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Wildgame Dinner donations send teens to camp

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

When summertime hits, the word "camp" is on many teens' minds.

The Catawba Valley Baptist Church is very active in supporting their teens and sending as many to camp as want to go, with all expenses paid.

This year, the Wild Game Dinner was able to finally open its doors and have their annual ever so popular in-person dinner and auctions.

The event is sponsored by their teens, the CVBC Student Ministries.

Their vision is, "CVBC Student Ministries seeks to be a safe place for children and students of all ages, backgrounds and situations. We are here to make growing and reproducing disciples of

Christ who are well-connected with their family, church and community. Supporting families in any way we can as they raise their children is our privilege."

These teens were everywhere at the dinner, helping out in all capacities of the event.

Pastor Stephen Vaughn shared, "We served over 300 meals in person plus 40-plus takeout meals."

There was BBQ deer and bear and regular of both, with sides and a smorgasbord of homemade desserts that people got to take seconds of, which was wonderful.

The event was held at the Moose Lodge on Route 311, so they would have enough room to feed everyone and to have their silent and live auctions.

There were approximately 100 items available to bid on.



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The tables were packed at the Annual Wildgame Dinner which was in-person this year. People mingled all around to look at the silent and live auction items, take a chance on the raffle and just talk to others they hadn't seen in a long while.

People were lining up early to view the live auction items which included many hunting gear apparatuses of guns, camo seats and

blinds, tree stands, knives, beautifully designed turkey callers and a boatload of other very nice items, including a handmade

quilt and a handmade cherry wormwood cabinet. They even

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New DSS Director shooting for the stars

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

Change in administration always brings unknown anticipation in staff. However, it seems the new director of the Department of Social Services (DSS) in Craig has a new light in its corner.

There are many issues that can bring a person to the need of assistance with professionals at the DSS.

The new director, Pat Franklin, understands personal heartache and needs of families, understanding that for some, they just need that boost of assistance to help them during a downfall in personal events of life.

"It's been ten years since I started working with the Department of Social Services here in Craig County and it has been a real pleasure," Franklin said. "It's such a great community."

She shared that when she first came to Craig, she often heard the expression,

See DSS Director, page 5



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Pat Franklin, the new Department of Social Services director, is shooting for the stars, helping to bring light to people who may be in need of services. The office opens for in-person appointments on March 14.

McCleary celebrates One School, One Book

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

Kids in schools all over the United States look forward to the annual One School, One Book event. In fact, over 3,000 schools participated in the recent "Read to Them" program.

Students at McCleary Elementary School had smiles on their faces with laughter that rung throughout nearly every room during the celebration.

The program's website states, "Our mission is to create a culture of literacy in every home by helping schools implement our One School, One Book® program which encourage and enables reading together at home by providing every school with tools, resources, guidance, and support."

Though this event takes lots of hours of planning for all the teachers and staff members, along with monetary expenses and the



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Upon entering the library, the kids insisted that I drink the green frobscottle because that was the drink that BFG drank which made him whizzpop! My tongue and teeth were green for several hours, which gave the kids a laugh. I'm glad I didn't whizzpop while there!

work of everyone to collect great giveaways for the kids, McCleary has promoted this event for many years now.

Missy Frazier, Title I Reading Teacher at McCleary, reiterates the purpose of this wonderful program is to educate families and schools on the benefits and importance of reading aloud at

home.

"The whole program is asking parents to read aloud to their child because it is a worthwhile family activity and it better prepares children to be effective readers," she said.

Statistics show that the benefits of reading

See McCleary, page 5

Spring gobbler contest starts April 9

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

Many "Craig Countians" savor a fresh cooked wild turkey on their table at Thanksgiving, and many more of us enjoy them anytime!

I personally like mine cooked all day in a crockpot with Italian dressing.

To hold onto tradition, Star City Whitetails and Virginia Public Land Hunters and Fisherman will be hosting their 9th Annual Va. Spring Gobbler Photo Contest in less than a month.

Founder and organizer Jeff Phillips shared, "There will be six different divisions represented, Men's, Women's, Youth, Mobility Impaired, Doubles, and Public Land."

He added that for this

year's contest, there will be some great prizes for each division, including a turkey mount for the mobility impaired division, and a Youth division drawing for an offshore fishing trip to South Carolina for one youth and their parents.

"A great added addition for the second year in a row is a donation from Craig counties own, Sam Catterton and Catterton & Sons Wildlife Nuisance Specialist," Phillips said. "They are donating \$100 cash to the best photo from Youth Weekend on April 2 and 3."

The regular season contest runs from April 9 through May 14, and the voting for the contest will take place on Star City Whitetails Facebook page once the season is

over.

So, everyone get their "fan club" on alert for this contest!

"We look forward to seeing some great pictures this spring, and those pictures can be submitted to the Star City Whitetails and or Virginia Public Land Hunters and Fisherman page and you will be in the running," Phillips noted.

He added, "This is a true 'No Hunter Left Behind Contest.'"

Feel free to reach Jeff Phillips with any questions at (540) 765-8255.

"Folks, make sure you get the young people out in our Virginia Spring woods, not a more beautiful time to be outdoors and it just helps our great tradition to carry on," he added.



