

Farm Bureau reports at 2023 annual meeting



PHOTO BY PAM DUDDING

The Craig County FFA students led the meeting with the pledge to the flag and an invocation.

Pam Dudding Contributing writer

Craig County is a place where many people enjoy the farm living in a part of the world that many call, "God's Country" because of its beauty.

With over half of the county's land being National Forest, the landscape truly shows off during the changing of the seasons as well as providing wildlife for many to enjoy on nature drives.

Still for many people who choose to reside in Craig County, it is a perfect place to have their farm, whether just a few chickens and a cow or an entire herd of black angus.

The Craig Čounty Farm Bureau hosted it annual membership meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 19 at the Craig County Public Schools cafeteria, where they were served a meal prepared by Hethwood Catering.

Board of Directors President Jeanne Dudding led the meeting, recognizing their officers who volunteer their time to serve. Also, their special guests, Dwayne Huff as the new superintendent of CCPS and Randy Perkins the FB Agency manager from the Alleghany County office.

Minutes and reports were given as well as special information on the changes within the Farm Bureau welcoming David Brown and Kasey to the office. She shared the many benefits of being a member. Dudding shared that the Federation of Farm Bureau is different from the insurance side and can be a part of the federation without having insurance with Farm Bureau. The work that the board does on the federation which is the Women's Committee and the Young Farmers Committee.

"LeeAnn Mattox, the leader of the Young Farmers Committee has really rallied a lot of young strong people with an interest in Agriculture," Dudding said.

Dudding added, "Farm Bureau does all it can to help to support the rural life in Craig County that we all know and love as it works on an advocacy on the legislative level to help protect this life here in Craig County and your membership helps to pay for that."

"Farm Bureau is a powerhouse in Richmond as well as in D.C." she added. "There is a lot that our governmental relations team does to fight on our behalf."

Dudding covers the biggest area in the state serving as the District Four state board representative, covering the counties of Alleghany, Craig, Botetourt, Frederick, Roanoke, Franklin, Henry and Patrick, going to Richmond one to two days a month.

"Insurance business has been hard as claims have gone through the roof, the supply chain has been difficult and the cost of everything has increased," Dudding said. "Some of the political unrest has not helped as well, so there has been an increase in rates,



The 5th quarter event after the homecoming game on Sept. 29, which was sponsored by Cornerstone Church in New Castle seemed to be a hit for the Craig County students as about 50 enjoyed 24 feet of subs from Mac and Bob's, Chick-fil-A chicken tenders and cookies and Bojangles, while participating in games like "Is it truth or is it poop?" The boys and girls battled against each other, rolling out toilet paper to wager their answers. The girls were ahead by at least a roll and a half and lost the last question, giving the game to the boys. Afterwards, DJ David Givens played their requested songs to dance to.

5th Quarter rally for students offered lots of fun



though we crunch numbers with lots of information and work diligently at keeping rates as minimal as we can."

She added that Farm Bureau was one of the few companies that, during

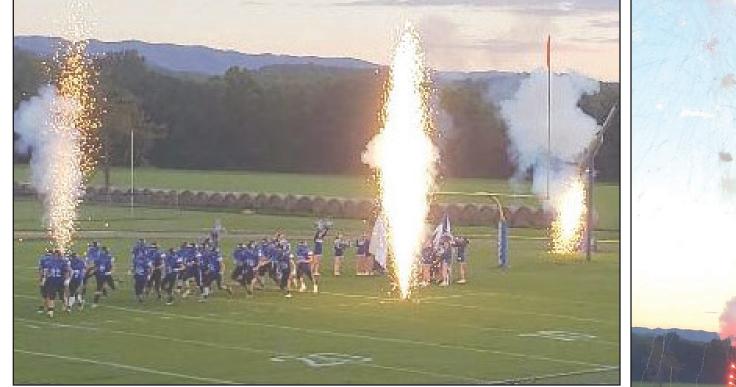
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The favorite game seemed to be the shaving cream charades game where each group (boys and girls) had two teams, one to draw and one to guess the drawing. David Brown, youth pastor, gave them a word and the team who drew the picture in the shaving cream and guessed first was the winner.

