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THE NEW CASTLE RECORD




Small business community continues to grow

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It's been a couple of decades but a few folks remember The Secret Garden, on Rt 311 just before getting into New Castle. It was a lovely garden center and gift shop created by two friends and all the wonderful people who visited and shopped and supported it.

Fast forward to 2023, and those friends got together again and launched the New River Vendors Village in Pembroke. The concept wasn't new but the opportunity was fresh and timely. The former location of the Amish Furniture store on Snidow provided enough space to get started. Artists, crafters, vintage collectors and creators of unique stuff gathered in April of 2023, a collection of 26 vendors from Craig,

Giles and Montgomery Counties in Virginia, plus a few West Virginia entrepreneurs.

That initial start has propelled the friends forward, with 47 vendors and counting in September. Tami Quesenberry of Newport and Bonnie Cranmer of New Castle, along with Tami's high school best friend, Jen Mahan, local artist and retail genius Meggin Hicklin, Tami's daughter Stacy, plus many other generous and supportive people have come together. The group developed a space for New River Valley small business creators to offer their treasures and unique products to local residents and visitors to the region. The business is expanding with pop-ups during the holidays, making it easier for local vendors to have a safe and dry retail space.

That's just one of the businesses blossoming

in the Craig County community. The Lemon & Vale Cakery, just as you get into New Castle, has extended their hours, now open Thursdays through Mondays. Their fall menu includes the flavors of the season, with several pumpkin spice and apple creations in drinks and pastries. Open for breakfast and lunch, their coffee and other drinks have brought a welcome flavor to the community.

Carper's Bar & Grill has opened with a bang, 3 miles south of New Castle on Rt 311. The only bar and restaurant in Craig County, they boast a diverse menu and plenty of screens for sports enthusiasts. In New Castle, Bibo's Pizzeria and Mike's Ice House offer plenty of choices for lunch, dinner or snacks. On Main Street, the Emporium

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PHOTO BY BONNIE CRANMER
New River Vendors Village founders Tami Quesenberry and Bonnie Cranmer.



PHOTO BY BONNIE CRANMER
In-person voting has started at the Craig County Registrar's Office on Main Street.

In-person voting starts

'Start a conversation' is the theme of September's National Preparedness Month

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The weather is about to get active, as a potential hurricane is poised to arrive from the Gulf later this week. Now is a good time to review the resources, tools, equipment and connections you and your family have ready to face an emergency. It could mean a brief power outage, a disruption in water access or even a food shortage. After the recent pandemic, we're all aware of how systems sometimes fail.

National Preparedness Month is sponsored by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency). The 2024 theme is focused on talking about the things that could go wrong and planning ahead. Recommendations in the Ready.gov toolkit offer some suggestions about getting started. It is better to have the conversation and develop a plan before an emergency arrives. Talk about the things your family has in place and

what is needed to be better prepared.

In Craig County, the Code Red alert system is in place to warn residents of weather and other emergency situations. Register on the Craig County website to receive the alerts on your phone. The system continues to provide registered users timely notice of emergency situations and how to respond.

One of the first things to consider is what is your family's reliance on power? When the power goes out, are you ready? Do you have a gasoline or propane generator? Do you have fuel and have you tested your equipment? Are your cell phones and laptops regularly charged? Does anyone in your family have medication that needs refrigeration? Consider all the members of your family and don't forget your pets and farm animals.

Make a list of all the important phone numbers for family contacts and emergency services. Be sure it is easy

to find and everyone has the correct numbers.

Plan for where to meet if an emergency happens during the work week and family members are separated by location like at school, at work or in transit.

Build a kit with things to stock for an emergency when you can stay in your home. Items to include are water, food, medicines, and a first aid kit. Does your home have public water service or is your home using a well with an electric pump? When the power is anticipated to go out, such as when high winds, tornadoes or hurricanes are predicted, filling a bathtub or bucket with water is an important resource.

Do you have a flashlight handy? Have you checked the batteries lately? Backup batteries for small appliances and solar appliances are valuable items. Pick up a few items for your kit with each visit to the store and you'll soon have a

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DAR promotes Constitution Week: Sept. 17-23

Constitution Week was celebrated in Craig County, along with thousands of Americans across the country who recognized the 237th anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution. Over sixty students and staff of Craig County Public Schools took part in a Bell Ringing Ceremony to emulate citizens of Philadelphia who were called together to hear the first reading of the Constitution in 1787. Sept. 17 is considered Constitution Day according to Public Law 915. Guidelines issued by the U.S. Department of Education direct all education institutions which receive federal dollars to offer students instruction on the U.S. Constitution each September.