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Hunter Ponton is no stranger to the hunting woods. He started at a very young age, and continues to hunt and fish, loving every minute. He also enjoys participating in the Star City Whitetail Youth Contests and encourages others to join this April.

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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.

Be sure to 'Like' the New Castle Record on Facebook.

Craig County to be featured on Real Virginia program

This April, Virginia Farm Bureau's Real Virginia television program will highlight Craig County as part of its County Close-up segment.

Each month, the feature highlights a different Virginia county and provides an in-depth look at the area from an agricultural perspective. Burke Moeller, video producer for Farm Bureau, will interview local farmers and others to explore the role agriculture

plays in the county, which sectors are most prevalent and how the industry is changing.

The most recent Census of Agriculture, conducted in 2017, found Craig had a total of 179 farms on 43,431 acres, and the market value of all agricultural products sold that year was more than \$4.6 million. Commodities like livestock, poultry and other animal products account for 82 percent of all farm income.

Crops make up the remaining 18 percent, with the major plantings in hay and forage, corn, soybeans and wheat. Other commodities produced in the county include fruits, berries, vegetables, melons and potatoes.

Real Virginia focuses on Virginia agriculture with a consumer audience in mind. The program airs nationwide at 3:30 p.m. on the first Saturday of each month on RFD-

TV on Dish Network and DirecTV, and on selected cable outlets around the state. It airs weekly on WBRA digital channel 15.2, WHRO Norfolk, WVVA Bluefield, and WTKR Norfolk, and on the first and third weekends of each month on WVIR Charlottesville, WHSV Harrisonburg and WRLH Richmond.

Watch Real Virginia anytime online at youtube.com/user/VirginiaFarmBureau.

With 132,000 members in 88 county Farm Bureaus, VFBB is Virginia's largest farmers' advocacy group. Farm Bureau is a non-governmental, nonpartisan, voluntary organization committed to protecting Virginia's farms and ensuring a safe, fresh and locally grown food supply.

Submitted by Alice Kemp, Communications Coordinator



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Marine Veteran, Frankie Garman, Sr., is a 52-year chartered member of the Ruritan Club.

Five decades strong, Catawba Valley Ruritan Club shows no signs of slowing down

The Catawba Valley Ruritan Club has been a name around the Catawba Valley since July 1970. It was chartered by a group of men – farmers, business owners, insurance agents, factory workers, auto mechanics, mail carrier, retirees and others. The mission of the Club is to provide needed services to those in the Valley, foster fellowship and socialization in the community. The Club remembers Veterans by placing American flags at the Catawba Valley cemeteries each year.

Back in the day, the Club could be seen

painting metal roofs on houses, mending fence and doing clean-up around homes. Today, the Club still tries to help wherever a need may be.

The main fundraisers for the Ruritans are making apple butter two-times a year and the Chicken BBQ that is held in May. These fundraisers help support the following organizations and activities: Hunters for the Hungry, D-Day Memorial, Catawba Hospital Operation Santa Claus, College Scholarships for local Youth, the Catawba Valley Farm-

ers Market and other community needs. The Club has hosted Bluegrass concerts just to get the community out and about.

A new fundraiser this year is a Community Flea Market on Saturday, April 23, at Catawba Community Center from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Individuals interested in being either a seller or buyer are encouraged to contact Pam Garman at either 540-384-5009 or frgarman@gmail.com for more information.

Submitted by Pam Garman

Article correction

Last week's "Craig Valley Baptist chili-cookout turns into massive success"

article had a few minor errors. The overall winners were actually Julie Welch

(2nd place), Ricky Francisco (1st place) and Karen Walker (3rd place)

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

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- Ship as cargo
- Volcanic craters
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- London soccer team
- Score perfectly
- No (Scottish)
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- Unwanted attic "decor"
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- Broad, shallow crater
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- Pairs well with green
- Travelers need it
- Digital audiotape
- Midway between northeast and east
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- Sound unit
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- Spa town in Austria
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- Tie together
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Roanoke College explores monuments and memorials, our encounters with history in new speaker series

Roanoke College will launch a speaker series this month that examines the function and future of monuments, and our personal connections to and encounters with history.

The speaker series, presented by the College's Center for Studying Structures of Race, brings to campus artists and scholars whose work addresses the role of monuments in society and how we address, and think deeply about, our history.

Scheduled March 17-April 19, the series invites the public to examine the intersection of art, public memory and history.

Featured speakers include Dr. Henry Louis Gates Jr., American literary critic, professor, historian, and filmmaker who serves as the Alphonse Fletcher University Professor and Director of the Hutchins Center for African and African American Research at Harvard University. On April 19, Gates will pres-

ent "The Rise and Fall of Reconstruction. The lecture is co-sponsored by Roanoke College's Henry H. Fowler Lecture Series and the Center for Studying Structures of Race.

"Dr. Gates is a preeminent scholar of African American studies whose work lends inspiration to the projects we are undertaking at Roanoke College," said Jesse Bucher, associate professor of history at Roanoke College and who serves as director of the Cen-

ter for Studying Structures of Race. "His dedication to uncovering hidden stories, making personal connections to the past, and unpacking historical truths have had a major influence on our examination of the history and legacies of slavery at and around Roanoke College."

