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School Board shares six-year plan and values

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

Schools, like families, often rely on a budget and plans to set future goals for their facilities and the needs of their students and staff.

At the February School Board meeting, Superintendent Jeanette Warwick shared the six-year-plan, which was developed in 2017 and goes through 2023, will be revised.

Members present at the February monthly meeting were Superintendent Jeanette Warwick, Chair and Craig City District Rep. Trace Bellasai, Vice Chair and Potts Mountain Rep. Faye Powers, Craig Creek Rep. Kevin Altizer, Simmonsville Rep. Darren Gilreath and New Castle Rep. Walter Marsden.

With an approximate population of 5,000, Warwick reminded everyone that CCPS is the largest employer in Craig County.

"Fifty percent of our students are labeled as disadvantaged, which means they receive free or reduced lunch trays," Warwick said. "Twenty-five percent of our students have disabilities."

When she met with the initial committee, below is what was approved.

Noted Warwick, "Craig County Public Schools instills a love of learning and prepares our students to become responsible, contributing members of society. Every child a graduate, every child prepared for life."

She added that their expectations are their vision statement, "CCPS is committed to providing a challenging and rigorous educational program. We provide instruction in a caring and safe, healthy learning environment which promotes the five C's: Critical thinking, Creative thinking, Communication, Collaboration and Citizenship."

Core Values were also developed, explained Warwick:

- Excellence – fostering academic excellence in our students through creative and critical thinking
- Integrity – we want to instill to our students the importance of being honest, and act in an ethical and respectful manner at all times
- Collaboration – we want to support relationships among students, staff, and families in the community to ensure effective communication and opportunities to benefit our students (We had some mentoring

which we started with some of the churches and that is just one of the examples of the collaboration pieces that we want to begin to work on – to have the community to work with the schools and students.)

•Accountability – we take responsibility for our progress – to create transparent evaluation of students' success, staff quality and management of the community's resources (including budget and administration)

For CCPS, the big picture goal for 2022-2023 is a sense of pride in our school programs and facilities, students, and community.

Said Warwick, "We continue to promote that sense of pride as we look at possible renovations to our auditorium, a new gym floor, working on the grounds and maintenance, to creating

pride in our facilities. We are also holding our students accountable when they are not showing pride by possibly not taking care of our schools, which has been a goal of school administrators."

"We want students to graduate with skills and knowledge with meaningful employment, post-secondary schools. Whatever path they choose to take, we want them to be prepared for that. Also, to provide competitive academic programs," she added.

CCPS has partnerships with BTEC and Virginia Western to offer dual enrollment.

Some of the challenges CCPS continues to overcome is changes of staffing.

"We have had multiple su-

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Craig Valley Baptist chili-cookout turns into massive success



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The Annual Craig Valley Baptist chili cook-off between churches, proved to be a great success as nine different chilis were in the running, from mild to spicy - all had their own delectable taste. The winners were: Julie Welch (3rd place), Ricky Francisco (1st place) and Karen Walker (2nd place).



The tables were elbow room only as citizens joined in to taste all the chilis and vote on their favorites. The church also provided free hot dogs, cornbread and a smorgasbord of desserts to go with the meal. After the winners were chosen, the chili was open for all to eat and enjoy

Craig girls collecting plastics to purchase library bench

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There is so much plastic in the universe now and at our fingertips every day.

The Craig County Public Library has a group of young girls who are working diligently to make something from this "trash," that almost everyone tosses without thought.

They are, Kammie and Kallie Fisher, McKenna All and Cheyanne Bell.

Their goal is to collect at least 500 pounds of specific plastics in order to purchase a new bench for the library. So far, they have done a great job!!!

Dr. Marge Lewter who is also a library supporter and member, shared that she learned of this great idea from Martha Dillard, another library supporter.

"It is called Trex Community recycling and the goal is to recycle plastic film that is normally not recyclable like



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Four teen girls are working diligently to collect 500 pounds of plastics to buy a bench for the Craig County Public Library. Who knew a plastic bag and bottles, or bubble wrap could hold us up? Kudos ladies! Plastic bags can be deposited into the bin at Food Country.

plastic grocery bags because it gets caught in the recycling machinery," she explained.

Lewter shared, "Nex Trex makes composite material that is used like wood for building projects- outdoor furniture and decks."

They ask people to con-

tact the library at craiglibrary@swva.net to sign up as there are specific materials they can only collect.

"The collection includes any plastics with the recycling number two or four,"

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Town Council meeting has much on agenda

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The Town Council of New Castle has many decisions to consider and vote on monthly. Members present at the last Town Council meeting were: Mayor John "Bucky" Johnson, Vice Mayor Tommy Zimmerman, Clerk and Treasurer Nina Davis, Town Attorney Bruce Mayer, and members – Lenny McDonald, Karen Crush and Heather Duncan.

Though the cigarette tax took up most of their previous meeting in February, there were still other things on their agenda.

Robyn Foster requested to either have an easement on the land of parcel #14 or purchase the land. Her future hopes and plans are to implement a his-

torical site.

The Board could not give this permission or sale, stating that they have future plans for the property.

The DMV will be at the Town Hall on March 22, April 11 and 12, May 16 and 17 and June 13 and 14.