On Sept. 17, McCleary Elementary fourth grade students of Mrs. Wolfe and Mrs. Klemovitch gathered in the school library. The program began with the Pledge of Allegiance and remarks about the significance of Sept. 17, 1787. Bells were distributed to each student and the class rang their bells in unison for one minute, followed by the recitation in unison of the Preamble to the Constitution.

Later in the day, Craig County Middle School seventh grade civics students of Mrs. Good and Mrs. Craighead gathered in the lobby of Craig County High School and participated in a similar program. They were joined by several school staff,



PHOTO BY BONNIE CRANMER
Constitution Week being celebrated with high school students

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Teens learn practical nursing skills

From the March 2, 1994 edition of *The New Castle Record*

A new class at Craig County high School is giving teenagers interested in health occupations a head start on their future careers. Student sin the health assistant class, which was first offered in Craig this year, say they learn more in the two periods they spend each morning with nurse Wanda Myers than the do the rest of the day.

"We're more involved in this class than any other ones," said senior Danielle Huffman.

This week students are becoming certified in the administration of cardiopulmonary resuscitation, or CPR. They are also conducting free blood pressure screenings at the CCHS vocational fair Thursday night.

Since August students have become familiar with the proper methods and tools used to monitor patients' vital signs. The class uses everything from bedpans to two-person stethoscopes, and a dummy with interchangeable sex organs rests on a large hospital bed that dominates the classroom.

Some days the students call the dummy Sam-other days she's transformed into Samantha. One day some students who heard about the nursing class sneaked in the room to take a peek at the dummy.

"They pulled off the covers and it surprised the," said Mike Lucas, the only guy in the health aide class.

That day the dummy was equipped with parts of the male anatomy.

Health students learn about all the workings of the human body, as the field of nursing exposes people to the blood and guts of life.

Several students in the new class plan to pursue health-related occupations upon graduating Craig. Some hope to go into physical therapy, while others want to become Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN's) or Registered Nurses (RN's).

"This will give them a basis," said teacher Wanda Myers. "They'll be far advanced when they go into LPN school."

Myers works nights as a nurse at Catawba Hospital, then teaches the health assistant class at the high school before catching a bit of sleep between the hours of 11a.m. and 6 p.m. Then it's time to wake up and eat breakfast, while most people are having diner before she starts another day as the sun sets at Catawba Hospital.

"Once in a great while I might sit down and sleep," Myers said.

She said teaching the nursing course takes time, but she enjoys it. She even brought her 95-year-old aunt to class Friday, to demonstrate walkers and wheelchairs. She's taken class members on an orientation visit to Catawba Hospital, where they will return for classes and clinical studies later in the semester. Sessions at Roanoke Memorial Hospital may also be in the works.

Brandy Huffman hopes the class will help her get into Roanoke Memorial Hospital's school of



Danielle Huffman, Kasie Fisher and Angie Trent check "patient" Linda Huffman's pulse and blood pressure during their health assistant class. They say the new nursing class is their favorite, since it involves hands-on learning opportunities.

FROM THE NRC ARCHIVES

Practical Nursing after she graduates this summer.

"I've always wanted to go into medicine," Huffman said.

She and other health students say they like learning from Myers because she can answer their questions about what it's really like to take care of patients. Myers has specialized in several aspects of patient care, including working as Head Nurse in medical units and supervising the care of people with psychological illnesses. Students also hear what it's like to take care of cancer patients

when substitute teacher Lanelle Fisher helps out in class. Fisher works on the oncology floor at Roanoke Memorial.

Myers goal is to teach all the basics of patient care so students can come out of class with the ability to pass state certification tests for nursing aides. She said the class is now under examination for state approval as a health assistant course.

"We'll just have to wait and see."

-Prepared by Shelly Koon

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provides an old-time general store flavor and on Saturdays, the farmers market has plenty of fresh tastes to offer. Growers from Craig and Giles

Counties provide eggs, meat, honey, produce and baked goods to an eager community. The atmosphere is friendly and welcoming, and the motto on the mural wall

says it all; "Your next adventure awaits."

