO BY PAM DUDDING

Tina Crawford of Craig County gave an in-depth presentation of mining in Craig and surrounding areas at the local Historical Society monthly meeting, bringing her huge piece of green slag from her great-grandfathers mining days.

Historical Society shares mining in and around Craig

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

Many have a difficult time believing Craig County and its surroundings were once a hubbub of many workers and businesses.

There were beautiful hotels, stores where shoppers could purchase everything residents now have to drive out of town for and a train station that transported the much-needed coal to many parts of the

states and people to many areas. Yes, that was old-time Craig County. It was even said they had three dance halls, a bowling alley, theatre and several places to eat for enjoyment.

On Monday, Aug. 28, the Craig County Historical Society and Tina Crawford presented an in-depth history of mining in and around Craig County.

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She added that slag can be different colors, depending on the minerals processed there.

Crawford also spoke of the "human side of mining" which included the sad fact that many miners had to leave after only six to eight months of back breaking labor.

"There were two rows of 17 dwellings built there plus a boarding house for bachelors," Crawford added. "At its peak, were 300 miners who formed scrappy baseball teams with well-intended games against the neighboring Fenwick miners."

The town included the company store, a post office, hospital, train depot, saloon, churches, and schools. They even had a theatre and in its prime, there were over 50 buildings there with housing.

Crawford shared that the community was so close that they had annual homecomings.

The Historical Society has many historical books, and one included the story about a man and Crawfords' husbands' great uncle, Odelle Crawford, about 18 or 19 years of age. They were in charge of running the iron ore buckets from the mine up to the wash plant. They would run it as hard as they could up there so that they could take a break before their next run.

C&O ran trains there three times a day, two for passengers and one for freight.

Craig County Fenwick Mines was operated by Low Moor Iron Company and was the deepest of their four mines.

"The raw iron was removed from the mines into carts pulled by mules and then onto steam shovels and loaded on a dinky line," she explained. "It was washed to remove sand and clay to make ready to be shipped on the railroad."

"They also did something called "top-sliding" which I thought was horrible," Crawford shared. "They would go in and set up a room where the ore was and lay timbers close together, adding uprights to support the roof, cut out as much iron ore as they could and once removed from the room, they would dynamite and then the top became the floor, as all kept continuing to pancake." They said the ore was so hard so they would blast during the day and let it settle that night before the miners went in the next morning."

"Water there was plentiful for ore washing and timber also for mining and construction of dwellings," Crawford continued. "It was connected to a spur line from Barbours Creek Station to Fenwick Mine camp and then up Mill Creek to furnaces."

She included information of the crime back then including an eight year old girl who never returned but three young men were seen following her and one took her life.

Young children worked the mines as well as it was a hard economy and difficult life.

Mining census quadrupled between 1900 and 1910, "including immigrants from Italy as the mining companies depended on cheap labor."

"They were not paid with cash but with company scrip which was only good at their facilities," Crawford said. "If they needed cash so they could come into New Castle to shop, etc. they would exchange the dollar for a smaller amount, therefore they were making money upon making money."

Crawford also shared many pictures of the mines and people and the mining processes.

"The forest has overgrown the Fenwick and Lignite Mines, only seeing soil piles. The open pits are now filled with water and serve with ponds," she said.

She shared an article that had been in the "Daily Review" in Clifton Forge dated 1953 and written by H.L. Switzer, on the occasion of his retirement from the railroad. He was from Craig County, born in 1893 and the oldest of six children. He was 13 when his dad was killed in a mining accident and had to quit school and went to work as an ore washer and picked sandstone and gathered waste from the ore, working 10 hours per day, only being paid fifty cents per day. His mother took in boarders and provided three meals a day to supplement their income for a total of \$13 per month. He worked at the mines until he was 22 years of age and moved to the position of fireman and then a brakeman on the little trains and received \$1.35 for a day. In 1915 he moved to Clifton Forge and was promoted to an engineer on a locomotive, serving 37 years. He also served in WWI and married in 1922."

There have been people visiting Craig and the Historical building and Genealogy building to find their descendants names and share their memories with our community members.

