

Fall Festival celebrates its 40th year

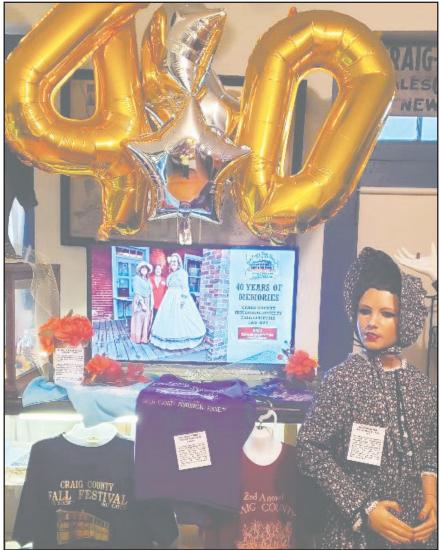


PHOTO BY PAM DUDDING

The Craig County Historical Society celebrated its 40th year of hosting the annual Fall Festival and had a country breakfast ready early in the morning, with other foods later in the day at the Old Hotel.

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Jayke Dowdy and Shaleigh Looney receive recognition for outstanding teaching skills in Jobs for America's Graduate, a national award and through the Jobs for Virginia Graduates, which is the National Six of Six Recognition. It stated, "Craig County High School is recognized for outstanding performance and accomplishments in exceeding Six of Six for the National Performance of Goals for the class of 2022." Principal Susan Stimeling shared, "This certificate of recognition has nothing to do with me, as I am just the voice. This recognition has been received because of two people I have on my staff, Jayke Dowdy and Shaeleigh Looney. Dowdy is our high school coordinator, and our JV coordinator and Looney is one of our coordinators in the middle school."

Dowdy and Looney recognized for exceptional teaching skills

Pam Dudding Contributing writer

Craig County is a small division, yet it continues to hire teachers who possess a love of teaching children, especially for helping them excel in life. Principal Susan Stimeling shared that Craig County High School was recognized as exceeding the Six of Six Performance Outcome Standards for the class of 2022.

National Performance Outcome Standards included graduation rate, employment rate, positive outcome rate, fulltime jobs rate, connectivity rate and fulltime placement rate.

Stimeling explained what Jobs for Virginians is about.

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Craig Valley Baptist Church hosts an annual coat giveaway where they collect coats, hats, gloves for all ages and open their church doors for people to stop in and get one for themselves or someone else they feel could use one. Donations are now being taken at the church (located across the street from The Park) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Coats, sweaters, hoodies, hats or gloves can be slightly worn or new. The event will be held on Nov. 4.

Memoires shared at Waiteville School 2023 reunion

Pam Dudding

Contributing writer

There seems to be nothing more pleasant that getting together with old friends and laughing about the days of yesteryear.

The Waiteville Community Center hosted its third annual Waiteville School Reunion on Saturday, Sept. 16. Eighteen former students who attended the school from 1950 to 1967 were present, along with 12 relatives, friends and WCC board members.

Through laughter, hugs and jokes, stories were told and memories were shared. Many brought pictures and memorabilia to share.

WCC restored one of the old classrooms where other pictures and memorabilia has been displayed. They sang song played by Kathy Hinkle Martin on the newly donated piano.

A fun cake walk was enjoyed by all.

Jewel's IGA was served for the lunch and dessert was a decorated cake donated by Renee Eppling.

WCC shared that the attendees celebrated the former Waiteville School's recent listing in the National Register of Historic Places by viewing a video of the history of Waiteville School by Sandra Scaffidi, the consultant who prepared the nomination.

Also, Larry Emerson, president of the Monroe County Historical Society spoke about the importance of being listed in the National Register of Historic Places for Waiteville and Monroe County.

The evening ended with many door prizes which were donated by Tractor Supply, Giles Auto Parts, Wal-Mart all located in Pearisburg; Kim Jennings Bashan- Vinton; Kathy's Flowers and MOCO Shirts of Union, West Virginia; Image Express-David Crosier, Covington; Joyce Eppling Mundy, Roanoke; Sheila Brooks, Rick and Shelby Jennings, Barry and Renee Eppling all from Waiteville.

