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Craig County secures permit for long-awaited emergency radio tower



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Griffith attended the Craig County Board of Supervisors meeting in November 2024 to discuss the matter.

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Craig County officials and U.S. Rep. Morgan Griffith, R-Va., are celebrating a major advancement in public safety communications after the county secured a Right-of-Way Access Permit to construct a new emergency radio tower on U.S. Forest Service land. The permit comes after nearly a year of work with federal, state and local partners. The tower site is located off Forest Service Road, known locally as Hall Road. Craig County has long struggled with radio dead zones that hinder communication among first responders. Officials said the new tower will dramatically improve emergency

response capabilities for county agencies as well as the Virginia State Police, which rely on the same system for rescues in the national forest. For years, regulatory barriers stalled the county's efforts to expand its communications network. After being contacted by Craig County Supervisor Jordan Labiosa, Griffith worked with county leaders — including members of the Board of Supervisors, County Administrator Dan Collins and Emergency Management and Services Coordinator Darryl Humphreys — to resolve issues with the Forest Service and secure the easement. "Sufficient access to public safety communications helps local

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Final market day of Catawba Valley Farmers Market coming up October 9

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With only one week left in the 2025 season, the Catawba Valley Farmers Market is gearing up for its final regular market day on Thursday, Oct. 9, from 3 to 6:30 p.m. Last week's Customer Appreciation Day on Oct. 2 drew shoppers with free soup, chili and sourdough bread while supplies lasted. A full lineup of vendors offered fall produce, baked goods, meats and handmade items. Dean and Laura Bower of Hillside Plants & Produce brought mums, apples, sweet potatoes, green beans, zucchini, cabbage, cauliflower and multiple varieties of squash and peppers, along with Rustic Ridge Roastery coffee blends and local

potato chips. Walnut Hill Farm provided country ham, pork sausage, applewood smoked bacon, fatback and soup bones, while Hall Gardens sold pickles, hot pepper mustard, rhubarb jam, squash relish, granola, local honey and the Catawba Valley Ruritan Club's popular apple butter. Other vendors included:

- Rocky Ridge Farms (Kristy Sowers): Fresh peppers, onions, eggs, okra, zucchini, pumpkin rolls and assorted baked goods.
- Kinzey Farm Sourdough (Valerie Kinzey): Artisan loaves and cuts of lamb and ground goat.
- Bear Tree Farm (Alice Ricucci): Cakes, fried apple pies and handmade home goods.
- Ballard Soap Company (Mallory Ballard): Body care products and wax melts.

- The Cookie Lady (Meg Hibbert): Muffins, sourdough rolls and apple pies made with local fruit.
- Roanoke County Public Library: The WoW Mobile Library offered books for all ages.
- Gigi's Walking Desserts (Karen Guilliams): On-site specialty desserts such as chocolate peanut butter, banana pudding and strawberry pretzel cheesecake.

Final Market Day Oct. 9
The Oct. 9 market will feature the Bird Watching Club with 2026 calendars for sale, along with Kirk's Famous BBQ. A special Holiday Market is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 6, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Most vendors accept only cash or checks, but the market's "Wooden Nickel" program allows customers to use debit or credit cards in



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exchange for wooden tokens to spend at vendor booths. The Catawba Valley Farmers Market is sponsored by the Catawba Valley Ruritan Club. For more information or vendor inquiries, contact Pam Hall at 540-580-1533 or catawbafarmersmarket@gmail.com. Updates are available on Facebook and at catawbavalleyfarmersmarket.com. catawbavalleyfarmersmarket.com.

Salem VA Offering Free Flu Vaccines to Enrolled Veterans

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Veterans enrolled in VA health care can receive free influenza vaccinations at all Salem VA Health Care System locations. The VA is encouraging Veterans

to get vaccinated early to reduce the risk of severe illness during peak flu season and to protect themselves and those around them. Flu shots are available through three options:

- During any scheduled appointment, including primary care,

specialty care or mental health visits.

- Walk-in clinics, available at all care sites from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Veterans can visit Primary Care to request a vaccine.
- Drive-thru service at the Salem VA Medical Center on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in October

from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The trailer is located on Patriot Boulevard in front of Building 1. For Veterans who are not yet enrolled in VA health care, more information is available by calling 540-982-2463, ext. 1010, or visiting www.va.gov to apply.

Historical Society preserves Craig County history

Meg Hibbert
Contributing writer

This Saturday thousands of people will enjoy festival foods, crafts, antique cars, bluegrass and other music and Craig County history at the 42nd annual Craig County Fall Festival. At the center of the festival will be the Old Brick Hotel and three cabins lovingly restored and operated by members of the Craig County Historical Society. "I love history, my county and doing whatever that will enhance and promote my hometown," explained Historical Society President Gerlene Sizer. "History is very important," continued Sizer, who has been the society's president since 2018. "Too many people tear down old buildings and don't realize they are tearing down their history." The society, volunteers and skilled builders saved and restored the three



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Veterans will be honored during this year's County Fall Festival. cabins that date to the 1800s and will be open the day of the festival. The Hawkins and Holstein cabins are across from the Craig County Courthouse and Keffer cabin is across Rt. 615. On the festival day breakfast and lunch will be served in the Old Hotel.

The genealogy library will also be open and the museum store, Sizer pointed out. "The museum store looks beautiful. It's a great addition to downtown New Castle," she said. Special events during the festival will honor the county's veterans and Louise Tranor Wood who turned 103 on Oct. 6, said Sizer. Bluegrass music will honor late musicians Steve Carper and Jesse Carper. Bands playing this year are "Francisco" and "Ripe Picking". "The museum, which is next door to the genealogy library, used to be an old store, the Wagner Store, when I was a small child," said Sizer. "My grandfather worked for the C & O Railroad and brought his family back from Clifton Forge to New Castle. He went to work at Wagner's Store. I remember eating my first ice cream cone there," recalled Sizer, who is 90.