Crawford added the sad truth, "The first generation sees, the second generation hears but the third generation forgets."

She added, "However, the property appropriated to Jefferson National Service and Forestry, creates today's recreational area where people can go and enjoy a walk or picnic."

OBITUARIES

Paitsel, Shirley Dorothy

Shirley Dorothy Paitsel, 83, of New Castle, VA, was called home on September 1, 2023. She was born on September 13, 1939, to the late James Edward Paitsel and Alva Hutchinson Paitsel. Shirley was employed by Halmode Manufacturing working for nearly 40 years as a seamstress. One of Shirley's greatest joys was being a caretaker for the many children that came in and out of her home. She taught Sunday school for many years at the former First Assembly of God. Shirley loved to be outdoors, especially working in her yard. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by an infant brother, Delbert; sisters, Ruby St. Clair, Lucille



Huffman; nephew, Kenneth James "Jimmy" Paitsel, Jr.; niece, Sherry Ann Toler; godson, Joshua Humphries; and a host of extended family members.

She is survived by her siblings, Margaret Paitsel, Kenneth Paitsel, Sr., Harriet Medley, Oneta Paitsel, Diane Ray; nieces, Angela Kendall, Tammy Medley, Amanda Hicks; numerous nieces,

nephews, great nieces, and great nephews also survive.

A funeral service to celebrate her life will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at the Paitsel Funeral Home Chapel in New Castle, with Pastor Don Brown officiating. Burial will follow at Huffman Memorial Park.

Friends may visit with the family from 10 a.m. until the hour of the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital in honor of Shirley.

Paitsel Funeral Home of New Castle in service of the family of Ms. Paitsel.

Ledford, Sandra Via

Sandra Via Ledford, 74, of Oriskany, VA, went to be with the Lord on Aug. 31, 2023, at her home surrounded by her family. She was born on April 16, 1949, to the late "Buddy" and "Dump" Via. Sandra was a kind soul, she loved to help those she came across. She loved her family with all her heart, being a: wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother was her greatest joy. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death

by her brother, Terry Via.

She is survived by her husband, Toby G. Ledford; daughters, Debbie Bartley and husband, Richard, and Angie Austin and husband, Perry Hale; grandchildren, Braden Bartley, Ashley Garrison (Anthony), Isaac Austin (Haley), Alicia Midkiff (Josh); great-grandchildren, A.J. Garrison, Josie Austin; special family friend, Anthony Austin.

A graveside service

to celebrate her life was held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 2, 2023, at the Anderson Family Cemetery, with Pastor John Norris officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to King Memorial Community Church C/O Carol Lewis, 3180 Old Railroad Eagle Rock, VA 24085, in honor of Sandra.

Paitsel Funeral Home on New Castle is serving the Ledford family.

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County School Board, believes Huff will be an excellent fit for the division and shared, "We're all very excited to be bringing Mr. Huff into the Craig County Family and having him carry forward the Craig County Way. As a board and school division, we are excited and fortunate to have hired an experienced leader who aligns so well with our needs. His expertise and eagerness to engage with our community will assist us in continuing our progress in Craig County."

"It's a tremendous honor to be chosen as the superintendent for Craig County Public Schools," expressed Huff. "I believe my background will be an asset for this role, and this area. Craig County Public Schools has a rich history of excellence and receives strong support from the community. I'm eager to collaborate with our students, parents, community members, teachers, and staff to ensure we equip our students with the tools they need for future success."

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OPINION

News from the 9th: Labor Day



Morgan Griffith
Representative

of the 19th and early 20th centuries brought about increased wages, more reasonable working hours, and vastly improved working conditions. We all benefit to this day from some of the actions taken.

Our American workforce continues to be the backbone of our country and our district.

Unfortunately, on this Labor Day, there is a sentiment among many hardworking men and women that our government and politicians have forgotten them.

This can be clearly seen in Oliver Anthony's

song 'Rich Men North of Richmond,' which went viral just about the moment Mr. Anthony uploaded it to the internet.

The Virginia native, who is a farmer by trade, sings about the frustrations of 'blue-collar Americans, who are fed up with the direction our country is headed and with our leaders.