There was an overwhelming majority that requested to have another Waiteville School Reunion in 2024 but no date has been set at this time.



COURTESY PHOTO

Rachel Dudding Elmore, Shirley Lawson Jones, Walter (Buster) Beane, Betty Beane Smith, Shelby Harry Porterfield, Joy Harry, Janet McDaniel, Una Lake Dudding Drummond. Back row (left to right): Edith Dudding McPeak, Sonya (Sherry) Lawson Ferguson, Clara Dudding Sowers, Richard (Dickie) Bell, Lloyd Givens, Gray Porterfield, Johnny Beane, Larry Harry, Shelby Eppling Jennings. Missing: Butch Harry.





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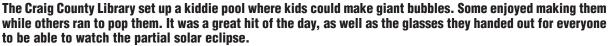
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Though the rain held off some vendors and even attendees, the ones who came seemed to truly enjoy the event.







Many took a seat on the haybales at the Historical Society cabins, or the benches by the hotel to rest or to catch up with old friends.



Jonathan Huffman and Jessica Knight pose in front of their winning pumpkins, with the top one, named "Ruth," weighing out at 1,286 pounds. "That is a lot of pies to be made!" one lady shared with a giggle.



Kids enjoyed a new thing called the "corn pool," where toys are hidden in the corn, and they search to find them. Little Emma decided that sitting in the pool was what you were supposed to do.



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Music was played most all day, starting with the Craig County High School Chorus, Merchant Copy Band played Rock'n Blues, and then bluegrass from Eastern Divide and also for the flatfooting contest. They had reunited and gave the crowd a great mini concert. The musicians were Tim Chaney, Rick Francisco, Michael Musselwhite, Joe Francisco and Mike King. To end the day, Phat Boyz Band played a variety of songs as people danced.



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Western Community

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Valley students have

participated in the

program as of fall 2023.

to celebrate CCAP's

We are so excited

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Upcoming public meetings in Craig Co.

Community events:

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.

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.

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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funds the Community College Access Program (CCĂP). Since 2008, public localities and private donors have united in support of CCAP, which is the largest "free college" program at a Virginia community college. CCAP provides date. up to two years of tuition for recent high school graduates who meet CCAP program requirements, as funding allows. More

15th this fall. What began with a 'What if?' has truly grown communitywide а commitment to making

college possible," said Deborah L. Petrine, chair of the Virginia Western Community

into

College Educational Foundation, a nonprofit affiliated with Virginia Western Community College that administers the program.

Virginia Wester offering

information sessions about

its CCAP scholarships

More than 600 students are attending the college this

fall thanks to public/private funding partnership

Roanoke region high school seniors may apply for the fall 2024 ĊĊÁP scholarship now through Feb. 1, 2024, at virginiawestern.edu/ ccap. Applicants must also apply to Virginia Western and complete the Free Application for Student Financial Aid (FAFSA) by the same

Those interested in learning more about are invited to attend upcoming in-person and Zoom information sessions. Drop-in sessions are scheduled from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 13, 2023, and Jan. 17, 2024, at the Roanoke EnVision Center, 2607 Salem Turnpike N.W., Roanoke VA 24017. No advance registration is required for the drop-in sessions.

To see a schedule of Zoom information sessions, which require

advance registration, visit virginiawestern. edu/CCAP.

To stay up-to-date on important CCAP application deadlines, financial aid workshops and more, sign up for text alerts by texting "CCAP2024" to 877-235-2279. (Reply STOP to cancel, HELP for help; message and data rates apply.)

For more information about CCAP, see virginiawestern. edu/ccap or contact Carolyn Payne, CCAP Coordinator, at (540) 857-7544 or cpayne@ virginiawestern.edu.

Čraig County CCAP Scholarship recipients:

- 1st year: Savannah Cady, Ashton Early, Eliza Muncey, Hannah Ratliff and Skyler Rodrigues
- 2nd year: Tanner Davis and Kaitlyn Radford 3rd year: Autumn
- Hutchison

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Craig County Dental Center

The Craig County Dental Center is actively recruiting a full-time dentist. In the meantime, we have two part-time dentists working to meet patient needs. There may be some changes to the hours of operation during this time and we thank you for your patience. Our dedicated team of hygienists and office support staff remains the same and will continue to see patients and answer calls as we have in the past.