That examination has resulted in several tangible initiatives at the College. In April 2021, bronze plaques that pay tribute to the enslaved laborers who had an integral, historically significant role in building the College more than 175 years ago, were installed on the front pillars of the College's Administration Building. Initiatives also include the ongoing and extensive student research into the College's historical connection to slavery, and the renovation of slave quarters that adjoin the Roanoke College campus — quarters that now house the Center for Studying Structures of Race.

Featured speakers also include:

•Charles Gaines, a Los Angeles-based artist who is a pivotal figure in the field of conceptual art. His March 17 talk is part of the "Me-

morials, Monuments, and Memory Lecture Series," sponsored by Roanoke College Center for Studying Structures of Race.

•Mabel O. Wilson, Ph.D., professor of architecture at Columbia University who co-designed the Memorial to Enslaved Laborers at the University of Virginia. Her March 31 talk is part of the "Memorials, Monuments, and Memory Lecture Series."

•Dr. Whitney Battle-Baptiste, director, the W.E.B. Du Bois Center, University of Massachusetts Amherst and professor of anthropology. Her April 6 Emancipation Week Lecture is sponsored by the Center for Studying Structures of Race.

•Nicholas Galanin, a multi-disciplinary artist and musician from Alaska. His April 12 talk is part of the "Memorials, Monuments, and Memory Lecture Series."

The four "Memorials, Monuments, and Memory Lecture Series" speakers were selected through Roanoke College's partnership with Creative Time, an international nonprofit arts organization that is guiding the College's development of a

comprehensive plan to honor and recognize, on campus, the role of enslaved people in the history of the College and greater Southwest Virginia. The lecture series precedes planning for the College's commission of a new memorial commemorating the enslaved people who built the College and contributed to the wider region.

Each of these four speakers "use their art and design work to expand the ways in which we think about memorials and monuments," Bucher said. "Individually, they have created projects that challenge us to think more expansively about how we encounter history, memory, and the role of public art."

Dr. Battle-Baptiste, a historical archaeologist who will deliver the Emancipation Week keynote lecture on April 6, "has completed transformative archaeological research that deepens our understanding about the lives of enslaved persons, including enslaved persons in Virginia," Bucher said.

Submitted by Roanoke College News



Dr. Henry Louis Gates Jr.

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Applications now accepted for Fralin Futures STEM-H Scholarship at Virginia Western

-Merit-based program provides tuition, coaching and living expense stipend for students nearing graduation-

Applications are now being accepted for the Fralin Futures Scholarship, providing eligible Virginia Western Community College students enrolled in any STEM-H (science, technology, engineering, math and health) program with the opportunity to receive full tuition and living expenses funding. The merit-based scholarship program was established in 2019 with a \$5 million gift from the Horace G. Fralin Charitable Trust.

Over the past three years, the competitive scholarship program has supported 74 students, called Fralin Futures Scholars. Thirty-five students, or 92 percent, have successfully completed the program and graduated on time from Virginia Western. The scholarship uniquely focuses on the student's two last semesters prior to graduation, providing supplemental income and career coaching that aims to reduce

barriers to completion.

"The pandemic and resulting economic instability certainly amplified the needs of our students," said Amanda Mansfield, Philanthropy Director of the Virginia Western Community College Educational Foundation. "Being able to provide this type of funding and support has a real impact on keeping our students in their educational track and preparing for jobs in fields that are in high demand."

Students may apply for the Fralin scholarship if they are enrolled in a STEM-H program, within two semesters of graduating from Virginia Western and maintain at least a 3.0 GPA. Deadline to submit an application is May 1, 2022. To apply, visit www.virginiawestern.edu/scholarships.

In addition to the scholarship, Fralin Futures Scholars are guided by a success coach and participate in

cohort activities through partnerships with the Fralin Biomedical Research Institute at VTC and STEM-H related employers that expose them to hands-on learning opportunities and career exploration.

For more information about the Fralin Futures Scholarship Program, contact Success Coach Schuyler van Montfrans, at SVanMontfrans@virginiawestern.edu or (540) 857-6272.

Fralin Futures is one of 91 scholarships worth more than \$366,000 offered by the Virginia Western Educational Foundation this fall. A new online application offers students the opportunity to receive funding from the Educational Foundation as well as regional and national funders. Apply through May 1, 2022, at www.virginiawestern.edu/scholarships.



Success Coach Schuyler van Montfrans

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Submitted by Carole Tarrant, Coordinator of Development

Wildgame Dinner

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had a one-of-a-kind replica of The Homeplace with one of their cooking pans.

At the silent auction, there were homemade items, as well as purchased

and donated items. (I wrote my bids on many!)

Everyone received a ticket when they arrived and signed in for the free giveaways they announced

while dinner was being served.

The atmosphere was joyful, and people were so pleasant.

A heartfelt message was given by Mark Harvey.

It was obvious that the in-person meal was going to be a success in funds and in spirit.

When the live auction started and the auctioneer began, yellow cards filled the air, bidding on the items. Some enjoyed the competitive bidding, laughing in friendship as they would outbid someone for an item.