Most of you already know this but, he is referring to the D.C. swamp. While I work in Washington, D.C. regularly, I am not one of the 'Rich Men North of Richmond.'

That being said, Mr. Anthony is right. There are those in Washington, D.C. who want to control your thoughts and tell you what you are supposed to think.

Many Americans are

tired of politicians trying to dictate what they should think, do, and say.*

The song talks of Mr. Anthony, and others like him, working long hours and receiving too little pay, much in part due to high taxes, and feeling like those 'Rich Men North of Richmond' want them to waste their lives away.

He compares the fact that there are many who are starving in our country while there are also many who are not truly putting in the effort and are "milking" our safety net systems.

It's understandable why Mr. Anthony and others have these frustrations.

We have seen high rates of inflation the past couple

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Library fines

Library Corner Raven Meadowbrook

How do you feel about library fines? I always keep books out way too long and happily pay the fines because it's a way to support the library. "Going to a good cause..." I say.

It occurs to me that some people are not happy about fines. Perhaps they are ashamed to be "late".. Heaven forbid! Perhaps they don't have the money. Or perhaps they lose stuff all the time and lose the books and by the time they are found, the fine is really big.

I am guilty of this- and once the fine is greater than the book's value, I just offer to replace the book!

From time to time, libraries have a food drive where donations to a food pantry can erase all your book fines. Now that's creative!

The American Library Association asserted that monetary fines create a barrier to providing library services recently. Since all the adjustments during the Pandemic,

library policies have gotten more and more flexible and some have dropped fines all together.

Just imagine that you are 7 years old and you forgot about returning your books to the library for many weeks. Perhaps those books might disappear under your bed before you get into trouble. When you graduate from high school they will be found and sheepishly returned...or not.

Apparently, loss of books in the collection is sometimes a result of library fines. What about movies, should they have a fine when late? Problem is, we are so small we only have one copy of each material so if someone else is waiting for it, we want it returned promptly.

What are ways we can joyfully support our library without charging fines for overdue books? What are other ways to get folks to return items on time?

Are you more likely to return books and movies on time if there is a fine? (Yes for me- those dollar a day fines on movies can add up quickly and I speak from experience!)

We strive to be a free for all place, but are we really free if we charge you for overdue materials? Let us know your thoughts!

If you have read this far, you are "Friends of the Library" material. Your Friends of the Library group is always needing folks like you to energize and come up with creative and fun activities. We'd be happy to have you!

Cancer prevention: Good news and opportunities

Earlier this year, readers of our newsletter voted cancer as one of their top health concerns. That concern is rightfully placed, as cancer is the second leading cause of death in the country, after cardiovascular disease. While the healthcare system focuses on the treatment and management of cancer, public health helps Virginians focus on prevention through adopting healthy behaviors and avoiding unhealthy environments, and by improving access to cancer screening for early detection.

On these fronts there is good news- the risk of dying from cancer has dropped over 30% in the past three decades thanks to improvements in prevention and early detection, as well as advances in treatment options (American Cancer Society). One of the biggest

success stories is the decline in rates of lung cancer, due in part to more prevention (fewer people smoking) and improved screening (cancers being caught in earlier stages).

We encourage all Virginians catch up on medical visits for routine screenings, such as mammograms, pap smears, and colorectal checks that may have been delayed by the pandemic. We also strongly recommend teens complete the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccination series to protect against HPV-related cancers. However, we should not think of health as something we only get at the doctor's office; instead, it is something that starts in our families and homes.

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Help Wanted - General

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Help Wanted - Medical

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Meetings

Trail Information Exhibit: Craig Botetourt Scenic Trail

September 9, 11 am to 1:30 pm
 September 11, 4 pm to 7 pm
 Fincastle Public Library meeting room 11 Academy St. Fincastle, VA 24090
 Sponsored by DeRail the Trail

Legals - Botetourt County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 3465 WEBSTER ROAD, BLUE RIDGE, VA 24064.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated December 26, 2006, in the original principal amount of \$105,539.12 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 070000271. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090 or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court on October 2, 2023, at 9:45 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: BEING THAT CERTAIN 0.713 ACRE, AS SHOWN ON HTAT CERTAIN PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY JACK G. BESS, C.L.S., FOR GERALDINE B. CARTER, DATED APRIL 3, 1980. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwvsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwvsales.com. VA-359323-1.