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Upcoming public meetings scheduled in Craig County

Oct. 15
Morgan Griffith's office monthly meeting in the break room of the Craig County Courthouse. Third Tuesday of each month from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Oct. 21
Tourism Commission Meeting will be held at 5:30

p.m. at the Craig County Administration Building.

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

Nov. 11
Economic Development Meeting will be held at

9:00 a.m., at the Craig County Administration Building.

Nov. 18
Tourism Commission Meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the Craig County Administration Building.

Nov. 19
Morgan Griffith's office

monthly meeting in the break room of the Craig County Courthouse. Third Tuesday of each month from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Dec. 4
Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting will meet at the Craig County Courthouse at 6 p.m.

Dec. 17
Morgan Griffith's office monthly meeting in the break room of the Craig County Courthouse. Third Tuesday of each month from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

-The New Castle Record

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governments and first responder organizations," Griffith said. "Craig County has worked diligently to deliver quality emergency radio communications systems, but an issue with the United States Forest Service unnecessarily delayed Craig County's progress. I commend the Craig County team for their resilience during this process, and I am glad we worked together to find a solution to this issue."

Collins and Humphreys thanked Griffith for his intervention, saying the permit "will help the citizens of the County and first responders have better radio communications during emergencies."

Labiosa, who shared news of the approval on Facebook, said the process highlighted the challenges localities face when dealing with federal bureaucracy.

"When it comes to public safety, common sense should always prevail — but too often with the federal government, that is not the case," Labiosa wrote.

He said the county's initial request was denied for environmental reasons, despite the fact that the proposed tower would sit just a few hundred yards from an existing road and next to another communications structure — both of which Forest

Service officials initially claimed did not exist.

"At first, our request was denied. We were told an appeal would take years and likely be denied again," Labiosa said. "No better sites exist for this project. That is when Congressman Morgan Griffith stepped in."

Labiosa said Griffith toured the site with him and other county leaders — including Woody Lipps, Darryl Humphreys, Mudcat Saunders and Jim Cady — to see firsthand "how unreasonable the denial was."

"Thanks to his support and willingness to take up our cause, I am proud to announce that we now have the easement needed to move forward with construction of this life-saving tower," Labiosa said. "Craig County is fortunate to have a congressman like Morgan Griffith — someone willing to get his boots dirty, cut through the red tape, and advocate for our community in Washington... where common sense is too often in short supply."

Griffith previously inspected the Hall Road site with county officials and has taken part in regional efforts to improve emergency communications, including a congressional hearing on the issue in September.

No construction timeline has been announced.

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"He explained I could eat the cone part, too."

In addition to during the festival, the museum store is open on Friday afternoons when the genealogy library is open, and other times when a Historical Society member is available, Sizer said.

"There are a lot of artifacts in there, and we're still adding," She recalled that recently a woman came in the donate two snuff boxes and spoons. "There is still snuff in the boxes," Sizer said.

"I'd just like for people to come in and see what we have, and share what they have."

In the genealogy library there is a research computer with close to 80,000 names on it, "and we keep



PHOTO COURTESY OF CRAIG COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Festival goes at the 2024 Craig County Fall Festival admire old-time products inside the Craig County Museum's store, which operated as Wagner's Store.

adding to it," Sizer said.

"I have a lot of happy memories of growing up in Craig County. One of the nice things about growing old is having good memories that you can recall and enjoy," she said, adding "Having good friends is worth all the money in

the world."

In addition to Sizer, there are six board members: Chairman D.R. Looney, Clara Leftwich, Jane Johnston, Nancy Sasser, Jackie Parr Taylor and Julie Welch. The board meets about six times a year and as needed.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Decorations lauded in town

By Gwen Johnson, staff writer
From the January 4, 2004 edition of The New Castle Record



Tommy and Rhonda Zimmerman receive a check for \$50 from Councilwoman Jenny Givens. The Zimmermans won first place in the annual Christmas decoration contest sponsored by Town Council.

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"The Voice of Craig County"

PHOTO IMAGES FROM THE NRC ARCHIVES

Tommy and Rhonda Zimmerman of Main Street were awarded \$50 by Town council for their first place in the annual Christmas decoration contest. The Zimmermans used all clear lights around the outside of their house with two lighted spiral Christmas trees and a deer in the yard also done in clear lights.

The second-place prize of \$25 went to Myron and Opal Caldwell of Mitchell Drive who used swags of clear lights on the outside of their house, clear candles in the windows

and a green Christmas wreath on the front door. An inflated Pooh Bear commanded the front yard. Third place for \$15 went to Fudd and Karen Crush of Walnut Street and their two children Calin and Kelsey. The Crushes also adorned the outside of their house with clear icicle lights, candles in the windows and big green wreaths with red bows hung on the outside of each window.

-Prepared by Shelly Koon

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Recipe of the Week



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Writer

As you might be aware, Taylor Swift's 12th album dropped on October 3. I spent the past weekend listening to it. I am not a full Swiftie (more Swiftie adjacent) but I do like her music. In case you don't know her, Taylor Alison Swift is a Grammy-winning singer, songwriter, actress, and billionaire who has evolved from country music to pop stardom. Known for her autobiographical lyrics and reinventions, she's one of the best-selling artists of all time and the highest-grossing live music act. She is also the fiancé of Travis Kelce, a professional football player who is a tight end for the Kansas City Chiefs of the National Football League.

Taylor Swift is a proud mom of three cats: Meredith Grey, an older Scottish Fold adopted in 2011; Olivia Benson, a younger Scottish Fold adopted in 2014; and Benjamin Button, a Ragdoll cat adopted in 2019. All three cats are named after characters from Taylor Swift's favorite films and TV shows.

Taylor Swift has a well-known love for cooking and baking, which she developed from helping her mother in the kitchen as a child. She enjoys making dishes like Ina Garten's meatballs, Jamie Oliver's chicken fajitas, and Nigella Lawson's chicken. In recent years, she has embraced baking as a significant hobby, experiencing different "baking obsessions" every few months, including chai sugar cookies, pumpkin loaf, and her current passion for sourdough bread.

