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"The Voice of Craig County"

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Local Veterans of 4491 continue to serve their community and country



While people impacted by the tornado disaster figure out their next move, Craig Valley VFW Post 4491 Commander Billy Lee explained that they raised approximately \$1,575 for God's Pit Crew to help the victims as well as an additional \$520 and two full carts of food for the Craig County Food Bank.

Pam Dudding Contributing writer

Being a servant means positively impacting a multitude of people in a variety of ways. Our local Veterans of Foreign War understand that statement as many did not enter the service and go overseas to serve in vicious wars voluntarily. They were drafted. Still, they served with honor and great distinc-

One thing about the local Veterans of Foreign War in Craig County is they've continued to serve the county in many numerous instances.

Their zeal, not only for our country, but our county shows just how committed they are to making a difference.

Craig Valley VFW Post 4491 Commander Billy Lee recently explained that they "raised approximately \$1,575 for God's Pit Crew to help the victims as well as an additional \$520 and two full carts of food for the Craig County Food Bank."

He added, "the people in Craig are so willing to give."

Throughout 2021, they did many projects. Some were annual projects and events while others consisted of things like helping their community and others in different states in a time of need.

Last year, VFW Post 4491 did the following:

•Participated in seven funer-

•Raised the flag at the Memorial Day Service and for the opening of the Fall Festival

•Paid for all Veterans to enjoy

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Snow blankets all of Craig County



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Young Sophia's laughter was contagious as she enjoyed the big snow.



The mountains of Craig County always bring beauty during the winter season Barbie Winstead captured this recent landscape of snow from her home.



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The Craig Valley VFW Post 4491 recently recognized Ethan Martin for earning first place locally and third place districtwide, respectively, for the Voice of **Democracy Contest.**

Strong military legacy encourages Martin to write powerful essay

Pam Dudding

Contributing writer

There are two annual Veterans of Foreign Wars writing contests. One of them, the Voice of Democracy, is for high school students.

To participate, interested student's assignment must be an audio-essay. This year's theme posed the question, "America: Where Do We Go From Here?" More than 51,000 students participated in last year's event. State winners compete for the top national \$30,000 scholarship prize.

Craig Valley's VFW Post 4491 annually receives submissions from Craig County High School students.

This year, Ethan Martin placed first locally and third districtwide, respec-

Shared Martin, "I chose to write this year for two reasons. First, my family

has a strong military legacy. I have relatives who have been or are currently in the Army, Navy and Air Force, I had a desire to join the Marine Corps after graduation. Unfortunately, I was diagnosed with a couple of medical disqualifiers late last year, which has barred the military from ever being in my future. Secondly, I wrote because of the recent turn of events over the course of the last year. I felt it best to write where I believe America is heading if certain circumstances don't change. With all that has happened, I felt a stronger connection to wanting to join the military and have been struggling with how best to do that since active duty won't be the way I can serve. I felt it best, then, that if I couldn't protect this country from its enemies as an active-duty military member, then I would certainly try and hope to steer it in the right direction."

"America: Where Do We Go From

Here?" was this year's theme. Martin's response was, "The average age of the world's great civilizations has been 200 years. These nations have progressed through the following sequence: From bondage to spiritual faith, from spiritual faith to great courage, from courage to liberty, from liberty to abundance, from abundance to selfishness, from selfishness to complacency, from complacency to apathy, from apathy to dependency, from dependency back to bondage."

Scottish historian Alexander Tyler developed this sequencing as a result of his careful study of ancient civilizations and empires, specifically those of Greece and Rome. He shared this cycle of the rise and fall of the "Greats" right about the time a new country was born. That country? The United

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visit www.craiglibrary.org.

EVERY SUNDAY

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

SECOND MONDAY

•Paint Bank Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 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.

