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DAR commemorates Flag Day



At the Gopher Market, DAR members recently recognized Mike and Richard Carper for flying their flag at their business. Pictured, from left to right, are Carolyn Roberts, Mike Carper, Alyssa Stump, Richard Carper, Margaret Hines and Diane Givens.

Pam Dudding

Contributing writer

To commemorate annual Flag Day on June 14, the Craig Valley Chapter NSDAR recognized two New Castle businesses for

their year-round and patriotic display of the American Flag.

"Gopher Market and the Emporium General Store both received certificates noting their "Proper Use, Correct Display and Patriotic presentation of the flag

of the United States of America,' said DAR member Diane Givens. "One of the many action committees of the National DAR is the American Flag Committee which was established in 1909 with these objectives: to keep the flag flying and to protect it continuously under all conditions, as well as to educate citizens regarding its correct usage."

Mike and Richard Carper and store manager Alyssa Stump accepted the certificate on behalf of Gopher Market while Deborah Spence accepted for the Emporium General Store.

In America, Flag Day is celebrated on June 14. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777, by resolution of the Second Continental Congress which stated: "Resolved, that the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation.'

See Flag Day, page 3

Library returning to normal with a Swap Day

Pam Dudding

Contributing writer

The library is back to regular hours. This means appointments are no longer necessary, and no more restrictions on the number of patrons.

To celebrate the reopening, they are having Swap Day on the library back porch this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be books and household goods for free and everyone is invited.

Since "School's Out for Summer," the Craig County Library is an essential "go-to" for kids and parents alike during their summer fun days, enjoying the books, videos and

Jane Henderson, Treasurer of the CCPL, Inc Board, said, "Previous library plant Swap Days have been great, and the library would like to



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The New Castle Library is excited to announce there are no more cuvid restrictions and will be celebrating with a Swap Day on Saturday, June 26. They invite others to set up as well.

continue Swap Days as a regular activity. It's a fun day of sharing with people from the community and others from outside New Castle."

She noted that on their Swap

Day, anyone can bring household items they want to give away.

"Just remember, you can set up

See **Library**, page 3

Craig County High Class of 1961 gather to reminisce at 60th reunion



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Jackie Taylor help set up the table with memorabilia for all to enjoy at the Class of 1961 reunion.

Pam Dudding

Contributing writer

There is nothing like touching base with high school friends of yesteryear. The Craig County High Class of 1961 feels the same and since the lifting of mandates, they decided to have a class reunion.

Members of the class graduated on June 10, 1961. Their 60th reunion was celebrated at the Olde Hotel on Main Street in New Castle.

The Craig County Historical Society served lunches in the dining room of the hotel. Class members noted their appreciation for allowing the reunion to be held at the hotel.

New Castle High School was the site of their graduation ceremony, where 26 high school seniors received their diplomas.

Those in attendance for the reunion were: Judy and Barton Baker from Morgantown, WV., David Humphries of Covington, Jerry Lamb of Salem, Ronnie and Cheryl Parker of Smith Mountain Lake, Bobby Robertson and Connie and Jack Shelor of Catawba. New Castle residents who attended included Nancy Mattox, Jackie and Glenn Taylor, Patty and Norman Taylor, Sue and Dallas Helems, Carol Jean and Eugene Hannah.

Mrs. Connie Watson was their class sponsor throughout high school, and she attended the last reunion a few years ago.

"The class will review a way to remember her for the Class of 2022, as she passed away re-

See **Reunion**, page 3



The Big Car Heat brought on several hard hits with fast movements. Here, Jimmy Owens decided to ram Derek **Duding into Joey Minter as Braeden Morrison came in** from behind for a good hit.

Summer Derby packs the fairgrounds

Pam Dudding

Contributing writer

The June Summer Derby usually attracts a sizeable crowd. This year, however, every available seat was taken, and the park was filled to capacity.

People enjoyed picnicking on their truck beds and at the stage, children threw footballs in the field while the smaller kids played tag in front of the bleachers. As one attendee said, "it looked like a great family event and laughter and happy chatter could be heard everywhere."
The Upper Craig Creek

Volunteer Fire Department lent their services for the evening, along with the Craig County Rescue Squad and EMS.

Judges for the night were B.J. Oliver, Jesse Bradford, Paul Welch and Jacob Bradford.

Emcee Sammy Huffman started the evening by playing the National Anthem. The crowd stood in silence as the song filled the atmosphere with a feeling of American appreciation.

Huffman then announced for the heat to enter the ring. Cars revved their engines making performance entrances, and all awaited the countdown and blowing of the horn.

Big Car Heat #1 included drivers 35 - Corie Trivette in his antique 1959 Ford, 56 – PJ Welch, Lucky 13 - Derek Dud-

See **Derby**, page 5

Beloved community member receives the **Unsung Virginian Award**



Recently, Lanier Frantz of New Castle received the Unsung Virginian Award, bestowed annually since 1968 by the Virginia - Maryland & Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives. Pictured from left to right are Mary Ann Gober, Lanier Frantz and Jeff Ahearn of **Craig-Botetourt Electric Cooperative.**

Pam Dudding

Contributing writer Communities

bring togetherness and familylike friendships. And for some, they just enjoy giving and being a part of comm"UNITY."

