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McCleary shows kindness



Lauren McAllister was laden with sweet comments from her students during Kindness Week.

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

The sentiment of showing kindness warms anyone's heart. McCleary Elementary celebrated the week of February 14 with the state of Virginia by participating in "Kindness Week."
"We celebrated together with all the other schools all across the state of Virginia during this week," said Counselor

Dustin Persinger. Additionally, during the week, the students brought in non-perishable food items to be donated. "These will go to Craig Valley Baptist Church, as they provide food for our students to take home every week," Persinger explained. Persinger noted that last week was Counselor's Appreciation Week and he

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The Craig County School Board works diligently to provide the best education for all students in Craig. This year's School Board members are Superintendent Jeanette Warwick, Chairman and Craig County District Rep. Trace Bellassai, Potts Mountain Rep. Faye Powers, Craig Creek Rep. Kevin Altizer, along with newest members, New Castle Rep. Walter Marsden and Simmonsville Rep. Darren Gilreath.

New School Board members officially elected

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The Craig County School Board elects new officers when their tenure is up, in January of the new year. This year, two new members replaced Gina Smith and George Foster who had both completed their terms.

The School Board extends their great appreciation for their service and sincere care for the students and staff of CCPS. Remaining on the Board are Trace Bellassai, Chairman and representative for Craig City District; Faye Powers,

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Fire Department raises funds while having fun



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The Upper Craigs Creek Volunteer Fire Department continues to expand, being only a little over a year old in re-establishing their station and crew. Their recent spaghetti dinner brought citizens from near and far to their front door.

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Contributing writer

Anyone that has done volunteer work knows that it takes heart, time and dedication to complete a project with precision and integrity. The Upper Craig Creek Volunteer Fire Department continues to pursue their passion of creating a great volunteer service for the community as well as many others in Craig continue to support their efforts. On February 12, they hosted a fundraiser, serving spaghetti, garlic bread, desserts and a drink for only a \$10 donation. "Sure, we made money

and had some really nice donations given to us as well," Chief Shawn Matheny said. For those who partook of the meal, the Facebook comments said it all: "The spaghetti sauce was the bomb," and "You did a great job as usual" among many others. There were so many homemade desserts it was difficult for people to select just one. Matheny added, "As always, the ladies that donated desserts out did themselves because they were amazing!" However, Matheny added that once the fundraiser was over and they

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Hard-working clerk and school board members honored

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The Craig County School Board works diligently in making decisions that impact all students and staff personnel at the public schools. At this month's meeting, Superintendent Jeanette Warwick honored the Board and Clerk for their dedication to their positions. February is Annual School Board Appreciation Month. "It is a time to salute the work of our School Board and to celebrate public education," Warwick said before adding, "Our locally elected School Board speaks out for public schools by ensuring our students have the opportunity to benefit from a high-quality education. The decisions and actions affect

the present and future lives of our community's children." She added, "We all deeply thank you for the work you do. I am hoping that the community and staff will join us in celebrating your work this month." Warwick presented them all with a certificate and a small token of appreciation in the form of Tootsie rolls. "We thank you for the important 'role' you play," she said, making a play on words. "And you really do play an important role, not only the constituents in your areas, but also all the children in Craig County. It is truly a calling to be here and to give of your time. It's not just about being here for meetings but there is preparation time our members take to read the information."

Warwick also presented each one with a Craig County public school shirt. There are five Craig County School Board members: Chair Trace Bellassai (Craig City District representative), Vice-Chair Faye Powers (Potts Mountain), Kevin Altizer (Craig Creek), Darren Gilreath (Simmonsville) and Walter Marsden (New Castle). VSBA School Board Clerk Appreciation Week will also be celebrated this week. "The Virginia School Board Association Board of Directors designated the third week in February with the goal of building awareness of the role the clerks play in assisting school board members and superintendents in our local schools," Warwick shared. "They provide

an invaluable service for us and help make our jobs much easier and smoother." Warwick presented Jessica Belcher with a certificate and the Tootsie Roll package for


the "role" she plays. Bellassai also presented her with a gift from the School Board members. "She does a great job at making sure she is communicating with you, putting up

with me and in getting what I need," Warwick said. "She also assists Ms. Duncan when needed. She simply does an excellent job."