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Winter storm delivers much-needed moisture to Va. farmland

Dropping over a foot of snow in some Virginia localities, an early-January storm stole national headlines and wreaked havoc throughout the mid-Atlantic. Though the storm left many

travelers stranded and hundreds of thousands without power in Virginia, the plentiful precipitation came at a crucial time for the state's grain farmers. According to the U.S. De-

partment of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service December crop report, Virginia entered 2022 with "abnormally dry to severe drought conditions" across the state. NASS statistics also indicated

the Lynchburg and Norfolk regions each ended 2021 with precipitation deficits of 8.8 inches compared to normal annual precipitation totals. The Roanoke area recorded a 4.4-inch deficit, and Northern Virginia ended the year with a 7.9-inch shortage. Only parts of Virginia region

saw above-average precipitation last year, with a 2.5-inch surplus. As small-grain crops begin to emerge in some areas of Virginia, farmers said the influx of mois-

"We've been really dry. It was one of the driest falls I can remember," said grain producer Glenn Dye, who farms in Ap-

ture came at a pivotal time.

pomattox, Fauquier and Stafford counties. "We definitely needed more moisture for the fall crops and some subsoil moisture for the spring crops, and the snow we got definitely helped the crops that are in the field." Dye, who also serves on

the Virginia Farm Bureau Fed-

eration Soybean and Feed Grains

Advisory Committee, skipped

planting winter wheat this year, opting instead to plant rye as a cover crop. Before the Jan. 3 storm, Dye said the crop was "hanging on," but he wasn't sure it would remain healthy enough to ben-

efit the soil for spring planting.

tween 8 and 9 inches of snow to his Appomattox property and 13 inches to Stafford, which allowed the crop to rebound. "(The snow and rain) we've had has been beneficial," Dye

However, the storm brought be-

added, noting he and other Virginia grain farmers saw additional rain and snow on Jan. 6 and 7. "Any moisture is a good thing at this point." Bedford County grain farmer

W.P. Johnson said he and other nearby farmers struggled to plant small grains in the fall due to soil aridity. Johnson planted oats and

wheat, and said he only managed

to get his seeds deep enough in the ground because he recently rebuilt his planters' drill. With the benefit of moisture from the Jan. 3 storm - he received four inches of wintry mix on his farm - each crop is progressing well.

"The moisture from the snow really pulled out our small grain crops and let them emerge, and I can actually see what kind of stand I have," he said. "Without the snow, I don't know my emergence would have been what it is. We got lucky."

Submitted by Glenn Dye

Veterans from page 1

a night at a CCHS football game •Assisted the Daughters of the Ameri-

can Revolution in honoring a revolution-•Hosted Humana Healthcare at their

Post so people could get answers about Social Security •Hosted the Veterans Center truck at

their Post for Veterans •Honored and presented Fireman of

the Year, Policeman of the Year and EMT of the Year •Honored and presented Teachers

of the Year in Craig for the elementary, middle and high school

•Allowed Craig County Community Church to meet free of charge weekly

•Allowed the Shooting Stars to use the •Assisted Feeding America and the

LOA in boxing and loading food for

Craig residents •Organized the first Annual Veterans picnic for Craig Veterans and their families with food, door prizes and games

•Organized a donation drive for recent

tornado victims

•Organized a donation drive for the food bank, including funds and food •Conducted an honorable flag burn-

ing ceremony for the old flags of Craig Participated in the New Castle Pa-

rade, leading the occasion with the honor guard carrying the flags

•Donated \$300 to Craig County High School sports program Donated five handmade quilts to five

local Veterans

Gave funds to the VA hospital to pur-

chase presents for patients

Though they are not ones that care about having these glorified in any way, it just shows that their heartfelt service never ends. The proof of a true people "serving their country" with heart and soul. The community of Craig County

would like to add a special thank-you to our Veterans, for your past and present service. We honor you as you exemplify the definition of what a true "citizen" is to our community and our country.

Legacy

from page 1

States of America. If his assertion of time and the order in which great civilizations rise and fall proves correct, America is beyond the 200year mark. But where does she currently find herself in the sequence? Journey with me for a few moments as we find out and do our best to determine where America goes from here.

When we look back over

the course of our nation's building, it seems easy to identify moments in time associated with the early sequences. Pilgrims in Scrooby, England, united with one another to leave for the New World in the hopes of worshipping God freely, leaving bondage behind and exercising spiritual faith.

Colonists soon realized that if they were to maintain their religious freedoms, they would have to employ great courage by fighting for their God-given, unalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. They did this by declaring independence from King George III and entering into a Revolutionary War. With their victory se-

cured from Great Britain at the close of the war, the colonists advanced from courage to liberty with the creation of a Constitutional republic - the first of its kind - which held fast that these new United States would institute a government by the people and for the people. This liberty ushered in an

era of abundance with the free exchange of ideas, promotion of creativity and an Industrial Revolution.

