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Craig cheerleaders get ready for Cheer Camp

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Most every cheerleader truly enjoys learning the "new" in their profession, from youth to college. This year, Craig County brought college trainers in for their middle and high school cheerleaders to learn from.

Starting on Wednesday, June 1 through June 3, the cheerleaders were taught new cheers, chants, dances, and stunts with safety.

Two young ladies from UCA, The Universal Cheerleaders Association, came from North

Carolina and South Carolina for a three-day camp. Kemari Sims has been a UCA staff for two years and just finished a camp at Richlands. Tythaha Robinson shared that this is her first year and first camp. Both were very professional and great at their cheers and stunts.

Cheerleading coach Jessie Gills shared, "I don't believe camp has been held since 2012, yet this is a great opportunity for our girls."

She added that she has more than doubled the number of girls this year to cheer and they have had the same material to

use for years. COVID had an impact on the number of girls that participated. "I did this when I cheered here and loved the experience," Gills said. "This is something the school did years ago, and it is a good team building experience. I wanted these girls to be able to experience it also and to learn and to be able to do more."

The cheerleaders were all dressed in their new camp gear. The girls learned quickly that they were at "camp," and it was a lot of work, but spirits

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PHOTO BY PAM DIDDING

New cheers and chants with moves were exciting for the cheerleaders to learn from UCA instructors.



Middle School Cheerleaders Addison White, Georgia Cyrus, Maren All, Destiny Hubbard, Tori Readdick and Grace Medley, with two instructors from UCA, Kemari Sims and Tythaha Robinson.

Mud Run fun coming to Craig

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As a kid, who could resist stomping in a mud puddle? In fact, sometimes, adults still enjoy it and now there are some in Craig who are opening a muddy road for those who do.

"The response has been great!" Corie Trivette shared as he has been organizing this great event. "It's been an idea of mine for several years."

The New Castle Mud Run, called "Kausing Khaos!", will take place on Saturday, June 18. It will be at the Country Campground off of Route 311, below Carpers Quick Mart, at 202 Country Campground Drive in New Castle.

This will be a Mud Run for many classes of vehicles including Side by side, 4&6 class, street class, Mod street, Hot street and Open class.

"All rules for each class and general rules can be found on our Facebook event page," Trivette said. "Also we would like to include that no children can be in the pit area." Trivette also shared, "And it will all be 100% pay back for every class SO THE MORE TRUCKS THAT SHOW WILL BE MORE MONEY FOR WINNERS!"

The Mud Run will award monetary prizes for first, second and third place winners.

Costs to enter are \$25 for Side by side, 4&6 class and Street class. Mod street is \$40 and Hot street and Open class are \$50. All rules for each division as well as track rules are listed on their facebook page. No excep-



The Mud Run is already looking like a great success. Enter your vehicles to join in this classic fun event. Family fun for everyone to come watch on June 18 at 1 p.m.!

tions can be allowed.

Some of the simple rules include: "Be safe and have a good time as these are "your" days off from work! The safety of spectators, drivers, and crew will be our first responsibility at all times, and no horseplay of any kind will be tolerated. You will be asked to leave, and no refund will be given."

Spectators' costs will be \$10 for everyone eight years and older. Children under eight are free.

Mike's Dog House will be selling food and drink during the event. However, guests are allowed to bring their own. "We would like to encourage you to pop in Food Country, IGA Express, Gopher Market, Ca-

tawba Grocery or Carpers Mart, etc. and pick up food to support our local businesses," Trivette said. Please no glass of any kind.

Gates will open at 9 a.m. and the event starts at 1 p.m. For those who wish to spend the weekend, camping is available.

"Dry camping sites still available on a first come first serve basis. But all RV sites are reserved," Trivette said. "Camping spots are still available Friday evening to Sunday afternoon."

For more information, message one of the event hosts on Facebook at New Castle Mud Run or contact Corie at (540) 597-4019. Everyone is looking forward to a great day playing in the mud!



PHOTO BY PAM DIDDING

The Department of Social Services in Craig is hosting a Coloring Contest for kids of all ages to enter. Prizes will be awarded! Pages can be picked up at Food Country through June 17.

Craig Department of Social Services hosts coloring contest

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Toys come and go, but it seems that the art of coloring has always been an enjoyable pastime for many kids (and adults). The Craig County Department of Social Services has decided to bring out the talent in the kids of Craig County with a special showcase. They will be hosting a 4th of July Coloring Contest for the children within our community from June 6 through 17 of all ages.

The coloring pages will be available for pickup at Food Country in New Castle starting on June 6 until 5 p.m. on June 17, when the last pickup will be. Children will have the choice between three pages; however, only one may be submitted for the contest.