The goal was to raise as much as possible with each

item, and the majority of attendees were interested in participating.

"Our goal was to raise \$15,000 and we ended up raising over \$17,000," Vaughn shared. "Kids go to camp in the summer for free because of this event and our kids get scholarships for various other trips due as well."

The businesses that donated were, Trader Jerry's, Investors Financial Advisors, Chick-fil-A/Salem, Pine Top Restaurant, Mac & Bobs Restaurant, Three Little Pigs, Which Wich/Salem, Lasterday Market, Specialized Saw & Mower, Big Spring Mill, A Little Off the Top Salon, Bel-lacinos Restaurant, Ashley Furniture, Greenridge Rec Center, Towncenter Tap House Restaurant, Ikenberry Orchards, M & M Creations and Krispy Kreme Donuts.

"Thank you everyone who made this possible,"

Pastor Vaughn shared. "To the local companies and individuals who donated, thank you! To the Moose Lodge for allowing us to have our event there, thank you! To our community for attending and supporting this event, thank you! And to the 65 plus volunteers who make this event possible, thanks you!"

The church can be reached by phone, 540-380-8448, email, admin@catawbavalleybc.org, or through their website, www.catawbavalleybc.org. "This event is special because it gives our church a chance to connect with people in our community," he added. "A church ought to be in the community and among the community and this event gives more opportunities for this. Ultimately, whatever this event provides gives opportunities in another year for kids to hear the gospel."

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In Memory

The family of Kenneth S. "Sparky" Stull wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, flowers, visits, food and support during the time of his illness and death.

A special thank you to VFW Post 4491 for rights given to "Sparky". Your grace to the family was appreciated.

I want to give praise to my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ for his grace and love who will be at my side through it all. Also, a special thank you to Gary Burch and Raymond Christian for a service well done.

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Ukraine's libraries are offering bomb shelters, camouflage classes and, yes, books

Library Corner

Empowering individuals to build a stronger community

Libraries are playing vital roles in supporting Ukraine's war effort from giving families shelters during Russian bombing raids to making camouflage nets for the military and countering disinformation.

"It's really scary when schools, libraries, universities, hospitals, maternity hospitals, residential neighborhoods are bombed," Oksana Brui, who is the president of the Ukrainian Library Association, told NPR.

Citing civilian deaths and the Russian military's drive to take over nuclear power plants, Brui added, "This is very dangerous for the whole world."

Bruis is among the Ukrainians who were taken by surprise when sirens rang out on Feb. 24 announcing Russia's invasion. While some of Ukraine's libraries have been destroyed by the fighting, she says that all over the country, libraries are "buzzing like hives,"

full of librarians, readers, refugees and volunteers.

"Refugee reception points, hostels and logistics points are organized here," she said. "Camouflage nets for the military are also woven here. Home care courses are held here. Books are collected here to be transferred to libraries in neighboring countries that receive Ukrainian refugees."

One bundle of netting was packaged with a note: "Death to enemies."

With their country thrust into war, libraries are also bringing in specialists to provide psychological help to residents struggling to cope with an unwelcome new reality.

"There are bomb shelters in libraries," Bruis added, pointing out a children's library in Mykolaiv where kids, their families and a few dogs were being kept safe. As a video posted by the library shows, children are using their time in the shelter to select books, filling the hours before they can emerge again.

Bruis and the Ukrainian Library Association received hundreds of positive and encouraging

messages after the group issued a notice postponing — not canceling — an international conference it was slated to host in early March. The confident tone struck Nicholas Poole, the CEO of CILIP, the U.K.'s library and information association.

In a tweet that drew more than 200,000 likes, Poole said of the notice, "it basically says 'We will reschedule just as soon as we have finished vanquishing our invaders.' Ukrainian Librarians, I salute you."

Bruis, who is the library director of the Igor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic Institute, and the ULA also wrote to the International Federation of Library Associations, academic publishers and other institutions, asking them to exclude the Russia Library Association from all activities, citing the need to stand in the face of aggression and embrace values based on truth and the sharing of information.

Their request won the support of many peer organizations across Europe. In response, the IFLA issued a statement expressing "solidarity with our colleagues in Ukraine"



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Children and their families have taken refuge in bomb shelters like this one at the Central City Library for Children in Mykolaiv, in southern Ukraine.

and condemning "all violent actions," but it did not mention Russia or take any sort of action against the RLA.

Libraries are famous for their quiet and calm. But in some parts of Ukraine, Bruis says, libraries are now marked not by the usual hush but by "dead silence."

"These are the libraries destroyed by the Russian bombing in Kharkiv, Sumy, Chernihiv, [Starobilsk], Severodonetsk," she said, singling out damage suffered by the Karazin

University Library in Kharkiv, the famed university city.

Even in peacetime, Ukraine's libraries try to counteract the influence of disinformation, training people in media and information literacy. But this is war, and everything about life in Ukraine is now different. The country's librarians are hard at work trying to keep their collections safe — and making sure people can access books and other materials.

"Today Ukraine is

fighting not only for its own independence and the future of its children," Bruis said.