Craig County has other hidden treasures as well. The Virginia Scenic Byway is spectacular this time

of year, filled with stunning views and colorful vistas. Check in at the Library on the top of Main Street and pick up a map of the Barn Quilts by

artist Martha Dillard, supporting the library. Walk down Main Street to the Old Hotel, see the restoration of the Clifton Store and visit the Genealogy Library.

The rural feel of Craig County has plenty to offer to those souls weary of the fast pace of the world. Take a drive and experience it for yourself.

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wealth of resources for an emergency.

Insurance and other legal papers should be stored in a water safe container, with a digital copy on a flash drive or in the cloud. Paper maps seem obsolete to many but are helpful when cell service gets interrupted. Basic hand tools like hammers, screwdrivers, wrenches

and garden tools come in handy and should be where they are easily found. Manual kitchen gadgets like can and bottle openers, French press style coffee makers and stovetop tea pots that can be used on an outdoor barbeque grill make life a bit easier during an emergency. Does your outdoor grill have propane, and

is it ready to be the main source of food preparation should the power be out indefinitely?

One of the local resources unique to New Castle is The Emporium on Main Street. This hometown treasure is a source for many of the items needed in an emergency. The shop carries items from well-

known brands, seasonal items like heirloom seeds and canning supplies, and plenty of books filled with essential information on a variety of topics. "Not your traditional bookstore, we carry history, self-reliance and reprints of older titles," says their website.

When planning for any emergency, consider

what products and tools you use on a daily basis. Don't forget basics like personal care items such as soap, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo and other items such as eyeglasses and hearing aids. Take an inventory and design a secure storage area for your supplies that is easily accessible and everyone knows where things are

stored. This is just an introduction to getting your family prepared before an emergency happens.

Planning ahead makes the emergency less chaotic and everyone safer. Get started before the emergency arrives. Download more information directly from the ready.gov website.

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including Superintendent Dwayne Huff and principal Susan Stimeling, as well as and Commander David Caldwell and Lt. Commander Billy Lee of VFW Post #4491.

Each student received a Constitution bag which included their bell, a pocket Constitution, a U.S. flag, a bookmark, Post-it notes, and pencil and pen. Each bell was decorated with a patriotic ribbon and a tag bearing the words of the Preamble and "I rang this bell to commemorate Bells Across America Constitution Week 2024".

A proclamation designating Sept.

17-23 as Constitution Week at Craig County High School was previously signed by Principal Stimeling and Jamie Beth Ratliff, Senior Class President. The proclamation was part of a display placed in the school lobby near the framed copies of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. Bookmarks, pocket Constitutions, and the Preamble were also part of the display.

The programs were planned and conducted by members of Craig Valley Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. DAR members also placed

signs throughout the community and provided copies of the Preamble to area churches.

The National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution is one of the largest patriotic women's organizations in the world, with approximately 190,000 members in over 3,000 chapters across the country and several foreign countries. DAR members promote historic preservation, education, and patriotism with the motto "God, Home and Country." For additional information about DAR, visit www.dar.org.

Craig Valley Chapter, NSDAR, has thirty-one members including women in Ohio, California, West Virginia, South Carolina, New Jersey, North Carolina, and Washington. Their membership honors 28 patriots who fought in or supported the American Revolution effort. For information about the local DAR chapter and how to join, contact Chapter Regent Tina Crawford at craigvalleychaptersndar@gmail.com.

-Submitted by Craig Valley NSDAR



A Constitution Week display.

COURTESY PHOTO

Recipe of the Week



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One of the first desserts I learned to make was a dump cake. I made it in home economics class in 7th grade. My mom was not much of a baker so when I tried this recipe at home, she thought I had written down the recipe wrong, but she went along with it. She thought if my cake failed then I would learn to pay attention and take better notes. It came out well and she told me later (when I was 55!) that it was one of her favorite desserts. It's so quick and easy to do and after an hour's baking, you have a dump cake that can be enjoyed hot or cold. Just scoop it out and dump it on a plate. We served ours hot topped with vanilla ice cream.