Once the child has completed their coloring page it can be returned to Food Country, where it will be displayed until voting. Please ensure that your child's first and last name and their age is on the page so they can get credit for their art. Parents are encouraged to have their children join in this fun event as all pictures will be displayed.

The local DSS Board will be voting on their top three favorites on June 23 at their monthly board meeting. Then, the winners will be printed in the New Castle Record. They will also be posted on the Craig County DSS Facebook page. Also, the top three will receive a prize for winning!

The Craig County DSS shared, "We look forward to seeing all of the beautiful coloring to come!"



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Waiteville honors the fallen for Memorial Day

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

Memorial Day is a special day for many of those who lost a loved one during a war or lost someone from the effects of a war. Someone hung several military flags on their fence line above the old Waiteville Post Office: WWII (A grateful nation remembers), Korean War Veterans (Liberty), Vietnam Veterans of America, POW*MIA (You are not forgotten), National Security Agency (USA) and U. S. Army Veteran. These flags meant a lot to many who drove by that day. The Waiteville Community Center (WCC) continues to host an annual dinner to honor those who have fallen for our sacred freedom.

This year, on Sunday, May 29, over 200 meals were served to families who attended the Memorial dinner. Also, many took dinners to those who could no longer travel. The morning started with the dedication of a new flag pole and flag, both donated by Woodmen Life - Chapter 315 in Monroe County. Woodmen takes pride in furnishing flags to many other places as well. It was erected in front of the center, in memory of Veteran Patrick Woods. Woodmen representative Bobby Brown was present with his wife Emogene. Brown served in the Army from 1959 to 1964, in New Mexico at the White Sands Missile Range.

"I was a top security for missiles, and assembled missiles," he shared. "I noticed in the news that the ones we developed

there, which we called the SS10 – appears to maybe be the same one they are now using.

"It's my first time here and it's wonderful to see the people come out like this. I'm very patriotic - 125 percent and I really have enjoyed this," Brown added.

In dedicating the flag, he shared, "It's not only a pleasure to be up here but it is a privilege, to present our United States Flag."

Though he said he was not a speaker, he added, "I love to talk about our flag. I can talk about five minutes on it, or I can talk an hour."

He then continued, "Tomorrow we celebrate Memorial Day, a day we remember these brave men and women who lost their lives, taking care of our freedom." He stated that the first Memorial Day was in 1968 but didn't become official until 1971.

He shared the symbols of the United States flag, adopted on June 14, 1777: 13 stripes for the initial 13 colonies, 50 stars which represent each state of the Union. The colors signify red for courage, white for purity and liberty and blue for loyalty. Its significance is America first, America united, America strong, and that each generation should have a patriotic duty to

sacrifice and endure what those before us have. It symbolizes our ancestors' hope, aspirations and struggles of sacrifice and the duty for us to conduct ourselves in this same manner.

He noted that the West Virginia state star is up three and

over two on the flag.

Present to receive the flag in honor of Patrick Woods was his mother Marieta Woods (a Woodmen Life member) and brother Stuart Woods. They gave it to the WCC representative, David Furrow who posted the flag on the new pole.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a memorial prayer was given by Melvin Rock.

"The Memorial Day Dinner was a huge success this year thanks to efforts from many volunteers," David Furrow shared.

The delicious dinner consisted of chicken or ham, with 3 sides and a roll, a drink and delectable dessert choices. Many purchased the new Waiteville Cookbook, which was only \$12, to help support the center.

Also, lined up on shelves along the hall walls were the plaques of Veterans and community members who were honored and remembered. These can also be purchased for only \$50.

People shared stories, hugged freely and many handshakes seemed to be held with such sincerity of heart. Some who could no longer travel were spoken of with great appreciation and love. The kitchen crew was dishing food as fast as they could as the line didn't seem to quit after it started right on time. There were no seats left as all rooms were packed with people who wanted to share on this momentous day and see those who many hadn't seen for a year.

Some Veterans who attended shared their serving times:

Walter Bean shared that it

means a whole lot to him to come to the annual dinner. He served from 1954 – 1976 in the U.S. Navy. "I was all over the world!" he said.

Paul Ray served in the Army from 1967 – 1970, serving in Vietnam two years. "I was born here in Waiteville and been coming just about since they have had them. The road named Ray Siding was from my grandparents who had a store up there where the train came through."

Lawrence Newhouse and wife Ruth have been attending the annual dinner for several years. They are from Ballard, W. Va. Their daughter is Tammy Hale from Waiteville.

Roy Kessinger now lives in Roanoke. He served in the Marines in the Vietnam war. "I've been coming here ever since we started these dinners. I was the first President they had here."

Melvin Rock served in the Army 1963 – 1965 and has been attending the dinners since they started. He was raised in Waiteville, and the second president the center had.