Recently, Lanier Frantz of New Castle received the Unsung Virginian Award, bestowed annually since 1968 by the Virginia, Maryland & Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives.

Headquartered Glen Āllen, Virginia, the Virginia - Maryland & Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives provides safety training, continuing education,

and communications and legislative services to 15 electric cooperatives serving the three-state Mid-Atlantic region.

Representatives of the VMD Association and Craig-Botetourt Electric Cooperative presented a certificate of honor to Frantz, who also was recognized at a Memorial Day weekend ceremony in New Castle.

"The Unsung Virginian Award honors a citizen, who has not previously been recognized, for services rendered to the Commonwealth without thought of personal gain," Steven John-

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DMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY

The Craig County Public Library is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Wednesday from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The library is located at 303 Main St. in New Castle. For more information, call (540) 864-8978 or visit www. craiglibrary.org.

EVERY TUESDAY

•Overeaters Anonymous (OA) meeting. 7 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church, located at 2011 Brandon Avenue in Roanoke. Contact 540-293-4065 for more information.

•New Castle Church of Christ will hold its Bible Study from 7 p.m. to 7:45

p.m. at 118 Main Street in New Castle.

EVERY FRIDAY

Craig County Genealogy Library open every Friday 1 to 4 p.m. 152 Main Street. 540-864-7023

EVERY SATURDAY

Overeaters Anonymous (OA) meeting. 11 a.m. at Christ Lutheran Church, located at 2011 Brandon Avenue in Roanoke. Contact 540-293-4065 for more information.

EVERY SUNDAY

•Alcoholics Anonymous meeting. 8 p.m. at New Castle Fire Hall.

•The New Christian Church, located at 282 Salem Ave, is pastored by Sheldon Cosma is having services at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., with communion at each, and is on Facebook live at

•St. Johns Catholic Church, on Route 615, is having virtual masses at 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. by Father Steve McNalley. They are also live on Facebook. For more information, contact (540) 864-8686 or send an email to stjohnnewcastle@tds.

SECOND MONDAY

 Paint Bank Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 7 p.m. at the Paint Bank Fire Department. Call 897-5346 for more information.

•Craig County Public Library Board of Trustees meeting at 6 p.m. at the

THIRD MONDAY

Town of New Castle Council Meeting at 7 p.m. inside the New Castle Town Hall, located at 339 Market

SECOND TUESDAY

 Craig County School Board meets at 5:30 p.m. in the High School Media

•Mountain Lodge 140 AF&AM, 7:30 p.m. at Lodge Hall, 255 Main St.

THIRD WEDNESDAY

Botetourt/Craig/ The Roanoke Farm Service Agency County Committee meets each month at 10 a.m. at the Bonsack USDA Service Center. Please call one day before the meeting date regarding possible

cancellation information 540-977-2698, Ext. 2. The Bonsack USDA Service Center is located at 36 Executive Circle, Suite 1, Roanoke, VA 24012. All County Committee meetings are open to the public.

FIRST THURSDAY

Craig County Board of Supervisors meets at 6 p.m. at the Craig County Courthouse.

SECOND THURSDAY

Maywood Garden Club meeting at 7:30 p.m. held at Simmonsville Fire Department.

EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY

Everyone six months and up should receive a flu shot each year. A parent or

guardian must accompany those under the age 18. Insurances will be billed. People are encouraged to bring their insurance card and not attend if they have COVID-19 like symptoms. The curbside clinic schedule is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only. For more information, contact 540-864-5136.

JUNE 26 - 30

Grace Baptist will be having its Vacation Bible School for kindergarten through eighth grade students from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. A meal will be provided each night for the kids. For more information, contact 540-864-7729.

Send community news and photos to shawn.nowlin@ourvalley.org

SCC reminds Virginians of senior financial exploitation on World Elder Abuse Awareness Day made out to cash or written

Each year, seniors lose significant amounts of money due to financial exploitation. Many cases of financial abuse are never reported, which can happen when seniors or those helping them don't recognize the signs of financial abuse. Financial abuse can take

many forms. Identity theft; online and telemarketing scams; unauthorized use of checking accounts, debit and credit cards, and the abuse of legally granted powers for individual assistance are just a few examples. Perpetrators may be strangers, family caregivers, court-appointed guardians, financial professionals or others.

On World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (June 15), the State Corporation Commission reminded financial professionals and all Virginians to look for signs of elder financial abuse.