The town audit was performed, and Mayer stated that all paperwork was filled out correctly and everything looked ok.

The tree removal at the Town Park should be completed within the next 90 days.

The Town is still in search of a bank or credit union to fill the vacancy of Carter Bank.

McDonald reported he has had no success, stating, "We have dialogue with The Bank of Botetourt and Freedom First."

McDonald had a meeting

with Dan Collins and Sheriff Craddock who proposed the county have parking laws so that it benefits everyone in the future, being uniform throughout the county. Parking on Main Street for several hours or days has arisen a concern.

Mayer continued in the boards' efforts of the use of grant funds of their COVID funds to build a permanent bathroom structure at the Park which they wish to hook up to the public service authority which is approximately \$8,000.

"We need to figure out capacity, in order to get a private contractor for the project," he shared.

McDonald added that they had talked about putting a bathroom where the produce stand will be also. They noted some are preconstructed.

Having a farmer's market on Main Street is a project many Craig County residents are excited about.

Also, the bathrooms for the Park, and the Market will be great additions.

The 10 acres on Peters Hill, which the Town owns, has a county assessment of \$20,000. The property has nice road frontage on Route 311. The town is considering a sale of the property.

Mayer shared with a smile and shared that the last survey that was done, "could have been done by George Washington, being an old English survey, as it started, At the corner of the stone pile between a dead chestnut... 53 lengths...12.37 chains...etc."

It is the previous location of the landfill that Craig County

citizens used many years ago.

The town will be deciding on this property in the next meeting and obtaining a new survey.

Good news is that the Craig Valley Chapter of NSDAR, Tina Crawford, had requested an Independence Day Parade. The Board approved.

"Craig County Tourism has liability insurance for events that take place," McDonald added.

Discussion included donating the cigarette tax to the EMS and the public hearing will be in May.

It was noted that Wilderness Adventure will be hosting a professional fireworks display this year.

A budget proposal draft was presented by Mayer for view and later approval. Nina explained the line-by-line budget.



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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.

craiglibrary.org.

EVERY SUNDAY

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

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.

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Craig County children display love for basketball at early age



As the third and fourth-grade girls played their hearts out at their basketball games, they left it all on the court and each gave 100 percent effort.



There was never a dull moment at any game, and they surprised everyone with their stamina and determination to win. Kudos to both teams!

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perintendents and school administrators," Warwick noted. "Continuity is important to continue to work towards your mission and your vision."

This year, CCPS added an additional Ag position and got the Land Lab up and running. They also increased dual-enrollment classes and added a culinary arts program.

Explained Warwick, "We continue to focus on high-quality classroom activities, to promote positive school culture as many of our teachers live here in Craig County, as well as graduated from CCPS and have returned to give back to their community."

She noted that they are continuing to work on a positive climate during this pandemic. "As the pandemic declines, we hope to be able to bring in volunteers again from our community and businesses," Warwick added.

Bellasai also suggested to conduct a survey where names are not required. Warwick added that the DOE has a survey that provides that avenue.

"Any tools we can use to measure and make sure that we are providing our staff and our teachers with the support that they need, we are willing to use," she said.

Gilreath added to make sure they show appreciation to the custodians, "They do the dirty jobs, and many times are the lowest paid."

Warwick shared that in December, they had 13-days of Christmas recognition where the community showed great support and every staff member received a gift with some receiving more than one, as the community gave so much.

"We do staff appreciation weeks with luncheons as they really like to eat," she said.

Also, McCleary Principal

Gerri VanDyke has a committee that focuses on school culture.

"I'm glad you mentioned that as it is something we have really worked on at McCleary," VanDyke shared, "We engage all the staff and custodians."

Her committee serves as a conduit where all staff can share their concerns, etc. and then they meet once a month for a potluck (which coincides with their staff meeting). They also have a cake monthly for all staff member birthdays.

"We also have a whoop-whoop wagon where a staff member gets something off this wagon as a little thank you," she said. "The tootle is a positive title, where you can give a 'tootle' to the teacher, staff or a student. These are read out loud in the announcements and they pick out a prize. We also have spirit week where teachers can wear jeans. For them to have a voice, it has been very benefiting."

"We need to tell people thank you in what they do," Warwick added.

For the board and public review, a letter was sent, informing all that the school is no longer doing contact tracing and information regarding the optional testing program for themselves or their students.

"We have ordered HEPPA air filters which we are putting in every classroom," Warwick shared. "We are also partnering with CC Emergency Services to provide interested staff with an N-95 masks which CDC recommends, but they have to be fitted."

The Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC), a group of parents and school staff are active in meeting four times a year, to discuss special education issues and work on the local plan that comes to the Board for approval.

These committee members

include President and CCHS parent representative Karol Moses, Shari Winebarger, Vice president and parent representative; Samantha Gilreath, SPED teacher MS/HS rep; Alyssa Schulke, (K-12) Music teacher and high school general education rep.; Katie Flinchum, SPED teacher (K/1) McCleary rep; Frances Foster, McCleary general education rep.; Steven Tate, McCleary parent rep. and Gerri Vandyke, McCleary principal and administrator rep.

The school board asks community members to be active in their schools. Volunteers are always needed and being a part of attending the monthly meetings helps to keep everyone in sync. They provide the meeting live on the website as well.

The meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the high school auditorium.

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LewisGale Pulaski first Southwest Virginia Hospital to offer HDR prostate brachytherapy

Sarah Cannon Institute at LewisGale Hospital Pulaski is the first and only local hospital in southwest Virginia to offer high-dose rate (HDR) prostate brachytherapy, a more convenient and precise form of radiation therapy to treat prostate cancer.

HDR brachytherapy is a type of internal radiation therapy that enables doctors to deliver higher doses of radiation to specific areas of the body, by temporarily placing radioactive sources inside the tumor cavity.

John Rogers, MD, radiation oncologist, performed the first HDR prostate brachytherapy

treatments using real-time, CT-based planning at the facility.

"This technology administers treatment faster, often with just two treatment sessions spaced about two weeks apart," stated Dr. Rogers. "The radiation source is completely removed after each treatment and doesn't remain inside the body in between treatments."

HDR prostate brachytherapy is a minimally-invasive procedure that allows patients to undergo just one or two outpatient treatments, rather than weeks of daily treatments,

as has been traditionally done. The radioactive source is directed through small catheters that are inserted into the body and guided by computer to the tumor, or target area, where it delivers precise radiation treatment. The radiation is delivered in minutes and then removed from the patient's body.

The effectiveness of HDR brachytherapy in treating prostate cancer is comparable to traditional external beam radiation treatments, but with reduced side effects and lower risk of damage to nearby tissue and organs.

"We are the only facility



Sarah Cannon Institute at LewisGale Hospital Pulaski

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in Southwest Virginia that offers HDR prostate brachytherapy for men with prostate cancer," stated Sean Pressman, chief executive officer.

"This marks another major milestone for our comprehensive cancer program and demonstrates our commitment to caring for, and improving,

the overall health of our patients who live in in Southwest Virginia."

Submitted by Christopher Finley, Marketing Director

State leaders call for decisive action in support of Ukraine

Governor Glenn Youngkin recently called for decisive action in support of Ukraine after Russian President Vladimir Putin's unprovoked invasion. The Governor directed an immediate review of state procurement of any and all goods and services involving Russian companies, called for Virginia Mayors to terminate sister-city partnerships with

Russian cities, and urged the Virginia Retirement System and university endowments to divest any Russian holdings immediately.

"The invasion of Ukraine by Soviet dictator Vladimir Putin cannot stand, and the people of the Commonwealth are ready to rally in opposition to this senseless attack on a sovereign nation and western ideals," said

Governor Youngkin. "We are acting to show our solidarity with the Ukrainian people as they defend their country. And while these are important steps, it is incumbent upon President Biden to take a stronger, more decisive leadership position to end this war."

Actions taken by Governor Youngkin include: Ordering the Department of

General Services to immediately review all contracts across government and procurement to determine what, if any, Virginia tax dollars are spent on goods and services from primarily Russian companies.

Calling on The City of Norfolk and the City of Roanoke to end sister city partnerships with Russian cities.

Calling on the Virginia Retirement System Board of Trustees and university endowment funds to divest in a prudent and orderly fashion any and all holdings of the Russian Ruble and any and all securities of Russian companies

Submitted by Macaulay Porter, Office of the Governor

Plastics

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explained Kammie Fisher. "If it doesn't have a number or if you are able to press your thumb through it, it is likely one we can use."

She mentioned that bubble wrap and amazon plastic is ok to collect as well as grocery bags.

Lewter noted, "We do not want these high school girls to go through people's trash to weed out the incorrect materials, so when people sign-up, they will receive information on exactly what to collect."

There is a collection container behind the library and there is a plastic bag collection bin at Food Country. However, they are almost at their goal, so just a little bit is needed until they start another project, so double-check with the library for your donations.

The material is taken from the library to a barn where the girls weigh and record the weight before it goes to Blacksburg at participating grocery chains such as Food Lion and Kroger.

Lewter, who makes the journey from New Castle to Blacksburg twice a week,

shared that she "stuffs my car full every trip!"

She added, "Please just use less plastic in your life. Be aware of the trash you personally generate and try to reduce it by buying in bulk and using your cloth bags at the grocery store and everywhere!"

Their deadline is April 1 for 500 pounds, which will provide enough funds to purchase one bench.

"Getting the 500 pounds is the hardest part of the project for sure," Kammie said. "If it wasn't for the plastic we collect from Food Country, we would never be this close."

Maybe the next collection will take even a shorter time if all of Craig gets more involved and brings their plastics to make new usable furniture.

Kudos to these young ladies for taking on this project! A new bench at the library is definitely needed and will be used by so many, with the warmer weather upon us.

You are a great example of our future entrepreneurs who care for our land, and Craig County sends you a big "thank you"!

Bank of Botetourt welcomes Chapman as Senior Systems Administrator

Bank of Botetourt recently welcomed Robert Chapman as AVP - Senior Systems Administrator within the Bank's IT Department. He will work at the Care Center in the Town of Buchanan.

Robert has been in the financial industry for more than twenty-one years and earned his Associates Degree from the East Coast Polytechnic Institute™ (ECPI). Throughout his career, he has

specialized in the information technology sector. A native and resident of Buchanan, he and his son Robert reside in the Indian Rock area of Botetourt County.