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Homecoming fireworks for Craig County Public Schools



(Above) Joey Mayo helped to make the homecoming football players entrance a sheer explosive event by setting up beautiful sprays of fireworks that came out of the rocket, lined on the goal posts and on each side of the players as they were announced onto the field. (Right) After the playing of the National Anthem, huge fire bursts were put off beginning the homecoming game at Craig County Public Schools.

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Virginia Western honors student success while marking 15 years of Community College Access Program

CCAP has provided \$10.5 million in tuition assistance since the program began

ROANOKE – Virginia Western Community College had 15 reasons for a campus-wide celebration Saturday, Sept. 23: the 15th anniversary of the Community College Access Program, often referred to as CCAP.

Founded in 2008, CCAP is one of the Commonwealth's largest "free college" programs and is nationally recognized for its unique private-public funding model. CCAP is one of most transformational programs offered through the Virginia Western Community Educational College Foundation.

Since its inception, CCAP has provided more than \$10.5 million in tuition assistance. That investment has helped alleviate debt for 4,221 students. In addition, CCAP recipients have volunteered 30,837 hours of community service.

Alumni returning to campus expressed thanks for the role CCAP held in their lives.

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FFA

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Antoinette Yemey and Tony Saade

Roger Basham graduated from Virginia Western in 2021 and transferred to Radford University, where he graduated three weeks ago. Basham gave thanks for CCAP and Virginia Western mentors such as TRiO Program Director Cheryl Hilton. "CCAP definitely helped college

seem more feasible. It wasn't just CCAP — it was TRiO, financial aid — that made my educational journey a reality," Basham said. "I knew I wanted to study business, and it was working with Mrs. Hilton that helped me know what part of business I wanted to get

into." Basham is now marketing coordinator at Magnets USA.

ČCAP was designed to make college possible at Virginia Western for Roanoke Valley students from all backgrounds, and to address the student debt crisis.

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The girls won the shaving cream contest by a landslide as their guessing team was fast at the answers. Though the shaving cream was for the game, a few enjoyed sharing it with their friends. Teens are welcome to join their youth group in their next few months of Bible study, on Wednesday nights, and bring their doubts, their questions of why or what to believe and their fears as they find answers. Each will receive a leather-bound Bible.

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Many members attended the annual Farm Bureau meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 19, to be informed of the past year's accomplishments and the federal updates. J.C. Winstead reported on the five proposed resolutions being submitted by Craig Farm Bureau.

COVID-19, decreased their rates.

"We greatly appreciate everyone who continues to be a Farm Bureau customer," Dudding said. "Everything we do to culture Farm Bureau is meant to be a family and one of taking care of our customers."

It was reported that Craig County has 181 producer members.

The Women's Committee gave her report of the many things they participated in within the community, especially the fundraisers they do to help fund students scholarships and programs. They had six ladies that attended the Women's State Conference and received the 2022 Best in State Award for their participation in the development of the new Land Lab at CCPS. were involved in the program and continue to provide free resources to the teachers.

Every year Craig County Farm Bureau is allowed to submit five resolutions which J.C. Winstead shared:

We support increasing funding to improve existing broadband coverage in rural areas.

The state and/or Department of Education should not be allowed to cut

of energy's proposed mandates on household appliances.

We need the state of Virginia to provide more control of invasive species. "As you can see, our resolutions are

very important," Winstead said.

"We want to make sure that these become policies as they are relevant to the members of our community," Dudding added.

Many door prizes were given out and

students received from grants as well as the many volunteers from Craig who have made the Land Lab a reality for CCPS.

"This community effort is why the Land Lab exists," Hunter added. "We really appreciate you helping these kids."

Also, the FFA is hosting a spaghetti dinner on Nov. 2 at the CCPS cafeteria, 6:30-8:30 p.m. to assist them with their fundraising.