What sets dump cake apart is its easy and effortless prep. There is no need for complicated measurements, mixing, or intricate baking techniques. This, along with the simple equipment needed, makes dump cakes a go-to dessert for those just starting in the kitchen. It is a low effort but a high reward recipe. When I tried to

research dump cakes I couldn't really find much. Interestingly, the name to describe dump cakes varies based on geographical regions. In some areas, they're called cockeyed cakes, crazy cakes, or wacky cakes, with references to them under these names being made as far back as the 1920s. Everyone agrees that the dump cake method goes back to the 1920's. When the recipe called for individual dry cake ingredients, including flour, baking soda, salt, and more. Those ingredients were then dumped into a bowl, then mixed and poured into a pan for baking. Once box cake mixes became available these were adopted into the recipe.

Dump cakes reached their peak during the '60s and '70s, with boxed cake mix companies like Duncan Hines offering dump cake recipes on the back of the box. Dump cakes can easily accommodate dietary preferences. For a gluten-free choice, choose a gluten-free cake mix. Swap out regular butter for dairy-free alternatives.

Choose sugar-free pie filling and cake mix if you're watching the amount of sugar. I have many recipes for this easy dessert that uses 3 to 5 ingredients, any flavor pie filling and comes out more like a cobbler than a cake. I even have crock pot recipes for dump cake that keep the cake moist and leave the oven for other dishes on busy cooking days. This version of cherry and pineapple is the first one I made.

Cherry Pineapple Dump Cake

1 15.25-ounce Duncan Hines Classic Butter Golden Moist Cake Mix (could use any yellow or white cake mix)

1 20 ounce can cherry pie filling

1 20 ounce can crushed pineapple in 100% pineapple juice, undrained

1 stick butter or 8 tablespoons or 1/2 cup Nuts pecans or walnuts

Instructions

Dump cherry pie filling and crushed pineapple with the juice in a 9 x 13 baking dish. Mix the cherry pie filling and pineapple together with a spoon. Add in nuts. Spread cake mix evenly over the pineapple and cherries. Cut the butter into pieces all over the top of the cake mix. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 45 to 50 minutes until the

filling is bubbly and the top is browned.

Caramel Apple Pecan Dump Cake

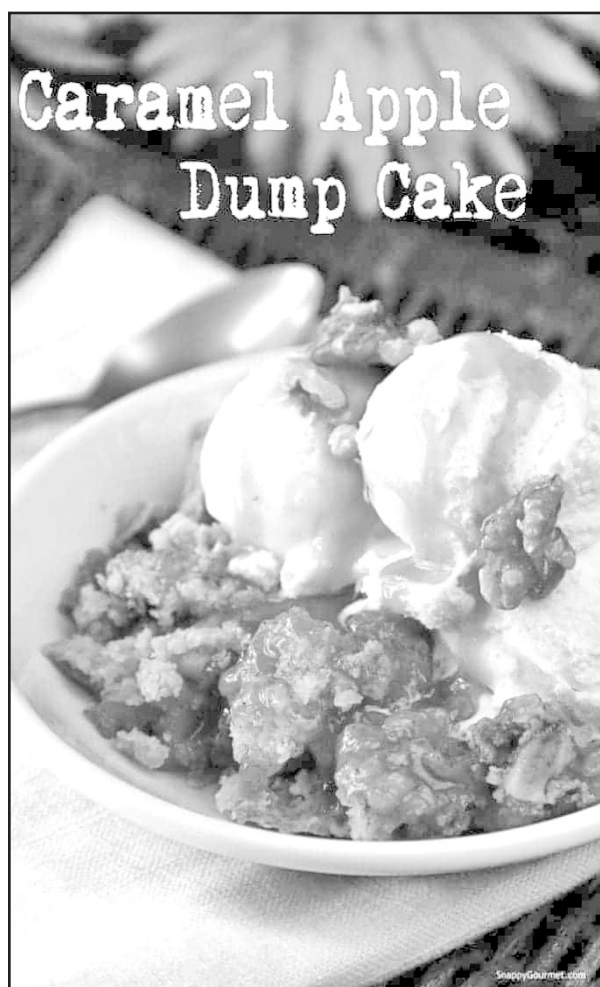
2 can apple pie filling (21 ounces each)

1 box spice cake mix, or butter cake mix (15.25 ounces)

1 c butter, melted
1/2 c caramel sauce, like you would put on ice cream

1/2 tsp cinnamon
1 c chopped pecans

Directions
In a greased 9 X 13-inch baking dish, mix apple pie filling, caramel sauce, and cinnamon. Spread evenly in the pan. Pour dry cake mix directly on top of the pie filling and spread evenly. Top with melted butter. Sprinkle pecans on top. Bake at 350 degrees for 50-55 minutes or until the top is golden brown and the apple filling is bubbly.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Upcoming public meetings scheduled in Craig County

Oct. 3

Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting will meet at the Craig County Courthouse at 6 p.m.