"Senior financial exploitation can happen anywhere, any time and to anyone," said Ron Thomas, director of the State Corporation Commission's Division of Securities and Retail Franchising (Se-

members, trusted friends or curities Division). "Perpetrators often strike when seniors are most vulnerable such as during a health crisis or after the death of a loved one. For many seniors, social isolation and increased reliance on the internet for many daily activities only compound the

Thomas encourages Virginians to recognize the warning signs of senior financial exploitation and steps that can be taken to report such abuse. Some red flags that may signal financial abuse are as follows:

•Surrendering passwords and control of finances to a new or overly protective friend or caregiver;

 Unusual activity in bank or investment accounts, including large, frequent or unexplained withdrawals or transfers between accounts; Sudden changes to benefi-

ciary designations or to legal or financial documents such as power of attorney, wills, trusts, retirement accounts or insurance policies, or suddenly missing documents; Unexplained financial

activities, such as checks

as "gifts;" unusual loans, or disappearance of assets, valuables or securities; •Fear of friends or family

members, or a sudden change in feelings toward them; •A lack of knowledge by a

senior about their financial resources or their reluctance to discuss financial matters,

 Suspicious signatures on checks or other documents.

> -Submitted by Katha Treanor, Communications Specialist

JOB VACANCY

The County of Craig is seeking applications for a position in the treasurer's office. This is a responsible, full-time position with an annual salary \$30,000 and a generous benefits package. This position is responsible for the collection and receipting of taxes, licenses, fees and other revenues. Selected candidate must have strong cash handling and customer service skills and be proficient in various computer applications. Applicants need to submit a resume and a Craig County application to the Craig County Treasurer's Office located in the courthouse at 182 Main Street or mail to the treasurer's office at PO Box 57, New Castle, Virginia 24127. Applications are available at the treasurer's office and the county administrator's office and can also be downloaded from the Craig County website at www.craigcountyva.gov under employment opportunities. All resumes and applications must be received no later than July 2, 2021. Craig County is an Equal Opportunity

Welcome rain brings relief for dry farm fields

fects of dry weather on previous reports.
their crops. "May was really dry,

The recent rains and thunderstorms several weeks of little to

After a long dry spell cultural Statistics Serin April and May, farm- vice, topsoil moisture is ers are welcoming recent at an adequate level for rains—but some are still 77 percent of Virginia, contending with the ef- a positive change from

but June has been bethave ter," said Monte Mason, provided relief to some a farmer who grows feed farmers who were facing corn, wheat and soybeans. "We've got some no rain. According to beneficial rain, and we've the June 14 crop report gotten the rest of our from the National Agri- crop in the ground now."

Mason said his corn and soybeans both "look really good right now," but he's worried about the impact of earlier dry weather on his wheat crop. According to the NASS report, 48 percent of winter wheat is in fair, poor or very poor condition, and 52 percent is in good or excellent con-

"The wheat is not going to be great, I don't think," Mason said. "I think it's going to be a little on the light side. We haven't been out there to harvest, but

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we're getting close. What I checked early, it looks like the grain is going to be really small." Also in Charlotte,

Bobby Bradfarmer ley said the dry weather caused his soybeans to be planted three weeks late. He's since received some rain, but "it's been pretty spotty. Sometimes I get lucky and catch a shower, and sometimes I don't."

The NASS report noted that 57 percent of Virginia's soybean crop is in good or excellent condition, and 43 percent is in fair, poor or very poor condition.

'At this point in time, I'm not going to have any yield reduction yet," Bradley said. "They look good for the length of time they've been in the ground. It could still turn out to be a bumper crop year. It just depends on the weather for the rest of the year." Virginia is known

for its variable climate. Robert Harper, Virginia

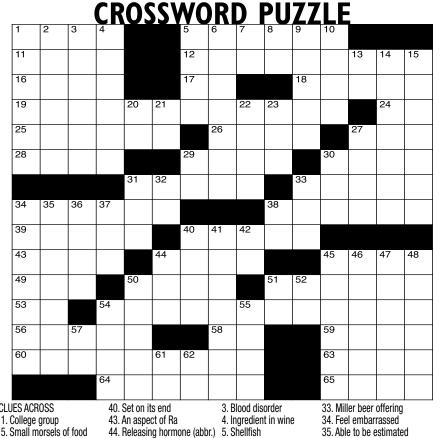
Farm Bureau Federation grain division manager, said conditions in many parts of the state are improving, as heavy rains in areas like the Northern Neck and central region have added enough moisture in the soil now to carry crops for a couple weeks.

We've seen muchneeded rain since Memorial Day weekend,' Harper said. "Farmers will tell you they'll never turn a rain down in May, June, July or August. They're going to want all they can get.

Harper added that dry spells are preferred earlier in the growing season instead of later.

'It still might damage the yield potential, but it's doing less damage to the yield potential than if it was later, with the plants much bigger and requiring so much more

> -Submitted by Robert Harper



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11. Actress Dunham 16. Used for baking or drying 50. Common Japanese 17. Commercial

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29. Football stat (abbr.)

32. University of Dayton

31. Where you sleep

30. Sound unit

23. Fictional "Star Wars' _ Spumante (Italian wine) planet 27. French wine grape

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Sweet corn starting off slow, but farmers optimistic for the season

Sweet corn season is a sure sign of summer, but farmers say this spring's cooler temperatures and lack of rain have delayed the crop's growth.