On the August 14, 2025, episode of the Kelce brothers' New Heights podcast, Swift revealed that she is deep into a "sourdough obsession". She creates unique flavor combinations like cinnamon swirl, blueberry lemon, and Funfetti. She sends loaves of her bread to friends and family.

Recently, Taylor even baked a loaf of sourdough for her Fate of Ophelia music video. In an Instagram post she was so excited to have a loaf of her bread in the video.

In a nod to Swift's sourdough baking hobby, those fans who preordered her new album from Walmart were also surprised with a loaf of sourdough bread, Walmart told USA TODAY.

Fall is Swift's season, and that theme extends to her baked creations. Her most iconic recipe might be her chai sugar cookies. On September 29, 2014, Swift posted a photo of the cookies on Instagram, calling them "Chai sugar cookies with cinnamon eggnog icing AKA Christmas in September". The viral success of the post led fans to request the recipe. After the initial posts, Swift shared the full, handwritten recipe on her Tumblr. In 2021, Taylor Swift's handwritten recipe for chai sugar cookies was auctioned for charity, fetching \$4,189. The recipe is a modification of a vanilla sugar cookie recipe by baker Joy the Baker, with Swift's addition of a chai tea bag to the dough and an eggnog glaze.

Although not quite as well known as the chai variation, Swift's pumpkin chocolate chip cookies were also all the rage on her Tumblr.

What qualifies you as a Swiftie or Swiftie adjacent? You definitely do not have to memorize a song to be a Swiftie. You need to like her music and respect her, that's it. Swifties are known for their dedication, enthusiasm, and participation in the fan community. They are also known for their positive influence on social media and their cultural impact on popular culture.

Just remember, "We never go out of style, cause the bakers are gonna bake, bake, bake, bake."



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Taylor Swift's Chai Sugar Cookies

Servings: Yields 12 cookies Author: Claudia Cooper

For Dough

1/2 cup unsalted butter, room temperature

1/2 cup vegetable oil

1/2 granulated sugar

1 large egg

2 teaspoons vanilla extract

2 cups flour

1/2 teaspoon baking soda

1/4 teaspoon salt

1 tea bag of chai leaves

1/2 teaspoon of cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon of nutmeg

1 tablespoon of sugar, for topping

For Glaze

1 cup powdered sugar

2 tablespoon whole milk

1/2 teaspoon of cinnamon

1/2 tea bag of chai tea leaves

For Cookies:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large bowl, combine butter, oil and sugar; cream until smooth. Add in powdered sugar, egg, vanilla extract and tea leaves until well combined. Sift in remaining dry ingredients: flour, salt and baking soda; stir in until well combined. Allow dough to chill for one hour. On a lined cookie sheet, place 12 1-tablespoon dough drops evenly. Press dough flat and sprinkle sugar on top. Bake 9-12 minutes.

For Glaze:

In a small bowl, combine powdered sugar, milk, cinnamon and tea leaves. Add more milk or powdered sugar until desired consistency. Allow cookies to cool and drizzle with icing. Enjoy!

Pumpkin Chocolate Chip Cookies

These pumpkin chocolate chip cookies are perfect for those of us who love all things pumpkin spice flavor and chocolate. These cake-like cookies are always a big hit!

Yield: 2 dozen cookies

Ingredients

1 cup canned pumpkin

1 cup white sugar

1/2 cup vegetable oil

1 large egg

1 teaspoon baking soda

1 teaspoon milk

2 cups all-purpose flour

2 teaspoons baking powder

2 teaspoons ground cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon salt

2 cups semisweet chocolate chips

1/2 cup chopped walnuts (Optional)

1 tablespoon vanilla extract

Directions

Gather the ingredients. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease a baking sheet. Combine pumpkin, sugar, oil, and egg in a large bowl. Dissolve baking soda into milk in a small bowl and stir in. Stir together flour, baking powder, cinnamon, and salt in a separate bowl. Add flour mixture to pumpkin mixture and mix well. Add chocolate chips, walnuts, and vanilla; stir just to combine. Drop by spoonful on the prepared cookie sheet and bake in the preheated oven until lightly brown and firm, approximately 10 minutes. Let cool on the baking sheet for 2 minutes before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely.

Virginia Poultry Federation celebrates 100 years of supplying quality protein to consumers

HARRISONBURG—National Chicken Month may be celebrated by U.S. consumers every September, but for a full century, Virginia's egg producers and poultry farmers have benefited from year-round support offered by the Virginia Poultry Federation.

The nonprofit statewide trade association celebrated the 100th anniversary of its founding with a festival at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds on Sept. 13.

The VPF supports a poultry industry that includes more than 1,000 family-owned farms, directly and indirectly supports more than 60,000 jobs, and contributes more than \$17 billion to the state economy.

In August 1925, 187 agricultural leaders and poultry producers from

across the commonwealth organized the original federation during a poultry field day at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg. Today, VPF represents all sectors of the poultry community, including poultry and egg farmers and businesses that operate processing plants, feed mills, hatcheries and other operations.

"As we celebrate this milestone, each member of our poultry community can take pride in feeding the world using science and technology developed over the past century," said Hobey Bauhan, VPF president. "Thanks to commercialization of scientific research, the feed conversion for broiler chickens in the U.S. has gone from five to less than two. This is just one of many advancements that enhance our environmental sustainability and ability to provide

healthy protein for a growing population."

In the past, it took 5 pounds of feed for the bird to gain 1 pound.

"Now it takes less than 2 pounds of feed to gain a pound of chicken," explained Tony Banks, Virginia Farm Bureau Federation senior assistant director of agriculture, development and innovation. "Over the decades, there have been improvements in poultry diet, breed genetics and husbandry—better controlling poultry house climate and lighting so you're providing a more conducive environment for weight gain. Plus, we've seen remarkable improvements in minimizing avian disease."