She stressed that Ukrainians are fighting — and dying — for European values. She urged everyone to support Ukraine, to establish a no-fly zone, and unite to stop the war started by Russian President Vladimir Putin.

"Today it is destroying Ukraine, and tomorrow it could be any other country," Bruis said.

- Bill Chappell

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OBITUARY

Looney, Ronald Wilson



Ronald Wilson Looney, 82, of Catawba, passed away at his home on March 3, 2022, after a courageous battle with C.O.P.D.

Ronnie was born on October 29, 1939, and lived most of his life in Craig County, growing up in the community of his

family's namesake, Looney, near Meadow Creek. After serving in the U.S. Army, Ronnie worked in several industries, eventually retiring as a Transformer Repair Technician from Appalachian Power Company (AEP).

Ronnie was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Helen Abbott Looney. He is survived by brother Richard Honts; sons and wives Jim and Kim Looney, David and Karen Looney, Mike and Rebecca Looney; grandchildren Emily, Jonathan, Sara, Meaghan, great grandchildren Liam and Reece; step grand and great grandchildren Amy, Tori, Eric, Levi, Jacob and Kai;

many nieces, nephews, cousins and special friends Eddie Martin and Steve Carper.

Ronnie was an absolute joy to be around. He greeted everyone with a smile and pleasant demeanor and any stranger would quickly become a friend. However, when it came to racing, he was extremely competitive, driving at the Pulaski Speedway and Roanoke Drag Strip in the '60s. Although the dirt track racing was fun, his successes came on the drag racing, winning numerous trophies. His passion for racing carried over to a lifelong appreciation of NASCAR races and his son, Mike's successful racing career.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, March 20, at the Paitsel Funeral Home in New Castle. Visitation will be from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. with service starting at 4:00 p.m.

The family would like to thank the many VA health-care professionals, Kindred Hospice staff, family, and special friends, Melissa Wrenn and Matt Peters, for their loving care during Ronnie's illness.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to be made to the Upper Craigs Creek Volunteer Fire Department at 4296 Upper Craigs Creek Rd. Catawba, VA 24070.

More info at <https://www.paitselfh.com/>

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aloud are remarkable.

“Studies have shown that reading to children helps them to listen better and longer, to build bigger vocabularies, to understand concepts better, to feel positive about both books and learning,” the website states, adding, “Reading a book together brings the added joy of building and expanding a sense of community among students, parents, teachers, and staff – and beyond. In some schools, bus drivers and custodial and cafeteria staff clamor to be included. And when a library or church or community group or commercial donor becomes involved, that sense of fostered community is exponential.”

This year, their book was *The BFG* by Roald Dahl.

“The BFG tells the story of a young girl, Sophie, who is kidnapped by a giant she sees lurking around children’s rooms at night,” Librarian Karen Jones shared. “Sophie is certain the giant is planning to eat her, but soon finds out she has already met the BFG - the big friendly giant. A very kind and loving giant who feeds only on disgusting snozzcumbers.”

“Sophie learns that there are other giants who gobble up children around the world every night,” she added. “Sophie and the BFG come up with a plan to capture the giants and so preventing any more children from being harmed.”

“Each family is given a book and the students are assigned certain chapters each night to be read aloud to them. Then, each morning when the students return to school, they are asked a trivia question and there is a winner from each classroom every day,” Frazier explained.

On Friday’s all-day fun event, students got to watch the movie of the BFG, make crafts, enjoy a snack related to the book, and jump in the bouncy houses and slide down its slide, among other activities.

As I personally walked through the school and taking pictures in various areas, there wasn’t a frown in sight. How uplifting!

Explained School Counselor Dustin Persinger, “As the kids read a little bit every night, and answer a question every day, it encourages them to read and to be active in their readings. They can read alongside their families and at the end of the week, they look forward to the many prizes that are awarded.”

“I think the students enjoy the celebration day the most, but they also enjoy the time with their parents and sharing the book,” Frazier added. “Teachers enjoy watching the children come alive with excitement over the reading and answering the questions. They can certainly tell who is participating at home.”

“When a whole school reads a book, there’s a lot to talk about it and our goal is to build a community of readers at McCleary Elementary School,” she noted.

Their crafts and activities paralleled with the book and the kids smiled so big, showing everyone their finished craft.

They made a dreamcatcher as the story had to do with dreams. They ate dream cake (mini muffins) and drank green frobscottle (punch with pop rocks) because that was the drink the BFG drank which made him whizzpop! (break wind). Some classes chose to make a special

mixture of dyes in a bottle which turned colors to represent BFG’s good dream potions. And some classes made giant ears to replicate the BFG.

All students’ names were included in the drawing for prizes:

- Pearl Dudding, Cora Crowder, Sawyer Rutter, Elsa Elmore, Lacie Nance, Raelynn Stamper all won a stuffed animal and book that went together

- Lane Smith, Silas Templeton, Braxton Hibbits won a family book of tickets to the June Derby

- Kaelyn French won a BFG movie
- Emmett Crawford and Lily Richardson won the Big Ears

- Kayla Storey, Maddy Hutchison and Emily Hash won books

- Jayce Huffman and Aaliyah Lane won the two nice bicycles

In addition, every student got a ticket to Sea Quest in Lynchburg for themselves and one adult.