Oct. 8

Economic Development Meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m., at the Craig County Administration Building.

Oct. 15

Tourism Commission Meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m at the Craig County Administration Building.

Nov. 7

Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting will meet at the Craig County Courthouse at 6 p.m.

Nov. 12

Economic Development Meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m., at the Craig County Administration Building.

Dec. 5

Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting will meet at the Craig County Courthouse at 6 p.m.

Dec. 10

Economic Development Meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m., at the Craig County Administration Building.

Dec. 17

Tourism Commission Meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m at the Craig County Administration

Building.

Jan. 2

Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting will meet at the Craig County Courthouse at 6 p.m.

Jan. 7

Economic Development Meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m., at the Craig County Administration Building.

Jan.14

Tourism Commission Meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m at the Craig County Administration Building.

Feb.6

Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting will meet at the Craig County Courthouse at 6 p.m.

Feb. 11

Economic Development Meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m., at the Craig County Administration Building.

Feb. 18

Tourism Commission Meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m at the Craig County Administration Building.

Mar. 6

Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting will meet at the Craig County Courthouse at 6 p.m.

Mar. 11

Economic Development Meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m., at the Craig County Administration

Building.

Mar. 18

Tourism Commission Meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m at the Craig County Administration Building.

Apr. 3

Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting will meet at the Craig County Courthouse at 6 p.m.

Apr. 8

Economic Development Meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m., at the Craig County Administration Building.

Ongoing

Craig County Genealogy Library open Fridays 1-4. p.m. 152 Main Street. 540-

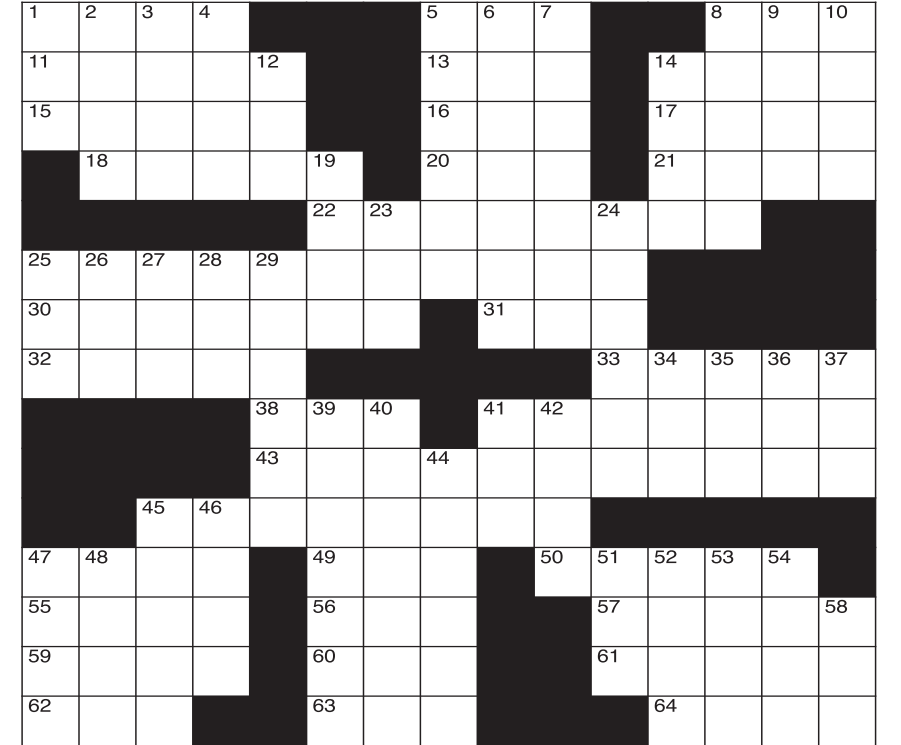
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Feeding Southwest Virginia will be offering food twice a month on the second and third Wednesday of the month from 3-5 p.m. and 4-5 p.m., respectively. All community members are welcome to purchase fresh produce and other canned and boxed items. EBT 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.