During the festival, Virginia Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry Matt

Lohr presented a proclamation from Gov. Glenn Youngkin regarding the VPF's anniversary.

"The VPF has been a steadfast advocate for policies and initiatives to ensure its success," the proclamation said. "And their extraordinary efforts have helped the poultry industry to become the largest agricultural industry in the commonwealth and an important part of local economies and communities throughout Virginia."

The proclamation also noted the VPF advances its mission through effective government and public relations, youth programs and educational activities. Visit vapoultry.com to learn more.

-Virginia Farm Bureau

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OPINION

News from the 9th: Make America safer



Morgan Griffith
Representative

A core tenet of making America safe is securing our land and maritime borders.

That means reversing the Biden-Harris open border policies that unleashed an illegal immigration explosion and facilitated the ongoing fentanyl crisis.

We are less than a full year into the Trump Administration, and border crossings are significantly down compared to the Biden-Harris Administration.

According to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), in August of 2023 border encounters at our Southwest Land border hit more than 232,000.

Under Trump for August of 2025? 9,740!

Republicans believe that enhanced border measures means safer American communities! More backup is on the way.

The Department of Homeland Security is preparing to build 10 new miles of border wall in San Diego.

It is one entry point that tends to see heavy levels of illegal immigration.

The new border wall will include

7.6 miles of 30-foot-tall primary barriers topped with anti-climb features.

Funding from this project is a result of the reconciliation bill that Republicans passed this summer. Tens of billions of dollars will go towards projects like this to secure our southern border.

Additional funding is directed to drug interdiction efforts. CBP reported an increase of 9.2% from July to August in the nationwide seizure of cocaine, methamphetamine, heroin, fentanyl and marijuana.

A more secure U.S.-Mexico border helps choke off drug trafficking routes that Mexican cartels exploit.

Many of the illicit narcotics the cartels smuggle in, like fentanyl, pose a threat to the health and safety of American communities.

Interestingly, Communist China plays a role in this process.

China sells to those same cartels the precursor chemicals that are used to produce fentanyl.

President Trump has voiced his concerns about China's role in the fentanyl crisis, and I support his actions to confront China.

The Trump Administration is also aggressively pursuing illicit Chinese vaping products.

Back in April, Republican Attorneys General, including Virginia Attorney General Jason Miyares, requested formal help from the federal government to combat the rush of illicit Chinese vaping products flooding into the United

States.

The rise in illegal, flavored Chinese e-cigarettes that distributors and retailers sell to minors is particularly alarming. Many of these unregulated products sneak into the United States via mislabeled packaging or in a manner designed to evade detection by CBP or other regulatory entities.

This challenge poses a serious health risk to America's youth.

Officials from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Department of Justice (DOJ) and other agencies faced intense grilling from lawmakers on both sides of the aisle during the Biden era for a lack of enforcement and regulation to shield American consumers from these illicit products.

One FDA official even left the agency because of the agency's failure to combat China flooding U.S. markets with illegal vapes.

But a new sheriff is in town.

Trump officials in tandem with our law enforcement agencies recently launched a nationwide operation to clean our communities of these illicit vaping products that are distributed and sold at retailers across the country.

Millions of illicit e-cigarettes were recently seized in what is considered the largest-ever seizure of this kind.

Additionally, the FDA has communicated with dozens of importers and entry filers in an attempt to address the flow of these illicit products and protect public

health.

In a recent interview with WJLA, FDA Commissioner Dr. Marty Makary said: "This pipeline of illegal Chinese products is now a top priority..."

He further said: "...We have had something called 'port shopping,' which means the illegal vapes come in, our FDA inspectors look at them, and then, in the past, I found out that the FDA was putting them back on the ships while the Chinese manufacturers were just going to the next port and a 100% of it was getting in. It was a joke. They were laughing at us."

Makary told me he is using the FDA's law enforcement authority to crack down.

More law enforcement actions on this front are expected.

I commend the work to crack down on these products. I encourage them to keep pushing on this issue.

Not only is it important to seize these products, but also to apprehend those responsible and pursue criminal charges when possible.

As Chairman of the Health Subcommittee, I am committed to protecting America's youth from harmful illicit vaping products.

Whether by land or sea, open border policies do not serve our health, well-being or safety!

I will continue to support actions that help protect America by intercepting drug trafficking and combatting China's illicit peddling operations.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

When it comes to public safety, common sense should always prevail — but too often with the federal government, that is not the case.

As part of our emergency services radio redesign, Craig County needed an easement from the U.S. Forestry Service to construct a new radio tower at the top of Hall Road. This tower is absolutely critical to improving communications in an area plagued with dead zones. It will literally save lives by ensuring first responders can reach one another during emergencies. The Virginia State Police also rely on this system, and it is essential for rescues of lost hikers and other operations in the national forest.

At first, our request was denied. We were told an appeal would take years and likely be denied again, primarily for environmental reasons. What



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made it even more frustrating was that we were proposing to build the tower just a few hundred yards from an existing road and adjacent to an existing tower — both of which the Forestry Service initially denied even existed.

While we were grateful for federal and state funding to build out our new communications

system, we were at a standstill. No better sites exist for this project. That is when Congressman Morgan Griffith stepped in. He agreed to meet with us, tour the site alongside myself, Woody Lipps, Darryl Humphreys, Mudcat Saunders, Jim Cady, and

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others to see firsthand how unreasonable the denial was.

Thanks to his support and willingness to take up our cause, I am proud to announce that we now have the easement needed to move forward with construction of this life-saving tower.

Craig County is fortunate to have a Congressman like Morgan Griffith for Congress — someone willing to get his boots dirty, cut through the red tape, and advocate for our community in Washington... where common sense is too often in short supply.