"The nighttime temperatures in May were very cold," said John Cromwell, a Virginia Beach sweet corn grower and member of the Virginia Beach Farm Bureau's board of directors. "We had many nights in the mid- and low 50s. For us down here on the coast, that's really cold."

Cromwell said he had to start irrigating in May up until Memorial Day weekend because of the dry weather. Despite this, he remains upbeat as he readies for the summer sweet corn season, which runs from now through early September.

We got everything planted on time," he said. "It probably should be a couple inches taller, but all in all it's in good shape. We should start harvesting somewhere around

Farmer Richard Goode echoed

Cromwell's sentiments.

"It was a struggle until it rained the other day," he said. "I was trying to irrigate, but you can't put enough water on it when it's dry

"It's probably going to be a little bit later than normal. We usually have corn for the Fourth of July that's going to be cutting it pretty close this year. Then again, it could get hot and go the other way too and speed it up. It depends on the temperature—that's the biggest

According to the 2017 Census of Agriculture, 4,369 acres of sweet corn were harvested on 416 farms in Virginia in that year. While it's grown throughout the state, some of the highest-producing areas include Augusta, Caroline, Carroll, Halifax, Hanover and Rockingham counties, Virginia Beach and the Northern Neck region.

Goode, who sells white and bicolor super sweet corn at his farm market and wholesale, said he planted more than last year.

"People are usually hungry for it when it first comes in," he said. "We're going to have 15 acres for them this year."

Cromwell said he's been busy selling broccoli and peas at Cromwell Produce's roadside market, and he's ready to add his Allusion and Glacial white sweet corn to the

> -Submitted by Alice Kemp, VFBF communications

Virginia Regional Jail Superintendent appointed **New Western**

The Western Virginia Regional Jail Authority recently announced the appointment of David Cox as Superintendent of the Western Virginia Regional Jail (WVRJ). Cox assumes his new position immediately

"David is well known and well respected in law enforcement circles throughout southwest Virginia and, personally, I have had the pleasure of working with him on a number of levels," said Jay Taliaferro, chair-

man of the Western Virginia Jail Authority. "He has been a key figure at the jail since it opened and I cannot think of a better person to succeed Bobby Russell as superintendent, and continue the jail's high level of profession-

Cox currently serves as Lieutenant Colonel and Interim Superintendent of the WVRJ.

"It is a great honor and privilege to be selected as WVRJ's Superintendent," said Cox. "This is an accomplished organization because of its employees and governing board; I am humbled to be entrusted with this responsibility."

During his tenure, Cox has served as Deputy Superintendent and overseen day-to-day operations of the WVRJ, as well as a workforce of approximately 200 people. Prior to joining the WVRJ, Cox served as a Police Officer for the City of Salem. He was also employed at the

Roanoke City Sheriff's Office where he directed operations within the security and services divisions of the Roanoke City

Cox holds a Master of Criminal Justice degree from Boston University and a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Roanoke College. He is a graduate of the National Jail Leadership Command Academy, and holds multiple certifications from the Department of Criminal Justice Services. In addition, Cox is a member of the American Jail Association and served as a program advisor for the Virginia Association of Regional Jails Leadership Initia-

Cox follows Superintendent Bobby Russell who retired in March 2021 after 14 years of service at the WVRJ.

-Submitted by Amy Whittaker, Public Information Officer

Flag Day

The United States Army also celebrates its birthday on this date.

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History shows that in 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that officially established June 14 as Flag Day and on August 3, 1949, National Flag Day was established by an Act of Congress.

Flag Day is not an official federal holiday, however, on June 14, 1937, Pennsylvania became the first U.S. state to celebrate Flag Day as a state holiday. Also, New York Statutes designate the second Sunday in June as Flag Day, a state holiday.

Other states also honor the day by hosting gala parades.

Givens noted that, "The Daugh-

ters of the American Revolution (DAR) is a women's service organization dedicated to promoting historic preservation, education, patriotism and honoring the patriots of the Revolutionary War.'

She also noted that annual support goes to five different military bases such as medical centers in Germany and Walter Reed in Maryland. This also includes the 3,000 chapters around the country that regularly send thousands of personal care items, medical supplies, packages of popcorn, batteries, boots, cards, and gifts to Army, Navy, Marine, Air Force, Coast Guard, and National Guard units on the front lines and at sea.

"Our local Craig Valley DAR ladies are proud to support businesses as well as active military throughout the entire year," Givens added. "We are proud of these and other businesses in the community which display our national symbol."

Several families in Craig also support Flag Day as well as other patriotic days by flying their flags, some even daily, with a light displayed on it at night, which is the proper way to display at night.

We appreciate the recognition from DAR," Mike Carper said. "And we are proud to fly the flags at both locations. We are proud to be American-owned and serving Craig County."



SURMITTED PHOTO

Members of the Craig Valley DAR presented Deborah Spence of the Emporium General Store their certificate for proudly flying the American flag. Carolyn Roberts, **Margaret Hines, Deborah Spence and Diane Givens are** pictured from left to right.