Ag in the Classroom has been a popular program and it was reported that last year, over 600,000 students education budgets in anticipation of lottery income. We propose that profit from lottery funds should be used as a supplement to K - 12 education funding rather than used to replace regular education expenses in our schools.

Please support increasing funding to fill extension agent positions in counties that have historically had an agent in a specified position.

We continue to oppose WOTUS and EPA overreach, as well as the department

the FFA officers gave their presentation of what their last year has entailed.

Dudding added, "The livestock judging at the state level is one of the most competitive contests that FFA offers every year so when I heard Craig County's name announced, I was ecstatic, as I know that is a lot of hard work put into that to get the sixth-place finish."

Mary Hunter also updated the information of the monies that the

FFA announced, "Craig County Farm Bureau is one of two counties that has been submitted to represent the state of Virginia in the American Farm Bureau County Excellence Awards, for the Land Lab. Craig County is also running for the County Excellence Award and one that we are extremely proud of."

John and Mary Hunter was given a huge thank you for being at the forefront in helping to bring the Land Lab to CCPS.

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Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission receives \$100,000 to help communities access more federal funds

Roanoke-Last week the Appalachian Regional Commission announced \$1 million in awards through READY LDDs, one of four tailored tracks of ARC's capacity-building initiative, READY Appalachia. The Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission is one of 10 awardees representing eight states. The Ready LDD funding will allow the Commission to expand staffing capacity to better support their communities in identifying, accessing, and implementing federal funding through the American Rescue Plan Act, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and other funding sources.

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"ARC's Local Development District partners are at the heart of the work we do in our Appalachian communities," said ARC Federal Co-Chair Gayle Manchin. "As they are the ones with their boots on the ground, ARC is proud to support our LDDs with the latest round of READY funding, which will allow them to further encourage economic growth and collaboration across the Appalachian region."

The award will support the Commission's Grant Writer Bench Program, which will engage a varied group of grant writers who have demonstrated success across several Federal programs and make them available to our ARC communities Alleghany County, Botetourt County, Craig County, the City of Covington, and the Town of Clifton Forge. The Ready LDD funds will allow these communities to access professional grant-writing services at no charge.

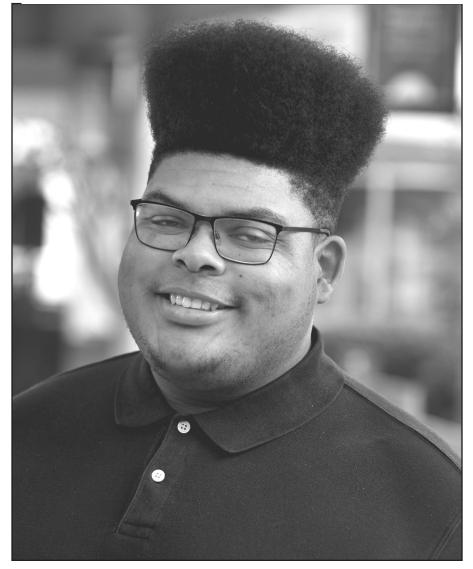
The package joins the nearly \$3 million in READY LDD funds ARC has awarded to 31 Area Development Districts across Appalachia in May and June, bringing the total to nearly \$4 million for 41 LDDs in 11 states. In addition to supporting LDDs, READY Appalachia learning tracks also offer free training and flexible funding to Appalachian

nonprofit organizations, community foundations, and local governments.

"More and more Federal resources are being deployed as national, competitive grants," said Regional Commission Executive Director Jeremy Holmes. "These much-needed resources from the ARC will provide the support our rural communities need to be able to submit applications that can stand up to anything that larger communities can put together."

ARC will announce additional funding opportunities through READY Appalachia by early 2024.

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Hamilton

well. "I in remembered bagging rice learning project.