The United States of America was quickly becoming the world's richest nation. Regrettably, often when a person or nation becomes wealthy, selfishness follows. For the first time since its inception, the United States was fiercely divided, brother pitted against brother, in an ugly Civil War fought primarily because of In my mind, the years

between the Civil War and World War II seem to fluctuate between abundance and selfishness on Tyler's sequencing grid. The United States has experienced peri-

ods of moral decline, disintegration of family values, extreme poverty during the Great Depression, but then rebounds after stepping in to assist allies in two world Following World War II,

however, the selfishness sequence appears to run rampant, with entire generations of people dubbed as "Me Generations." That level of arrogance has moved scores of people, then, from selfishness to complacency. Merriam Webster defines complacency as "self-satisfaction, especially when accompanied by unawareness of actual dangers or deficiencies when it comes to safety."

Tyler asserts that once complacency is complete, we fall into apathy – a total lack of caring or concern. "It is what it is." This lack of interest ultimately leads to dependency. Dependency is characterized by needing someone or something else to provide support or help for us. When dependency has completed its course, according to Tyler, we go back to bondage.

As a student of history, I truly believe we currently fall somewhere between complacency and dependency on Tyler's sequencing scale. And, if that is the case, America, where do we go from here? United States citizens and patriots are waking up to where they perceive the country is heading. Those who were complacent or apathetic are rising and encouraging others to do the same. If we do not alter our course and return to the Christian principles upon which this Constitutional republic was founded, our end will be just like that of other "great" civilizations... we go back to bondage.

Martin was awarded a gift card and a commendation certificate from VFW 4491 as well as an award from district.

VFW members shared that they were honored to be able to share this paper for district competition. "It's good to still see our kids honoring our country," they shared.

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4. Type of powder

5. Finger millet

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Holding strong: American Legion Post committed to expanding its overall mission



Throughout each year, every Roanoke Valley American Legion Post gives back to the community in a multitude of ways, including free catered dinners for Veterans.

Shawn Nowlin

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The local American Legion Post is doing its best to continue its mission of enhancing the well-being of America's Veterans, their families, the military and communities by the devotion to mutual helpfulness. The organization is currently looking to expand its membership and encourages interested individuals to give them a

Steve Fleming, a former US Marine, has been assigned the Athletic Director for the Legion's youth sports. New blood, he said, is always needed for any organization to grow.

"I have learned so much about the community. Had I not joined the Legion, there is no way I would have understood the value of {the area]. I love giving back to the community and making

a difference. Something as simple as a free coat could make all the difference in the world for somebody," Fleming added.

Formed on March 15, 1919, the Legion is made up of state, U.S. territory and overseas departments. Historically speaking, the American Legion played a vital role in the drafting and passing of the G.I. Bill, or the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, which was a law that provided a range of benefits for some of the returning World War II Vet-

By lobbying on behalf of the interest of Veterans and service members, the Legion has been able to significantly improve pensions and the Veterans Health Administration, among other things over the years. The Legion promotes Americanism which is an attachment or allegiance to the traditions,

institutions and ideals of the United States.

During a gathering last December, the Salem Legion hosted a coat giveaway and catered dinner for all Veterans.

'The coat drive came up during our monthly meeting several months ago. As a Post, we want to serve the community. We have never had a coat drive, so we tossed the idea around and most of the members loved it," Fleming said. "It went from a small idea to a bomb! The Salem VA got behind the concept and that made a huge differ-

Long before he ever volunteered for any Roanoke Valley Legion, Charles Smith says he encouraged those around him to give back to the less fortunate. "This is how I see it. Everyone goes through adversity in life, but everyone's adversity is not the same. One person think-



Last month, the Legion held a coat giveaway for individuals in need.



Members of the American Legion Post usually meet at least once a month.

ing, 'I have to budget groceries to make ends meet' is entirely different from someone else saying, 'I hope when I sleep in my car tonight, I don't get attacked.' Life is about perspective. You don't have to

have a lot of money to be nice to a stranger," Smith explained.