The Bank also welcomes Shannon McClure as the Compliance and Risk Administration Officer/ Training Officer. She will also be based from the Bank's Care Center in Buchanan. She joins the Bank with more than ten years of

industry experience in numerous departments. Shannon attended Roanoke College and is a native and current resident of Roanoke. She and her husband Darren love their three children Lizzy, Austin and Branden.

Submitted by Mary Ann Miller, Business Banking and Community Relations VP



Robert Chapman

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Shannon McClure

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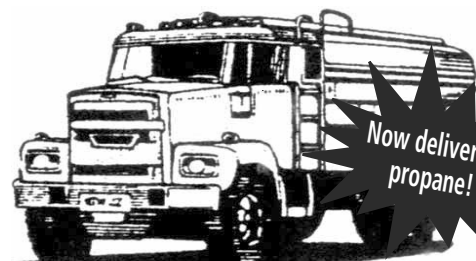
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Mother-daughter winners

Library Corner

Empowering individuals to build a stronger community

Victoria Sutphin bought one Barn-Quilt-Raffle ticket at the Fall Festival last October. "It was for my mom. She has always wanted a barn quilt." That one ticket was the winner for this mother-daughter team!

Mom, Melanie Rigney, first noticed barn quilts while driving through Gap Mills. She asked around to see where she could buy one. She even considered taking a class at the Clifton Forge School of the Arts. Maybe this could be another creative joint venture with her daughter. She was discouraged when

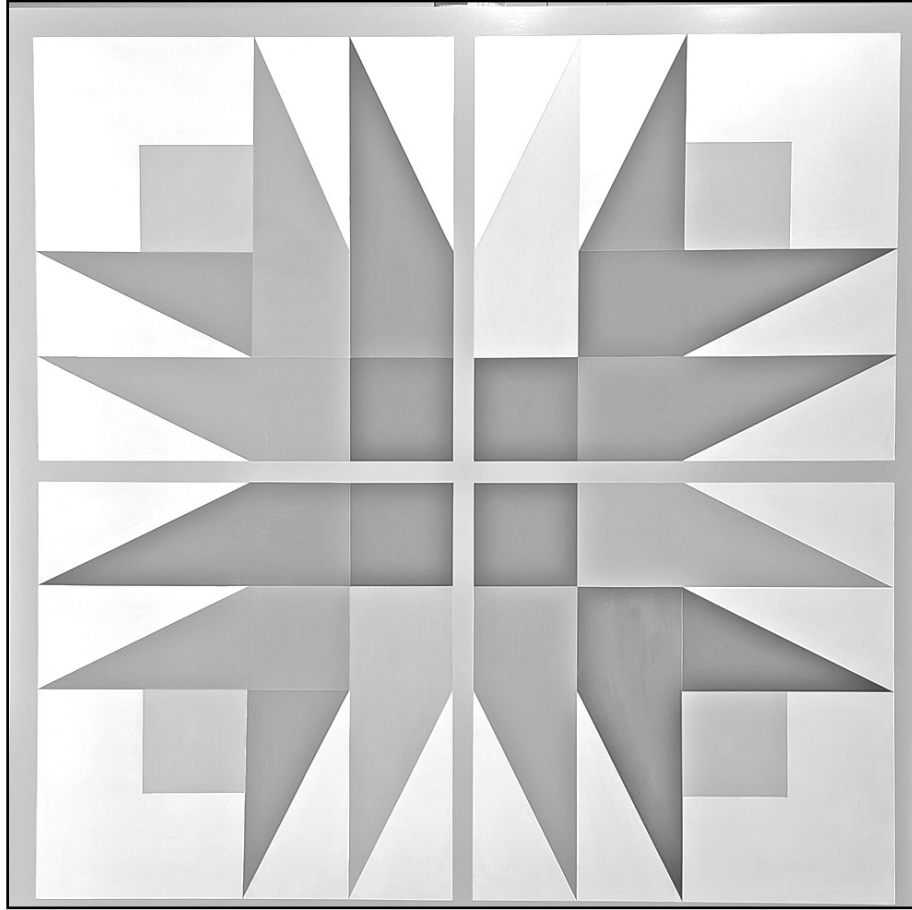
the instructor cautioned that the process of the design required attention to detail, not unlike the rigor required of any quilt making process. Victoria's winning ticket let Melanie design her own quilt but have an artist, Martha Dillard paint it for her.

The color scheme of "beach colors" was the start point, cheery colors. Melanie's researched patterns led her to two possibilities which she brought to Martha, via email. Based on Martha's experience, she has painted over 248 Barn Quilts, she directed Melanie to one that was less complex. And what a success!

Melanie wants to share her Barn Quilt, Flowers in the Window, by putting it on the rail fence at the end of her drive. It

may require cutting back some bushes, but they are due some pruning. She may not own a house on the beach, but she can come home to her "beach colored" Barn Quilt and share the cheer with her neighbors.

The Craig County Public Library is extremely grateful to Martha's Barn Quilts for Books Project. Martha donates the cost of the Barn Quilts, minus materials, to support the library. Her work nestles in the rural roadsides of our county reflecting individuals smile back to the community, another gesture that makes us proud to call this place home. If you want to know more about Barn Quilts for Books, check with the library or Martha's website barnquiltsforbooks.com.



