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## Waiteville hosts Inaugural Classroom Reunion

**Pam Dudding**  
Contributing writer

There is something about high school classmates that create bonds that last a lifetime. In small rural schools, oftentimes, all ages come together, as there are so few in the graduating classes.

On October 9, the Waiteville Community Center hosted their first classroom reunion and invited all students of the old schoolhouse to attend.

"We invite you to celebrate with familiar faces that you have missed over the decades," they shared. "Come and renew friendships, remember days gone by, and share in life experiences - both past and present."

Seventeen former students were able to attend.

The Waiteville Schoolhouse opened in 1950-51 and the last class was held in 1967.

Former students were encouraged to bring pictures, memorabilia, or history of the Waiteville School to share with others, and if possible, a copy to leave at the school.

"A classroom was set up with student desks, teacher's desk, and



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Waiteville Community Center recently hosted its Inaugural Annual Classroom Reunion. Many attended, excited to see friends that they hadn't seen for years. Front row seat from left to right, Rachel Dudding Elmore, Clara Dudding Sowers, Debbie Dudding Carter, Shelby Harry Porterfield, Shirley Lawson Jones and Butch Harry. Back row standing, from left to right, Howard Elmore (husband of Rachel Dudding Elmore), Larry Harry, Lloyd Givens, Vickie Hale Lafon, Shelby Epling Jennings, Janet McDaniel, Roy Lionell Kessinger, Gray Porterfield, Joy Harry. Not pictured Gary Kessinger and Betty Beane Smith.

memorabilia with a list of students attending each year, which helped bring back memories of fellow students and teachers," said David Furrow.

Everyone was also asked to write down their favorite memories while

attending the school.

"All wrote about their favorite foods eaten in the lunchroom and cooked by Mrs. Lucille Crosier, who cooked at Waiteville School from

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As the local Craig Valley VFW Post 4491 honored their comrades by paying for a free admission to one of the CCHS football games, the players honored them. As VFW members stood with colors, the football team walked by, thanking them for their service. Expressed many players with overwhelming emotion, "We can't thank them enough."

## For Veterans who serve the Red, White and Blue, we thank you!

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County residents have been truly blessed with.

Written songs have conveyed the heartfelt words that many Americans feel towards our Veterans and our country, that we sometimes find difficult to express.

Lee Greenwood's beloved song, "God Bless the USA," is often played at many military functions.

I know when I have had it played or sung at the Annual Veterans and Active Military HONOR Dinner, it doesn't take but moments before every person present is standing. Some with military attention, while other family members stand with tears streaming down their cheeks.

"If tomorrow all the things were gone, I'd worked for all my life, and I had to start again with just my children and my wife. I'd thank my lucky stars to be living here today, 'cause the flag still stands for freedom and they can't take that away, And I'm proud to be an American, where at least I know I'm free. And I won't forget the men who died who gave that right to me. And I gladly stand up next to you and defend her still today, 'cause there ain't no doubt I love this land. God Bless the U.S.A.!"

This year, as last, I have been unable to host the Annual dinner and it saddens my heart, as it is one event that blesses me beyond measure.

Our men and women who have served are precious to my heart, as I covet my freedom which they have secured for me and for you.

To me, other than my salvation through my Lord Jesus Christ, my freedom is of utmost importance to me. Without it, I would not be able to worship, have fellowship with my family and friends, work and enjoy the nature we as Craig

To our beloved Veterans, to families whose loved ones never came home or did come home with serious injuries or memories that plague them, and to our active military who carry on the American tradition of faithfully serving our country, I say, (and most of Craig residents join me), "You are loved, appreciated and honored for giving us your life in serving our country."

The Bible says in John 15:13, "Greater love has no man this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." (Meaning, man or woman.)

Observed annually on November 11, Veterans Day is an official United States public holiday of celebration that honors military Veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

On June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

Later, on October 8, President Dwight D. Eisenhower issued the first "Veterans Day Proclamation" which stated: "In order to insure proper and widespread observance of this anniversary, all Veterans, all Veterans' organizations, and the entire citizenry will wish to join hands in the common purpose. Toward this end, I am designating the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs as Chairman of a Veterans Day National Committee, which shall include such other persons as the Chairman may select, and which will coordinate at the national level necessary planning for the observance. I am also requesting the heads of all departments and agencies of the Executive branch of the Govern-

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## Hunter's supper is back on the menu

There's nothing better for country folks than a delectable plate of pork tenderloin BBQ on a cool fall day.

Here's some great news: the Annual Hunter's Supper is back on the menu at the John's Creek Volunteer Fire

Department on Sunday, November 14, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The meal is \$10 each and it will include deli-

cious BBQ Pork Tenderloin, tasty sides, a smorgasbord of desserts to choose from and a drink.

The dinner will be carry-out to continue following Covid-19 protocols.

Also, their annual rifle raffle drawing will be held at the conclusion of the supper, around 7 p.m. and one does not need to be present to win.

The JCVFD began selling tickets at the Craig County Fall Fes-

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The JCVFD is currently raffling a Winchester XPR Big Rock 270 WIN with a Nikon BDC 3-9x40mm scope. Raffle tickets may be purchased from any of their firefighters or during the Hunter's Supper on November 14 for \$5, or five for \$20 or ten for \$35. The drawing will be at the conclusion of the Hunters Supper. Interested individuals do not need to be present to win.