Reunion from page 1



cooked by the Historical Society at the Olde Hotel.

from yesteryear at the class reunion.

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your own space (pick-up truck bed, table and chair, etc) behind the library and you must take away anything that is left over. Anyone can come and pick up treasures they want for free," Henderson added. "There will also be books to swap at the library."

The idea of free household goods for this Swap Day came from Kathi Toelke, the library's County Board representative.

"I have lots of nice used games and toys. I'd rather just give them to people in the community as opposed to giving them to

Goodwill where they get sold or thrown away," Toelke shared. "If you have had time for spring cleaning and want to clear out no longer used household items, join us for the day. We can help you find a new home for your things. You may find some treasures you can take home for free also."

Also, June is the Friends of the Library Membership Drive.

They had their kick-off at the start of June by inviting everyone to become a supporting member of the Library, whether they

ship. (These small funds preciated.' make a huge difference in cility and provide more for weekend's visit.

the patron of Craig.) If people sign-up at the library or on their website in June, their name will be put in the hat for a \$100.00 gift card towards a local business of their

choice. "Please consider additional support dollars," they asked. "With new laws increasing the salary of our dedicated staff, our cost of operations is in-

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Their doors are open helping the staff run the fa- and awaiting everyone this

cently," said Jackie Taylor. "She, Mrs. Garrett, Mr. Walton Mitchell and others were teachers and supporters throughout our years at New Castle High School." "The class really en-

joyed the opportunity to

fellowship and look at memorabilia from their school years," Taylor added. "It is very hard to believe that so many years have passed, but the group was really enjoyed seeing each other and discussing old memories."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COUNTY OF CRAIG, VIRGINIA PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Pursuant to Section 15.2-2506 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, notice is hereby given of a public hearing to be held by the Craig County Board of Supervisors on the proposed County Budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2020-21 (July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021) and also for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022). The Public Hearing, which may be continued or adjourned, will be held July 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter is heard during the Board of Supervisors meeting at the Craig County Courthouse in New Castle, Virginia.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public review at the County Administrator's Office in the County Administration Building, New Castle, Virginia.

PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENT FY 2020-21 TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR:

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How do libraries benefit from Friend groups? They benefit from the expansion of their resources to serve the public. Friends extend a library's capacity through dollar gifts, volunteer and program support, and through advocacy. Few libraries are in a position to turn away help from their supporters - in fact, even if a library were so wellheeled that additional funding wasn't needed, libraries without a well-developed group of Friends will find the going tough when they need to bring in additional precious funds in an increasingly competitive environment, when they need a new building, or when they need to grow their collections and services.

Additionally, any library that seeks grant funding will find themselves in a much more competitive position for those grants if they can show that they receive tangible support from the very people who use and benefit from the library. Politically, Friends are very important and effective for libraries of all types. Friends are advocates by default! Friends wouldn't be giving their time, energy and financial support to an entity they're not willing to fight for - that entity is the library. When the case needs to be made for your library, the group most able to step up to the plate is the Friends of the Library.

Every day across America, Friends are making a difference for the libraries they serve. Think about the most successful library you know and look behind the curtains. There you will almost inevitably find Friends working behind the scenes, at city hall, with the school or academic administration, and in the public at large making sure that their library is strong, relevant, and well-funded.

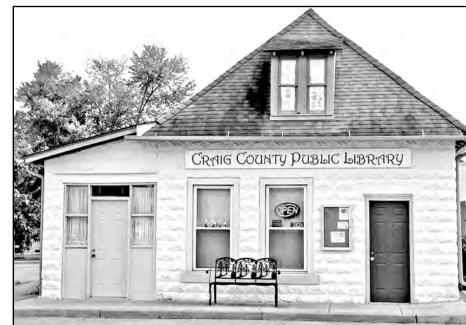
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How to join:

1) Come by the library and join. Check out a book while you're there!

2) Go to craigcountypubliclibrary.org and click on the tab that says About and scroll down to Friends of the Library and fill out a membership

3) Go to the same website and click on the yellow donate button and put membership in the



The Craig County Public Library is at 303 Main Street.

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Your membership lasts until June 30, 2022

Library News:

June 26, 10 a.m. to p.m. Swap Day Bring notes when you pay via household items to swap. things the library offers. You never know what you might find.

Browse books and other

July 12, Board of trustees meets at 6 p.m. on the library patio.

the Library with your \$5 donation by June 30 and you will be entered in a drawing to win a \$100 gift card to the local business of your choice!

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son, Vice President of Communications, said. "Frantz, a Craig County resident, was honored with the award for his work in promoting aviation, as well as conservation, in his community."