-The New Castle Record

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VDOT Roadwatch

INTERSTATE 81 LANE WIDENING CONSTRUCTION PROJECT EXIT 137 TO EXIT 141 – The \$179 million design-build project to widen both directions of I-81 between mile markers 136.6 and 141.8 from two to three lanes is underway. Work is being performed along a five-mile section of both northbound and southbound Interstate 81 in Roanoke County and the city of Salem. Barrier wall is in place along the shoulders. Two lanes of I-81 traffic in each direction are expected to remain open during the project with periodic lane closures scheduled during nighttime hours or outside of peak travel times as needed. Drivers can expect the following lane closures and upcoming traffic impacts in this area on northbound and southbound I-81:

ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC IMPACTS: LANE CLOSURES – Northbound and southbound possible for various work on the project during nighttime hours.

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

TRAFFIC SHIFTS ON WILDWOOD ROAD: Expect a work zone with traffic shifts and narrow width on Wildwood Road after exiting I-81 southbound on exit 137 heading towards Salem. Southbound and northbound I-81 exit and entrance ramp narrows are possible at Route 311.

TRAFFIC SHIFT ON EXIT 140: Drivers may experience periodic lane closures or quick merges into traffic onto Thompson Memorial Drive from the southbound or northbound exit ramps of exit 140 off of I-81. Work zone located at bottom of the ramp for work on the I-81 bridge

at the underpass.

RAMP CLOSURES: Ramp closures are possible during nighttime hours, 12 a.m., to 5 a.m. Drivers should watch for message boards dates and times the ramp will be closed.

LANE CLOSURES: Alternating left and right lane and shoulder closures during nighttime hours between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, are possible. Lane widths will be reduced to 11 feet. Nightly lane closures may be in place along the right lane with possible nightly ramp narrows as needed for guardrail and shoulder strengthening.

The project also includes replacing six bridges, widening two bridges, installing approximately 2.6 miles of sound barrier walls along northbound I-81, improving the southbound exit 137 off-ramp intersection at Wildwood Road and adding interchange lighting at exits 137, 140 and 141. Expected completion in early 2026.

I-81 NB & SB DECK OVERLAY AT

PEAK CREEK MILE MARKER 95.7 - Repair work is underway on the northbound and southbound bridges on I-81 over Peak Creek near mile marker 95.7. This repair work will require nighttime single lane closures for the duration of the project. Lane closures may occur nightly from Sunday night through Friday mornings between the hours of 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. For the deck overlay process, lane closures may be in place between Sunday nights through Friday mornings. For the

southbound lanes these will occur between the hours of 7pm and 10am, and for the northbound lanes between the hours of 6pm through 9am. Details on these closures will be listed below on a weekly basis. Estimated completion is scheduled for end of 2024.

Alternating nighttime northbound and southbound left and right lane closures may be in place from mile marker 96 to 94 during the hours of 8 p.m. and 6 a.m.

I-81 BRIDGE DECK REPAIRS – Weather

permitting, crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate 81 between mile markers 170 to 89, right and left lane closures will be in place northbound and southbound during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

APPALACHIAN TRAIL BRIDGE OVER

ROUTE 311 – A new pedestrian bridge is under construction over Route 311 at McAfee Knob trailhead. The trailhead parking lot is currently closed and will remain closed during construction. Bridge beams were placed across Route 311 on the new bridge on June 11. Flagging operations will be in place daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 15.2-1427, notice is hereby given, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Craig, Virginia will hold a public hearing to receive public input regarding a proposed Ordinance to Add and Amend Energy Ordinance to the Craig County Zoning Ordinance.