## Community embraces Halloween with great memories



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Huge dinosaurs raked the land on Halloween.



This house was probably the scariest of all, with an eight-foot dragon breathing heavily from the balcony. Other dragons and skeletons glared out all the windows.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY

The Craig County Public Library is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 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](http://www.craiglibrary.org).

•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 Castle 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 9 a.m.

•St. John's 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.net](mailto:stjohnnewcastle@tds.net).

## 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 library.

## THIRD MONDAY

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

## SECOND TUESDAY

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

•Mountain Lodge 140 AF&AM, 7:30 p.m. at

Lodge Hall, 255 Main St.

## THIRD WEDNESDAY

The Botetourt/Craig/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.

## 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.

# Statewide Republicans win big on Election Night



Glenn Youngkin SUBMITTED PHOTOS



Winsome Sears



Jason Miyares

## Shawn Nowlin

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A mix of statewide and local elections were on the November 2 ballot. Traditionally, off-year elections see lower turnout and less fervor than in presidential years.

Since 2019, Democrats have held both control of the legislature and the governor's office. During that time, major moves on massive progressive priorities have been made: raising the minimum wage, undoing existing abortion restrictions and enacting a new voter protection law.

November 2 was a great day for Virginia Republican candidates. More than three million people across the state voiced their opinion on who should serve as the next Governor, Lt. Governor and Attorney General. With

50.68 percent of the unofficial vote reported, Glenn Youngkin defeated his Democrat opponent Terry McAuliffe by more than 70,000 votes. On January 15, 2022, he is expected to be inaugurated as the 74th governor of Virginia.

Youngkin, who campaigned throughout the Roanoke Valley several times this year, once with Texas Senator Ted Cruz and former Virginia Governor George Allen, spent more than two decades at the private equity firm the Carlyle Group prior to entering politics. In September 2020, he stepped down from the Carlyle Group and announced his candidacy for the 2021 Virginia gubernatorial election four months later.

By defeating Democrat Hala Ayala in the Lt. Governor race, Winsome Sears became the first woman of Jamaican origin to be elected to a statewide office in Virginia. After defeating

longtime incumbent Billy Robinson Jr., Sears served as a member of the Virginia House of Delegates from 2002 to 2004. She entered the race for U.S. Senate three years ago as a Republican write-in alternative to Corey Stewart.

Thirty-four thousand more people voted Jason Miyares over Mark Herring to become the next Attorney General. Miyares, whose family fled from Cuba in 1965, also visited the Roanoke Valley several times this year to make his case to voters. "I promise you this, if Republicans win in November, you will see a drastic change once we are in office," he said in November.

According to Gallup, President Biden's approval currently stands at 42 percent. The consensus is that factor heavily attributed to last Tuesday's results.

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  39. Computer screen material
  43. Ancient calculator
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# USDA grant program to provide pandemic relief to small businesses

Farmers, farmers markets and other small-scale agricultural facilities negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic now can apply for a new round of U.S. Department of Agriculture funding. Through Nov. 22, USDA is accepting applications for the Pandemic Response and Safety Grant Program, which aims to help small businesses in the agricultural sector recoup costs associated with pandemic response.

Approximately \$650 million will be available to small-scale crop producers, other select producers, meat and other processing facilities, distributors and farmers markets. Applicants may request grants between \$1,500 and \$20,000, and funds will be issued for pandemic-related costs incurred between Jan. 27, 2020, and Dec. 31, 2021. Cost sharing and matching funds are not required under program guidelines.

“Throughout the pandemic, Virginia producers, processing facilities and farmers markets took important steps to keep their businesses moving and keep employees and customers safe,” said Elijah Griles, Virginia Farm Bureau Federation commodity specialist. “The PRS grant program provides an opportunity for those businesses to offset some of the expenses that were incurred by implementing safety protocols, or by pivoting their

marketing strategies to successfully navigate the pandemic.” PRS funding can be used to cover costs associated with workplace safety, market pivots, retrofitting facilities, transportation of workers and goods, worker housing and medical services provided to workers. Full program details, eligibility requirements and an online application can be accessed through the PRS web portal. To help prospective appli-

cants, the Virginia Foundation for Agriculture, Innovation and Rural Sustainability will host an informational webinar Nov. 9 at 1 p.m. The webinar will help interested individuals through the application process, and will provide additional details about program eligibility. To register, contact Griles at elijah.griles@vafb.com or 804-357-0103.

*Submitted by Elijah Griles*

# Motorists urged to slow down around horse-drawn buggies

Since car accidents involving horse-drawn buggies have recently been reported in the news, motorists are urged to use caution and to slow down when traveling in rural areas. Encountering a horse-drawn buggy on the road might not be a frequent occurrence for many drivers, but they still should remain vigilant. Buggies are used primarily in Amish and Old Order Mennonite communities, and Virginia has several localities where they are a common mode

of transportation. “Usually on Sunday mornings when they’re going to church is when you see the horse and buggies, most of the time,” said Michael Thompson, who lives near an Amish community and is a Farm Bureau board member. Thompson noted that while he hasn’t heard of many problems on smaller secondary roads in his area, “there have been accidents on the highways.” According to Virginia Cooperative Extension,