Legals - City of Salem

NOTICE

is hereby given to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on September 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA: 1. Hold public hearing to consider the request of David A. Thompson, property owner, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow a 1,500 square foot detached garage on the property located at 640 Joan Circle, (Tax Map # 243 -2 -16). Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia. At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.

Legals - City of Salem

Notice

THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY: James E. Taliaferro, II Executive Secretary

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Section 22.1-29.1 of the Code of Virginia, as amended to date, notice is hereby given that the Council of the City of Salem will hold a public hearing at 6:30 p.m., September 25, 2023, in Council Chambers, City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, Salem, Virginia, to receive views of citizens within the Salem School District regarding the appointment to fill the expiring term ending 12/31/2023 of one member on the City of Salem School Board. All candidates seeking appointment must submit a letter of interest and resumé to the Deputy Clerk of Council. Submissions are requested by noon on Friday, September 22, 2023, however in all cases must be submitted prior to the closing of this public hearing. Candidates may be interviewed individually by City Council.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA

H. Robert Light
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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Board of Appeals (Building) of the City of Salem, Virginia will hold a public hearing, in accordance with the provisions of Section 18-38 Code of City of Salem, Virginia, on September 21, 2023, at 4:00pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia. The purpose of the meeting and hearing shall be to determine if a certain structure is dangerous to the inhabitants of the City and whether such structures should be ordered to be repaired or demolished. The structures are located as follows:

- (1) A dilapidated structure located at 702 Front Avenue, Salem, Virginia (Tax Map # 201 -10 -2); and
 - (2) Dilapidated structures located at 2500 West Main Street, Salem, Virginia (Tax Map #175-2-3).
- All parties in interest at the public hearings will be given an opportunity to be heard, present evidence, and show cause why action by the City and Board to remedy a potentially dangerous situation should or should not be granted. For additional information, contact the Building Official's Office, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia (Phone 375-3036). THE BOARD OF BUILDING APPEALS OF THE CITY OF SALEM BY Troy D. Loving Troy D. Loving, Building Official

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TOWN OF BLACKSBURG - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

BLACKSBURG TOWN COUNCIL will hold public hearings on Tuesday, September 12, 2023

Legals - Montgomery County

beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Chambers of the Blacksburg Municipal Building, 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, regarding the following items:
 Ordinance 2023: An Ordinance Authorizing the Lease of Space on the North Main Street Water Tank to New River Valley Unwired Ventures, LLC. The proposed ordinance request is to provide New River Valley Unwired Ventures, LLC the opportunity for a one year lease term to place wireless equipment on the Town's water tank with an option to extend for an additional year.

All persons affected by or interested in the proposed item 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 443-1000 (voice or TDD).

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Services Needed Salem Area

will need dump trucks, pickups with plows, motorgraders, backhoes, dozers, track loaders, tractors, rubber-tire loaders and farm tractors. All equipment shall be equipped for night work and be in good mechanical condition to ensure a safe and dependable 24/7 operation. VDOT reserves the right to determine acceptability of equipment size and condition for the task. Contractors submitting prices meeting the requirements of the Agreement may be contracted with and may be eligible to receive a mobilization payment and a minimum guaranteed payment for the season.

Contractors must submit their application on the electronic M7B bidding site at <https://plov4va.com/>. All new and returning Contractors must be active in the Virginia eProcurement Portal (eVA) in order to do business with the Commonwealth of Virginia (<https://eva.virginia.gov>).

Applications received by 7:00 PM on Monday October 2, 2023 may be eligible for a mobilization bonus. See the EVA posting for additional information, including contract requirements. Questions can be directed to the Salem Residency from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday – Friday. Phone: 540-387-5497. Email: SalemDistrictSnow@vdot.virginia.gov EEO/AA Employer

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VDOT Virginia Department of Transportation

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Upcoming public meetings in Craig County

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 Tuesday, Music Jam at Clifton's Store Building, 158 Main Street from 6-8 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own instrument and chair. Cheese (like Clifton's!) and snacks served. See the progress made and make a donation to complete the renovation of this town landmark. Sponsored by Craig County Historical Society.