Sincerely,
-C. Jordan Labiosa
Craig City District
Craig County Board of Supervisors



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VDOT Roadwatch

INTERSTATE 81 (NEW Sept. 19) Interstate 81 bridge work at Exit 156 in Botetourt County – Bridge work is underway on northbound and southbound I-81 at Exit 156. Milling and paving the bridge deck will take place in both directions, beginning with the northbound side before moving to the southbound side. Drivers can expect lane closures on I-81 during nighttime hours. Slow-roll operations are expected periodically, and flagging operations will be used during barrier wall placement on Route 640 (Brighs Mill Road). Expected completion is fall 2026.

(UPDATED Sept. 19) 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 I-81 in Roanoke County and the city of Salem. Barrier wall is in place along the shoulders. Two lanes of 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.

Drivers can expect the following traffic impacts on northbound and southbound I-81:

- Lane closures: Alternating left and right lane and shoulder closures during nighttime hours, 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday. Lane widths will be reduced to 11 feet. Nightly lane closures may be in place along the right lane as needed for guardrail and shoulder strengthening.
- Ramp closures: Exit 140 on- and off-ramps onto southbound I-81 in Salem may be closed. Watch message boards for updates.
- Flagging operations: Flagging operations possible on Route 635 and Route 619.
- Uneven pavement: Drivers may experience uneven pavement or rough surface conditions throughout the project.
- Traffic shifts: Drivers may encounter periodic lane closures, narrow ramps or quick merges onto Thompson Memorial Drive from the exit 140 ramps. Work is also underway on the I-81 bridge at the underpass.
- Wildwood Road: Expect a work zone with traffic shifts

and narrow lanes after exiting I-81 southbound at exit 137 toward Salem. Ramp narrows are possible at Route 311.

- Work zone speed: Speed limit is reduced to 60 mph. Narrow spacing, barrier walls, lack of shoulders and lane shifts are present in various locations.

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 is early 2026.

(UPDATED Sept. 19) Interstate 81 widening from mile marker 143 to 151 – Widening is underway with survey and preparation work. Shoulder strengthening will require northbound and southbound lane closures during nighttime hours. Barrier wall installation is possible in late fall or early winter. Expected completion is summer 2031.

- Lane closures: Periodic right and left lane and shoulder closures during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. Nighttime right lane and shoulder closures are being scheduled.
- Work zone speed: Speed limit is reduced to 60 mph. Drivers should allow space when following a vehicle.
- Belle Haven Road: Periodic daytime flagging operations may be in place.
- Ramps: Ramps on I-81 northbound and southbound may be narrowed at exits 150, 146 and 143.
- Detour signs: Detour signs on I-81 and surrounding routes such as Route 11 and Plantation Road are for incident detours only, including tractor-trailers and other large vehicles.

(UPDATED Sept. 19) I-81 northbound and southbound 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. The work will require nighttime single-lane closures.

- Lane closures may occur nightly from Sunday night through Friday morning between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. For deck overlay work, closures may be in place between Sunday nights and Friday mornings:
- Southbound lanes: 7 p.m. to 10 a.m.
- Northbound lanes: 6 p.m. to 9 a.m.

A l t e r n a t i n g 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. to 6 a.m. while other work continues. Estimated completion is summer 2025.

(UPDATED Sept. 12) I-81 northbound at Exit 105 New River Bridge replacement in Montgomery County – Traffic on northbound I-81 has been switched onto the newly constructed bridge over the New River at the Montgomery/Pulaski County line. Lane and shoulder closures may be in place near exit 105.

- Lane closures: Nighttime right and left lane closures may be in place on I-81 northbound or southbound between mile marker 106 and 104 from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.

• Route 605: Alternating lane closures and flagging operations may be in place under the New River Bridge for paving and overhead bridge work.

- Slow rolls: Periodically used on northbound and southbound I-81 between mile markers 98 and 109 for steel deliveries and setting beams.

The speed limit is reduced to 60 mph. Shoulder closures will remain in place for the duration of the project.

(UPDATED Aug. 15) I-81 bridge deck repairs – Weather permitting, crews will repair bridge decks on I-81 between mile markers 170 and 89. Right and left lane closures will be in place northbound and southbound during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.

• Botetourt County: Deck patching repairs are underway on I-81 northbound and southbound with right and left lane closures between mile markers 160 and 164 during nighttime hours, 8 p.m. to 7 a.m.

INTERSTATE 581 (UPDATED May 16) I-581 patching operations – Weather permitting, crews are performing paving and patching operations. Lane closures will be in place northbound and southbound, Sunday through Thursday, during nighttime hours, 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

ROANOKE CITY (UPDATED Sept. 12) Orange Avenue off-ramp safety improvements – Drivers can expect shoulder closures, narrow ramps and lane closures eastbound and westbound on Route 460

(Orange Avenue) from Burrell Street Northwest and Gainsboro Road Northwest to the intersection of Williamson Road Northeast and on the off-ramp from I-581. Shoulder closures are expected with nighttime right and left lane closures. Delays are possible.

R O A N O K E COUNTY

(UPDATED Sept. 19) Route 220/Route 419 diverging diamond interchange – The Route 220/Route 419 interchange project is underway. It will be reconfigured with a diverging diamond concept and multiple intersections on both Route 220 and Route 419 will be modified to enhance signal timing and reduce congestion.

The intersections on Route 220 include Valley Avenue/Southern Hills Drive, Crossbow Circle/Pheasant Ridge Road, Buck Mountain Road/Stable Road and Indian Grave Road/Clearbrook Village Lane. The intersections on Route 419 include Ogden Road, Elm View Road and South Peak Boulevard. Multiple activities are scheduled, and completion at different locations will take place throughout the life of the project. Expected completion is fall 2028.

• Ramp closure: On Monday, Sept. 8, during nighttime hours, the ramp from Route 419 westbound to I-581 northbound will be closed beginning at 11 p.m. until 4 a.m. the following morning. Drivers using westbound Route 419 will follow a temporary detour on the frontage road. Signs will direct traffic.