'We have some amazing ideas that we'd love to bring to the area. I've personally been working behind the scenes to make

"DMV's motor car-

rier service centers put

the most innovative

technology to work to

keep truck drivers - and

all motorists - safe," said

Secretary of Transporta-

tion Shannon Valentine. "Bringing TACS

on board is yet another

innovative solutions to

make the Common-

cause serious crashes. By

detecting unsafe tires,

most times before a

truck driver even knows

there is a problem, we

can prevent crashes

save lives," said DMV

Commissioner Richard

"Tire blowouts can

wealth's roads safer."

commitment

some things happen," Fleming said. "Without support from the community though, it's almost impossible to things done. I'm hopeful that more people will choose to get

Representative.

hard-working folks at

DMV's motor carrier

service centers take very

seriously the role they play in keeping our highways safe; TACS

gives them another tool

permanent motor carri-

er service centers and 12

mobile crews through-

out the Commonwealth.

A typical motor carrier

service center is staffed

with size and weight compliance agents who

weigh vehicles, collect

truck data and partner

with the Virginia State

Police to issue citations

Cowardin

for non-compliance.

DMV operates 13

with which to work."

DMV makes Virginia's highways safer with new commercial vehicle tire technology

-More than 13,000 unsafe tires removed from I-81 in first year of operation-

Using innovative inroad sensors, the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) removed 13,000 unsafe tires from commercial vehicles traveling on Interstate 81 in just one year. The technology,

called Tire Anomaly the driver into the staand Classification System (TACS), enables weigh station technicians to identify coming with flat, missing, mismatched or underinflated tires and call

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tion to arrange for a repair.

TACS was installed at the Stephens City mercial vehicles travel- Motor Carrier Service Center along Interstate 81 near Winchester in June 2020. An average of nearly 1,200 unsafe tires are detected each

month. This year, DMV will install the TACS technology, produced by International Road Dynamics Inc., to the Troutville Motor Carrier Service Center on I-81 near Roanoke and the Alberta Motor Carrier Service Center on

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Caldwell, Phyllis Crowder

Phyllis Crowder Caldwell, 94 of New Castle, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, January 13. She was preceded in death by her parents, Rush and Mable Crowder; husband, James Edward Caldwell; Gladys sisters, Trivette and Cordelia Almoney.

She is survived by daughter and son-in-law, Paula and Steve Devinney; son, James Caldwell

(Debbie); and grandson, Kyle Caldwell (Lacy).

A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on 0 Friday, January 21, at Paitsel Funeral Home with Pastor Danny Kesler officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the New Castle United Methodist Church, PO Box 13, New Castle, VA 24127

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Books that shaped 2021 by Alice Vincent and Stephen Carlick

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conversationstarting non-fiction to novels that changed the game, here's a list of books that defined the past 12 months.

Every year, a handful of books tend to dominate the cultural conversation, either by capturing the world around us or offering the perfect escape

Here we round up ten of those very titles, from issue-led non-fiction to innovative novels to poetry collections that defined a moment and helped illuminate the future.

The Man Who Died Twice by Richard Osman

Nobody could have predicted the heights that Richard Osman's debut novel The Thursday Mystery Club would hit last year, but in retrospect, it's hardly a surprise: the story, centered on four geriatric friends with a penchant for unsolved murders who are suddenly faced with a murder at their very own care home, sparkled with wit, warmth and whimsy. So, it came as little surprise when its sequel, The Man Who Died Twice, was released this year to immediate acclaim and skyrocketing sales. This is the book that basically invented the 'cozy crime' genre, and its accolades are as deserved as they are abundant.

The Promise by Damon

The winner of the year's Booker Prize is always a conversation-starter, but Damon Galgut's captivating 2021 winner makes for particularly heady discussion. In The Promise, a white South African family gathers for the funeral of their matriarch, who has asked her husband for the titular promise: that he will vow to hand over part of the family property to their Black housekeeper, Salome. As decades pass and it goes unfulfilled, the slowly disintegrates, as Galgut unearths questions of identity, inherited trauma and family, all in his tender, attentive year's best books before it Prize merely certified it.