Flowers in the window.

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OBITUARIES

The Rev. Alvin Brown Radford Sr.



The Rev. Alvin Brown Radford Sr., 99, who was born and raised in Floyd County, Virginia, on August 14, 1922, went to be with his Lord and Savior on March 4, 2022. He was predeceased by his wife of 70 years, Verna Trail Radford; parents, George Riley and Sarah Elizabeth Radford; four brothers, Wilson, Swanson, Willard (Bill) and Moyer (Boss); and two sisters, Leila Underwood and

Lena Trail. He was also predeceased by a very dear grandson, Mark Lee Radford.

He is survived by one daughter, Kitty (Denise) and one son, Alvin Jr. (Virginia) Radford. Left to cherish his memories are five grandsons, Dean Paxton, Barry (Angie) Radford, Joey (Pam) Mayo, William (Andrea) Radford and James (Emily) Radford. He is also survived by eight grandchildren (Madison, Shaleigh, Sierra, Noah, Kaitlyn, Emeleigh, Olivia and Ellie); three great-great grandchildren; any many nieces, nephews, step-grandchildren, step-great-great grandchildren, numerous extended family members and many friends.

Brown served his country in the United States Army Corps from Jan. 8, 1942, to March 17, 1946,

at which time he received an honorable discharge and came out with the rank of corporal and having been awarded five medals. He re-enlisted on April 16, 1948, at which time he was caught up in the Korean Conflict. He rode on the "Midnight Ride" of the 3rd Division and received an honorable discharge with the rank of Sergeant on April 16, 1952.

He accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior in 1953 and in 1957, he turned his life over to full-time service for the Lord. He entered Piedmont Bible College on Sept. 21, 1959, where he graduated in the in the spring of 1962. While in college, he served as interim pastor for Auburn Baptist Church. In 1962, he accepted a call to pastor First Baptist Church in New Castle. He moved his family to New Castle in July of

that year. He later founded Lighthouse Baptist Church where he continued to serve the Lord for the remainder of his life.

The family received friends and family from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and conducted a short service at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 7, at Lighthouse Baptist Church, 852 Paint Bank Road. They also received friends at Gardner Funeral Home in Floyd on March 8 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. on March 9, at Gardner Funeral Home, 202 E. Oxford Street in Floyd. Military rites will be performed. Internment will be at Canady Cemetery in Floyd.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be used to further the gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to the recipient of your choice.

Burrows, Barbara Reynolds

Barbara Reynolds Burrows, age 83, formally of New Castle, passed away at her daughter's home in Virginia Beach on Jan. 22, 2022. She was preceded in death by her parents Roy and Delphia Reynolds, brother Tony Reynolds, one niece and two daughters-in-law and husband Rich-

ard Burrows.

She is survived by children Terry Ratliff (Eugene) New Castle; Judy Harbin, Ohio; Rhonda Knickerbocker, VA Beach; Roy Burrows, Frostproof FL; Roger Burrows (Cara), Chattanooga TN; Rick Burrows (Michelle), Buckeye AZ; Paul

Burrows (Lisa), Pulaski TN; Mark Burrows, VA Beach, VA. She is also survived by three stepchildren: David, Ginger and Lorraine, numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, cousin and niece, Dena Wright. Private services will be held at a later date.

and husband Richard Burrows.

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2022 Governor's Fellows Program announced

-Deadline to apply is Sunday, March 27-

Governor Glenn Youngkin recently announced that applications are now being accepted for the 2022 Governor's Fellows Program.

The Governor's Fellows Program is a prestigious opportunity for rising seniors and recent graduates to get a firsthand look at the executive branch in action. Since 1982, fellows have worked alongside the Governor's Cabinet and staff, learning about state government and assisting in essential work for the Commonwealth.

"We are excited to welcome the next generation of leaders to kick off their careers with our administration," said Governor Youngkin. "The Governor's Fellows Program is a unique opportunity for young Virginians and students to experience public service firsthand and gain essential work skills for their future."

"Through meaningful interactions with the Governor's senior level staff, lunches with Cabinet members, trips around the Commonwealth, and projects both inside and outside my assigned Secretariat, I became fully immersed in

Virginia government at the highest level," said Tommy Lukish, a 2012 Governor's Fellow. "In every way, those experiences amplified my appreciation for public service and helped my personal and professional growth."

During their time in service to the Commonwealth, Governor's fellows have the opportunity to learn from special guest speakers who are leaders in state government and beyond. Fellows also experience state government on the road, visiting state government agencies and historic sites that have shaped

our past and are improving our future.

Qualified applicants must be rising college seniors, graduating seniors, or graduate students. All Virginia college and university students are eligible to apply. Virginia residents who attend out-of-state colleges and universities are also eligible. Both public and private college and university students are encouraged to apply.

The selection of fellows is based solely on merit. The Fellows Program does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, national origin,

religion, sexual orientation, age, disability, or veteran status.

The deadline to apply for the Governor's Fellows Program is Monday, March 28. Interviews will begin two days later. Applicants will be advised on decisions beginning on April 18, 2022. The program runs from Monday, May 30, 2022, to Friday, July 29, 2020.

To apply, visit the Governor's Fellows Program website and send the required.