(UPDATED Sept. 12) Route 220 at Crossbow Circle & Pheasant Ridge Road intersection improvements – Construction activities are underway, starting with removing the existing curb along the outer perimeters followed by removal of concrete medians. Drivers should use caution in the area and watch for work zones and message boards providing updated information.

(UPDATED Sept. 12) Route 220 at Southern Hills & Valley Avenue intersection improvements – Construction activities

are underway with nighttime lane closures in place from 7 p.m. until 6 a.m., Sunday night through Friday morning. Shoulder closures are possible during daytime hours.

• Traffic pattern: A new traffic pattern with a signal is in place at Route 220 and Southern Hills Drive/Valley Avenue. Instead of driving straight across Route 220, drivers on Southern Hills Drive/Valley Avenue now must turn left or right and then make a U-turn.

• Paving: Final paving and pavement markings are scheduled to begin Sunday, Sept. 7, weather permitting.

B O T E T O U R T COUNTY

(UPDATED Aug. 8) Route 621 (Roaring Run Road) reduced to one lane for culvert replacement – Work is underway for a culvert replacement in the vicinity of 618 Roaring Run Road. As of July 15, Route 621 is reduced to one lane of traffic controlled by a temporary signal that will alternate traffic through the work zone until the project is completed. Delays are possible. Expected completion is fall 2025.

(UPDATED July 18) Hunter's Green paving reconstruction operation – Beginning July 7, the state routes within Hunter's Green subdivision are being reconstructed. Drivers may experience delays and rough road surfaces resembling gravel during this process. Once the surface treatment is applied, it will not be the final riding surface and may continue to feel rough for four to six weeks until the routes are paved with asphalt concrete pavement.

(UPDATED July 18) Route 622 extended closure – A section of Route 622 (Dagger Springs Road) in the Eagle Rock area is closed for approximately four months. The closure begins one mile north of Route 612 (Blue Grass Trail) and extends about 1.2 miles to Tate Road. Drivers should follow detour signs. Work includes drainage improvements, culvert replacements and major

slope work. Expected completion is August or September 2025.

(UPDATED July 18) Craig Botetourt Scenic Trail brush cutting and stabilization work – Residents along the former Chesapeake and Ohio Craig Valley Branch railbed in Botetourt and Craig counties may notice maintenance work continuing on the old railbed. These activities are intended to prevent deterioration and to help designers developing plans for the Craig Botetourt Scenic Trail. VDOT continues to collect data and conduct site visits. A specific construction schedule has not yet been determined.

M O N T G O M E R Y COUNTY

(UPDATED Sept. 12) Route 8 park and ride project – Work is underway to build a park and ride lot on Route 8 near the entrance/exit to I-81 at mile marker 114. This project will include a parking structure, bus shelter, and road and pedestrian improvements for adjoining streets.

Traffic impacts will include alternating lane closures on Route 8 between Mud Pike Road and the entrance/exit ramps for I-81 at mile marker 114, along with shoulder and single-lane closures with flagging operations on Route 666 (Mud Pike Road) at the intersection with Moose Drive and between Mud Pike Road and College Street except during peak hours, Monday through Friday. Expected completion is winter 2027.

- Traffic shift: Traffic shifts may be in place on Route 666 (Mud Pike Road). Drivers should use caution.
- Lane closures: Temporary lane closures may be in place at the following locations:
 - o Eastbound lane and turn lane on Mud Pike Road.
 - o Northbound right turn lane at the Route 8 traffic light.
 - o Right turn lane from Moose Drive onto Route 8.
 - o Right turn lane from Route 8 into the service station.

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Please reply to office@fincastleumc.org or call (540) 473-3001

Legals - Craig County

Order of Publication
Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104
Case No. CL25-205
VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAIG THE COUNTY OF CRAIG, VIRGINIA, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Plaintiff,
v.
PATRICIA L. BRICKEY, and PARTIES UNKNOWN, Defendant(s).
ORDER OF PUBLICATION
The object of this suit is to enforce a lien for delinquent real estate taxes against the property known as Tax Map No. 86-A-23A (3967 Craig Valley Drive). An Affidavit having been filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the location of the named Defendant(s), that the Defendant(s) may be

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non-residents of Virginia and maintain no domicile within the borders of the Commonwealth, or are deceased, or that there may be parties who have an interest in the property but are unknown, namely, the heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the named Defendant(s), made Defendants by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby
ORDERED that the named Defendant(s) and all Parties Unknown appear on or before
November 14, 2025, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause.
Entered 9/8/2025
Sharon Oliver, Circuit Court Clerk
County of Craig, Virginia
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Legals - Botetourt County

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY IN RE: ESTATE OF CHARLES PATRICK KANE, DECEASED NOTICE
Having been requested to do so by Scott A. Butler, attorney for Diana K. Tuck, administrator of the estate of Charles Patrick Kane, Deceased, and in accordance with Section 64.2-550 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, all creditors of Charles Patrick Kane, and all persons in any way interested in his estate, are hereby notified that I have fixed the 5th day of November, 2025 at 10 o'clock a.m., at my office at 13 South Roanoke Street, Fincastle, Virginia as the time and place for determining an account of the debts and demands against said Charles Patrick Kane or his estate, the priorities among them, and the names of the persons to whom they are due. All creditors of Charles Patrick Kane, deceased, and persons interested in his estate should appear at the time and place named, or any other time or place to which the proceedings may be adjourned, and protect their interest.
Given under my hand this the 30th day of September, 2025.
Malcolm McL. Doubles
Commissioner of Accounts

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Order of Publication
Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104
Case No. W240000221
BOTETOURT COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, 5 W. MAIN STREET, FINCASTLE, VA 24090
VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY IN RE: ESTATE OF FRIEDA E. HINER SHOW CAUSE ORDER

The object of this suit is to: CREDITORS AND ANY OTHERS SHOW CAUSE AGAINST PAYMENT AND DELIVERY OF ESTATE. It appearing that a report of the account of Robert L. Jones, Executor of the Estate of Frieda E. Hiner, deceased, and of the debts and demands against her estate has been filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, and that six (6) months have elapsed since the qualification of the Executor on September 23, 2024.