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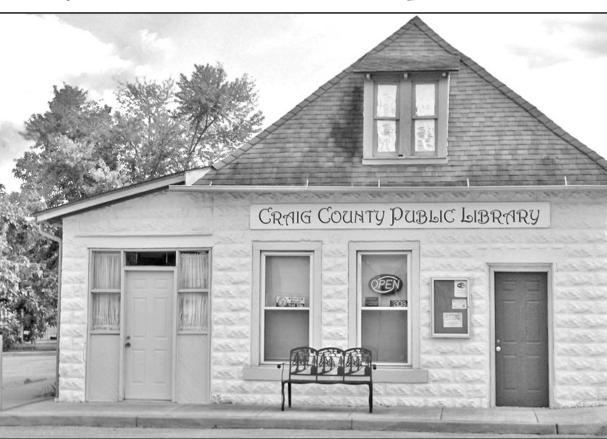
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won anything; the Booker in August saw Dunn's compendium of fun and Jane's Patisserie by Jane Instagram-worthy bakes take on a massive new au-This year saw the dience; the book became emergence of a new bak- an instant bestseller and ing star: Jane Dunn. The turned Dunn into a TV

World, Beautiful amassed a devoted social Where Are You? by Sally

Was Sally Rooney's recipes for mouth-wa- third novel perhaps the tering and professional- most anticipated of the looking bakes. The re- year? With a marketing lease of Jane's Patisserie campaign that spread from tiny proofs to entire buildings painted with the cover and blanket review coverage, it was difficult not to suspect that Rooney's character – a novelist hiding out in coastal Ireland from sudden fame – was somewhat drawn from experience. Beautiful World, Where Are You? examines how relationships can exist in an increasingly fractured world, a theme that is all the more pertinent in

light of the pandemic. The Transgender Issue by Shon Faye

Somehow, debate still rages on in the media about trans people, as though their very existence is controversial and worthy of handwringing. Here, activist, journalist and author Shon Fave cuts through the rubbish, playing on media hysteria with her book's title, The

Transgender Issue, and

discussing the realities of

trans life, giving urgent voice to the real issues standing in the way of trans liberation - and by extension, liberation for all marginalized people. Faye's book is a landmark work, one that ignited important conversations

Peter 2.0 by Peter Scott-Morgan

AI is no longer the stuff of sci-fi: every time our phone unlocks through facial recognition, or we ask Alexa to put the radio on, we're using it. But that doesn't mean Peter Scott-Morgan's searingly human desire to use cutting-edge technology to survive a Motor Neuron Disease diagnosis is any less than remarkable. Scientist Scott-Morgan details the brave and untrodden path to a new, cyborg-like life thanks to robotics and artificial intelligence in this incredible memoir, which proves that the future is closer than we think.

Empireland: How Imperialism Has Shaped Modern Britain by Sathnam Sanghera

No book forced readers to re-examine the country's colonial history like Sathnam Sanghera's masterful Empireland: How Imperialism Has Shaped Modern Britain. This incisive book offers a fascinating and astute look at the way Empire has shaped Britain's cultural

identity, from the ways we think and speak to the foundation of the NHS, Brexit and much, much more. The British Empire is a divisive topic, alternately glorified and despised, but Sanghera's balanced, deeply researched take on the subject made it an absolute must-read this year.

Call Us What We Carry by Amanda Gorman

In an increasingly divided society, there were few moments this year that caught the whole world's attention, but high among them was Amanda Gorman's stirring delivery of her poem 'The Hill We Climb' from the podium at the inauguration of the 46th President of the United States, Joe Biden. At just 22 years old, the young Black poet and activist imaginations captured all over the planet with her message of hope and unity; here, in her breakout poetry collection Call Us What We Carry, Gorman delves into themes of "history, language, identity, and erasure", shining a light on the present and pointing it forwards on a

Keisha the Sket by Jade

possible future.