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.

-The New Castle Record

9th

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of years, which has made everything more expensive, from Fritos to washing machines. For those Americans who are living paycheck to paycheck, they can't afford the extra costs. According to Moody's Analytics, inflation now costs families \$700 per month more in spending on the same items they bought two years ago.

Americans need relief.

Americans deserve a government that makes their lives easier, so that they can earn living wages and live their lives the way they want. They want a government that is able to help those who are truly in need. But they want government programs to be effective and efficient, instead of being meddlesome and burdensome.

Many Democrat politicians and the Biden Administration believe that more government, more regulation, more taxes, and more tax collectors are better for Americans.

Democrats want government to be involved in every aspect of people's lives, from what kind of car you drive to what health care you can have.

Theirs is the absolute wrong approach.

As a native of Southwest Virginia, I know many people in the Ninth District, and all around the country, don't want to be controlled by the government! They want freedom from the government!

I came to Washington to try to make people's lives better – to provide resources to help Americans be able to prosper.

I came here to fight against job-killing regulations and against job-stragglng bureaucracy and have been doing so.

So, this Labor Day, I want to acknowledge and thank our coal miners, our farmers, our truck drivers, and everyone who works for an honest living.

For our men and women who feel forgotten or feel like they can't win in today's America, I want you to know, our country and the Fightin' Ninth wouldn't be anything without you.

Let me assure you, some of us are fighting for you in Washington, D.C. Not all in Washington, D.C. are 'Rich Men North of Richmond.'

Cancer

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For people who smoke, the single best way to decrease the risk of cancer is to quit using tobacco products, which are related to one out of every three U.S. cancers. Quit Now Virginia is a free service for Virginians 13 and older who want to quit tobacco (800-QUIT-NOW). Participants can choose among coaching options that include one-on-one sessions, a text messaging support program, and nicotine replacement therapy. Services are available 24/7 for users of cigarettes, vape products, and snuff or dip, as well as those supporting someone trying to quit.

We can also decrease our risk of cancer by eating a nutritious diet filled with fruits and vegetables, being physically active, and wearing sunscreen. Taken together, these behaviors can have a great impact on our health before we ever see a healthcare professional.

Our role in public health is to work with policymakers to ensure everyone has access to the prevention and care they need to be healthy. For example, Virginia Department of Health (VDH) public health programs such as Every Woman's Life support women who struggle financially to gain access to free breast and cervical cancer screening services. Because people's health can be affected by where they live, VDH offers a low-cost radon test kit program that allows Virginians, including those struggling to get by, to affordably test the air in their home. This program, which starts again on October 1, allows residents to test for indoor radon, a colorless, odorless gas thought to be the second leading cause of lung cancer.

Roanoke City and Alleghany Health District's mission is to protect and promote the health of all people in all communities, and that includes working with health partners to reduce the number of people who get cancer, have complications from it and die from it. Our work helps Virginians expand their opportunities to make choices for living a long, healthy life.

-Christie Wills

Roanoke City & Alleghany Health Districts

VDOT ROADWATCH

Roanoke City

13th STREET SE IMPROVEMENTS WITH DETOUR – A project to improve a portion of 13th Street SE in Roanoke is nearing completion. Once complete, 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. Minimal traffic impacts at this time. The project is expected to be completed in late summer 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. The new roundabout is now open to traffic and drivers should be aware of the new roundabout configuration. There will be occasional flagging operations in place between the 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the intersection of Starkey Road and Buck Mountain Road, 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 is expected in late spring 2024.

LANE CLOSURES WITH FLAGGING OPERATIONS: Lane closure times of 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. have resumed due to school now being in session.

ROUNDABOUT: The roundabout configuration has been set up. This means drivers should continue around the circle without turning left and that drivers in the circle have the right of way.