On motion of the Executor, it is hereby ORDERED that the creditors of, and all others interested, in the Estate of Frieda E. Hiner do show cause, if any they can, on the 22nd day of October, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. before this Court at its courtroom in Fincastle, Virginia, against the payment and delivery of the Estate of Frieda E. Hiner, deceased, to the legatees entitled thereto under the Last Will and Testament of Frieda E. Hiner without requiring refunding bonds, subject only to the retention by the Executor of sufficient funds to satisfy the remaining costs of administration. Enter this 2nd day of October, 2025.

Honorable Joel R. Branscom, Judge
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Counsel for the Executor

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Legals - City of Salem

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on October 15, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall, 114 North 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 Pillis Enterprises Inc., property owner, to rezone the property located at 522 South Market Street (Tax Map # 160 - 4 - 2) from RSF Residential Single Family District to HBD Highway Business District.

2. Consider an Energy Storage Project Siting Agreement between the City of Salem and Salem VA BESS 1 LLC proposing a 4-megawatt battery energy storage facility within the existing electric substation located at 407 Electric Road, Tax Map # 150 - 2 - 4. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comments in the Planning Commission's review, per Code of Virginia 15.2-2232, of the proposed facility to confirm it is substantially in accord with the City of Salem Comprehensive Plan.

Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia.

At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA
BY: Christopher J. Dorsey
Executive Secretary

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104
Case No. CA25-10
Salem City Circuit Court 2 East Calhoun Street, Salem VA 24153
Kelly Clivevell Hoffman, Joseph William Hoffman v. Colin Alexander Kanney

The object of this suit is to: ADOPTION OF Colin Alexander Kanney by paternal grandparents Kelly and Joseph Hoffman. It is ORDERED that Conor Stuart Samuel Kanney and Winter Faith Shufelt, whose locations are unknown, appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before November 6, 2025.

Entered September 8, 2025
Chance Crawford, Clerk

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Legals - City of Salem

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Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104
Case No. CL25000283-00
VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF SALEM GERTRUDE W. HARRIS, by her agent, E. WAYNE HARRIS, Plaintiff, v. GEORGE D. MANS, a/k/a GEORGE D. MANN, a/k/a GEORGE D. MANNS, or his heirs, assigns, or devisees, et al., Defendants.

ORDER
The object of this suit is the Plaintiff's request to quiet title of certain real estate located in the City of Salem, Virginia, namely, portions of that parcel of land described as follows:

A lot or parcel of land consisting of one and one-eighth acres of land, more or less, according to survey of S.A. Willson made October 25, 1890, the plat of which is herewith filed, said land was found to be 1.68 acres, said lot fronting on an alley and being that property more particularly described in Deed dated October 17, 1890, to Van Mans, of record in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court of Roanoke County, Virginia, in Deed Book 2, Page 283.

The specific parcels of land that are the subject of this suit are commonly known as 700 North Stonewall Street, Salem, Virginia 24153, and identified by the City of Salem as Tax Map Nos. 471-2 and 47-1-3 (collectively, the "Subject Real Estate"). The Plaintiff having alleged in her Complaint that there are potentially unknown heirs, successors, and assigns of George D. Mans (a/k/a George D. Mann and George D. Manns), Reed Mans (a/k/a Reed Mann and Reed Manns), Virginia Mans (a/k/a Virginia Manns Jones and Virginia Mann Jones), Minor Mans (a/k/a Minor Mann and Minor Manns), and James Mans (a/k/a James Mann and James Manns) who may claim an interest in the Subject Real Estate, it is hereby ORDERED that any such person who claims an interest in the Subject Real Estate must appear on or before October 10, 2025, by contacting the Clerk of this Court or the Counsel for the Plaintiff at the telephone number set forth below, and do whatever is necessary to protect his or her interests in said real estate.

It is further ORDERED that this Order of Publication be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in the Salem Times-Register, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Salem.
Entered: 9/25/2025

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Legals - Montgomery County

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia

that the Board of Supervisors hereby schedules a public hearing on Monday October 27, 2025, at 7:15 p.m., or as soon thereafter at the Montgomery County Government Center, 2nd floor Board Room, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia, to receive public comment on a Proposed Ordinance Enacted Pursuant to Section 15.2-2241 and 2286 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, As Amended, Respectively, Amending and establishing the Planning and Zoning Fee Schedule effective November 1, 2025.

A copy of the full text of the Ordinance is on file in the Office of the County Administrator and is available for public inspection or copying.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Angela M. Hill
County Administrator

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN COUNCIL

The Town of Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:
A. Rezoning request by Roger Woody, Registered Agent for RWJW Properties, LLC, Applicant and Property Owner, to rezone property located at 300 Kimball Lane SW, identified as Tax Parcel 557-(A)-20; (Parcel ID 016002), and consisting of approximately of 37.987 acres, from Agricultural District (A) to Single-Family Residential District (R-1). The property is designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan. A copy of the applications, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.
Contact Retta Jackson, Planning Director, at (540) 382-6128, ext. 1120 or by email at rjackson@christiansburg.org, with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

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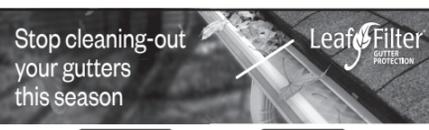
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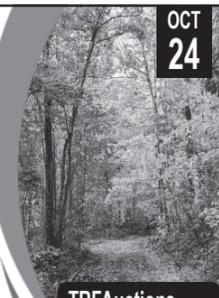
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Rockets remain undefeated with shutout of Stonewall Jackson



Caleb Cregger(#4) and two Stonewall Jackson players battle for a pass.