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School Board Clerk Jessica Belcher (right) was recently presented a certificate and a Tootsie roll bag for the role she plays in the school board. She also received a gift from the board members.



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Governor Youngkin and Congressman Griffith announce a fifth round of funding for abandoned Mine Land Economic Revitalization Grant Program

Governor Glenn Youngkin and Congressman Morgan Griffith recently announced that grant dollars are now available to assist those looking to make an economic impact in southwest Virginia. The Virginia Department of Energy (Virginia Energy) received a fifth round of funding for the Abandoned Mine Land Economic Revitalization (AMLER) program. The agency is now taking applications for proposals.

“Economic revitalization and development is critical for southwest Virginia and I’m excited for the positive economic benefits this project will bring,” said Governor Youngkin. “My administration will

always prioritize job creation, economic development, and lowering the cost of living in the Southwest and across the Commonwealth.”

“The AMLER program supports communities seeking to reclaim and redevelop properties with a mining heritage. It has become a great asset for economic development in southwest Virginia and boosted numerous innovative projects promoting renewal and opportunity,” said Congressman Griffith. “I urge eligible entities to consider applying for support from AMLER to aid their revitalization projects.”

Virginia Energy oversees the grant which comes from

the Office of Surface Mining and Reclamation Enforcement (OSMRE). The OSMRE has final approval over recommended projects. Proposed projects should have the greatest potential to achieve economic development goals in southwest Virginia’s coalfields and be proposed on land that includes features associated with coal mining that occurred before 1977.

Virginia Energy will receive applications through April 15, 2022. Applications and information can be found via the Virginia Energy website and should be submitted electronically to Tarah Kesterson at Tarah.Kesterson@energy.virginia.gov.

“We are already seeing the

job creation associated with 31 projects announced with these grant dollars over the last four years,” said Secretary of Commerce and Trade Caren Merrick. “There is new business and growing opportunities in the industrial, agriculture, energy sectors as well as a boost in community development due to this AMLER program.”

“We are enabling land, once thought unusable, for new purpose and community enhancement,” said Virginia Energy Director John Warren. “This includes eliminating environmental risks as these projects also remediate negative legacy effects of historic coal mining.”

Virginia Energy received

the initial \$10 million in 2017 and has continued to receive that amount every year since. Those looking for places to propose projects can find an AMLER inventory on the Virginia Energy website that lists locations and features for each site. Virginia was one of six states chosen to receive \$10 million to develop Abandoned Mine Land (AML) sites. This grant was part of the federal Omnibus Funding Bill. Projects completed with the funds will not only be designed to boost the economy of southwest Virginia’s coalfields but will also improve the environment.

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School Board

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Vice-Chair representing Potts Mountain; and Kevin Altizer, Craig Creek.

Darren Gilreath shared that he is happy to be the newly elected School Board member for the Simmonsville District.

Gilreath and his wife currently have two children who attend Craig County Public Schools.

He is originally from Williamsburg, Kentucky, but has lived in Newport, Virginia, since 2018 and has been a business owner for the last ten-plus years. He currently owns and operates Joe’s Trees, Inc.

“I chose to run for a seat on the school board because I saw the need for someone in my district as Mrs. Smith was not going to run for the position again,” Gilreath said. “I have

always believed that people should be a contributor in their community, and this is a way for me to contribute to my community and support the children and staff at our local school.”

He noted that he has experience with school site-based committees and operating successful businesses.

“I will be able to bring new ideas to the table that will help the school prosper and have a brighter future,” he shared.

Continuing, he added, his areas of importance include, “Retention of our experienced staff and administrators as well as improving the quality of education of our children and future students of Craig County Public Schools.”

For the New Castle District, Walter Marsden will be

the new representative.

“I was blessed to have been raised by my grandparents on a farm in Central Virginia while my mother was a nurse after WWII,” he shared. “My mother re-married and I lived in northeast Roanoke, graduating from William Fleming High School.”

Marsden joined the Navy, serving four years mostly on the USS Galveston CLG-3 as a GM traveling the world, including a tour of Vietnam.