FAIRWAY RIDGE ROAD CLOSED FOR PIPE REPAIRS – Beginning on September 11 at 9 a.m. Fairway Ridge Road near the intersection with Franklin Street will be closed for two pipe replacements. Drivers will need to seek alternate routes and message boards will alert drivers in the area. The work is expected to be completed by September 22, weather permitting.

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.

P A V I N G 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 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. Drivers may see the new signal arm and additional signage being added. There is no estimated time for when these will become active as work continues. Lane closures will be set up on various days and noise disturbances may be in place through September 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 early fall 2023.


F L A G G I N G OPERATION – A flagging operation will be in place on the bridge Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. through September 2023. Drivers should expect delays.

P A V I N G 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.

Craig County

P A V I N G 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.

M O U N T A I N VALLEY PIPELINE – Mountain Valley Pipeline is expected to begin full construction again. 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.



Craig Botetourt Scenic Trail

Botetourt and Craig Counties

Citizen Information Meeting

<https://www.virginiadot.org/cbst>

<p>Wednesday, September 20, 2023 4 – 6 p.m.</p> <p>Eagle Rock Elementary School 145 Eagles Nest Drive Eagle Rock, VA 24085</p>	<p>Thursday, September 21, 2023 4 – 6 p.m.</p> <p>Craig County High School 25239 Craigs Creek Road New Castle, VA 24127</p>
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Find out about a project to construct a 26-mile recreational scenic trail along the former Chesapeake and Ohio Craig Valley Branch railbed between Last Lock Park near Eagle Rock in Botetourt County and Craig County High School near New Castle in Craig County.

The multiuse trail for walking, running, biking, and horseback riding is anticipated to be approximately 10-foot-wide and mostly gravel. It will follow the former railbed and some low-volume secondary roads and consist of "share the road/trail" sections which will permit the use of motorized vehicles as well as sections of non-motorized use. Eight existing bridges along the former railbed will be modified to accommodate trail use.

The meetings will be held in an "open-house" format and VDOT representatives will be present to answer questions. The same information will be presented at both meetings.


Review the conceptual plans and project information at the meeting or after at VDOT's Salem District Office located at 731 Harrison Avenue, Salem VA, 540-387-5353, 800-367-7623, TTY/TDD 711. Please call ahead to ensure the availability of appropriate personnel to answer your questions.

Give your written or oral comments at the meetings or submit them by **October 1, 2023**, to Kelly Dunn, Project Manager, 731 Harrison Avenue, Salem, VA 24153. Comments also can be emailed to CBST@vdot.virginia.gov. Please reference "Craig Botetourt Scenic Trail Comment" in the subject heading. An online survey will be available at <https://www.virginiadot.org/cbst> beginning September 20, the day of the first meeting, for citizens to share their comments about the project.

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need more information in regards to your civil rights on this project or need special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact Kelly Dunn at the phone numbers listed above.

State Project: CBST-011-858, P101 Federal Project: STP-011-2(036)
UPC 122492

In case of inclement weather or other issues, the meeting in Eagle Rock will be held September 27 and the meeting in New Castle will be held September 28 at the same times and locations.



GENERAL ELECTION
Tuesday, November 7, 2023
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 - Craig City District
 - Craigs Creek District

IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

Sep. 22, 2023: Absentee and in-person early voting begins
8am – 4pm Monday - Friday (9/22/23 – 11/4/23)
Voter Registration Office, 155 Main ST, New Castle, VA 24127

Oct. 9, 2023: Voter Registration Office closed due to holiday

Oct. 16, 2023: Voter Registration deadline
Registration mail must be postmarked by this date

Oct. 27, 2023: Last day to accept absentee applications
Application must be in Registrar's Office by 5pm

Oct. 28, 2023: (Saturday) Voter Registration Office is open 9am – 5pm
for in-person early voting

Nov. 04, 2023: (Saturday) Voter Registration Office is open 9am – 5pm
Final day of in-person early voting

Nov. 07, 2023: General Election. All polling places will be open 6am – 7pm
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ROCKET TEAMS HOPE HOME VENUES ARE READY SOON



Coach Jim Fisher(bucket hat) talks to the team after a practice.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

When driving your car through a construction site you may see a sign that reads “temporary inconvenience for permanent improvement.” Such is the case with Craig County High School sports this fall.