high incidents of crashes involving buggies and automobiles occur each year. Animal-drawn buggies have unique characteristics that set them apart from other slow-moving vehicles. Typically, black or dark in color, they can be difficult to see - especially at night. They also move much slower at less than 8 mph. A car approaching at 55 mph will quickly close the distance, and its driver might not have enough time to brake. “You also need to

be aware that any sudden noises—like honking—or trying to pass too quickly could spook the horse, and that could lead to some disastrous consequences,” advised Lareth May, a County Farm President. And while the horses pulling buggies are well-trained and experienced on roadways, they still can get frightened. “The best thing is to have patience and just remember to pass whenever you safely can. Keep in mind that they’ve got to try to control that

horse as well.” May added that Rockingham County has a large Old Order community, and most who live in the area keep an eye out for buggies, but drivers from out of town may not be aware of them. “Their first inclination could be to floor it and get around them,” May commented. Horse-drawn buggies and wagons are required to display the triangular slow-moving vehicle placard, and most even “have a flashing red light on the back and head-

lights on the front,” to draw extra attention, Thompson noted. Motorists should leave plenty of room for passing, and pass only when it’s legally permitted and safe. VCE also advises extra caution at intersections with stop signs or street lights. Buggies often back up a few feet after stopping, and drivers are encouraged to leave 10-12 feet behind a stopped buggy.

*Submitted by Michael Thompson*

# Halloween

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Jasmine Brown, riding her pink flamingo, set up at the Fairgrounds with many other friends to dish out candies to the trick-or-treaters.



The Lighthouse Baptist Church had kids lined up to get candies and fill their bags.



The kids enjoyed the set-up at the Fairgrounds. Donnie Wayne and Lori Fisher were instrumental in making that happen.



At the fairgrounds, Teresa Oliver enjoyed her cookie monster set up with friends.

# Reunion

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1950 to 1967. The food mentioned most often was Mrs. Crosier’s rolls,” Furrow added. Favorite teachers mentioned were Mrs. Gotto Guy and Mrs. Daisy Surface, who both taught at Waiteville School throughout their careers. A BBQ lunch platter was catered by Taste of Eggcellence. Students who attended were: Rachel Dudding Elmore, Clara Dudding Sowers, Debbie Dudding Carter, Shelby Harry Porterfield, Shirley Lawson Jones, Butch Harry, Howard Elmore (husband of

Rachel Dudding Elmore), Larry Harry, Lloyd Givens, Vickie Hale Lafon, Shelby Eppling Jennings, Janet McDaniel, Roy Lionell Kessinger, Gary Porterfield and Joy Harry. Additional attendees were: Dreama Porterfield, Pat Givens, John B. Carter, Wayne Sowers, Linda Harry, Bruce Blaylock, and Don Hess, as well as Waiteville Community Center Board Members Renee Eppling, Ruth Wrzosek, and David Furrow. Gary Kessinger and Betty Beane Smith were not able to attend. “Special thanks go to

Shelby Jennings and her sister Joyce Mundy for their work in decorating the auditorium and restored classroom,” Furrow shared. T-shirts and sweatshirts displaying a picture of Waiteville School (recent picture of the current community center) and wording “I Attended Waiteville School” may be ordered. The colors to choose from are white, gray, and black. Many attendees requested another school reunion when threat of the pandemic has passed, so future

plans are in the making. The Waiteville Community Center will be hosting their Annual Deer Hunters Supper on November 21 from 4 to 6 p.m. The menu will include BBQ, bun, coleslaw, baked beans, potato salad, dessert, and drink. The cost will be \$15 per meal. The food will be provided by Taste of Eggcellence with desserts such as cookies, brownies and pound cake also available. It is another time to share fellowship and see

those friends of yesteryear, as well as enjoy a delicious meal.

“Mark your calendar and plan to attend,” the committee shared.

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# OPINION

## Swap Day Success

Last Saturday was a frosty morning, but that did not stop the library board members from setting up a dozen tables and hauling boxes out of the book barns for the book give-away. As the day warmed up, people came out to donate warm clothing and maybe take something new home. One local woman donated a rack full of hand-knitted scarves in beautiful colors.

Generous donors stuffed some bills in the donation jar and volunteers found that so much easier than charging for individual books! Folks picked up plenty of winter reading including children's books, novels, cookbooks, craft books, and do-it-yourself manuals. Holiday decorations were part of this swap day, and visitors were able to get a variety of items. One couple, new to the