“I graduated from Longwood College in Farmville and spent 34 years working for the Norfolk and Southern Railroad,” Marsden said. “I retired as Chief Dispatcher for Virginia Division in Roanoke.”

Marsden then moved to Craig County in 2002, saying, “Because I wanted to regain

my wonderful youth growing up in the country.”

“When the opening occurred for the school board, I wanted to maintain a member that was all for our students and future leaders,” Marsden explained. “Part of the mission statement of our school board is why I wanted to serve as it prepares our students to become responsible, contributing members of society: ‘Every child a graduate, every child prepared for life.’”

Both individuals attended the February School Board meeting and gave input on various subjects.

Anyone who serves our community on any board knows that it takes their time and wisdom to make not only heartfelt, but serious decisions for our community best

and for our students in our schools.

Always know you can speak to any of the Board members when you have questions or would like to simply say “thank you” to them for their service.

The monthly meetings are held at the Craig County High School auditorium at 5:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. The community is encouraged to attend, or to go online and watch live.

I personally believe that without the love of community and the extended hands, doing the work, our children will not be able to fulfill their greatest potential. Every parent, every citizen is necessary to mold our kids into great people of Craig County.

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had cleaned everything up, they decided to have a cornhole tournament.

“The tournament consisted of (I think), ten two-man (or wom-

an) teams, played off in bracket style,” Matheny said. “It didn’t end until like 11 p.m. But I will add that the Chiefs team, (oh yeah, all the teams

had a name - LOL), went undefeated and are the champions!”

The UCCVFD carried out their vision, which is “since they work hard,

they will play hard too.”

Anyone interested in joining the Fire Department, donating or assisting in their fundraisers can contact Shawn

Matheny on Facebook or any of the other members.

“We really appreciate everyone that came out to support us,” they

Craig County woman turns 100, celebrated by loved ones and community residents

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ber of the Craig County community, celebrated that milestone earlier this month. At the encouragement of the family, a full in-depth article will be in next week’s New Castle Record paper.



On February 8, Pauline Armes celebrated becoming a centenarian with friends and family members with cake, birthday cards and nonstop laughter.

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Library Bench Challenge

Library Corner

Empowering individuals to build a stronger community

Since October, volunteers have been collecting recyclable plastic film, weighing it and transporting it to a participating grocery chain to go on to NexTrex. This company was founded on the premise that ingenuity can help extract value from what was once seen as waste. In creating this turnkey program for schools, they provide students with a better understanding and appreciation for the importance of recycling by demonstrating how small, everyday efforts can translate into a tangible product and successful business. Trex is the largest polyethylene film recycler in the United States.

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programs in universities and communities throughout the country. If a team can collect more than 500 pounds of plastic refuse in a six-month span (about 40,500 plastic bags), Trex will donate a high-performance composite bench to your school or community.

Why does the library need a bench? Well, just look at its tiny space. The little library is terribly cute but space, especially in the covid pandemic, has been a problem. When the weather permits, the patrons spill out on to the patio to enjoy the sun, to work or to have lunch. Library meetings are held outside on the patio, and the outdoor furniture is filled to capacity. An additional bench will allow patrons to move outside to their own private space to take advantage of the library high-speed internet.

Why recycle? That one is easy. We recycle

to teach our children not to waste resources, we recycle to reduce plastic in the environment, and we recycle to remind ourselves to just stop consuming so much plastic. We can also vastly reduce the amount of trash in our landfills if we remember to recycle and stop buying so many things that end up in the trash. Maybe when we see the mounds of plastic each family generates, we will be reminded to take our re-usable bags to the grocery store and to buy in bulk whenever possible.

If you would like to help the library team reach our goal by April 1, please save your plastic film and call the library to get specific details of what to collect. Most clean and dry polyethylene(PE), labeled as #2 or #4, plastic film and bags are recyclable. Plastic Grocery bags collected at the entrance to your store are recyclable. Clean bread



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Volunteers have been collecting recyclable plastic film, weighing it and transporting it to a participating grocery chain to go on to NexTrex since October.

bags and cereal liners are accepted. Plastic mailing materials and popped bubble wrap are accepted.