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Michael Showell, Publisher

"Through his drive of Concern for Comand determination, Lanier Frantz has truly made of those in Craig Coun-Principle Cooperative

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munity, and his efforts carry on the tradition of a difference in the lives the Unsung Virginian Award," said Jeff Ahearn, ty and beyond. Lanier CEO of Craig-Botetourt epitomizes the Seventh Electric Cooperative. Said Ahearn at the

ceremony, "To Lanier Frantz, for his decades of outstanding service, leadership to the community and region, for his role in developing the New Castle International Airport, and for his resolute, enthusiastic unconditional support of the environmental steward of becoming the first farm west of the Blue Ridge Mountain in the state of Wild Life Management Program, for insuring protection of the heritage of Western Virginia through one of the largest easements in the region and for doing so without any expectation of personal gain and for remaining a valued friend to those fortunate enough to know him. Now, the Virginia-Maryland-Delaware Association of Electric Cooperative in conjunction with Craig Botetourt Electric ognize Lanier Frantz as the 2021 recipient of the Unsung Virginian

'Goodness, I'm flat-

tered," Frantz responded in surprise. "This is incredible. I certainly do thank you." "You are a better

friend than I knew," he added as everyone joined in laughing.

Melissa Mattox, member of the Blue Ridge Soaring Society and a student pilot, noted that many read the Cooperative Living Magazine the Electric

Company publishes. "They had an article about nominating people and your name came to my mind," she said to Frantz. "I've only been here a couple of years, but I've seen young people solo an airplane before they have their driver's license and Kelly went on to be an Air Traffic Controller and other commercial pilots. You have just put so many people on their path and that impressed me. You have earned my respect.'

"I didn't do all of that

ly added. "You are being too generous. Thank you

"Thank you for what you do for the community," Ahearn quickly responded. "We have a lot in common as my father has an airstrip he lives on, in Eastern North Carolina. He has fly-ins and he inquired about landing here. He's got a little 172 wingtips for low stall speed."

"You know he'd be welcome," Frantz said.

The committee shared, Roanoke native, Frantz has been the driving force in bringing aviation to New Castle. In the 1950s, he learned to fly airplanes and gliders, and, in 1960, bought the land that would house the New Castle Airport. During the past 59 years, he has developed the airport and Blue Ridge Soaring Society, the glider club that is housed

Also, for his work in eaching students and flying gliders, he was inducted into the Soaring Hall of Fame in 1986.

"Under his leadership,

worldwide recognition as a great soaring location," said his daughter, Cole Frantz. "Many of the students at his airport have gone into careers as pilots and air traffic controllers."

Johnson noted, "Additionally, Frantz was cited for his contributions to land conservancy. He and his wife Thelca have donated more than 1,100 acres in conservation easements in southwest Virginia. In 2000, the Virginia General Assembly approved a resolution commending the Frantz family for its participation in natural resource programs."

"It's just remarkable how many lives Lanier has touched," said Brian Mosier, president and CEO of the VMD Association. "He didn't do it with any thought of personal gain; he did it because he thought it was the right thing to do and we're so pleased to be able to add his name to our Unsung Virginians."

"I'm totally over-whelmed," Frantz said. "I never expected anything

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For his efforts, Braeden Morrison won second-place

Derby

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ding, 716 - Jeff "Crash" Crosby, 24 – Nathan Lynsey and 66 – Kyle Turner.

The one big thing about the Big Car heats is that they continue to get big-

When Trivette pulled in with his 1959 long solid metal car, spectators started clapping.

As soon as the horn metal crunching filled their air. Regardless of the vehicle, they all took their crunch hits, but the '59 took the hits a little better - at first.

A driver that knows where to hit makes all the difference. No one finished looking great, but all seemed to have hit as hard and as much as possible.

Dudding and Welch sandwiched Crosby, jacking the rear of his car in Lynsey took advantage and rammed Dudding in the backside, turning his

Turner made a solid - Taylor Cadd. hit on Welch and Crosby came from behind for a forefront of the sport. big hit while Trivette put



to-head for the winning position.

the pedal to the metal and rammed.

arm, the Rescue Squad checked it out. He was quick to get back in his car though for the tractor to push him out.

ners were: Trivette, Dudding and Crosby.

Big Car Heat #2: 21 Donnie Wayne Fisher, the air at an angle, while 09 - Jimmy Owens, 50-Dustin Price, 94 Pisstnbroke - Joey Minter, 69 - Braeden Morrison, 54 Justin Dudding and 03

The drivers showed no came in for a hit on them mercy to anyone, yet reboth. Then Dudding spect always stayed in the

Hits were hard and

Fisher and Owens doubleteamed Morrison. Price then rammed Dudding into Cadd while Owens thought Morrison needed to be a little closer to the

Just when you thought it was over for one car, it would start back up and immediately shot out for a good hit.

wall.

Cadd took a hard hit as Owens came in for a hit

Fisher pushed Minter into the wall, Owens pushed Price into Morrison against the wall. More hard hits were devastating to some drivers as their cars went out.

The top three heat winners were: Fisher, Price and Morrison.

honors.

Coley Fisher was helpful before the derby started as he picked up several pieces of metal and pieces of cars from the previous derby. He also helped the judges during the derby by carrying pieces out of the

Before the Big Car finale, you could hear metal being beaten into new places, drivers and helpers were running around trying to find parts to get their vehicles drivable again.

The Big Car Finale featured: 35 - Trivette, 50 Price, 69 – Morrison, 716 - Crosby, 13 - Dudding, 94 - Minter and 21 – Fisher.