Tony Saade, who graduated from Virginia

manufacturing volunteer engineering or electrical

Sponsorship tables set

of her CCAP service- STEM Building Saturday

included giveaways as

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in Localities the Virginia Western service region contribute to CCAP funding. Those include the counties of Botetourt, Craig, Franklin and Roanoke and the cities of Roanoke have this program." and Salem. In addition to these localities, CCAP funding draws on support from individuals, businesses, foundations, community groups, alumni and friends. Sydney Hamilton graduated from Virginia Western in 2020 with a Health Science degree, transferred to then Radford University. She is an R.N., B.S.N., with Carilion Clinic. A CCAP graduate during the pandemic, she recalled a COVID relief benefit on top of her

Basham

CCAP scholarship. She expressed gratitude for CCAP's financial benefits, together with other scholarships for books. "They've done a lot here - it's very fortunate to

Saturday's family-

apple and cherry cider, popcorn and a family movie in Whitman Theater, a plant sale at the Community Arboretum, employer opportunities, and a chance to spend time with friends and classmates.

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well as career networking opportunities for CCAP alumni.

friendly event featured free activities for CCAP alumni, Virginia Western faculty and staff, and their families. Participants were treated to lunch from Mission BBQ and Nirvana, Empanada with a photo booth in the Student Life Center for fun memories while dining.

Activities included campus tours, CCAP memories, interactive displays by various departments with faculty and staff, games, music,

"CCAP allowed me to go to college for two years without worrying about financial burdens" as a new mother, said Paige Wainwright, who graduated in 2019 with a degree in Science. She works in health care administration. She remarked that volunteer services were a highlight of her CCAP experience. "I remember we cleaned piles of leaves," she said, with she and her fellow CCAP students having fun jumping some

Western in 2018, also noted this aspect. "I liked the community service aspect of the program. I was out there with other students giving back to the community that was allowing me to go to college." He also came back to Virginia Western in 2020 and got a Career Studies Certificate, and he is currently at Roanoke College studying engineering science. Saade said he wants to stay local and find an engineering opportunity

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News from the 9th: was built into the wall We Told You



Someone in the Biden Administration finally came to the realization that we have a crisis at our southern border and building a border wall President, Joe would be a good idea.

Department The of Homeland Security (DHS) just announced that they would be bypassing 26 federal laws in order to continue construction of 20 miles of the border wall in Texas. Secretary Alejando Mayorkas, who filed a notice in the U.S. Federal Register, stated, "there is presently an acute and immediate need to construct physical barriers ... in order to prevent unlawful entries into the United States." Well, duh!

Customs and Border Protection (CBP), during the month of August (the most recent statistics reported) 232,972 illegal immigrants were encountered along the southern border - a 14% increase since last August and an 100% increase since fiscal year (FY) 2019.

As a candidate for Biden stated that there would, "not be another foot of wall constructed on my administration." Following wasted and already through on this promise, he paused border wall construction on his first could anticipate the health day as President.

I went down to the border a few months after he took office (one of several trips I've made) and saw construction materials for the wall lying uselessly in the sun feet away from where it was to be installed. This was an area illegal immigrants were known to enter the country.

allowing pecan farmers in the area access their land. The engines that were to operate the gate had not According to the U.S. yet been installed. Even though all of the equipment was paid for and on site, and only the opening and closing mechanisms were left to be installed, the Biden Administration ordered a stop to construction, leaving the gate open. Therefore, two Border Patrol agents had to monitor the gate in twelve-hour shifts instead of being able to rove along the border.

It was disappointing to see so much material paid for by American taxpayers. Further, one and safety consequences to both Americans and illegal immigrants by not finishing the wall and enforcing sensible border policies.

Close to three years since Biden took office, the consequences of his border policies are clear – a flood of immigrants that the United States cannot In another area, a gate handle in such short order.

Not to mention the human consequences of the cartels getting rich off of drug and human trafficking.

It reminds me of the Roman Emperor Nero who, according to legend, played the fiddle while Rome burned to the ground.