“We would like to thank Sea Quest, Craig County Fairgrounds and Market Street Pharmacy for their donations for prizes,” Frazier shared.

This program provides the “literacy skills which are the basis for a lifetime of learning and productivity,” the website states.

It was also obvious at McCleary Elementary that it made the whole school lively and filled with contagious smiles and laughter.

A “huge kudos” goes out to all the teachers, staff and community members who made this such a fantastic event for our kids in Craig! Learning mixed with fun, how wonderful!



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

The kids literally came alive when they entered the gym with the bouncy slide and house. Squeals and laughter filled the room as they exhausted themselves playing.



The kindergarten class was excited to create their colored water which represented BFG’s good dream potions, as they watched the colors mingle in their bottles.

DSS Director

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“Craig County takes care of its own” and has been seeing it first-hand.

“I heard that phrase from the beginning from Millie, Harrison and Bernie Tripp and many others. It has certainly proven to be true,” she said. “The number of people in the county who have stepped up to be foster parents, the donations we get from all over, and people who pitch in whenever we need, has been such a real joy.”

She added, “I worked in Roanoke City before I came here and I am certain that per capita, Craig County DSS has received more in the way of financial and other donations than Roanoke City did. That has been a real blessing and this staff has been great to work with.”

Franklin currently lives in Roanoke County.

“I have been married for 30 years and my husband and I have two grown children, two dogs and three cats,” she

shared. “I love spending time with my family. My husband and I like to take short weekend trips in and around Virginia to take in plays, museums and spend time together.”

Prior to that, she was a homemaker for nine years. When her daughter started kindergarten, she went to Hollins University and earned her bachelor’s degree.

Pat worked 18 years at Roanoke County DSS as a self-sufficiency specialist and worked up to becoming supervisor to both Benefit and Service programs.

Her own experience had been exclusively in services, foster care and child protective services.

Jim Weber, the previous director, explained, “She is very well respected and over the years employees, both former and current, have called Pat for advice on how to do certain things and I have always heard back that she was so

friendly, nice and helpful. I know that Angie Huffman from the Board was very pleased with the interview and blown away by Ms. Franklin and we are in good hands and are fortunate to have someone of her caliber.”

“A couple of years ago, I heard that Jim was thinking about retiring and that is when I started looking at Craig County as a career goal. Craig is only a 35-minute commute down 311 with its beautiful scenic views,” Franklin shared. “Craig County Social Service is just the right size, and it is still within my social capital footprint. Meaning I have 18 years of cultivating community partnerships that I bring with me to this job. Being a small agency allows me to continue doing what I love best, and that is working with community.”

When Franklin was asked what she felt like her top priorities in CC-DSS

would be, she responded, “I would like to improve the reputation of DSS in Craig. Since I started on February 1, I have been out in the community talking to people and to be quite honest, the DSS reputation seems to be less than pleasing and for that I apologize. DSS should be a place the people of Craig can feel comfortable coming to when they need a helping hand.”

The good news is that DSS plans to open its doors to the public on March 14, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

“DSS is here to help the citizens of Craig. Our phone lines are up and running correctly so you will be able to reach your worker or leave a message,” she added.

It seems there was a glitch in their system which was not directing the calls efficiently.

Her goal is that she and all staff will return phone calls no later than 5 p.m.

the next business day during the normal workweek.

“If you have a CPS or APS complaint, I want you call us,” she said. “We will take the complaint. If you need SNAP (food stamps), Medicaid, TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families), Energy or Child Care assistance you can apply in person or online at www.common-help.virginia.gov.”

DSS has a Facebook page (Craig County VA DSS) and their office number is (540)-864-5117.

Franklin wishes for anyone who is questionable about receiving any services to please contact their office and just ask.

Her goal is for Craig County residents to know that their DSS is there for them, and they wish to take care of their needs if possible, keeping the Craig County motto of “we take care of our own,” shooting for the stars of making sure everyone pos-

sible is enlightened by the system that was initially set up to help community citizens.

“Sometimes we can help and other times the persons may not qualify but we want them to ask. Most of the time we can,” she shared. “We want everyone to know we are here for them.”

Franklin also added, that if anyone is in need of food to please visit the office, “We will be glad to put a bag of food together for you take home from our food pantry.”

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A pre-proposal meeting will be held on N/A at N/A , in the City Manager's office at 10 Robertson Street, Radford, Virginia, for the purpose of reviewing the proposal/bid requirements. Only those proposers registered at that meeting will be allowed to bid.
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the property of the City of Radford and are available for public inspection. The City is required to handle each proposal so that disclosure of the identity of any offerors in the contents of any proposal to competing offerors during the process of bidding or negotiation does not occur. Therefore each bid proposal shall be provided by the bidder in a plain envelope and shall be clearly marked as follows:

PROPOSAL FOR: Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) and Outage Management System (OMS)

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By the Authority of:
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Director/Purchasing Agent

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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 to: **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
FEB 18 2022
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Deputy Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Board of Appeals (Building) of the City of Salem, Virginia will hold a public hearing, in accordance with the provisions of Section 18-38 Code of City of Salem, Virginia, on **March 31, 2022, at 3:30pm** in the **Community Room at the Salem Civic Center, 1001 Roanoke Boulevard**, in the City of Salem, Virginia. The purpose of the meeting and hearing shall be to determine if a certain structure is dangerous to the inhabitants of the City and whether such structure should be ordered to be repaired or demolished. The structure is located as follows:

(1)A dilapidated structure located at 17 7th Street Street, Salem, Virginia (Tax Map # 184 - 2 - 2).