These changes will include the following:

- Sec. 58-3. Definitions. - Remove the term "active solar collector." – Add the terms:
 - Small-scale solar generator
 - Solar agricultural generator
 - Utility scale solar installation
- Sec. 58-258. Uses permitted by conditional use permit. – Add "solar agricultural generator".
- Sec. 58-263. Height regulations. – Removed "active solar collector" and replace with "small-scale solar generator".
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- Sec. 58-502.5. Uses permitted by conditional use permit. – Add: "(5) Utility scale solar subject to supplemental regulations as defined in section 58- 600."
- Sec. 58-507. Height regulations. – Removed "active solar collector" and replace with "small-scale solar generator".
- Add Sec. 58-600. Solar energy systems. – Outlines supplemental regulations for the uses "small-scale solar generator," "solar agricultural generator," and "utility scale solar installation"

The public hearing will be held at the next scheduled **Board of Supervisors meeting held on October 3rd, 2024 at 6pm or soon thereafter at 182 Courthouse, on Main Street, New Castle, Virginia.** Anyone having questions regarding the above may contact the County Administrator's office (540) 864-5010, located at 108 Court Street, or mailed to P.O. Box 308, New Castle, Virginia 24127

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

A copy of the full text of the proposed ordinance is on file for inspection during normal business hours in the Office of the County Administrator at 108 Court Street, New Castle, Virginia 24127. If you should need auxiliary aids or other assistance due to a disability, please contact the Office of the County Administrator at (540) 864-5010 at least five (5) days in advance of the public hearing.

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The purpose of the joint work session is to receive an update on the Vinton 2050 Comprehensive Plan Update presented by Mike Callahan, President, 3TP Ventures.

Further information concerning the work session may be obtained from the Planning and Zoning Department located at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia 24179, by phone: 540-983-0605. Interested persons may attend the work session.

Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate in this public meeting should contact the Vinton Town Manager's Office at (540) 983-0607.

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Rockets home Thursday to host Twin Valley in important Homecoming football game

The Craig County Rockets have their second home football game of the season this Thursday when they host Twin Valley High. The Panthers are a Class 1 school from Pilgrims Knob, VA.

Twin Valley wouldn't trade film with Rockets' coach Jimmy Fisher so he had to get film from other schools that the Panthers' played. Twin Valley is off to an 0-3 start and has given up a ton of points, losing 52-0 to Montcalm, 52-32 to Phelps High of Kentucky and 50-12 to Northwood.

"I expect Twin Valley to have a bunch of tough kids that never give up," said Fisher. "Those coal field kids just have some kind of inherent toughness in their DNA."

Fisher isn't taking the Panthers for granted despite their slow start. Their 32 points scored against Montcalm is 15 more than the Rockets scored against that same opponent.

"Offensively, I expect them to run some Double Wing and Wing T type stuff on offense, that's what they have done so far," said Fisher. "But you can't assume anything. Good teams keep building around their base offense to give opponents a fresh look every week, or as needed."

Twin Valley has struggled on

defense, giving up 152 points in the first three weeks.

"Defensively, I am not sure what we will see from them," said Fisher. "I'm just looking for a better, more disciplined effort from our offensive line. I want to see how our kids respond to the adversity of our last game."

"It's most likely going to be a wet Homecoming game so we have to be prepared for a game without a lot of passing. Our defense has been very stingy against the running game and I expect that to be the case on Friday. We have to be able to move the ball on the ground with eight or nine guys in the box this week. The O-line worked hard last week and I hope to see it pay off on Thursday."

Craig comes into the game with a 2-1 record. They won at Twin Valley last season, 34-14, and if they can win Friday night they'll be 3-1 for the first time since 2012. Fisher is hoping for a big turnout at Mitchell Field for the Homecoming game.

"Rain or shine, I am hoping Craig County shows up to support this team Friday," he said. "We have worked very hard to put a much improved team on the field and I think we have. I expect us to play with a lot of energy



PHOTO BY CHELSEA LOUTHEN

Carter Calfee has been a solid player for Craig on both sides of the ball.

on Thursday. Put on your rain gear, poncho, grab an umbrella, whatever you need to do, just be there!"

The Craig jayvees are scheduled to

play at Parry McCluer tonight. Next Wednesday, October 2nd, the jayvees will host Bath County.

Volleyball team is at Parry McCluer Thursday



Left to right, Daileigh Donithan, Layla Dooley and Maggie Mays converge on a serve.

PHOTO BY REGINA DEVINNEY

The Craig County volleyball team is looking to pick up their first win, or two, with a couple games on the road this week. The Rockets were scheduled to play at Bath County on Tuesday and Thursday they head to Buena Vista to meet Parry McCluer.