Unfortunately, these are not recyclable: Pet food bags, meat and food wrappers, and mesh produce bags.

Polyethylene films are not normally accepted in curbside recycling programs because they can get caught in the

machines that sort other valuable recyclables like paper, cans, and bottles. And bags are generally too dirty after their trip in the back of the recycling truck to be recycled, even if they are collected at the recycling facility. Nex Trex has found a way to get people to save these materials before they go to the recycling center. Things that we normally

use wood for can be made with Nex Trex materials such as decking, boardwalks and outdoor furniture.

Thank you to all the recyclers in the community who are helping to win a new bench made of recycled plastic composite material. We are well on our way with only a few weeks to go!

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received several notes and cards from the students that melted his heart.

"I decided to pay it forward this week and help our teachers feel the love of students as well by cutting out their names and letting their students

write them notes," he said.

The hall walls were decorated with each teacher's name in big letters that had personal "thank you's" as well as sweet compliments.

It seems to be paying off

because students shared the sweetest thoughts to their teachers.

Some of the comments Lauren McAllister received read as follows: "You are my BFF," "You are so sweet and kind, we love you!" "Thank you! You are helpful" "You are the best, you are the best teacher and are so cool." Hearts, smiling faces and other doodles were also exchanged.

"When I first saw these, it made me cry because it really touched my teacher heart and made it full," McAllister shared. "I had no idea that these were the things that they were thinking about me. You always feel like you are making them do work, work, work. Just to see that the little things you do for them really does make a difference. Just to know that you are loved means a lot."

Persinger also shared that they were sharing with students of how we all can show kindness to other people and to our teachers.

He works with each class and "we brainstorm about things we can put on them and the letters are

then decorated in small groups. Other teachers will have their names up and the kids will be also decorating them with the option of writing their comments of them."

McAllister's were already put up and her children were excited for her to read them.

During the week, the students participated in something different daily to help show kindness.

•Monday – Kindness makes the great grow – wear pink or red (Valentine's Day)

•Tuesday – Peace, love, and kindness – tie-dye day

•Wednesday – Tip your hat to kindness – hat day

•Thursday – Don't sweat the small stuff – wear your favorite sweat-shirt or sweater

•Friday – Team CCPS

values kindness – wear Rocket blue or school wear

The atmosphere was alive with "kindness" and as we walked the halls, Persinger was greeted by many students who ran over to give him hugs, which were so genuine as each child's face gleaned up towards him to receive one back.

It really is true, "Love conquers all."

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In conjunction with Kindness Week, McCleary Elementary added a collection of food items that will be donated to the food bank at Craig Valley Baptist Church.

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OBITUARIES

Steger, James Carlton

James Carlton Steger passed away on Wednesday, February 16, at his home in New Castle. Carlton was a member of Forks of Johns Creek Christian Church, Sons of Confederate Veterans and a life member of the Virginia Bear Hunters Association. He worked as a locomotive engineer for Norfolk Southern. He enjoyed playing music and singing with his friends, horseback riding and farrier work as well as hunting and fishing.

Carlton was predeceased by his parents, James Carl Steger and Genevieve



Frazier Steger. His surviving family includes David and Susan Steger, Clint and Kelly Steger and their children Avery and Jace (all of Catawba). Also surviving are numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends, especially special friend Patricia Neff.

A memorial service led by Rev Bill Frazier and Susan Stimeling was held on Monday, February 21 at 2 p.m. at Paitzel Funeral Home in New Castle. Family received friends one hour before the service. A private burial will take place at a later date.

Duncan, Donald Miller

Donald Miller Duncan, 52, of New Castle, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, February 19, at his home. He was born on October 1, 1969, to the late Julia "Judy" Diemart and Bill G. Duncan. Donald served his country in the U.S. Army. He was a faithful member of First Baptist Church of New Castle.

Donald was an avid hunter, fisherman, reader, and he had a special fascination for paintball! Donald was too large to capture into words, a very hard-working person. He was the type that enjoyed the simple pleasures of life and he valued his friends. He was a dedicated son and brother, always trying to save the day! In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his uncle, David Duncan; maternal and paternal grandparents. Those left to cherish his memory in-

clude his sister, Trudy A. McCarty; as well as a host of cousins, extended family members, and friends.