House Republicans in Congress have long called on the Biden Administration to close the border by resuming border wall construction, providing more resources to control the border, and following existing immigration law.

Republicans House passed H.R. 2, Secure the Border Act of 2023, in May, with not a single Democrat voting in favor. Further, the bill has never been brought up in the Democratic-controlled Senate.

When a short-term government funding bill was brought to the House floor on September 29th, with most of H.R. 2, every Democrat again voted against it.

Our border states have begged the Administration for help for years. Those cries for help have all fallen on deaf ears.

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Upcoming Solar Eclipse

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To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals This is to give notice that the New River Valley Regional Commission (NRVRC) under 24 CFR part 58 has determined that the following proposed action under the Appalachian Regional Commission POWER grant program and the Department of Housing and Community Development Project (22-PW-02A) is located in the 100-year floodplain and a riverine, and the NRVRC will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain/wetland and the potential impacts on the floodplain/wetland from the proposed action, as required by both Executive Order 11988 and 11990, in

accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. The proposed project area includes the development of an enhanced concrete boat launch on the bank of the New River in Montgomery County. The project area is approximately 1.7 acres, located entirely within the 100-year Floodplain and partially within a riverine.

The project provides enhanced motorized and non-motorized boat access to the New River at the most utilized boat launch in

Montgomery County, thus expanding the recreational opportunities and access for Montgomery County residents and tourists. This

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launch at Whitethorne is one of four new/enhanced boat launches that will extend the existing 37 miles of the New River Water Trail

(Giles County) to the rest of the region, totaling 61 miles upon completion. The project includes several

related components: enhancements/expansion of current boat launch with

Tax Map/Parcel Identification Nos. 20 A 10, 20 A 11, 20 A 11B, 20 A 12 CRAIG COUNTY, VA

In execution of a credit line deed of trust dated September 14, 2017 (the "Deed of Trust"), recorded in the Office of the Circuit Court of Craig County, Virginia, as Instrument No 170000518 (Book 206, Page 101), the undersigned substitute Trustees, any or all of whom may act, will offer for sale in front of the Craig County Courthouse, 182 Main Street, New Castle, Virginia, on November 4, 2023, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., property located at or near 13978 Potts Creek Road, Paint Bank, Craig County, Virginia, which property is more particularly described

as follows: All those three (3) certain tracts or parcels of real property, situate in Craig County, Virginia, containing 164.314 acres, more or

less, and being comprised of Parcel A, containing 67.836 acres, more or less.

Parcel B, 21.25 acres, more or less, and Parcel C, 75.328 acres, more or less, as more particularly shown upon that certain J. Brad Smith, LS, survey of said Tracts, dated May-June 2015 and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Craig County, Virginia, in Deed Book 198, at pages 478 and 479, and further being Parcels I, II, and III conveyed unto Judith Smith Bess by Karen Smith Denny, et ux., by Deed dated December 15, 2015, and of record in Craig County Deed Book 198, at page 482.

Parcel C subsequently was subdivided into Tax Map Nos. 20 A 11 and 20 A 11B These two tracts will be sold as one (1) parcel. This sale is subject to all liens, easements, restrictions, conditions, and reservations of record affecting the title to the property hereinabove described, to the extent any

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Bryson J. Hunter, Peter M. Pearl, and Brian H. Richardson, Substitute Trustees For Information Contact: Bryson J. Hunter bhunter@spilmanlaw.com Spilman Thomas & Battle, PLLC P.O. Box 90 Roanoke, Virginia 24002 540-512-1800 Telephone

> Legals - City of Salem

NOTICE OF **PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of Salem, Virginia will hold a public hearing, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2309 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, on October 25, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, to consider the following applications. Request of GKM Properties. LLC, property owner, for a variance from Section 106-202.3(A) of the City of Salem Zoning Ordinance pertaining to site development regulations, for the property located at 800-802 Maryland Avenue, Tax Map # 147-2-1. The petitioner is requesting a variance of twenty-five (25) feet of frontage and twenty-five (25) feet of lot width. At this hearing, all parties in interest will be given an opportunity to be heard, present evidence, and show cause why such requests should or should not be granted. For additional