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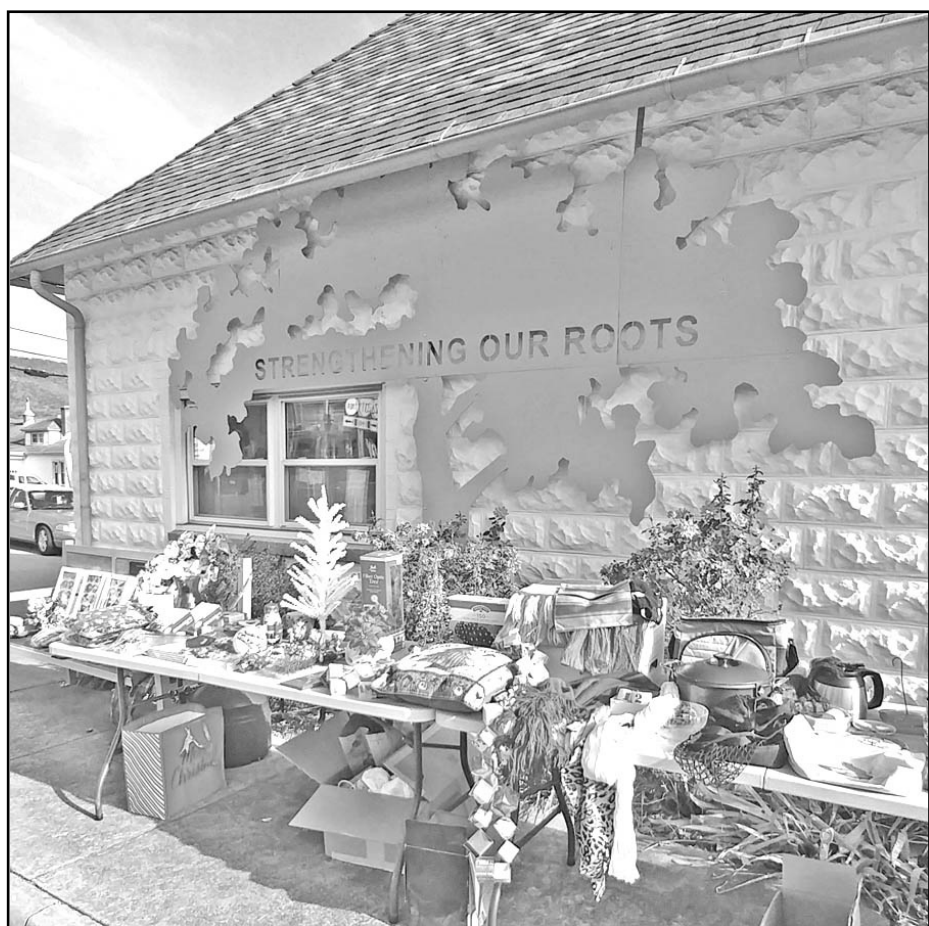
area, discovered books that they could use in their mission to help folks in Haiti so our library is reaching faraway places you could never imagine! One volunteer takes books to the Roanoke Rescue Mission and another plan is in the making to donate to the women's correctional facility.

The whole point of books is to get them into the hands of readers. We have found that a constant outflow balanced by a constant inflow works pretty well. Donated books are screened for use in the library if they are current, in demand, and we don't

already have a copy. Just remember, when you donate your favorite books, they may not get a place on the indoor library shelf, but they will be available to readers anyway. With the limited space in the library, when a book is added, another book must go outside to the book barn to wait for the next book give-away.

Every day, you can request access to the book barns for discounted prices on your favorite books if you cannot find them in our indoor collection. Of course, your library card is free and checking out books and videos from the library is easy. Audiobooks are also available for your long car trips and reading pleasure for the visually impaired.

Thanks, everyone, for your support of the Craig County Public Library.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Craig County Public Library enjoyed much success at last Saturday's swap day.

## Supper

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tival for their annual fall Raffle. This year's raffle is a Winchester XPR Big Rock 270 WIN with a Nikon BDC 3-9x 40mm scope.

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on November 14 for \$5, or five for \$20, or ten for \$35. The drawing will be at the conclusion of the Hunters Supper. Interested individuals do not need to be present to win.

All proceeds will go towards the depart-

ment's operations and improvements and the JCVFC has been working diligently in getting their tankers updated.

"As we all are aware, buying used equipment can usually be a great value if you can find something in good condition," said Dave Barrick. "We have been slowly working with Tanker Truck #15 and noticed the jake brake was not functioning properly, which is a major requirement for traveling our mountain roads. Also, while idling, a puddle of oil was observed under the truck, which is never a good sign."

They took the truck to Western Branch Diesel for an estimate and found the engine had experienced a major overheat condition. Sadly, this was never disclosed to the FD by the seller, and they had to look at a major engine rebuild.

"It needed new heads and the cylinders required a rebuild kit along with an Engine Control Module and many other items that go along with a major rebuild," Barrick added. "This is an expense we did not anticipate. But we are happy to announce that Truck #15 is up and running after Western Branch Diesel rebuilt the engine and serviced the truck."

They shared that the continuing contributions and participation in their fundraisers have made it possible for them to

cover the expenses to get Tanker Truck #15 back on the road.

"We truly appreciate Western Branch Diesel for their investment and pursuit in engine repair and rebuild to ensure our truck is fully functional and safe," Barrick said.

The truck has been road-tested and able to navigate their mountain roads safely now.

However, now that Tanker Truck #15 is road worthy, they still need to equip the truck with items required by the National Fire Protection Association which involves very specific items to be on board.

These items include required hose sizes and lengths, and nozzles to control the flow of water from the hoses and tools used in order to proper work a fire. Safety items are also required, not only for the safety of the vehicle, but the safety of the firefighters using the equipment and any person involved in a rescue call.

"The truck can now be used on a fire call, if needed, but in the meantime, JCVFD is in the process of obtaining the required items in order to place Tanker #15 in full service," said Barrick. "The required items are coming in daily as we fulfill the requirements to have the truck fully operational."

One new and innovative way people can help support JCVFD is by shopping online with Ama-

zon.

The AmazonSmile Foundation is providing non-profit organizations a website with a simple way for supporting members to help donate from the purchases they make every day on Amazon.com. When customers shop at AmazonSmile.com, the AmazonSmile Foundation donates 0.5 percent of the price of eligible purchases to the customer's selected charitable organization. Use this link to Smile Amazon and allow Amazon to donate 0.05 percent to JCVFD <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/54-1438046>.