Technically, Keisha the Sket existed long before 2021: the first appearance of Jade LB's captivating teenager was 2005, on

a now-defunct blogging platform called Piczo. The resulting, rollercoaster story that appeared in chapters printed out on school computers and on early mobile phones made a generation feel like their lives were represented in literature for the first time. This year, Keisha the Sket was finally granted her deserved place in the literary canon after LB published her story, along with a contemporary revising and essays on the watershed that it caused. Finally, Keisha arrived on the bookshelves

she always belonged on. The Sanatorium by

Sarah Pearse It's not every day that a debut author gets picked up by Reese Witherspoon, but that's exactly what happened to Sarah Pearse, author of the bone-chilling thriller The Sanatorium. In the depths of a chilly February, Pearse's novel brought suspense, Switzerland and snow to locked-down readers with her story of a murder mystery in a cut-off hotel. At a time of isolation, The Sanatorium struck a chord with aplomb, becoming an instant New York Times and Sunday Times bestseller. And there's good news for those who read it and loved it, Pearse's second eerie thriller, The Retreat, will be here in July.

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A Glass of Revenge actors preparing for a scene.



Filming was done at various locations inside the Inn at Burrell Place in Salem.

Shawn Nowlin

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The Inn at Burwell Place is a 7,800-square-foot facility at 601 W Main Street in Salem. On most occasions, the building serves as a bed and breakfast. While no hot food service is available for overnight guests, each morning, a European continental breakfast in a picnic basket is placed outside of every guest's

Weddings, receptions, business meetings and more also occur at the Salem building throughout each year.

When people Google the Inn at Burwell Place, one of the first things that comes up are the amenities offered. Owner Cindy Lou says there is much more to Burwell Place than what meets the eye.

"We are a small Inn that has been in existence for over 100 years. Twenty-six years ago, I came down from Washington D.C. and purchased the property. As the owner and keeper, I basically do everything. I do though have some assistance with certain tasks around the house," Lou said. "We take tremendous pride in our authenticity. We offer a variety of services and love to serve the people who walk through the doors.'

Recently, the Inn hosted a movie production set, something Lou says was an enjoyable experience. Explaining what it was like to host the cast and crew, Lou said, "I've done this on a much smaller scale before when we had just three or four person productions use our facilities. These young folks with this particular film started at 9 a.m. and worked their tails off for hours. They were complete professionals, and you could feel how passionate they were."

Director Dylan Vox is a film, television and stage actor born and raised in the South. He relocated to Denver, Colorado, after graduating with two bachelor's degrees in Journalism and Political Science from Georgia Southern University. Years later, when he moved to California, he earned a Juris Doctrine degree from Pepperdine University.

Movies Vox has directed to date include Triassic World, A Beauty and the Beast Christmas, My Nightmare Landlord, The Christmas Sitters, Secrets on Sorority Row and Trapped Daughter. When the cameras showed up at the Burrell Place, it was to shoot footage for the upcoming

movie, A Glass of a Revenge. A murder mystery, the film is scheduled to appear on the Lifetime Movie Channel within the next six months. About 35 people were present to work on the film, said Lou who added, Dylan has family in Salem and went to school

"I can't wait to see the film on the big screen. It's going to be really neat to see our facility in the background shown to a national audience," she



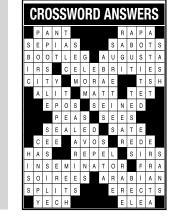
Makeup and hair artists getting the actors ready before they return to set.

God's House Is



One of the areas used in the film was the formal living room.

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> Legals - City of Salem

NOTICE OF

PUBLIC HEARING On Monday, the 14th day of February, 2022, the Council of the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing on the proposed issuance general obligation public improvement bonds of the City in an estimated maximum principal amount \$2,350,000 for the purposes of financing the City's share of the costs to renovate the existing anaerobic digestion facilities at the Western Virginia Water Authority Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant, together with related expenses, and paying the associated financing and issuance costs. bonds will be secured by a pledge of the full faith and credit and taxing power of the City.

The public hearing, which may be continued adjourned, conducted during the regular meeting of the City Council which is scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m. at Community Room, Salem Civic Center, 1001 Roanoke Boulevard, Salem, Virginia 24153. Interested persons may appear at such time and place and present their

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Legals -

Public Notice Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow the release of treated wastewater into a water body in Montgomery County, Virginia

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: January 19, 2022 to February 18, 2022

PERMIT NAME: Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination Permit wastewater issued by DEQ. under the authority of the State Water Control Board

APPLICANT NAME ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: NRV Regional Water Authority, 3515 Peppers Ferry Road, Radford, VA 24141; VA0052850