The Craig County football team is undefeated at the halfway point of the regular season for the first time in school history. The Rockets are 5-0 after shutting out Stonewall Jackson on Mitchell Field last Friday, 54-0, and are ranked first in the Region 1C rankings.

This was the third shutout of the season for the Rockets, who have now outscored five opponents by a combined 249-36. Last week the Rockets scored 20 points in the first quarter and 20 in the second for a 40-0 halftime lead, setting the clock running continuously. Craig then added two more touchdowns after intermissions to complete the rout of the visiting Generals.

Craig played without Noah Paxton and Doug Hutchison, who were nursing some sore knees.

"Noah could have gone but we held him out," said coach Jim Fisher. "We'll see how they both progress this week."

Filling in for Noah at tailback was senior wingback Jerry Smith and he had a big night with 210 yards rushing and two touchdowns on a dozen carries. Senior fullback Carter Calfee ran 12 times for 119 yards and three scores and filling in for Jerry at wing was senior Isaiah Nichols who had 81 yards on four carries. Sophomore Bentley Smith spent some time at tailback with five carries for 35 yards and two touchdowns. As a team, the Rockets ran 438 yards on 35 rushing attempts.

The Craig defense held Stonewall Jackson to minus 68 yards of total offense on the night. Tristan Dooley led the defense with 10 tackles, including three tackles for loss, and an interception. Calfee had five and a half tackles and a tackle for loss and junior defensive tackle Carter Price had seven tackles with two tackles for losses. Junior defensive end Peyton Fields had five tackles with three tackles for losses.

Paxton was replaced on defense by sophomore Dreydin Smith and he had three tackles with two for losses. Junior linebacker Marcus Donithan had three and a half tackles and safety Caleb Cregger had a pick six.

"We're breaking our season down into segments," said Fisher. "The first five games is season one, the second five games is season two, and the playoffs, hopefully, are season three."

"Season one is over. It was a lot of fun but we need to not look back at it or look ahead to season three. We need to focus on our district opponents and a very good Meadow Bridge team. I see us as 0-0 at the moment. The next season starts this Friday against Eastern Montgomery."

The Rockets will host East Mont for Homecoming Friday. The Mustangs are coming off a 50-12 win over Bland County in Elliston last week, their first win of the season after five losses.

"It's Homecoming and we are hoping for a big crowd," said Fisher. "East Mont is going to come in Friday angry and with something to prove. We got them pretty good last year(58-0) and I am certain that they want to return the favor. I am sure they are tired of seeing us on the news or in the paper, they are going to be fired up to play us Friday. Don't let their record fool you. I have watched the film, they have some guys that can play and the Mustangs always play hard against us. We are also ranked first in Region C in power points, so they would love to come in here and knock us down a notch. We need to rise up and play inspired football."

Fisher also mentioned how many fans have been complimentary of the Craig County gridiron and would like to recognize some of the folks who have contributed to the beautiful playing field.

"Everyone has been commenting



Craig's Carter Price (#64) goes high to contest a pass.



Craig defenders swarm a Stonewall Jackson ballcarrier.



Dreydin Smith(#8) makes the tackle for the Rockets.

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on how great the field has looked this season," said Fisher. "Shane Gills, Devin Huffman and Junior Jones do a fantastic job with the game field and grounds. Also, we have to thank Mike Carper of Gopher Market and IGA Express, Stacey Fisher of Market Street Pharmacy and some anonymous

donors that allowed us to purchase the paint robot. The paint robot has been a game changer for us. It does such a quality job of painting. Again, special thanks to Mike Carper and Gopher Market/IGA Express and to Stacey at Market Street Pharmacy. They do so much for our schools and community."

Volleyball team is at East Mont Thursday

The Craig County girls will be looking to pick up a couple Pioneer District wins this week with two matches, both on the road. The girls are at Narrows on Tuesday and at Eastern Montgomery on Thursday.

The Rockets split two matches last week. They traveled to Roanoke to take on Roanoke Valley Christian and lost in four sets. Then, on Thursday, they played at Highland and won in three.

Coming into the week the Rockets are 1-3 in the district and 3-9 overall.

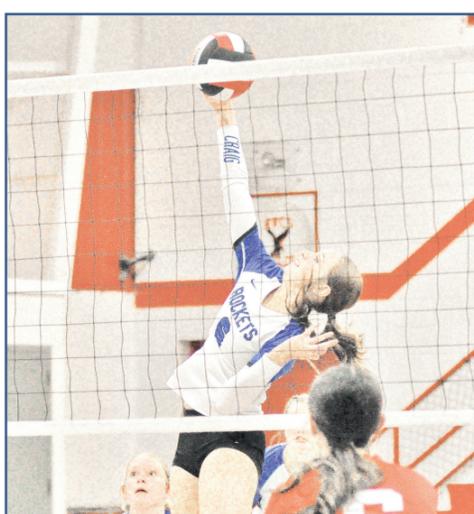


Jenna Boitnotte(#8) sets one up against Roanoke Valley Christian

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Annalese Zimmerman(#22) tips one over the net.



Cheyenne Bell(#6) goes up for a spike.

Bo Time for Clayton



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Craig County's Clayton Cassell was selected to participate in the halftime kicking contest at the Roanoke College versus Randolph Macon football game at Salem Stadium Saturday. Bojangles restaurant sponsors the contest and contestants have a chance to win prizes or cash with successful field goals. Here Clayton drills one through the uprights as Rocket football teammate Carter Calfee holds. This kick was good for 20 Bojangles meals. Clayton had one more, longer, kick for \$1,000 but he hit it wide left and settled for the chicken. Craig coach Jim Fisher and a couple Rocket players assisted and were on hand to watch Randolph Macon top the Maroons, 35-17, against the first year Roanoke College team. It was the 28th straight Old Dominion Athletic Conference win for the Yellowjackets and RC's first loss of the season.