"Every little bit will help us to ensure our equipment is ready to protect our neighbors. We thank you all for your continuing support," they added. "The John's Creek Volunteer Fire Department is making a commitment to our community by investing our time, energy, resources, and efforts back into the community with this truck. We hope our friends and neighbors appreciate the value of this investment."

Remember to pick up your Hunters dinner on Sunday, November 14, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the John's Creek Volunteer Fire Department, located at 116 Dick's Creek Road in Craig County. The entire meal, including dessert and a drink, is only a \$10 donation.

Submitted by Johnny Beane

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# OBITUARIES

## Fisher Jr., Dallas Lee

Dallas Lee Fisher, Jr., husband, father, and best friend to all, died on November 5, 2021, in Roanoke. He was surrounded by his loving wife of 21 years, Magdiel Fisher and his four children, Clarke Fisher, Christian Fisher, Brandon Fisher, Ashley Hendrickson; granddaughter, Alyssa Hendrickson; parents, Dallas Fisher, Sr. and Sarah Fisher; sisters, Beverly, Mary Beth, Marty, Ginny, Tory and brother-in-law Randy; numerous nieces, nephews and many friends.



He will be remembered for his teasing jokes, his wildly entertaining stories, his unfailing work ethic and his generosity to neighbors in need.

“The end of a matter is better than it’s beginning” Ecclesiastes 7:8 NIV

Dallas took the best opportunity at the end of his life to give his life to Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior.

“For we believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him” Thessalonians 4:14 NIV

Funeral Services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 10, at Paitsel Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Ross Cemetery with Military Rites provided by the Air Force and VFW Post #4491. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 pm on November 9 at Paitsel Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to a charity of your choice or to the SPCA in your community.

Arrangements by Paitsel Funeral Home. [www.paitselfh.com](http://www.paitselfh.com)

Born in Roanoke, but raised in Craig County, he dearly loved the outdoors, deer hunting, and he was an animal lover. He spent most of his time with his family and teaching the value of hard work, working on the land and helping others. He also dedicated part of his life mentoring his two sons, Brandon Fisher and Christian Fisher on baseball.

Dallas L. Fisher served in the Air Force from 1983 to 1986 with an honorable discharge. After that, he served with DC Air National Guard (Andrews AFB) Maryland for more than 20 years.

## Miyoko, Maggie Myers

Maggie passed peacefully in Rock Hill, SC, on November 1. At the time of death, Miyoko resided in Rock Hill. Previously, she resided in Salem after being a long-time residence in New Castle, childhood residence in Fukuoka, Japan. Maggie was a beloved mother, grandmother, sister and Aunt.



Maggie is survived by son, Jeffrey C. Myers; wife, Diana of Rock Hill, SC; precious granddaughter Madison Myers and great-grandson Alaric Porter of Waxhaw NC; brother Teruo Okuda, Hideo Okuda

and Yoko Morimitsu and Shiguko, all of Japan; numerous nephews and nieces, also of Japan; sister-in-law, Cathy Bostic and husband Mike Bostic; sister-in-law, Toni Doss and Husband Coleman Doss; niece Lauren, and many wonderful friends. She was preceded by son Kenneth Dale Myers of Ft Wayne, IN.

A Memorial Service was held at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 6, at Paitsel Funeral Home in New Castle. The family received friends one hour prior to the service from 2 to 3 p.m.

## Veterans

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ment to assist the National Committee in every way possible.”

“The Uniformed Services are far, far different now than when I took my oath to serve and defend our Nation against all enemies, friend or foe, to the best of my ability to do so. They still take the oath, and I have no doubt about their sincerity or courage, but the lifestyle conditions are so different now then the ones I learned to love and respect,” shared V.F.W. Post 4491 Chaplin, Kenneth Looney, retired U.S. Navy Retired E-8. “But one great thing that still remains and exists today, is the fact that no matter who you are, or what State or City you came from, what Nationality or race you came from, rich or poor, big or thin, Christian or non-believer, when it comes to performing our duty, we come together as “one.” We may have our own issues or battles to fight or resolve, but know this, if you come against one of our Comrades, then you come against us all. When you make a friend in the Military then you have a friend for Life. We have your back my fellow Veteran for evermore.”

Looney added that this is one of his fondest memories, those of friends, that he served with over 30 years ago, and is still friends with today.

“I proudly served Our Homeland and would do it again without a second thought,” he exclaimed. “To all of my Comrades who served in any battle, anywhere, at any time, I proudly stand and render you, a well and much

earned ‘Hand Salute,’ in honor and appreciation of your time spent serving our great Nation, along with a bold and loud, ‘Thank You Sir’, or ‘Thank You Ma’am’, for your service. I feel honored to do this to show a little appreciation for their Patriotism and duty.”

Looney added, “I Thank You Lord for your loving protection over me and my shipmates during our Service to God and Country and pray for Your protection and blessings over them and their families even now, and especially bless the families, whose loved one didn’t make it home. We Love the U.S.A. God Bless America,

and to God, be the Glory.”

Craig County has a long-lived history of honoring their men and women who served their country, with open arms when returning and annually with dinners and thanksgiving celebrations, honoring their faithful commitment and service.