Please be assured that, during the recruitment process, we are keeping our patients in mind and searching for a well-qualified and professional dentist that will best serve our community.

If you have any questions or we can be of assistance to you, please feel free to call our office at 540-864-5556.

Thank you to our patients and the community for your understanding during this staffing transition. Sincerely,

Monroe Health Center - Craig County Dental Center Staff

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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 Tuesday 7:30p.m., Youth Outreach and Missions Program. Rev. San Kang.

CHESTNUT GROVE CHURCH

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

CORNERSTONE CHURCH

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

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

CRAIG VALLEY BAPTIST

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

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

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

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

HEBRON UNITED METHODIST

Pastor Chanmi Lee, 347-684-2607, Rt. 606, 1981 Caldwell Mt. Rd., New Castle, 540- 400-3419. Worship 11:15AM.

LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST

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

LEVEL GREEN CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST

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

MOUNTAIN VIEW CHRISTIAN

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

NEW CASTLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH "WHERE YOUR HEART CAN FEEL THE DIFFERENCE"

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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

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OPINION

News from the 9th:

War in Israel



On the morning of October 7th, Hamas (the terrorist organization which currently governs Palestinians in the Gaza Strip) carried out a surprised attack on a number of communities in Israel. Hamas fired thousands of missiles in Israel, as fighters invaded Israel by land, air, and sea.

Hamas' brutality has been stunning. At the time of writing this column, they have killed more than 1,000 Israelis, including more than 200 people attending a music festival, and 27 Americans. There are stories of kidnapped families, murdered grandparents, beheaded babies, and burned children. All innocent civilians who were killed for no other reason that being in Israel.

These acts of terror are unconscionable, yet Hamas says their actions are justified. Ghazi Hamad, spokesperson for Hamas, said the attack was justified due to the attacks by Jewish settlers, against Palestinians, in the West Bank.

To the shock of many around the world, Palestinians and other Muslims agree, saying after years of injustice at the hands of Israel in the Gaza Strip, it's only right that Hamas would react in such a way.

This thinking does not surprise me, however. Palestine has long blamed Israel for their suffering, while both its leaders and people have actively worked against their own self interests.

One such example is the destruction of greenhouses in the Gaza Strip.

From 1967 until 2005, Israel controlled the Gaza Strip. In 2005, Israel decided that it was best for Israeli military and citizens to leave Gaza, due to nonstop violence stemming from the Palestinian uprising known as the Second Intifada.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon put forth a plan for Israeli disengagement, which was then ratified by the Knesset (Israel's Parliament).

On August 15, 2005, Israel Defense Force (IDF) installations and forces were removed from Gaza. About 9,000 Israeli citizens were evicted from settlements in Gaza and northern Samaria in the West Bank and paid a lump sum by the Israeli government to move. Jewish cemeteries in Gaza were even dug up by IDF forces and the bodies were then reburied in Israel. By September, Israel's withdrawal was complete.

As Israel pulled out, there was an international effort to preserve greenhouses in Gaza (built by the now-evicted settlers), which were to be taken over by Palestinians. The greenhouses had been very successful, producing vegetables and flowers that were exported around the world.

American Jewish donors bought the more than 3,000 greenhouses from Israeli settlers and transferred them the Palestinian Authority (Palestinian leadership at the time). In all, about \$13 million was spent on the project, which was set to provide thousands of jobs for Palestinians. But instead of

capitalizing on the flourishing agricultural industry supported by these greenhouses, the Palestinians destroyed them. Looters took off with irrigation hoses, water pumps, and plastic sheets. There were even reports of entire greenhouses being dismantled and carried away.

Some of the Palestinian police charged with guarding the greenhouses also joined in with the looters to steal equipment.[1]

Many blamed the Palestinian Authority, saying they did not provide enough security to prevent the looters from stealing.

The Palestinian economy was in bad shape, people were in desperate need of jobs (with unemployment estimated to be at about 50 percent), but Palestinians destroyed

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Halloween is here!