When the cars looked like they couldn't take another hit, they did, with tires spinning off of wheels, radiators spewing water into the air and engines smoking so badly, drivers could barely see.

Morrison's bumper popped out once like a rhino. Rears were smashed into the back seats and metal was falling off everywhere. Mud started being slung into the air as tension got a little stronger and cars started dropping out.

Minter's half of a car still gave some hits. Trivette didn't slack up either, crunching him into the wall.

his share of hits making strong on Price. Then Price and Minter rammed each other while Dudding and Trivette danced in the middle of the ring.

Price and Trivette took turns head-to-head as both fronts jacked up a bit.

Trivette pushed Morrison into the wall while Price hit Trivette and Minter pushed Price into them all. Dudding came in from the side to get a piece of action. That seemed to spark another huge round of big hits, which caused radiators to spew, metal to

pic for a quick pose. get pushed into the tires and vehicles to look like they were ready for the metal heap.

Donnie Wayne Fisher took home first-place honors

for his heat as well as Mad Dog Award in the Big Car

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Morrison made a hard hit into Crosby which brought his radiator spewing with so much steam it filled his car, but he kept going. Trivette pushed Fisher into Morrison, but Dudding came in for all backed out and started all over.

As cars broke down, judges asked the drivers to get out of their vehicles for safety.

The heat lasted the longest of any of the night, a full and exciting 15.5 minutes as spectators continued to stand, clap and yell for their favorites. "Way to go fellers," Huffman shouted from the tower.

The Big Car Finale winners were: first place -Donnie Wayne Fisher (21), second place - Braeden Morrison (69) and third place Corie Trivette (35).

finale. His son, "Little Troublemaker," jumped in the Heat winners received a cash reward and all top three winners of both final heats received large checks from the Craig County Fairgrounds, along with their cash winnings and a hand-

made metal award that Huffman had designed. Winners complimented its design and size saying, Man this is really nice." They all agreed they would be back for the next one, with just as



BITUARIES

Ratliff, Barbara A.

Barbara A. Ratliff, 83 of New Castle, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, June 13. She was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Kenneth Ratliff; parents, Medie and Minnie Bell; sister, Priscilla Boothe; and brother, Robert Wright. She is survived by son

and daughter-in-law, Eugene and Terry Ratliff; daughter and son-in-law, Rhonda and Eddie Huffman; daughters Patricia and Pam Ratliff;

grandchildren, Brandon and Chris Ratliff, Matthew and Cassondra Ratliff, Brittany and Jeffrey Bryant, Tommy and Whitney Huffman, David and Kristin Huffman, Kara Booth, Michael Robertson, Meghan and Nathan Day; great-grandchildren,



Hannah and Tiffany Kaylnn Kayne Ratliff, Austin and Ryan Huffman, Avery, Gracie and Parker Huffman, George Negron, William, Illeana and Illamena Sanders, Emmett Bryant, Cameron Day and Summer Bayne. Funeral Services were

held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 17, at Paitsel Funeral Home

with Pastor Don Brown officiating. Interment followed at Williams Cemetery, Newport, VA. The family received friends from 6 to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 16.

Arrangements by Paitsel Funeral Home. www.paitselfh.com

Nelson, Joshua "Josh" Wayne

Ioshua Wavne Nelson (Josh), 32 of Roanoke, formerly of Craig County, passed away on June 5, 2021. Josh graduated from Craig County High School and was employed at Cut-Above Landscapes. He loved skateboarding, video games, hunting, fishing, and watching sports.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Clayton and Audrey Hancock, and Mary Meadows. He is

Charles Stacy.

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A memorial service was held at 5 p.m. by Jonathon Lee on Saturday, June 19, at Mt. View Christian Church, 4201 Craig Valley Dr. New Castle, with family receiving friends one-hour prior. Arrangements by Valley Funeral Home in Roanoke.

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FOR THE COUNTY

OF CRAIG

THE COUNTY OF CRAIG,

Commonwealth of Virginia,

GREENWAY, a/k/a OREN

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RAYETTE HENDRICK, and

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The object of this suit is to

enforce a lien for delinquent

real estate taxes against the

property known as Parcel

. No. 60-A-1 (377 Maggie

Maw Lane). An Affidavit

stating that due diligence

has been used, without

effect, to ascertain the

location of the named

Defendant(s), that the

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residents of Virginia and

within the borders of the

deceased, or that there may

an interest in the property

but are unknown, namely,

the heirs, devisees, and

the named Defendant(s).

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Montgomery County

ORDER OF

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OF VIRGINIA

Case No. CL21000845-00

55 East Main Street Suite 1

Christiansburg, VA 24073 MASTROGIOVANNI,

EVANS, MICHAEL TAHIR

The object of this suit is to:

MICHAEL TAHIR EVANS

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appear at the above-named

interests on or before JULY

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Case No. CL21-111

HEIRS OF ORAN

Defendant(s).