Craig comes into the week at 0-5 after falling to Eastern Montgomery in three sets last week. That was their home opener and also their Pioneer District opener. Both games this week are also district games, and the jayvees will open doubleheaders both nights.

The Craig County Middle School team will have a home game next Monday, September 30. The Rockets will host Central Academy from Botetourt County.

On Thursday, October 3rd, the Rockets will have a tripleheader in New Castle against Narrows. The middle school will play at 4:30 pm followed by the jayvees at 5:30 pm and the varsity at approximately 7 pm.

Fredricksburg wins Carolina League championship

After dropping game two of the series as part of a doubleheader, the Fredericksburg Nationals won game three to become Carolina League Champions on Wednesday, September 18.

After a rainout on Tuesday, September 17, games two and three of the Championship Series were played as a doubleheader. Game two (game one of the DH) was largely dominated by Kannapolis, who held the FredNats to one hit in a 3-0 win to force a decisive game three.

In the winner-take-all game three, Fredricksburg handed the ball to the freshly-named Carolina League Pitcher of the Year, Travis Sykora. After he struck out two in a scoreless first inning, the Nats got him a lead in the second inning.

Caleb Lomavita reached on a one-out single ahead of Brandon Pimentel. "Pimmy" wasted

no time, jumping on the first pitch he saw and hammering it out of VACU Stadium for a two-run homer to put the FredNats in front.

Kannapolis got a leadoff hit from Jeral Perez in the third inning, but Cristhian Vaquero threw him out at second base trying to stretch a single into a double. After that, it was smooth sailing for Sykora. He retired the next eight Cannon Ballers in a row to finish five near-flawless innings in the winner-take-all game three. All told, Travis fired five scoreless innings and faced the minimum without walking a man and striking out nine.

Robert Cranz followed Sykora for the sixth inning, and worked himself into some trouble. He walked two batters with two outs, bringing up George Wolkow as the potential go-ahead run. Cranz needed just one pitch to get Wolkow

to pop out, extinguishing the threat.

Nate Ochoa plated a crucial insurance run in the home sixth. With Jorgelys Mota at second base, Ochoa grounded a ball up the middle that skipped off of second base, as Mota scored to make it 3-0 Nationals.

Anthony Arguelles, who led the league in saves in the regular season, came on for the seventh and final inning. Arguelles did not blink, sending Kannapolis down in order to secure the Carolina League Title for Fredericksburg.

Sykora earned the win with his gem while Mason Moore took the loss, and Arguelles earned his third save of the postseason.

The championship is the first for the Washington Nationals' farm team since moving to Fredericksburg, and the first title since 2014 for the franchise as a whole.

Carolina League All-Stars announced

The Carolina League All-Stars and Most Valuable Players were announced last week following Fredericksburg's league championship series win.

Jaison Chourio of Lynchburg, a Cleveland Guardians franchise, was named the league's Most Valuable Player. Chourio was among the Carolina League leaders in just about every offensive category.

The 19-year-old outfielder led the loop with 86 walks, tied for first with a .414 OBP and was second with 44 stolen bases. He was third with an .812 OPS,

tied for third with 24 doubles, seventh with 58 RBIs, tied for fifth with 69 runs and tied for ninth with a .269 batting average.

Chourio was also named the league's top Major League prospect. Coming into the year, fans already knew the name thanks to his older brother, standout Brewers rookie Jackson Chourio, but the younger Chourio established his own legitimacy as a major prospect with his first long season as a pro.

By the time of his 19th

birthday, on May 19, the outfielder already had 13 stolen bases and a .428 on-base percentage for the Hillcats, and from there he just kept going, finishing with a .414 OBP and 44 swiped bags.

Travis Sykora of Fredericksburg was named the Carolina League Pitcher of the Year. The Washington Nationals prospect had 129 strikeouts, the most at the Single-A level, and the 2023 third-round pick put up a 2.33 ERA and 85 innings across 20 starts. The 20-year-old righty walked 27 and surrendered a

grand total of two long balls all season, posting a 0.91 WHIP and a .168 average against.

The 2024 league all-star team was also announced and Salem had one representative, starting pitcher Jojo Ingrassia. He finished with a 3-1 record with one save in Salem with a 1.85 earned run average. Ingrassia struck out 93 batters in 59 innings with an 0.99 WHIP (walks and hits divided by innings pitched). Opposing batters hit just .179 against him.