Library Corner Marge Lewter

Oct. 31 may be officially Halloween, but many folks celebrate all during the month of October, enjoying pumpkins, planning costumes and creating fun children's events. The holiday comes from all Hallows Eve, a day to remember the dead. One can be reverent by lighting candles on the graves of loved ones or downright outrageous with wild and scary costumes to parade around. Planning for Halloween starts early, where shopping for a costume can be simple as a drug-store purchase or a large production of making a costume from materials found around your home. Halloween seems to really bring out the creativity in some families! It seems that the farther out in the country you live, the earlier the Halloween decorations come out!

The tradition of carving pumpkins is a relatively recent addition and was originally though to frighten away evil spirits. Hence the reason for creating the wicked and monstrous faces. Today, pumpkin carving and painting has become an art form. The growing of pumpkins is a fascinating hobby, where some ambitious folks try to raise giant pumpkins like those behemoths filling the beds of pick-up trucks in New Castle last weekend.

The Craig County Public Library is currently decorated with Halloween theme and the Book Nook has a selection of scary books and movies to choose from. DVDs include "Haunting," "Poltergeist," "Megan," "The Conjuring" and "The Visit." For your Halloween reads you can find many Stephen King selections and classics by Edgar Allen Poe.

Please stop in to the Craig Library to pick up some reading for your fall enjoyment! There are shelves of DVDs and free magazines. The book barn is packed with books for purchase, just ask the desk volunteer for the key! On the first Friday of each month, you can fill a bag for a special price.

Thank you to everyone who donated items, volunteered, and shopped to make our Fall Festival a success! Stay tuned for the coming Swap Day in November where the theme is warm winter wear and holiday decorations. Donate things, take home new things. Supporting your library is good for everyone, especially the children who benefit from books and reading programs.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Supervisors of Craig County will conduct a public hearing on **NOVEMBER 2nd, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Craig County Court House in New Castle, Virginia to consider the application of Amanda and Jason Lucas of Salem, Virginia, for a **"Use Not Provided For"** permit. The permit is a request for a private recreational vehicle park to allow up to six campers at property 67-A-7A, Johns Creek Road. This parcel is zoned A1, Agriculture, Limited District and is located approximately ten miles from 311.

Public comment on the application may be submit-

topics of general interest to the community and responses to our articles and columns. Letters must be signed and have a telephone number where you can be reached to be considered for publication. All letters will be verified before publication. The Record reserves the right to deny publication of any letter and edit letters for length content and style. News of public interest is solicited from all sections of the county. Lot 16: Cabinet w/exmark mower parts

*** Lot Lists for bidding available for pick up or drop off at School Board Office (please submit your bids in sealed envelopes). If you have any questions, please contact **Shane Gills at <u>mgills@craig.k12.va.us</u>** ted 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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Saturday, October 21, 8 am - 1pm 451 Summit Ridge Rd, Daleville (Ashley Plantation) Items include: oak dresser with mirror, white wicker chaise lounge for a child, gardening items, picture frames lawnmower blades (John Deer. unused). Lots more.

in re CHRISTINA NICOLE HAMBLIN v. RONALD GLENN HAMBLIN The object of this suit is to: **OBTAIN DIVORCE. It is** ORDERED that RONALD **GLENN HAMBLIN appear** at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before DECEMBER 13, 2023. **OCTOBER 13. 2023** MELISSA WHITE

Legals - City of Salem

DEPUTY CLERK

Notice is hereby given

to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem, at its regular meeting on Monday, October 23, 2023, at 6:30 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. Consider the request of Bruce Maxey, property owner, for the issuance of a Special Exception permit to allow a 1,200 square foot detached garage on the property located at 1862 Murrell Avenue (Tax Map # 128-1-4). 2. Consider the request of

Road, Paint Bank, Virginia 24131 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

records for the actual property lines. Employees, directors and officers of Farm Credit of the Virginias, ACA, and their immediate family and companies in which they have an interest are not eligible under federal regulations to purchase this property at foreclosure.