Submitted by Macaulay Porter, Office of the Governor

Former Salem Mayor turns 90

Shawn Nowlin
shawn.nowlin@ourvalley.org

Individuals 90 years or older make up less than five percent of the population. Howard Packett, a beloved member of the Salem community, recently celebrated that milestone. In addition to serving as Salem Mayor, Packett also served on Salem City Council for 24 years, retiring in 2008. Perhaps what Packett is best known for is his advertising agency, the Packett Group.

Born in Kilmarnock, Virginia, on February 23, 1932, Packett graduated from Washington & Lee High School in 1949. In the subsequent years, he served in the Marine Corps and fought in the Korean War.

As a teenager, he worked part-time as a grocery store cashier and butcher. One day, he explained, I realized that I wanted to do something more with my life, so I joined the Marines. Af-

ter my time in the military, he added, I felt encouraged to attend journalism school, so I applied to Washington & Lee University and got accepted.

Packett has lived through countless historical events – World War II, the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King, the first human to walk on the moon, and many, many more.

When asked to put all of that into context, he replied, "I never quite thought of it that way. But you're right. A lot of events that are documented or in the history books, I was alive when they happened. I distinctly remember many of those instances."

Early on, Packett realized that life was an adventure. Many of the hobbies he enjoys as a senior were the same things he enjoyed as a young adult such as fishing, riding his bicycle and spending quality with loved ones.

When Packett moved to the

Roanoke Valley in 1958, his first job was at the Roanoke Times. In 2006, two years before retiring, Packett began his 24-month term as Salem Mayor with Randy Foley serving as his processor.

In 1959, Packett and his wife Jane were married. Together, they raised two sons – Mark and John. Their daughter tragically died before her first birthday due to heart complications. "I lost my best friend in Jane this past July. I still think about her every day, but I know that she is in a better place looking down on us. She taught so many Salem children over the years that it is hard to count. We made so many beautiful memories together."

Packett's secret to living to celebrate your 90th birthday? "Make time for your friends and loved ones. Don't take yourself or your job too seriously," he said. "And most importantly, never lose sight of what matters to you the most."



SUBMITTED PHOTO

On February 23, beloved community member Howard Packett celebrated his 90th birthday.

MVP Didn't Listen -Key permits revoked again-

Preserve Craig
Bill Wolf, Co-Chair, Inc.

Numerous experts warned Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP) that their proposed massive pipeline could not be safely built and should not traverse the steepest terrain and most fragile and precious soils and waterways in the eastern U.S. Further, Federal Energy Regulatory Commissioners (FERC) warned that MVP should not begin construction until all permits are litigated and final. Instead, they rushed headlong into construction as soon as they were granted eminent domain authority by the FERC.

Three Key Permits Revoked or On Hold. In the last few weeks, MVP again

lost key permits to cross our National Forest, or authorizations to traverse our streams & wetlands.

US Forest Service and BLM authorizations for two crossings of Jefferson National Forest in and near Craig County were revoked on January 25, 2022, by the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals, Richmond, VA. This is the second time these permits were removed but this time the ruling also documents violations of the Forest Management rules that Preserve Craig attorneys pointed out. Therefore MVP is unlikely to be allowed to cross our public lands.

US Fish & Wildlife's Biological Opinion was invalidated. On February 3, 2022, the courts vacated the opinion as being inaccurate and incomplete, noting that the project would likely harm important endangered

species in Craigs Creek and other special waterways. Of note, an MVP contractor actually prepared this underpinning review even though it is required before any permits can be granted.

The Army Corps of Engineers affirmed last week that they will not consider issuing the Section 404 permit which MVP requires to cross waterways, unless a valid Biological Opinion has been issued by USFW.

Meanwhile, EQT, the initial designer/owner/manager of MVP is no longer an owner. Project costs have more than doubled – now to over seven BILLION dollars. Other court cases are still pending. Hundreds of violations and millions of dollars in fines have been levied by two states and the damage to waterways, land, viewsheds, soils, and caves is well-documented. Normally, three strikes and you

are out, but MVP still plans to resume construction soon where the FERC permit alone allows it. FERC has been asked to issue a Stop Work Order, as they did in the past when the Forest Service permits were revoked.

Preserve Craig and allies still have other open appeals and lawsuits pending against the FERC, the State Water Control Board (VA DEQ) and MVP. We intend to win these cases as well.

Preserve Craig believes that it is our sacred duty to do everything in our power to cherish Craig County and oppose the destruction that Mountain Valley Pipeline is now causing.

It's been months since the last Preserve Craig column, because there wasn't much to report until now. Know that Preserve Craig continues every effort to stop the project and this ungodly destruction:

- Continue raising the money for attorneys to fight and win in the courts.

- Convince our elected officials and the courts that the Natural Gas Act is wrong and unconstitutional.

- Affirm that our water and quality of life is more precious and more important than the fantasy of exporting gas for private profit.

- Watchdog every foot of construction and report about the violations and devastation.

- And, equally important, look to the future to make sure no more projects like this can attempt to come through our mountains.

Preserve Craig is a participant in the Mountain Valley Watch (MVW), a collaboration of volunteers, nonprofits, and private interests. MVW is documenting construction activity of the Mountain Valley Pipeline to assure compliance with envi-

ronmental regulations during construction. Call or text to 833-MVWATCH (833-689-2824) with any info on harm MVP is causing.