FACILITY NAME AND LOCATION: NRV Regional Water Authority WTP; 3515 Peppers Ferry Road, Radford, VA 24141

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: NRV Regional Water Authority has applied for reissuance of a permit for the public NRV Regional Water Authority WTP. The applicant proposes to release treated industrial wastewater at a rate of 0.125 million gallons per day (MGD) into a water body. The facility proposes to release the treated industrial wastewater into an unnamed tributary of Stroubles Creek in Montgomery County in the New River watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. The permit will limit the follow pollutants to amounts that protect water quality: parameters, solids, chlorine,

PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ requests for public hearing by hand-delivery, by e-mail, must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) the reason why a public hearing regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester, including how interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit 3) specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT **REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL** INFORMATION: Kevin A. Harlow, DEQ Blue Ridge Regional Office, 901 Russell Dr, Salem, VA 24153 Phone: (540) 562-6700; E-mail: Kevin.Harlow@deq.virginia.

Fax: (804) 698-7148. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed above.

Legals -Montgomery County

ORDER OF **PUBLICATION** COMMONWEALTH OF

VIRGINIA VA CODE §§ 1-211 1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104 Case No. CL21001989 Montgomery County Circuit Court 55 East Main Street, Suite 1, Christiansburg, VA 24073 Estate Of Ernestine B. Frith Commonwealth of Virginia Mark B. Frith

Commonwealth of Virginia

The object of this suit is to: Sale of Ernestine Burton Frith's Real Property It is ORDERED that Dennis L. Frith appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before March 14, 2022.

January 13, 2022 Judge K. Mike Fleenor, Jr.

Legals - Town of Vinton

TOWN OF VINTON, **VIRGINIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING** Please be advised that the

LEGAL NOTICE

Vinton Town Council will hold a public hearing at its meeting on Tuesday February 1, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter . as the matter may be heard, in the Council Chambers of the Vinton Municipal Building, located at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia, concerning the proposed amendment to the Town of Vinton's FY 2021-2022 budget to appropriate funding from the FY21 Virginia Stormwater Local Assistance Fund (SLAF) for The Woodland Place Stream Restoration Project in the amount of \$570,000.00.

Any additional information on this public meeting is available in the Town Manager's Office, located in the Vinton Municipal Building, (540) 983-0607. Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate at this public meeting should contact the Town Manager's office at (540) 983-0607.

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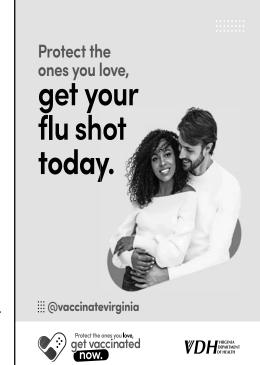
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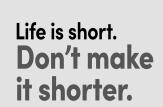
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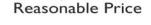
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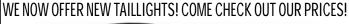
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Craig girls are home Thursday, at Eastern Montgomery Friday







Sara Jones drives to the hoop in a recent game.

The Craig County girls got three basketball games in last week before the big snowstorm, winning one and losing two.

Craig.

Last Monday the girls played host to an improved James River team and dropped a 44-31 deci-

"Not awful for no practice in over a week," said Craig coach Brock Jones. "The first time we played them they had a girl(Caitlin Canada) score 25 on us. I installed a box-and-one defense 20 minutes before the game and it wasn't too shabby. She ended up with 12."

Craig got in early foul trouble as three girls had two fouls in the first quarter, and that had an effect on the game.

"We were in foul trouble the whole game from there on out," said Jones. "Subbing and rotating offense for defense and vice versa. I felt like that was a game we could have gotten."

Lexxy Brookman once again proved her presence in the paint, finishing with 13 points and 10

"Ryan (River Coach Firebaugh) approached me after the game and said, 'I was nervous at half time, the box-and-one was working and your girls were playing hard on defense. I don't have an answer for your post player- she's playing hard there, and thankfully she got in some foul trouble".

Maggie Mays finished with six points and Hannah Caldwell and Sara Jones had four apiece.

"Ball security and fundamentals still seem to get the best of us," said coach Jones. "We have some work to do in order

to be fundamentally sound. We aren't quite there yet, but we're knocking on that door."