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 -Montgomery County

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,20-104 Case No. CL23000992-00 MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re NANNIE FAY LONG, THOMAS LONG AND EDWARD LONG v. NONE It is ORDERED that CATHY HUGHES appear at the above-named court and

protect his/her interests on or before **OCTOBER 20, 2023** @8:30 AM

entry of a default judgement and for other relief, and a hearing will be held in this Court, 55 East Main Street, Suite 1 Christiansburg VA 24073, on Dec 6th, 2023 at 10:00 AM or as soon after

as may be heard. NOW, THEREFORE, it is ORDERED that all defendants, unknown heirs and others interested in said Estate appear at the hearing and be heard why the petition and motion for default judgement should not be granted. The Clerk shall send a copy of this order to the Christiansburg News Messenger to be published once a week for four consecutive weeks Enter the 11th day of October 2023. Robert M. D. Turk, Judge I ask for this: Justin A. Steele III (VSB No. 94358) THE LAW OFFICE OF JAMES STEELE PLLC 304 Brambleton Ave. Roanoke, VA 24015 Tel: (540) 339-7775

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"For several years we taught this through a class and used this opportunity to help young people who do not attend BTEC to understand career readiness, work force readiness, ability to deal with people and to speak in public or to stand in front of a crowd," Stimeling explained. "We no longer teach it as a fulltime class but teach on an individual level and it is quite a bit of recording that needs to be done and contacts that have to be made throughout the school years."

She added that after school graduation, students are still tracked for one year of where they have gone, what they have done, whether entered the military or workforce, chose a to attend college or not in any work force.

"This certificate of recognition has nothing to do with me, as I am just the voice. This recognition has been received because of two people I have on my staff, Jayke Dowdy and Shaeleigh Looney," Stimeling announced. "Dowdy is our high school coordinator, and our JV coordinator and Looney is one of our coordinators in the middle school."

She added, "Dowdy tracks, places, reports, and works with kids, along with many aspects of this recognition that he takes care of. Looney also teaches the class in seventh grade for career readiness and life skills. This is an award that they have earned.'

Stimeling said, "Jobs for America's Graduate, is a National Award and we have also received that through the Jobs for Virginia Graduates, which is the National Six of Six Recognition which states, "Craig County High School is recognized for outstanding performance and accomplishments in exceeding Six of Six for the National Performance of Goals for the class of 2022"

Superintendent Dwayne Huff added that not only was this a great award, but it meant an additional \$30,000 for each school that received it. "I am very proud of this accomplishment, as it is a huge benefit to our school and our students."

Other agenda items were discussed and voted on for approval.

Huff gave an update on the facilities maintenance projects:

Contracts from Thompson and Litton are almost complete

Cafeteria unit on top of the building is almost complete but they did not have all of the things needed to flash it in, so they could not set it up. They will have materials and set it on afternoon and the weekend for completion and then hook up

The supplemental cooling and heat rental unit will be dismantled at the same time, using the crane that they will have there

The gym floor is beautiful and have played some

volleyball games on it as it is basically done

The ramps that go into the entrance are in place, but Thompson and Litton are making sure they're ADA compliant

Huff shared that they are now talking about adding a bus garage on site of the CCPS campus.

The bus garage that is used now is still under county ownership.

"I visited it yesterday and did a walk-thru and it has a lot of limitations," he said. "I am hoping, depending on our budget books and our 6-year plan looks, that we might be able to bring the bus garage here on site."

There are several reasons why he added, "Security being one as day before yesterday, someone helped themselves to all of the fuses they had in the fuse panel. Luckily that is all they took. We were not able to catch who did that by camera. Also, it would make more sense for convenience and hope that in the long term it will be a savings, not just for the county but as a whole. Fuel has been an issue for a long time and there are pros and cons of that. We hope to look in the future to house bigger fuel tanks for both gas and diesel that might benefit others such as EMS, police and such. We want to the process of looking at this and do a feasibility study."

Huff spoke of one of the new initiatives that the governor has created called an "All In" initiative or referred to as the tutoring play book.

"It is high intensity in academic," he said. "Once they did the research from post pandemic, that we understand there was a major learning loss during covid and still continues and so they are trying to turn the tide, to not only prevent further learning loss but to catch these students up."

This has affected primarily grades three through eight.