We Need Help to Protect Our Community

We need your donations to protect this special place. Preserve Craig, Inc. is a 501C3 nonprofit volunteer public charity formed in 1991 to protect our natural, historical, and cultural resources. Tax-deductible donations can be made online at www.preservecraig.org or by mail to: Preserve Craig, Inc., PO Box 730, New Castle, VA. 24127.

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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 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

ORDER OF PUBLICATION COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104
Case No. CL22000168-00
ROANOKE COUNTY Circuit Court
305 East Main Street, Salem, Virginia
VICK, BROOKLYN RAYNE v. VAUGHT, BROOKLYN RAYNE
The object of this suit is: NAME CHANGE OF MINOR
It is ORDERED that CECIL DURAN VICK appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before 04-01-2022 @ 11:30 AM

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Benjamin Guerrant
Deputy Clerk

Notice of Public Sale

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Legals - Montgomery County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF PROPERTY 1564 Alleghany Spring Road, Shawsville, VA 20158

Tax Map No. 097-A113A, Parcel ID 150126

In execution of a Deed of Trust dated March 3, 2008, in the principal amount of \$104,607.92, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia, of record as Instrument Number 08002073, Woods Rogers PLC, Trustee, will offer for sale at public auction outside the main entrance of the Montgomery County Circuit Court, 55 East Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073, on March 22, 2022 at 12:00 noon, the property described in said Deed of Trust lying in Montgomery County, Virginia, and further described as follows:

All of Lot 1, containing 1.695 acres, as shown on a plat of survey entitled, PLAT Showing Relocation/Vacation of Lot lines, for Timothy L. Wimmer and James L. Wimmer & Grace Kelley-Wimmer, Plan No. P-6912, dated August 16, 2007, revised December 10, 2007, prepared by Marvi D. Stine, L.S., of Highland Surveys P.C., which plat of survey is recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia, as PB 28, pg 67.

TERMS: Cash - Bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sales price by cashier's or certified check may be required. Balance of purchase price shall be due and payable not later than ten (10) days after sale.

WOODS ROGERS PLC, Trustee

For Information Contact: Woods Rogers PLC, P.O. Box 14125, Roanoke, VA 24038-4125, Telephone: 540-983-7729

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Case No. J004883-09-00
Floyd County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court
Floyd County DSS v. Brandi Reed
The object of this suit is: Terminate the residual parental rights of Brandi Reed, legal parent of Luna Kelley, 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. It is ORDERED that Brandi Reed appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before May 3, 2022.

2/22/22
Nikki King
Clerk

Legals - Town of Vinton

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, the **Town Council** of the Town of Vinton, Virginia hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on **Tuesday, March 15, 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, 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia.

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comments concerning:

An ordinance repealing in its entirety the Vinton Town Code, Appendix B - Zoning Ordinance as adopted by Ordinance 634, enacted December 19, 1995, with amendments, and adopting by reference the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Vinton, Vinton, Virginia.

Further information concerning this public hearing may be obtained in the Planning and Zoning Department located at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, VA 24179, (540) 983-0605, between 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Interested persons may be heard at the above public hearing.

Given under my hand this 3rd day of February, 2022.

Richard W. Peters, Jr.
Town Manager

NOTICE OF INTENT TO COMPLY WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.

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Long time Salem Civic Center Director Carey Harveycutter is among nine to be inducted into the Virginia High School League Hall of Fame

Carey Harveycutter, Jr, who has hosted and assisted over 30 Virginia High School League district and region championship events, has been named to the Virginia High School Class of 2022 Hall of Fame.

The Hall of Fame, sponsored by the Virginia High School League (VHSL), welcomes its nine newest inductees who have made outstanding contributions to high school athletic activity programs. The Class of '22 includes a southwest Virginia flavor, a former VIA and VHSL coaching legend who led the way in integration, national champions, and the first-ever student academic activity participant, Brandon Farmer, who joins an outstanding class of enshrines.

Harveycutter will go in as a "contributor". His time at the Civic Center dates back to the early '70s when he worked for former director Jack Dame. After taking over for Dame Carey served as the Director of Civic Facilities for the City of Salem from 1980-2014 and was responsible for the Salem

Civic Center, Salem Memorial Ballpark and Salem Stadium. During his tenure the City of Salem has become synonymous with VHSL state championships in basketball, football, volleyball, wrestling, and the Spring Jubilee. Salem first started hosting VHSL State Championships when there was Group A & AA fall girls' basketball and Claudia Dodson was the liaison.

As a contributor, Carey has been dedicated to interscholastic athletics as a civic center director, director of tourism, Treasurer for the regional destination marketing organization, and a multitude of other positions that have been very supportive of the VHSL. He has significantly impacted the sports business overall in the Virginia's Blue Ridge region that includes the Cities of Salem and Roanoke and Counties of Botetourt, Franklin, and Roanoke.

Harveycutter was nominated for the Hall of Fame by former Salem High School athletic director Sandy Hadaway, who is a member of the

Virginia High School Hall of Fame.

"To be recognized for doing something you love is quite amazing," said Harveycutter. "I was touched that Sandy Hadaway thought enough to nominate me and it is an unbelievable honor to join the VHSL Hall of Fame with Salem folks such as Sandy and Willis White."