All parties in interest at the public hearings will be given an opportunity to be heard, present evidence, and show cause why action by the City and Board to remedy a potential dangerous situation should or should not be granted. For additional information, contact the Building Official's Office, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia (Phone 375-3036). **THE BOARD OF BUILDING APPEALS OF THE CITY OF SALEM**
BY Troy D. Loving
Troy D. Loving,
Building Official

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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.

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Case No. JJ004883-09-00
Floyd County
Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court
Floyd County DSS v.
Brandi Reed
The object of this suit is to: **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

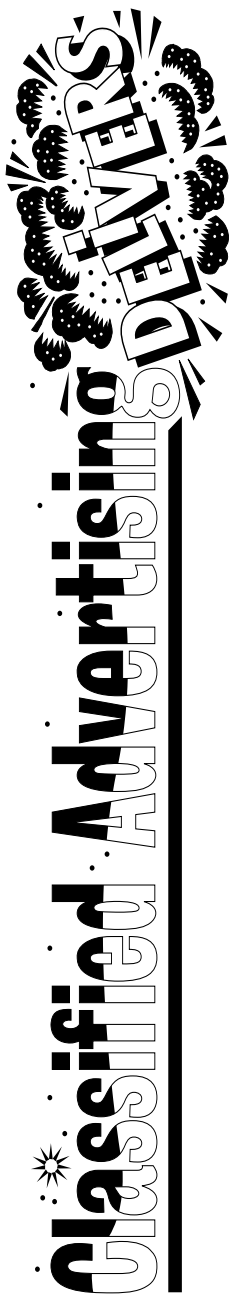
Legals - Town of Vinton

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED BOND ISSUE BY THE TOWN OF VINTON, VIRGINIA

The Council of the Town of Vinton, Virginia (the "Council") will hold a public hearing on the proposed issuance of a bonds by the Town of Vinton. The estimated maximum amount of the bond is \$710,808. The proposed use of the bond proceeds is to pay the Town's share of costs of capital improvements to the Western Virginia Water Authority's regional wastewater treatment plant and costs of issuing the bond. The public hearing which may be continued or adjourned and at which persons may appear and present their views on the proposed bond will be held at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on April 5, 2022, in the Council Chambers of the Vinton Municipal Building, located at 311 S. Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia 24179.

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Sara Jones(left) and Lexxy Brookman were named to All-Pioneer District second team in basketball while Annabelle Gregory(on top) was Honorable Mention.

THREE ROCKETS ARE NAMED TO ALL-PIONEER BASKETBALL TEAM

Three Craig County girls have been named to the All-Pioneer District basketball team, which was released after all district teams were eliminated from post-season play. Parry McCluer, who lost to Honaker in the state semifinals last week, was the last team standing in the district.

Sara Jones and Lexxy Brookman were named to the All-Pioneer second team while Annabelle Gregory was named Honorable Mention. All three are juniors and returning to the floor for the Rockets next year.

"That's very promising going into next year," said Craig coach Brock Jones. The top eight make first team and Sara and Lexxy were, I believe, 10 and 11, almost making first team. I am extremely excited and blessed to have coached them this year, and in my first year as coach."

This was Brookman's first year playing school basketball since the eighth grade. She averaged 9.8 points and 10 rebounds per game in district play.

"She worked hard this year on learning post moves and put the work in to get his accomplishment," said Jones. "All the other district coaches praised her physicality and said she was hard to handle and game plan for this year."

Sara almost didn't play basketball this year.

"She was going to primarily focus on softball and give up basketball," said Brock. "I talked with her before the year and she came to a couple open gyms and it was all over from there. I knew I had to sell her, she was needed for this team and it paid off tremendously. She was a key asset for us all year, our best overall jump shooter on the team and with her six foot frame was the best rim protector in the district."

Jones averaged 10.4 points, 7.8 rebounds and 6.7 blocks per game in district play. She also finished with 97 blocks for the year.

"Sara was praised by the other district coaches for her length and ability to change shots around the rim," said coach Jones.

Gregory was Craig's leader and point guard. She averaged four points a game, 5.9 steals per game, and 4.4 assists per

game in district play.

"Annie was a complete nightmare for other teams on the defensive end," said Jones. "She has a non-stop motor and goes from tip off to final horn. Annie is the heart and soul to our team. She beat the press single handedly most of the time for us. There were three games this year Annie had over 10 steals. Other district coaches praised her ability to slide her feet and play aggressive defense all game."

Adam Gilbert of Parry McCluer was the district Coach of the Year after going undefeated in a dozen district game. The loss to Honaker was disappointing, but it was a little salve in the wound when Honaker went on to win the state Class 1 championship, beating Buffalo Gap by 34 points in the championship game.