"The governor has allotted approximately \$418 million. CCPS portion about \$191,000 and is designed to pay teachers for different blocks for before and after school tutoring," Huff said. "We can hire retired teachers and other educational professionals and help to tutor those students who are lagging behind and we hope to start Nov. 1."

He added, "We will send a letter to parents, trying to use it as a survey to let them know what it is about and what we can do to help the child the most, whether in school tutoring, after school tutoring and if they need transportation to get the child to and from school as we know that will be a challenge for some."

This is a good thing coming down the pipe that will hopefully help some of the learning loss that has come from the pandemic," Huff said.

the financial report by the end of September as well as

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what could have been job providing infrastructure that was given to them.

Is that Israel's fault?

Gaza has struggled to rebuild, made even worse by the election of the Hamas political organization in June 2007. Since the takeover by Hamas, Israel and Egypt have often closed their border crossings, making it extremely difficult to export goods out of Gaza.

And instead investing of in infrastructure, such as hospitals and schools, for its people, Hamas has used what funds they have been able to acquire to build weapons in order to attack Israel. In one instance, they dug up water pipelines meant to provide water for Palestinians in Gaza and turned them into missiles.

They have also built a network of military tunnels to smuggle men and weapons around Gaza and to access the Israeli border. These tunnels are often built under civilian areas in order to use innocent people on the surface as shields.

While the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is extremely complicated, Israel has proposed a two-state solution, Israel and Palestine, each would where recognize the other. The Palestinians, however, refuse to recognize Israel and still maintain their objective of the destruction of the state of Israel and elimination from Israel any person who came after the early part of the 20th century.

the audit for cash receipts and disbursements.

"Now that we have these reports done, we will try to incorporate it into our 6-year plan," Huff reported. "This is our priority, and we know the 6-year plan is due to you by November and we will have it at next months meeting.

He added that the state has proposed another 2% raise for all SOQ employees.

"The good news is that because of the generosity you had the prior two years, we have met the requirements of the state already as they require five percent in two years and you certainly surpassed that, but we will look at this very close and make recommendations of whether we choose to include all employees or only instructional personnel or to only SOQ positions," Huff said.

This raise would start in January.

The next monthly school board meeting will be Huff stated that Heather Duncan had completed held on Tuesday, Nov. 14 at CCPS in the auditorium at 5:30 p.m.





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Craig linemen battle in the trenches at Parry McCluer.



Jaycob Wolfe rolls out to pass.







The Rocket defensive line takes a stand.

Carter Calfee and a Fighin' Blue fight for a pass.

Mason Huffman(#52) bears down on the Parry McCluer quarterback.

ROCKETS FALL TO STRONG PARRY McCLUER TEAM, GOT TO BATH FRIDAY

The Craig County football team will be jumping from the frying pan into the fire this week, or into a hot Bath as the case may be. After dropping a 45-12 game to Parry McCluer in Buena Vista last Friday the Rockets will be taking on undefeated Bath County in Hot Springs this Friday night.

"We lost to the best team we have played thus far this season," said Rocket coach Jim Fisher of last week's game at Parry McCluer. "This was the first game that we were really never in."

This Friday the Rockets have undefeated Bath on the schedule. The Chargers are coached by former Bath quarterback Jake Phillips, who went on to play at William & Mary and was head coach at James River and Staunton High before returning to his alma mater. He has the Chargers in second place in the Region 1C rankings with a 7-0 record and a team that is averaging over 50 points a game.

"They are having a great season and haven't given up any points the past two Fridays," said Fisher. "They have, by far, the most skilled and dynamic player we have seen in dual threat quarterback James Campbell. He is lightning in a bottle. We have five or six of Bath County's games on film and, so far, he has made each team look bad. He's hard to play one-hand touch against, much less tackle.

"Coach Phillips has done an excellent job with a balanced offense, lots of screens and misdirection. They play aggressive defense, and although they aren't as big as a few of the teams we have played they get a lead and force you to chase the scoreboard. Looks like rain on Friday, hopefully that makes them one dimensional and gives us a boost defensively. Offensively, I expect us to play better up front."