This year is no different, as we, Craig County residents say, “thank you and may God Bless you abundantly. It is because of you that we can sing our National Anthem, ‘Oh, say does that Star-Spangled banner wave, o’er the land of the free and the home of the brave!’”

Out in the battle a soldier does roam  
As the enemy nears, he thinks about home,  
Cold, hungry tired and alone, but  
What he really wants is a letter from home

A letter that says someone loves you and cares  
A letter that says someone is praying for you there  
A letter that says you have a hope at the end  
Of seeing your precious loved ones again

Thoughts of a soldier bearing the cross  
Can sometimes seem all hope is lost  
But then he reads the letter from home  
Written by the Spirit, sent from the throne

For the Christian, the Bible is a letter from home  
While on this spiritual battlefield we do roam  
It gives us hope of a time when we see loved ones again  
And the King of all glory will wipe away all sin

What a glorious day that will be, around His throne  
When all God's children are safe at home  
And there pen and paper will be no more  
For we will never say good-bye on that beautiful shore

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A poem, Thoughts on the Battlefield, by Patsy Greenway written in honor of our Veterans.

# New Commonwealth Connect Fund announced to expand broadband

- More than \$1.5 million pledged by business partners -

Governor Ralph Northam recently announced the collective pledge of more than \$1.5 million by the Cameron Foundation, Dominion Energy, Facebook, and Primis Bank to expand broadband access to underserved locations across the Commonwealth. The funding will further the ongoing efforts to bridge the digital divide for the approximately 233,000 locations in Virginia that lack access to broadband.

“These investments will play a vital role in connecting thousands across the Commonwealth,” said Governor Northam. “We are thrilled

to see the private and philanthropic sectors recognizing the need for broadband access and stepping up to support getting as many Virginians connected as soon as possible. With these investments, our goal of universal broadband by 2024 is even closer.”

Earlier this year, Governor Northam announced a record number of local and private sector funds to match the state’s contribution. In total, Virginia has generated \$2 billion in funding to close the digital divide by 2024. The historic investment was aided by \$700 million from Ameri-

can Rescue Plan Funding.

Since 2017, the Commonwealth has deployed over \$124 million in grant funds to connect over 140,895 homes and businesses, more than halving the digital divide in broadband access. Many of the least connected localities are also the least affluent in Virginia, and without resources, they struggle to compete. These pledges by the Cameron Foundation, Facebook, Primis Bank, and Dominion Energy will further connectivity solutions for some of the most fiscally-distressed localities in the Commonwealth.

“It is rewarding to see others stepping up to assist expanding broadband access,” said Secretary of Commerce and Trade Brian Ball. “This administration has made significant progress in reaching Virginians with broadband access, and these investments from the Cameron Foundation, Facebook, Primis Bank, and Dominion Energy will help to further that mission.”

The Cameron Foundation has pledged \$1.15 million to support broadband expansion in Sussex and Dinwiddie Counties. Facebook’s \$250,000 and Primis

Bank’s \$200,000 pledge will further broadband expansion in communities across Virginia, and with a significant contribution from Dominion Energy, these organizations will assist less-resourced communities achieve universal access to broadband.

Pledgers to the Commonwealth Connect Fund will deliver funding directly to local governments or governments of their choice with planned broadband expansion efforts. Those interested in pledging to the Commonwealth Connect Fund should contact the Governor’s Broadband Team at [commonwealthconnect@governor.virginia.gov](mailto:commonwealthconnect@governor.virginia.gov).

Submitted by Alena Yarmosky, Office of the Governor

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**Case No. JJ014314-06-00**  
Botetourt JDR District Court Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re Fowler, Eli Commonwealth  
/v.  
Unknown Father  
The object of this suit is to: To terminate residual parental rights to Eli Fowler. It is ORDERED that Unknown Father appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 12/07/2021 01:00PM.

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The object of this suit is to: To terminate residual parental rights to Nicholi Fowler. It is ORDERED that Unknown Father appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 12/07/2021 01:00PM.

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/v.  
Martin, Holly Isabella  
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**ORDER OF PUBLICATION**

Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316  
**Case No. JJ014302-05-00**  
Botetourt JDR District Court Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re Wright, Cooper Solstice Commonwealth  
/v.  
Wright Jr, Gary Robert  
The object of this suit is to: To terminate residual parental rights to Cooper Wright. It is ORDERED that Wright Jr, Gary Robert appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 12/07/2021 01:00PM.

10/19/2021  
Jessica Hall  
Deputy Clerk

**VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT**

COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA, a Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, **Case No. CL21-597**  
Complainant, v. BESSIE MILLER DUNBAR, ET AL,  
  
ORDER OF PUBLICATION  
The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Complainant, County of Botetourt, Virginia, for delinquent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the County of Botetourt, Virginia, described as follows:  
Tax Map No. 9-9  
Account No. 27417

All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land, containing 17 acres, more or less, situate, lying and being in Botetourt County, Virginia, near Baldwin Station, which said piece of land is bound on the South by the County Raod, leading from Baldwin Station to Craig's Creek; on the east by the land of Mamie Woods; on the north and on the west by the lands of the United States of America.

Being the same property of Kenneth C. Dunbar, who died intestate, seized and possessed on February 21, 1978, and survived by the following heirs of law: Bessie Miller Dunbar, widow, Mary Maxine Dunbar McCulley, Kenneth C. Dunbar Jr., Ella Dunbar Jeffries, Edith D. Noble, Jimmy M. Dunbar, Michael W. Dunbar, Frank A. Dunbar, Jewel Dunbar Watkins, Barbara Dunbar McGaha, Johnny A. Dunbar, Betty Dunbar Hyler, Haden L. Dunbar.