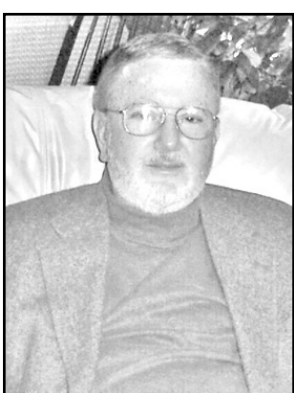
A funeral service to celebrate his life will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, February 28, at the First Baptist Church of New Castle, 40 Boyd Ave., New Castle, VA, with Pastor Kevin Altizer officiating. Burial will immediately follow at the Hebron Church Cemetery in New Castle where military honors will be conducted by the U.S. Army.

Friends may visit with the family from 4 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, February 27, at Paitzel Funeral Home in New Castle.

You are encouraged to use your own discretion regarding face masks and social distancing.

Paitzel Funeral Home in New Castle is serving the family of Mr. Duncan.

Feild, George Elmore



his wife Nancy Elizabeth Rhudy; three daughters, including Elizabeth Price Feild, Ann Feild Taboada, and Laura Feild Holland; their husbands; and seven grandchildren.

George will be cremated, and his ashes will be buried at the Feild Family plot at Grace Anglican Church at 9986 Purdy Road in Jarratt, Virginia, on March 26 at 11:00 am. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, a donation be made in George's name to Jackson-Feild Behavioral Health Services <https://app.mobile-cause.com/form/zjrkoA>.

George Elmore Feild, 84, born to Edward Carter Feild and Elizabeth Harrison Elmore, on December 25, 1937, in Courtland, Virginia, passed away quietly in his sleep on February 2, 2022. He leaves behind

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Every Craig County household is eligible for four free at-home COVID-19 tests

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A few months ago, Virginia began distributing free, at-home COVID-19 test kits. Made by Flowflex, the antigen home test accurately identifies 93 percent of positive specimens and 100 percent of negative specimens.

Many options exist to order a test. People can obtain a free testing kit from the federal program at [CovidTests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov), purchase an at-home test at local pharmacies and retailers, and if applicable, do so through health insurance.

What should people do if they test positive? How about if they test negative?

Very likely one has COVID-19 if an at-home test is positive. Such individuals, especially those with weakened immune systems or other health conditions, should talk to a doctor as quickly as possible about the treatment options available.

If an at-home test comes back negative, that means the virus was

not found in the body, effectively lowering the risk of spreading COVID-19 to others. Even if a test is negative, individuals are encouraged to take another to verify it.

Sixty-five million households nationwide and counting have requested free COVID-19 tests from the government, including numerous families throughout Craig County. Every order is mailed through First Class Package Service, and kits usually ship within 7-12 business days. Inaccurate results are a possibility if antigen tests are exposed for extended periods of time to temperatures below 36 degrees.

Last Monday, Governor Glenn Youngkin said, "I have always been a strong advocate for everyone to get the vaccine. We know that the vaccine is the best protection against severe illness as a result of COVID-19. I have made the choice to get vaccinated and encourage everyone to join me in doing that, but ultimately it is a personal decision to do so. After a heartbreaking pandemic, getting

vaccinated can ensure that there are better days ahead for Virginia."

Added Acting State Health Commissioner Colin M. Greene, MD, MPH, "Vaccines work, and we applaud Governor Youngkin for sharing these very important messages. Most of the people hospitalized with COVID-19, especially those experiencing severe symptoms, are unvaccinated. If you have not been vaccinated, please get vaccinated. It could save your life."

As soon as they were readily available, Jeffrey Walker says he ordered four free tests for his wife and two daughters. "I'll do anything to protect my family and loved ones. The way I look at it, taking these precautions helps ensure the safety of those around you," Walker said. "It's still difficult to grasp that we are actually in the third calendar year of this pandemic."

On [CovidTests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov), the process of ordering and taking tests is thoroughly documented step by step.