The Rockets were never in the game at Buena Vista as the Blues improved to 5-2. They're ranked fifth in Region 1C while the Rockets fell to 2-4 with the loss and are now in the 11th spot in the region. The top eight make the playoffs.

"Beautiful night, beautiful bermuda field, we are hopeful that our field looks that good in a couple of years," said Fisher. "We again struggled up front on the offensive and defensive lines. We are young and we are making mistakes that younger players make. We are undersized and should be playing lower to give ourselves a chance. We preach staying low all week and on the first play, we stand straight up.

"Our skill kids have been as good as anyone we have played thus far, including last Friday. Unfortunately, with the kids that have quit, didn't come out, and injuries we have not been able to consistently block for our offensive weapons or stop the run on defense. For us to have a chance the remainder of the year we have to get better up front on both sides of the ball."

Craig was led offensively by Carter Calfee with 82 yards rushing on 17 carries, Jaycob Wolfe added 12 yards rushing and a TD and Josh Craft added 15 yards rushing. Wolfe was eight of 17 passing for 118 yards and a touchdown pass while Calfee had five receptions for 62 yards, Craft had two catches for 49 yards and a TD and Isaac Lucas caught one pass for seven yards.

They stymied our running game," said Fisher. "We need to do a better job of ball security, we had four turnovers Friday. No help is coming, we just have to get better on both sides of the ball. The great Grambling coach Eddie Robinson once said, 'If you can't get a better player, get a player better.' That is what we are working on.

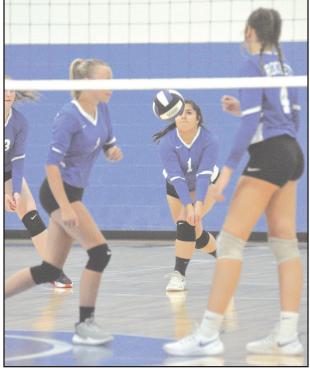
"On the bright side, we have no senior starters. Everyone starting returns for the 2024 season."

The Rockets will have two home games next week. On Tuesday, October 24, they will host Montcalm of West Virginia in a game that was postponed earlier in the season. The Generals are currently 5-1 and have only given up more than six points in a game once. They have three shutouts, including an 86-0 win over Hannan High.

Then, on Friday October 27, the Rockets will host Narrows in a Pioneer District game. The Green Wave is 5-2. The Rocket jayvee team will play at Narrows next Monday, October 23.

PIONEER VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT BEGINS NEXT WEEK





Naveah Hypes digs out a serve.



Craig coaches Suzanne Crawford and Carrie Hutton survey the action.

Ashley Cayton goes low for a dig.

The Craig County volleyball team will wrap up the regular season this week and play in the Pioneer District tournament beginning next Monday, October 23.

Craig had two games this week to close out the regular season, both at home. The Rockets were scheduled to play Eastern Montgomery Tuesday and on Thursday Parry on McCluer will be here for "Senior Night." Craig has two seniors, Randalyn Taylor and Ashley Cayton.

The Rockets come into the week at 1-11 after dropping a three set match to Bath County in New Castle last Thursday. They're 1-7 in district play so that will send them on the road for the first round of tournament play Monday. The top two seeds will get a first round bye while the fifth seed plays at the home of the fourth seed and the sixth seed goes to the home of the third seeded team.

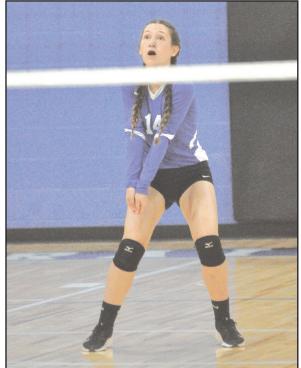
Semifinals are Tuesday, October 24, at the sites of the first and second seeds. The championship is on Thursday, October 26, at the home of the higher seed between the two semifinal winners. There will also be a consolation game at two losing teams in the semifinals.



Left to right, Erin Snider, Jenna Boitnotte and Layla **Dooley take their positions.**

the higher seed of the the tournament make the Region 1C tournament, so Craig would have to The top four teams in win the first night to

advance to the regional. The region tournament is scheduled to begin on October 31.



PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN Rylee Phelps has her eyes on the ball.