The Mitchell Field football gridiron and the floor in the gymnasium are both undergoing improvements at Craig County High. Due to those upgrades the football and volleyball teams are being temporarily inconvenienced with an eye toward permanent improvement.

The Rocket football team was scheduled to have their home opener last Friday night against Auburn. However, the field was not yet deemed playable and the game had to be postponed. Luckily for the Rockets both teams were scheduled to have a bye this week so the game was moved back one week, until this Friday, September 8. Game time is 7 pm providing the field is ready for action.

The middle school football team was also scheduled to host Glenvar on Tuesday of this week, and that game was postponed as well.

In the gym a new wooden floor has been laid and it’s just a matter of time

before all the painting and perks are concluded. That time will hopefully be October 2, as that’s the first scheduled home match for the girls. In the meantime the Rockets will make 10 trips out of town for matches, tournaments or jamborees. Included are a doubleheader at Highland next Tuesday, September 12, that will count for two Pioneer District matches and two trips to North Cross School in Roanoke for non-district matches. The first of the two in North Cross is scheduled for 6 pm tonight, Wednesday September 6.

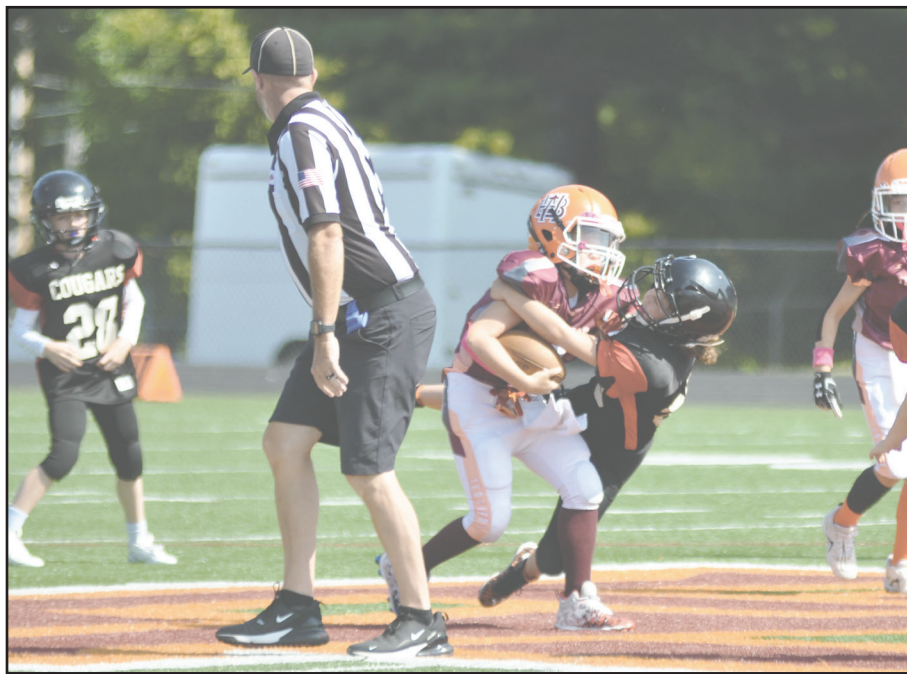
On Saturday the Rockets will head to Auburn for a varsity tournament. Included in the tournament, along with Craig and host Auburn, will be Chilhowie, George Wythe and Rappahannock. The tournament is scheduled to begin at 10 am.

Once the floor is done the Rockets are scheduled to play their last five games of the season at home, all against Pioneer District opponents. The girls have been practicing in the auxiliary gym while waiting for the new wooden floor to be completed.

But once it’s done it will be nice... and permanent.



The Craig County Cougars play some defense in a recent jamboree in Vinton. The recreation season will start soon as the schedule is being completed.



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Jenna Boitnotte plays the back row.



Erin Snider serves one up.



Daleigh Donithan serves for the Rockets.

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