In Black History Month keynote, RC speaker Brandon Fleming preaches importance of empathy

Brandon P. Fleming, assistant Harvard debate coach and author, believes storytelling is the most effective way to reach someone. If you know someone's story, he believes, you'll be able to relate to them on a deeper level and stand in their shoes for a moment.

"Stories change people more than information ever will," Fleming told an audience gathered in Roanoke College's C. Homer Bast Center and tuning in virtually on Feb. 16. "Stories change people more than data ever will, and the reason why is that stories are the gateway to empathy."

So, Fleming, in delivering Roanoke College's Black History Month keynote address, told his

story. It included joining a gang when he was 12 years old, escaping that life through basketball only to suffer a serious injury, dropping out of college and then re-entering college with almost no preparation.

Then everything changed because of one professor's compassion, Fleming said. While Fleming was a struggling undergraduate student at Liberty University, an English professor pulled Fleming into her office and asked for his life story. Then she proceeded to share her struggles, showing Fleming that she truly cared about him. That altered his philosophy and made him understand the importance of empathy, Fleming said.

"It's incumbent upon every single one of us to understand that we have a moral responsibility to love first and teach second," Fleming said. "Love first, teach second. I don't care if you're a teacher, I don't care if you're a parent, I don't care if you're a student. We are all in the business of reaching people, and in order to reach people, we must love first, teach second."

Fleming went on to establish the Harvard Diversity Project, which recruits and trains highly motivated Black youth into a summer debate residency at Harvard. The program has helped these students get experience at an Ivy League institution where they can grow as leaders and students.

Fleming spoke to more than 100 people in person at the Bast Center and many more watching via Zoom. His speech was called "Undoing Miseducation," and he recently wrote a memoir entitled "Miseducated."

Makayla Trent '23, who attended in person, said Fleming's words resonated with her.

"I think it's a message that we really need to hear because sometimes we forget how powerful our own stories can be to somebody else and the impact it can have on their life," Trent said.

Students had an opportunity to ask Fleming questions, many of which were about how they can better relate to people and encourage others to open

up. Fleming advised students to think about the people who have helped them in the past and to emulate them.

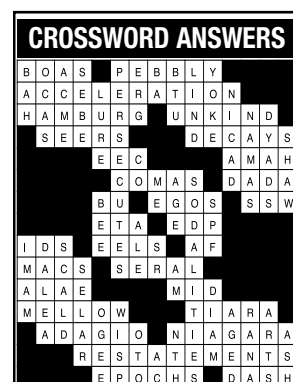
"The best way to discover what your purpose is and to live a purpose-driven life is to be for somebody else what you once needed," Fleming said.

Trent, a business administration major with a human resources concentration, is involved in a variety of campus organizations including Black Student Alliance, Hispanic Organization for Leadership Achievement (HOLA), Alpha Sigma Alpha, Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM), cheerleading and choir. She said she hopes to take Fleming's advice and share it with

those organizations.

"I feel like it was a little reminder and refresher, and I'm going to take it, in all the positions and things I do on campus, to just spread more light and love to our campus and be more open to talking to new people and be more inclusive," Trent said.

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Daniel Garrett, Member

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Legals - City of Radford

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104
Case No. CL21006521-00
Radford Circuit Court
619 SECOND STREET, 24141
KESSINGER, JOSEPH L. v. KESSINGER, PATRICIA G.
The object of this suit is to: TO OBTAIN A DICORCE FROM THE BOND OF MATRIMONY
It is ORDERED that PATRICIA G. KESSINGER appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before APRIL 5, 2022.