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ROADWATCH

Roanoke County

SIDEWALK PROJECT ON SOUTHBOUND WILLIAMSON ROAD IN HOLLINS AREA - On weekdays starting the week of October 9, work on a project to construct new sidewalk along the section of southbound Route 11 (Williamson Road) between Plantation Road and Peters Creek Road may cause lane closures. Drivers in the Hollins area can expect periodic right lane closures on southbound Williamson Road between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. As work progresses, occasional nighttime lane closures also will be scheduled. The sidewalk project is expected to be completed in summer 2024.

STARKEY ROAD AND MOUNTAIN BUCK 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.

CLOSURES WITH LANE 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.

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

INTERSECTION DALEVILLE FOR PROJECT 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 October 2023.

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

Upcoming public meetings in Craig County

Oct. 16

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.

Oct. 17

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

Community events:

Oct. 14

The 40th Craig County Fall Festival will take place in downtown New Castle from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 540-864-7023 for information.

Oct. 21

Waiteville Community Center (WCC) is sponsoring an Italian dinner night on Saturday, Oct. 21, 4-6 p.m. Don Shaw, a

caterer and chef in the Northern Virginia area for 37 years, is leading the event. He and a group of close college friends have owned a vacation home in Waiteville for over 50 years. He is happy to share his knowledge and love of cooking through this Italian dinner night. He will demonstrate preparing rosemary focaccia, Caesar salad, asparagus risotto, Italian green beans, chicken marsala and zabione. Recipes provided. After the demonstration, participants will enjoy eating these wonderful Italian dishes. The cost of the demonstration and meal is \$25 per person and limited to 30 participants. Make your reservation by contacting David Furrow at Waiteville@ frontier.com or calling 304-772-3060. Make checks to Waiteville Community Center and mail to David Furrow, 3869 Waiteville Road, Waiteville, WV 24984.

Nov. 2

The Craig County FFA students will host a spaghetti dinner at the cafeteria on Nov. 2, 6:30-8:30 p.m. to help with their fundraising. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Emily Nolen at the school.

Nov. 4

Waiteville Community Center 2nd painting of a pickup with Christmas tree, Saturday, Nov. 4,1-4 p.m. Teacher, artist Vicky Grant. \$25 includes supplies you will need and can be paid at the event. To register contact Shelby Jennings at 304-772-5503 or shelbyjennings1958@ hotmail.com by Oct. 27. Refreshments will be served.

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.

Feeding southwest Virgnia will be offering food twice a month on the second and third Wednesday of the month from 3-5 p.m. and 4-5 p.m., respectively. All community members are welcome to purchase fresh produce and other canned and boxed items. EBT recipients receive 50% off their fruits and vegetables.

Booster Club of Craig Schools meet on the third Monday of each month in the school cafeteria at 6 p.m. Community members are encouraged to attend and to join to support the kids of Craig County as they need the participation of more people.

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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distributing free be specialized protective eyewear graciously donated from the Space Science Institute at the hospitality table during the Fall Festival.

You can track the upcoming solar eclipse using NASA's Eclipse Explorer to determine the path of the eclipse to the second. The anticipated to

interactive map allows you to visualize the path of the eclipse's antumbra (where the shadow will be darkest and the annular solar eclipse is visible) as well as the penumbra (where the shadow will be the brightest and the partial eclipse is visible). are

Virginians see

30-40% of the moon's shadow covering the sun, however, keep in mind visibility is dependent upon weather conditions and air pollution. The next anticipated solar eclipse is a total eclipse in 2024. We will have more information regarding the upcoming April 8, 2024 total eclipse as the date nears.