Less and Except that 2.00 acres portion of land conveyed to Frank A. Dunbar and Rita M. Dunbar, husband and wife, by Deed dated July 15, 1983 and recorded August 2, 1983 in the Office of the Circuit Court Clerk's Office of Botetourt, Virginia, in Deed Book 286, Page 321.

Less and Except that 1.50 acres portion of land conveyed to Michael W. Dunbar and Peggy S. Dunbar, husband and wife, by Deed dated July 15, 1983 and recorded August 2, 1983 in the Office of the Circuit Court Clerk's Office of Botetourt, Virginia, in Deed Book 286, Page 323.

Less and Except that 2.00 acres portion of land conveyed to Jimmy M. Dunbar and Susan H. Dunbar, husband and wife, by Deed dated July 15, 1983 and recorded February 9, 2011 in the Office of the Circuit Court Clerk's Office of Botetourt,

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Virginia, as Instrument Number 110000592.

And being the remaining 11.5 acres, more or less, portion of the property conveyed to Bessie Miller Dunbar from Heirs of Kenneth C. Dunbar by Deed dated April 21, 1983, and recorded June 6, 1983 in the Botetourt County Circuit Court Clerk's Office in Deed Book 284, Page 531.

This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described including but not limited to those recorded in Deed Book 99, Page 362.

IT APPEARING that an Affidavit has been made and filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the identity and location of certain parties to be served, that the last known addresses for the Respondents herein are as follows: Bessie Miller Dunbar, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is 2358 Wood Town Road, Eagle Rock, Virginia 24085; Jimmy M. Dunbar, whose last known address is 75 Forrest Hill Drive, Eagle Rock, Virginia 24085; Betty Dunbar Hyler, whose last known address is 1263 Commercial Avenue, Clifton Forge, Virginia 24422; Haden L. Dunbar, whose last known address is 1737 Webster Road, Roanoke, Virginia 24012; Jewell Dunbar Watkins aka Lydia J. Watkins, whose last known address is 3423 Norway Place, Norfolk, Virginia 23509; Montie K. Jeffries, whose last known address is 6203 Rich Patch Road, #6203, Covington, Virginia 24426; Glenn J. Hyler, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is 1263 Commercial Avenue, Clifton Forge, Virginia 24422;

Carolyn Tinsley Dunbar, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Johnny A. Dunbar, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is 202 Crossing Lane, Low Moor, Virginia 24457; Charles L. Dunbar, whose last known address is 304 Karnes Road, Covington, Virginia 24426; Irmakullah Abbasi, whose last known address is 5212 S Cornell Avenue, Apt W, Chicago, Illinois 60615; and that any officers, heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the Respondent named herein are made parties Respondent to this action individually and/or by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties herein and all Parties Unknown and/or whose location cannot be ascertained appear on or before December 7, 2021 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Botetourt, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause. Entered on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.

Joel R. Branscom  
Judge

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**ORDER OF PUBLICATION**

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104  
**Case No. CL21-404**  
Salem Circuit Court 2 E. Calhoun Street, Salem, VA 24153  
Isaiahs Rosa da Silva v. Victoria Nichole Davis  
The object of this suit is to: Obtain a divorce  
It is ORDERED that Victoria Nichole Davis appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before November 24, 2021.

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October 4, 2021  
Stacy L. Owen  
Deputy Clerk

**Legals - Montgomery County**

**ORDER OF PUBLICATION**

Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316  
**Case No. JJ004795-06-00**  
Floyd County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Floyd County DSS v. Christian Knode  
The object of this suit is to: Terminate the residual parental rights of Christian Knode, legal parent of Gabriel Knode a minor, in that said parent has, without good cause, failed to correct the conditions which resulted in the child entering foster care and it is not reasonably

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likely that they will be able to do so in a reasonable amount of time, failed to maintain continuing contact with the child and substantially plan for the child's future. Residual parental rights include, but are not limited to the right to visitation, consent to adoption, the right to determine religious affiliation, and the responsibility for support. The termination of your residual parental rights will permanently end all of your rights and responsibilities to the child named in the petition. It is ORDERED that Christian Knode appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before December 6, 2021.

10/13/21  
Bradley Dalton  
Judge

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## Rockets end season with 3-7 record but high hopes for the future



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Johnny Hutchinson opens up the hole for Brayden Frango.



Logan Reynolds (#74) opens up the hole for Dylan Crawford.



Lucas Taylor makes a tackle.

The Craig County football team ended their football season with two road losses last week. The Rockets dropped games to Bath County, 19-10, and Covington, 28-14.

The two losses capped a stretch of four games in 11 days to finish the season in a whirlwind. Craig finished 3-7 on a season that saw a new coach, Jimmy Fisher, named less than a month before practice started and week to week uncertainty due to COVID. It wasn't the greatest season, but it wasn't bad, either. And, the Rockets laid the foundation for better days ahead.

"I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to coach these young men," said Fisher. "I almost didn't take the job. I was very comfortable and very busy already. I didn't know where to find the time and I knew it was going to be the hardest coaching job that I have had to tackle so far.