Plaintiff,

Sharon P. Oliver, Clerk

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VIRGINIA: IN THE **CIRCUIT COURT** FOR THE COUNTY **OF CRAIG**

THE COUNTY OF CRAIG. VIRGINIA, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Case No. CL21-112

Plaintiff, HEIRS OF THOMAS CALLAHAN, DECEASED, HEIRS OF ZELMA CALLAHAN, DECEASED, JUDY C. GRUBER, SARA

C. CROUCH, 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 Parcel No. 27-A-20. 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 nonresidents of Virginia and maintain no domicile within the borders of the Commonwealth, or are

deceased, or that there may

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104 Case No. CL21000748-00 Montgomery County Circuit Court 55 East Main Street Suite 1

RUIZ HERNANDEZ, ERNESTO

ARROYO

Legals -Montgomery County

The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE It is ORDERED that **ERNESTO ARROYO** HERNANDEZ appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JULY 26, 2021. MAY 27, 2021

ERICA W. CONNER **CLERK**

PUBLIC NOTICE Availability of Environmental

Document for Public Review Substructure Repairs of the Route 813 Bridge over the Roanoke River Montgomery/Roanoke County line.

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is proposing substructure repairs to the existing bridge on Route 813 (Stones Keep Lane) over the Roanoke River at the Montgomery/Roanoke County line. The project limits are from 0.10 miles from the intersection of Route 813 with Route 11/460 to 0.18 miles from the intersection of Route

813 with Route 11/460.

A Categorical Exclusion level NEPA document addressing the project described above was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and FHWA's Environmental Impact and Related Procedures (23CFR771), VDOT (on behalf of FHWA) is now making the Categorical Exclusion available for public review.

In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR Part 800, information concerning the potential effects of the proposed substructure repairs on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places is also available for public review.

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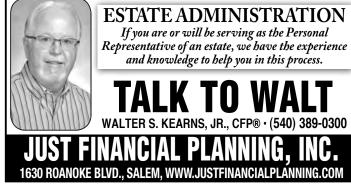
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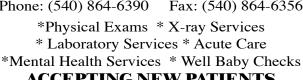


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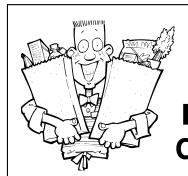
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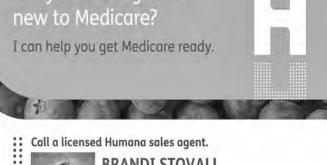


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Rockets soccer season ends with loss to Galax in Region 1C tournament

Craig County's most successful soccer season to date came to end last week when visiting Galax defeated the Rockets at Mitchell Field in New Castle, 5-0. Galax went on to win the region with a 1-0 victory over George Wythe.

"They were a good team, but we held them scoreless for the first 49 minutes before they scored one," said Craig County coach Robin Nobles. "They were a very good passing team, really skilled."

The Rockets had a hard time mustering an attack against the

Maroon Tide. Craig had just five shots on goal for the game while the Craig defense and keeper Mason Huffman were peppered with shots but managed to keep the Rockets in the game. In the end, Galax was just too good a team for a Craig team that had only been in existence for a few years.

The loss ended the Rockets'

season at 7-2-1 overall, and that included a Pioneer District championship. The school received a trophy and the coaching staff is going to buy a banner to hang in the gym, as that's not a

part of the school budget. There will be a space on the banner to add future accomplishments.

"I think we had an awesome season," said Nobles. "We had really good chemistry on this team. We had a lot of players who have been playing together for a long time."

Craig will lose six seniors, Claire Deplazes, Clayton Owens, Logan Kitler, Dalton Henderson, Hunter Ashley and Alexus Jones. All six were named to the All-Pioneer District team last week at either first or second team or honorable mention

First team honors went to Henderson at forward, Ashley at midfield and Kitler on defense. Mason Huffman was named the first team goalie.

Deplazes was a second team selection at midfield while Lucas Taylor was honored at forward and Alex McDowell was named on defense. Honorable mention honors were bestowed upon Owens and Jones.

"We lose a lot," said Nobles.
"Next year will be a rebuilding year, but we should still be competitive. We'll have a lot of

fresh players coming in."

The Rockets could also have a middle school team next year, and that should help the program. The team is now on solid ground and Nobles, who has been instrumental in getting the program started, is stepping aside as coach. Robin was named the Pioneer District Coach of the Year this season.

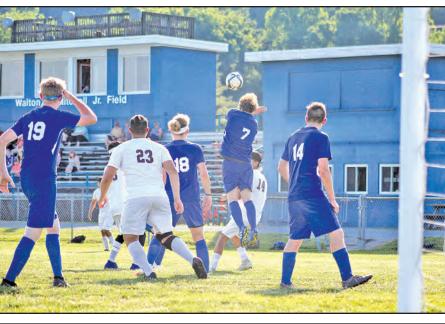
"It's a good time to step out," she said. "There's something to be said for going out on top, and I'm hoping Jeff(assistant Hickson) will take over the team. He's definitely qualified."

















Action from Craig County's region soccer game against Galax last week.