February 8, 2022
Angel Turpin
Deputy Clerk

Legals - City of Salem

PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Salem School Board will hold a public hearing for comment on the FY 2022-2023 budget on **Tuesday, March 8, 2022**. The hearing will begin at 7:00 PM at the School Administrative Office, 510 South College Avenue, Salem.
Any citizen of Salem who wishes to address the Board should contact Kathy A. Jordan, Clerk of the Board, at 389-0130 by Monday, March 7, in order to be placed on the agenda. Individuals who plan to address the Board are requested to bring a copy of their remarks for the record. In accordance with Board Policy KD, Public Participation in Board Meetings, individuals who plan to address the Board are requested to:
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2-1-22
Amie Blankenship
Clerk

Legals - City of Salem

NOTICE

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THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA

BY
H. Robert Light
Clerk of Council

Legals - Montgomery County

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Virginia
VA CODE § 8.01-316
Case No. JJ018698-15
Montgomery County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court MCDSS /v.
Charles E. Barkley, Jr.
The object of this suit is to: Terminate the residual parental rights of Charles E. Barkley, Jr. legal parent of James Barkley 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 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.
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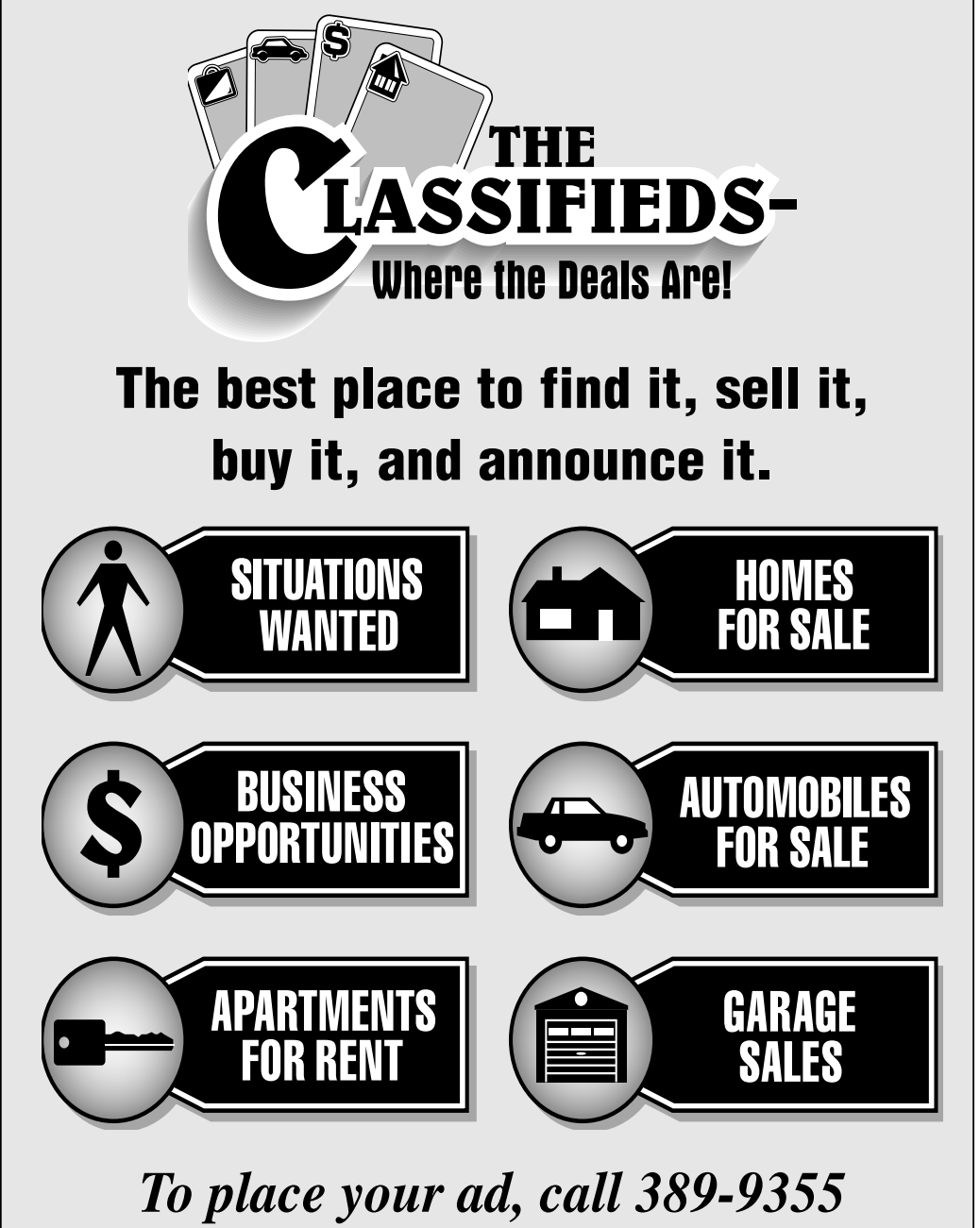


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CRAIG BOYS MAKE REGION 1C BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The Craig County boys basketball team finished in third place in the Pioneer District basketball tournament last week, qualifying for this week's Region 1C tournament.