A night later the Rockets traveled to Highland and took a 50-26 win over the Rams. It was Craig's highest scoring game of the season to date. Brookman finished with 14 points and 15 rebounds while Sara Jones had 14 points, seven rebounds and four blocks.

Caldwell had 12 points, four rebounds, four blocks and four steals while knocking down a pair of threes. Annabelle Gregory chipped in four points along with Mays.

"I told the girls all year, 50 points is the goal every game for us to score," said Brock. "We finally hit it this game. We have been averaging around 32 points per game and that isn't going to cut it moving forward. We play decent on defense and get a few stops, but we have to be able to

The Rockets put up 18 points in the third quarter.

"I'm usually hollering at them nonstop on the offense end and they actually had me quiet in the third quarter because we were actually doing the correct things they were coached to do from the start of the season. Having our top three scorers hit over 10 points apiece felt good. We shared the ball as a team pretty well and the girls are finally buying in that Lexxy is a presence in

Last Thursday the girls were at Parry McCluer and lost 69-26 to a Blues team that improved to 11-1 with the win.

"We knew this was going to be

a tough out," said Jones. "(Blues head coach)Adam Gilbert, who I am fairly good friends with and played against my whole high school career, is a great coach. The Blues have eight seniors

and a winning tradition, winning the state in 2017, '18 and '19 and reaching the final eight

"They have the weapons to make a run again this year," said Jones. "They are the best team we have faced all year."

Craig came out playing well in the first quarter, well prepared for their press after a rare day of practice Wednesday.

"We actually got them out of the press early and didn't have to deal with it much the rest of the game," said Jones. "Parry McCluer is just really good this year. You leave a shooter open, they will knock it down."

Brookman led Craig again with 10 points and 7 rebounds. Sara Jones added six points and five rebounds.

Craig is now 2-9 and the Rockets were scheduled to host Bath on Tuesday, although that game was likely to be postponed after the weekend snowstorm. The Rockets are scheduled to host Narrows on Thursday, then travel to Eastern Montgomery on Friday night.

"We are halfway through the season," said Jones. "We have gotten better on a lot of things but we have gotten worse on a few things. We must continue to work in practice. There's a lot of season left and I am proud to work and get to coach these girls. They are a great group of



Dylan Crawford's shot is contested by 6'11" Spencer **Hamilton of Parry McCluer.**

Rocket boys win two of three

The Craig County boys are 5-3 on the basketball season after taking two of three games last week. The Rockets beat Highland County and Montcalm around a loss to 8-1 Parry McCluer.

Last Tuesday in Hot Springs the Rockets took a 59-46 win over Highland in a Pioneer District game. Then Craig was back home Thursday to take on Parry McCluer and their 6'11" center, Spencer Hamilton. The senior standout made his presence known early with several blocks as the Blues scored 19 of the first 21 points to jump out to a 19-2 lead.

"They jumped out on us quickly," said Craig coach Ryan Frazier. "He caused us a lot of problems inside."

The Rockets were able to adjust and cut the lead to 21-7 by the end of the first quarter. They had the lead down to nine at one point in the second quarter before Parry McCluer finished with a run to lead 38-25 at the half.

Hamilton came out after halftime on a mission, scoring twice on dunks in the first minute of the second half. The Blues increased the lead to 24, 55-31, by the end of the third quarter and Hamilton ended up scoring 41 points in the game.

player," said Frazier. "It's really hard to do much with him, he's not only tall but he's talented. He's destined to become a good college player."

Matthew Lucas led the Rockets with 22 points, including four three point goals. Nathan Fisher had seven points and did an admirable job battling Hamilton in the paint. Zachary Peters had five points and Dylan Crawford and Colton Moore had three each.

The Rockets were back on the bus Saturday for a game at Montcalm and took a 53-42 win. Moore and Fisher had 17 points each to lead Craig while Peters chipped in a dozen and Lucas had seven. Layton Huffman did not score but played well.

"Layton really stepped up," said Frazier. "He gave us some good minutes on a day when we really needed them, as we were a little short on the bench.'

Rockets were The scheduled to travel to Bath County on Tuesday, but that game was certain to be postponed after the weekend storm. The Rockets are scheduled to play at Narrows Tuesday, then host Eastern Montgomery on Friday night in New Castle.