Medicare Advantage: One plan, one card, many benefits

Ongoing

In 2021, Governors Abbott of Texas and Ducey of Arizona had to turn to the other states for help because the federal government was unwilling. So far, eight states (all Republican) have answered the call for help, including Virginia, sending members of their National Guard or other state law enforcement officers to the border.

It wasn't until northern Democratrun cities began to feel the effects of the border crisis that Democrats finally began to speak up.

Mayors from Washington, D.C., Chicago, and New York City have all called on the Administration for help, declaring immigration emergencies in the last year. Democrat Governors from Massachusetts and New York have

also called for help, declaring states of emergency this past August.

Frankly, it is ridiculous that this has become a Republican vs. Democrat issue. This should have been an American issue, united in securing our borders.

Now that enough Democrats have become angry by the Administration's policies, and another presidential elections looms just around the corner, the Administration finally decides to act.

But the 20 miles in new border wall DHS just announced is just a drop in the bucket. We have a long way to go to fix the damage done by this Administration by not protecting our borders.

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MUSTANGS USE BIG SECOND HALF TO DOWN CRAIG FOOTBALL



Rocket defenders combine to tackle a Mustang ballcarrier.



Craig County mascot Apollo has fun with the cheerleaders on Rec. Night.

The Craig County Rockets let a big halftime lead slip away last Friday in a 44-24 loss to visiting Eastern Montgomery. Craig recognized the local recreation kids and veterans at Mitchell Field and for a half it looked like it was going to be a memorable night for the football team as the Rockets took a 24-6 lead at the half.

Tough night," said Craig coach Jim Fisher. "We started out hot, but halftime has kind of been our Achilles heel all year. We have definitely been a first half team. We have so many young kids and kids out of position due to injuries that halftime adjustments have caused more confusion than anything else."

Fisher thought the Rockets matched up well with the visiting Mustangs.

"It was sort of like looking into a mirror," he said. "East Mont has a bunch of ninth and 10th graders having to play varsity like us. We are both JV teams with a few varsity kids sprinkled into the mix. We have a couple of dynamic guys that they don't have and they have a couple of big power guys that we don't have, and we are a little younger up front in the trenches."

The Rockets jumped out to the lead when Carter Calfee had a seven yard TD run and Josh Craft had a nine yard run for a TD. Calfee played huge on defense in the first half, returning two interceptions for touchdowns, a 65 yarder and a 31 yarder. He picked off another pass and was knocked out around the two yard line.

"We bottled East Mont up pretty good in the first half," said Fisher. "Calfee, Josh Craft and Tyler Fitzpatrick all had great first halves defensively. Fitzpatrick was shutting down the Mustang offense on one side by himself at times and had several pancake blocks on offense. I think our kids celebrated a little too much at halftime, our guys were really excited about how the first half had gone."

Craig kicked off to start the second half and the Mustangs lined up in the Power-I with two tight ends and just ran right at the Rockets.

"We couldn't stop them that first drive," said Fisher, as East Mont cut the lead to 24-12. Then the

Mustangs recovered an onside kick.

"I could see our younger kids starting to hang their heads a little," said Fisher. "I knew then we might be in trouble. They stayed with the power game and a few plays later Tyler Fitzpatrick suffered a broken collar bone. He was such a dominant force on defense up to that point, but then doubt crept into everybody's mind. We are already so thin due to injury, to lose another defensive linemen was, and is, devastating to our defense.

We are out of linemen and backs. Tyler was also our only healthy punter. There was a couple of times in the second half that we wanted to punt but couldn't. Tyler and Noah Paxton are our only two punters. Tyler is out for the year and Noah won't be available for a couple more weeks."

At that point the rain settled in and the Rockets

couldn't stop the Mustangs' power game. "When we got behind, the rain was torrential and East Mont was sending everyone because they knew we couldn't throw," said Fisher. "The dynamic completely shifted. We smothered their offense the first half, and they smothered ours during the second."