"I prayed hard for guidance and just felt convicted that I had to do it. I never really found the time, and I've had one day off, my grandson's birthday party, since I agreed to coach back in July. The work was even more than I imagined,

and there is plenty of work left to do for next season.

"There were countless things that needed, and still need to be done, that time just did not allow for. We still need to finish some work on the grounds. We got a lot done but we are not finished. We still need to raise money for 2021, we have obligations that we need to meet from the season that just finished and we deferred some needs to next year. We need to work on the field and find a way to consistently keep it watered."

As for last week, the Bath County was game was one Fisher would just as soon forget. It was the only win of the season for the Chargers.

"Bath County in a word.....UGH!" said Fisher. "When we were supposed to play on the Friday they cancelled because of power issues, we were 100 percent for the first time since week two. Last week we had a bunch of kids get quarantined an hour and a half before we were leaving for the game. In total, eight players did not make the trip to Bath County and a couple of kids who did go were dinged up or injured.

"We were missing a large chunk of the second level of our defense. The quarantined players were the majority of our linebacker corps and secondary. We had kids playing spots they hadn't played or practiced at previously."

The Rockets gave up 19 points in the first half to a team that had only scored 18 points all season.

"We were fortunate that two of the kids, that found out between 1pm and 1:30 pm that they were quarantined, were able to get rapid antigen tests and they made it to the game right before halftime," said Fisher. "They shored up our defense in the second half."

The Rockets didn't give up a first down in the second half but struggled offensively, missing some starting linemen and half of the starting backfield in the first half. In the second half Craig was able to move the ball pretty well but struggled to punch it into the end zone.

"Kudos to Bath County, they fought hard for their only win of the season," said Fisher. "I think without the power outage a couple of weeks ago, or the last minute quarantine this week, that it's a game we win by four or five scores. But it's the nature of sports right now. It's happened to almost every team...it is what it is. All you can do is move forward to the next opportunity."

The next opportunity was Covington, and it turned out to be the last game of the season as the Rockets finished 11th in the VHSL Class 1C region. The top eight teams make the region tourna-

ment, so the Rockets were left out.

"Always a surreal feeling when you know 100 percent that it's the last game of the season," said Fisher. "We were eliminated with our loss to Bath County and it would have been easy to just go through the motions, but we battled on Friday night."

Covington scored first with a 30 plus yard touchdown pass on a fourth and 14 play. Craig answered with a scoring drive but Covington scored on their second drive as well, then a third time with about a minute to go in the half.

In the second half the Rockets had a great drive, eating up every second of the third quarter. Craig early in the fourth quarter and got the two point conversion to make it 21-14, then did a slow roller onside kick after the touchdown. Craig recovered but it was ruled the Rockets touched the ball before it went the full 10 yards, giving possession to Covington.

"It was the right call, we were early," said Fisher.

The Cougars then used the short field to score again to make it 28-14. That was the last score of the game.

"Neither team had many possessions," said Fisher. "I think we each had five possessions during the game."

"Our offense is a clock eater. It is designed to keep the ball away from the other team and shorten the game. We accomplished that but we have to score when we get in the red zone."

Fisher had lots of kind words for the community and football support

group with the 2021 season in the books.

"There are so many people to thank," he said. "My wife tops the list. She did every single thing at our house this season. One hundred percent of the cooking, cleaning, mowing, etc."

"She was a trooper helping clean these new uniforms and keeping them bright. It's an all day commitment. We hand scrub all the stains."

"Our administration and office staff were amazing. Mrs. Warwick and Mr. Foster have been fantastic to work with and very supportive. The high school administration, office staff, and custodial staff have been second to none. They did far more for us than what goes on at most other schools."

"We had a solid year one coaching staff. The coaches worked very hard to provide these young men with everything they needed to be successful. We also could not have had a season without several other schools lending us some equipment. We had gear from five different schools this season."

"Thanks to Sheri Sloss for heading up the team meals and everyone that donated for our meals, Rebecca Crawford and Zach Peters for jumping in to the concession stand and to all the volunteers, Booster Club members, camera, chains, etc. Joey Mayo and the fireworks."

"Our season had highs and lows like most things in life. We battled through so many things that we really had no control over. So many players and coaches battled the loss of family members throughout the

season. Our continued prayers are with them as they try and move forward without their loved ones.

"Covid-19 quarantines? I may have been the only coach that wasn't quarantined at some point during the season. Some coaches were quarantined multiple times. So many other illnesses went thru the school and our team this season. So much strep throat and so many stomach bugs. We never knew who was going to be available at practice."

"We lose a bunch of Seniors that played a lot. They are the foundation, the cornerstones, for what we are trying to build. They were great. They have a great camaraderie with each other that was infectious. It was a fun group to coach. So many underclassmen did not play a lot but stuck it out for the duration. I think they see what we are trying to do and are in it for the long haul with us."

"We are starting now to prepare for next season. We have 46 signed up for next year's varsity squad and will have over 30 signed up for middle school. We will start the off-season conditioning program within the coming weeks. We will fund raise all year long. We still need lots of equipment for the team and for strength and speed training. We plan on having the best off-season in Rocket history but we still need everyone's support of the program and the fundraising."

"Thank you to every single person that contributed time and resources to make this season special."



Alex Drake returns the ball after an interception.



Dylan Crawford carries the ball.



Brayden Frango makes a reception for the Rockets.



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