Katie Claytor of Parry McCluer was the Pioneer District Player of the Year and the Blues had three members on the first team.

"I was really hoping to get senior Hannah Caldwell somewhere as I believed she should have made it, but it just didn't plan out," said Jones.

With three all-district girls returning the future is bright for Craig County girls' basketball.

"With PM losing eight seniors this year and most everyone else losing a lot of key players we should have a great shot to be at the top of the district next year," said Jones. "My girls are committed and want to work and improve, which is outstanding. We will begin open gyms starting toward the end of April and then hit some individual camps this summer and a few team camps."

The Rockets will need some money for these summer trips and Jones is hoping the community will be generous when they encounter them.

"We have to do some Major Fundraising and car washes coming up for these things," he said. "New jerseys, warm-ups, and team shoes are wanted from the girls so we have to raise some money or get some generous donations between now and the winter. But I couldn't be more proud of these girls and I look forward to going all in with them and having our first off season together to get better."

Baseball is back at Craig County High



NCR FILE PHOTO

Dylan Crawford, here pitching during the 2019 season, is the only Rocket with varsity baseball experience.

Baseball is back at Craig County High School after a two year absence. The Rockets missed the 2020 season when COVID struck and didn't have enough boys come out to field a team in 2021.

This spring Craig has a new coach in Zach Peters and a cast of players anxious to revive the longstanding tradition of quality baseball in Craig County. With the two year hiatus senior Dylan Crawford is the only player on the team with varsity experience.

"We are looking to Dylan to be a leader for the rest of the team," said coach Peters.

Crawford will be sharing pitching duties with junior Zachary Peters, freshman Matthew Lucas

and freshman lefthander Jaycob Wolfe. Peters will be a leader on the field and the primary catcher, with Wolfe catching some when Peters is pitching.

Lucas will be at third, Crawford is the shortstop with junior Malachi Shrader covering both positions when needed. Sophomore Hayden Reynolds will be at second, sharing some playing time with freshman Isaiah Wenthe. Sophomore Drew Duncan will be at first.

In the outfield there is a group of talent that will be seeing playing time. Seniors Brayden Frango, Nathaniel Sarver, junior Nicholas All, sophomore Tyler Huffman and freshman Cameron Huffman should all see time along

with Wolfe and Shrader.

"This team is eager to play and have a great attitude going forward into the season," said coach Peters.

Helping with coaching duties this year will be Jason Lucas and Ashleigh Peters.

"The team and coaches want to thank the local businesses who have donated to getting the team back going along with the school system," said Peters. "The coaches want to thank all family members and friends who get the team members to and from practice. Without their support a team would not be possible."

The Rockets will open with a home game against Bath County on March 22nd.

Softball team opens this week

The Craig County softball team opens this week with high hopes. The Rockets were scheduled to play at Christiansburg Tuesday, then travel to Altavista on Friday.

The Rockets have a strong group returning from last year's team. They only lost one senior from a team that beat Narrows in the district tournament and advanced to the semifinals. Craig has a quality pitcher in junior Sara Jones, who struck out 93 while only walking eight last season.

This year's seniors included Kylee Clifton, Jennifer Fitzpatrick, Gabriella Hypes, Kaitlyn Radford and Chas-

ity Wolfe. Juniors are Jones, Annabelle Gregory and Hannah Ratliff. Sophomores are Emily Fowler, Lily Hutchison, Karly Potter and Randalyn Taylor and Britney Brookman and Madison Underwood are freshmen who made the varsity.

"We had a lot of eighth and ninth graders come out and are back to having both a jayvee and varsity team," said coach Elaina WolfeCarper. "We've got most of last year's varsity team returning and have added quite a few strong players as well. I'm looking forward to this season and seeing the girls continue to grow."



NCR FILE PHOTO

Sara Jones struck out 93 batters in last year's pandemic abbreviated season.

Rocket soccer team has new coach, looks to defend district championship

After winning the Pioneer District tournament and qualifying for the Region 1 C soccer tournament last year, the Craig County soccer team is hoping to take another step upward this year.

Craig finished 7-2-1 last year, taking home a trophy and advancing to the region before falling to Galax, the Region 1C champ. Coach Robin Nobles stepped down after the season and turned the reigns over to assistant Jeff Hickson.

Returning seniors for the Rockets include Alex McDowell, Hannah Caldwell, Mason Huffman and Colton Moore. Huffman was the all-district first team goalie last spring.

Juniors include Austin Hickson, Alex Drake, Bryce Drake, Savannah Cady and Skyler Rodrigues. Quinn Caldwell, Ava Greenway and Chris Matheny are sophomores and five freshmen are on the team, Sean Cady, Sarah Hickson, Jordyn Price, Colby Wolfe and Shaun VanDyke.

"We have five players from last year and four players who have never played soccer before and eight who have played before, just not for our varsity team," said coach Hickson. "It should be an interesting season."

The Rockets were scheduled to open Monday at home against Auburn, a formidable opponent. Next Tuesday, March 22nd, Craig is at Bath County.



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Mason Huffman was first team All-Pioneer District goalkeeper last spring.