Defensively, Jaycob Wolfe had 11.5 tackles, Calfee had 11 tackles and 3 interceptions, Mason Huffman and Craft both had 11 tackles and Huffman added a tackle for loss, and Carter Price had 7.5 tackles and a sack. Fitzpatrick had 2.5 tackles and 2 tackles for loss before his injury.

Offensively, Craig was led by Calfee with 20 carries for 123 yards and a TD. Wolfe had 10 carries for 48 yards and Craft ran for nine yards and a TD. The Rockets passed just twice and had no completions.

Now 2-3, the Rockets will have their work cut out for them this Friday against Parry McCluer in Buena Vista.

"The juggernaut phase of our schedule begins this Friday as we head to Buena Vista to play a very stout Parry McCluer team," said Fisher. "They have a new head coach who is bringing back the old Fightin' Blues straight-T offense. They line up in double tight and run a lot of power and misdirection. We will have to get creative on defense to figure out a way to slow them down."



Carter Calfee tries to escape the tackle of an East Mont opponent.



PHOTOS BY CHELSEA LOUTHEN Tyler Fitzpatrick(#22) of Craig pressures the East Mont quarterback.

ROCKETS UNVEIL NEW FLOOR IN CRAIG COUNTY HIGH GYM

The new wooden floor in the Craig County High School gym got rave reviews, and the next step will be for the Rockets to win a volleyball match on the beautiful court. Craig coach Suzanne Crawford hopes that will be Thursday night when the Rockets play host to Bath County.

Craig inaugurated the new floor last week with a home game against Roanoke Valley Christian and the Rockets dropped a heartbreaker in five sets. The Rockets won the first set on the new floor, 27-25, but dropped the next two, 25-20 and 26-24. They battled back to tie the match with a 25-23 win in the fourth set, but lost the deciding set to 15 by a score of 15-11. In all three of the sets were decided by two points and the total points for the night were just 114 to 107 in the Eagles' favor.

"Such good а coach Crawford. "A heartbreaking loss."

kills and four blocks to needed." lead the Rockets.

aggressive on the net against Roanoke Valley Christian," said Crawford. "She also played aggressive defense in the back



The Rockets played their first games on the new gym floor last week.

row. As a freshman, she is doing a great job adjusting to read the other players and picking up the trash on the back line."

Layla Dooley had three aces and 13 digs.

"Layla has been very aggressive on the back line," said Crawford. "She was able to cover her teammates to get up hard tip balls and she also played crucial back row defense. Layla is an excellent game," said Čraig leader on the floor; she talks to her teammates and contributes a lot of Kailyn Jones had 16 positive feedback when

Maggie Mays had 22 "Kailyn was very assists and four aces for Craig. Erin Snider had four aces, Jenna Boitnott had eight digs and Cheyanne Bell had five kills.

"Cheyanna is playing

front row as an outside hitter," said Crawford. "She was a big assist at the net against RVC. She also played get-cover defense and was very aggressive when on the net.?

Randalyn Taylor had four kills.

plays "Randalyn middle and has been working hard to get her timing down," said Crawford. " She can jump so high, we have worked endlessly to get it down."

On Thursday of last week the Rockets hosted Narrows and lost in three, 25-16, 25-22 and 25-13. Jones had six kills, Dooley had five aces and Mays handed out five assists. Gracie Huffman served 100 percent.

"This was a hard loss," said Crawford. "We could have done better gaining

points with our servers and could not execute. Narrows had some servers on their team, and passing was a little struggle. However, we played hard and tried to come back. We had some great rallies and attacks on the net."

The loss dropped Craig to 1-10 on the season and 1-6 in the Pioneer District with three district games remaining, all at home. On Thursday in New Castle Bath will present a challenge but the Rockets are excited to pick up that first win on the beautiful new floor.

"Bath is currently leading the Pioneer District," said Crawford. "It will be a great game. Hopefully this week we will be able to work on areas that will get us a 'W'.'



Randalyn Taylor(#13) battles a Narrows girl at the net.



Kailyn Jones of Craig goes up for a spike against Narrows.