Harveycutter is also a Hall of Fame member of the inaugural class of the Salem Alumni Hall of Fame and was also inducted into the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame in 2009. A life-long resident of Salem, he graduated from Andrew-Lewis High School and is currently the Director of Tourism for the city of Salem.

Other members of the Class of 2022 include former athletes Kiamesha Orey of New Kent High School, Luke Owens of Grundy High School, Mia Pollard of New Kent High School and Ashton Bishop of Gate City High. Two coaches will be inducted, James Johnson of Luther P. Jackson and Cumberland High Schools and

Donnie Qualls of Rye City High. Also going in as a contributor will be Jerry Carter, who served as athletic director at Liberty-Bealton and Briar Woods High Schools.

Marc Brandon Ayers, a Salem Attorney who graduated from Galax High, becomes the first-ever academic activities participant selected to the Virginia High School Hall of Fame. He was the first to win four consecutive state titles in forensics in four different categories. Brandon graduated High School as the record-setting recipient of eight state championships in academic competition, a record that remains unbroken to this day. Ayers has an office on College Avenue in Salem.

Members of the Class of 2022 will bring the total membership to 327. Athletes are eligible for consideration ten years after completing their high school careers and are judged primarily for their achievements in interscholastic sports. Coaches are eligible after 15 years of experience or upon retirement and evaluated on



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Carey Harveycutter has been selected to be inducted into the Virginia High School Hall of Fame.

the merits of their accomplishments at the high school level. Contributors have rendered significant services in other capacities, such as administration, academic activities, officiating, media, or sports medicine.

The 33rd Annual Hall of Fame enshrinement dinner is set for 3:30 pm, Sunday, April 24, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Charlottesville. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased online: <https://gofan.co/app/VHSL>.

Five Rockets honored on all-district basketball team, Fisher, Lucas are also named second team all-region 1C

The Pioneer District boys' basketball All-District team was announced when the final Pioneer team was eliminated from post-season play, and Craig County High was well represented with five members. The girls' team will not be announced until next week as district member Parry McCluer was still alive at press time.

Two Rockets made the boys' first team, senior Nathan Fisher and freshman Matthew Lucas. Honorable mention went to senior Colton Moore and junior Zach Peters and Craig County coach Ryan Frazier was named the Pioneer District Coach of the Year.

On Monday of this week the All-Region 1C was named and Craig was represented. Both Fisher and Lucas were chosen second team All-Region as well.

"I am extremely proud of the boys this season, all the boys," said Frazier. "For Craig County to get four players recognized in the district is a big accomplishment. This is by far the most I have had in all-district since I started

coaching here. In all honesty I thought we should have had one more recognized, in my opinion."

The Rockets finished the season 10-11, made the semifinals of the district tournament and earned a spot in the Region 1C tournament for the first time in years. The Rockets missed the entire 2020-21 season due to COVID.

"We have been making progress over the last few years, but last year set us back in our development as players and a team," said Frazier. "Through all the adversity the boys continued to work and buy into the program, and this year we finally started to see some results."

Spencer Hamilton, Parry McCluer's 6'11" center, was named the Pioneer District Player of the Year. Joining the two Rockets on the first team were Hamilton, Jalen Mitchell and John Snider of Parry McCluer, Kolier Pruett and Derek Johnston of Narrows and Ethan Moore of Highland County. Frazier was named Coach of the Year.

"I am humbled and

thankful for the recognition," he said. "However, in my opinion Coach of the Year is a team award. I absolutely would not have got the award without Jason Lucas and David McPherson helping me throughout the year. We

just tried to put the guys in the best position to be successful."

Ryan was also quick to credit the Craig County players.

"The real credit goes to the players, all of them," he said. "We would not

have qualified for regionals and had the success we did without everyone pushing each other in practice throughout the year. It was a hard season to see end, and it was the most fun I have had coaching since I started

here. They were a great group to coach, and I thought through our hustle and play they did a great job representing Craig County this year. The boys have a lot to be proud of and so does this community."



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Members of the Craig County basketball team who received All-Pioneer District include, left to right; Colton Moore, Zachary Peters, District Coach of the Year Ryan Frazier, Nathan Fisher and Matthew Lucas.



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SPRING SPORTS BEGIN NEXT WEEK

Daylight savings time begins this Sunday, Spring officially begins on March 20 and Virginia High School League sports will be playing for real beginning next Monday.

Craig County will have four teams participating in the spring season, baseball, softball, soccer and track. The first team to take the field will be the soccer team when the Rockets host Auburn next Mon-

day. The Rockets have a new head coach in Jeff Hickson.

Next Tuesday, March 15, the softball team will take the field in Christiansburg to open the season against the Blue Demons, followed by a game at Alvatista on March 18. The Rockets were scheduled to scrimmage James River this week under returning coach Elaina Wolfe-Carper.

The baseball team will

open on Tuesday, March 22nd, at home against Bath County. Zach Peters is the new Craig County coach after the Rockets missed the 2021 season due to concerns about COVID and lack of players to field a team.

The last team to open will be the track team, who don't have a meet scheduled until May 5th at William Fleming High School. Jamie Simpkins is the Rocket coach.