The Rockets are scheduled to open region play tonight at Fort Chiswell. If they win they advance to Saturday's second round at a site to be determined, and the cham-

ionship game is next Tuesday, March 1. The two finalists advance to the state Class 1 tournament, with the region champ having a home game and the region runner-up playing on the road in the state quarterfinal round.

The Rockets opened the Pioneer District tournament at home last week and took a 74-41 win over Highland County. Craig jumped

to a 21-11 lead in the first quarter and increased that to 44-20 by the half. The Rockets led by 33 points after the third quarter and coasted to the win.

Craig had a balanced scoring attack against the Rams, led by Colton Moore with 20 points. Matthew Lucas had 15, Zachary Peters had 11 points, Nathan Fisher and Mason Huffman had

nine each and Dylan Crawford had eight.

That put the Rockets in a semifinal game against Parry McCluer in Buena Vista, and the defending Class 1 state champs just had too much for the Craig boys. The Blues' 6'11" center, Spencer Hamilton, scored 31 points and ruled the paint in a 63-10 win for the home team. Fisher had five points

to lead the Rockets.

That put Craig in the third place game on Friday and the Rockets prevailed over Covington, 58-54, to earn the third seed from the Pioneer District in the region tournament. It also evened Craig's record at 10-10 for the season.

Parry McCluer won the district tournament championship with a 58-24 win over Narrows.



PHOTOS BY JIM & REGINA DEVINNEY

Dylan Crawford of Craig County slips between two defenders to score.



Nathan Fisher lays one in against Highland.



Matthew Lucas drives by a Highland defender.



Coach Ryan Frazier goes over strategy on the Rocket bench.



Colton Moore pump fakes and scores for the Rockets.

ROCKETS FALL TO COVINGTON IN GIRLS' DISTRICT HOOPS

The Craig County girls saw their basketball season come to an end with a 41-28 loss to the Cougars in Covington last Tuesday in the opening round of the Pioneer District tournament.

Senior Hannah Caldwell led the Rockets with 10 points and 11 rebounds. Annabelle Gregory had eight points and Hannah Ratliff added seven. Lexxy Brookman sat out with "jumpers knee."

"Without Lexxy the inside

game was hurting," said coach Brock Jones. "We were out rebounded 46-23."

Craig jumped to an early 9-7 lead but struggled after that, as the Cougars outscored the visiting Rockets 21-2 in the second quarter and 18-5 in the third. The Rockets won the fourth quarter but, "that was too much to overcome," said Jones.

The Rockets finished 4-14 for the season but got better as the

season progressed despite struggling to find practice time for a variety of reasons.

"I felt we got better as the season went along and, with some individual camps and team camps this summer, next year should be more promising for the girls' team," said Jones. "We are very young and have four juniors returning that will be seniors and be the core to our season next year. We will work hard this off season

and be ready to compete next year."

The summer will be critical for the young Rockets, and Jones has big plans for next season.

"I'm looking at team camps now along with individual camps and looking for teams to fill us a 22 game schedule," he said. "I'm hoping to host a Jamboree game in the summer or late fall against some Double A teams to prepare us for the future. We plan to make

a trip to Charlottesville and work out with Professional basketball trainer Damin Altizer in the summer, who I had the pleasure to play against in my high school career. Damin went to Bath County and he works out professional players such as LeBron, James Harden, Kevin Durant, Duke's basketball team and many others all around the world. He will be a great person to learn skills from and work on our individual games."



PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Summer Huffman is ready to rebound for the Rockets.



Randalyn Taylor(#21) scores in a recent game.



Hannah Ratliff(#3) drives by a defender.