Jeff Jones from Gap Mills attended with his wife Kimberly. "I served in the Air Force from 1988 – 2014, 25 years," he shared. "My first duty station was Japan and then I went to the Air Force Academy and then to Alaska and Vandenberg Air Force Base in California. This is our first year and there will be more!"

People mingled and talked for a few hours. The "hometown" feeling was ever so present.

Furrow shared that many

helped with the dinner – "Candice and Charlie Cieslo with their friend Sonise Lumbaca, Barry and Renee Epling, Rick and Shelby Jennings, David Furrow, Janet McDaniel, and Bruce Blaylock worked to prepare the Community Center for the dinner. Shelby Jennings made new curtains for the community center and Betty Pullig made signs to advertise for the dinner. Lize Johnson sold cookbooks. Kalico Kitchen and Clay Lucas catered the meats and lawn."

WCC sends a "Special thanks" to the Paint Bank Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department and Rescue Squad represented by Rick Hale and Robert Hale; Union Volunteer Fire Department represented by Adam Jameson and John Cannon; and STAT EMS of WV - Monroe County represented by Thomas Helms and Steve Roach

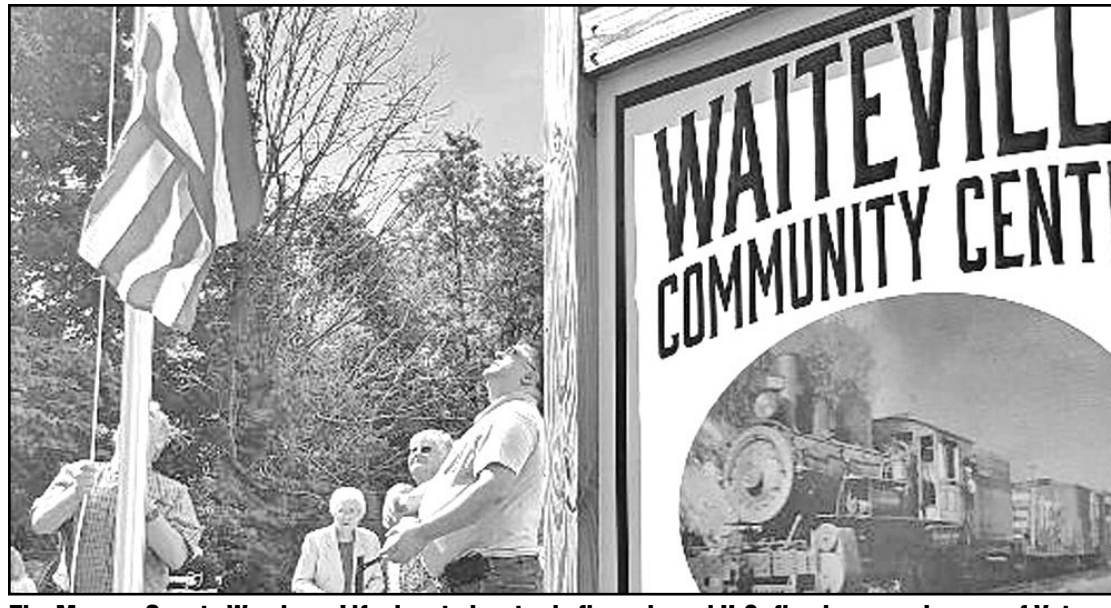
"In addition to the persons named above, many people from the community and beyond provided food and donations for purchasing food," Furrow added. "As result of everyone working together, 203 meals were served and along with donations, approximately \$3,500 was raised for building maintenance. The hard work and dedication of all the volunteers,

donations, and dinners purchased are appreciated by the Waiteville Community Center."

The Waiteville Community Center has many upcoming events this year including the Class reunion. Check out their facebook page for more information.



Many people have purchased plaques in honor of their Veteran family members and also of people whom they wished to honor.



The Monroe County Woodmen Life donated a sturdy flagpole and U.S. flag in remembrance of Veteran Patrick Brown. Bobby Brown gave an honorable speech. Standing: Woodmen Bobby Brown, WCC Treasurer David Furrow, Emma Brown (Bobby Brown's wife), Marieta Woods (mother of Patrick Woods) and Stuart Woods (Patrick's brother).



Along the fence line about a mile from the Waiteville Community Center, beautiful military flags were hung in appreciation of the different wars where men and women lost their lives fighting for our freedom.



PHOTOS BY PAM DIDDING

It took many volunteers to make the Memorial Dinner a true success. 1st row: Donna Hylton - Hollywood, W. Va.; Marieta Woods, Dave Weakly, Amy Weakly and Rick Jennings all from Waiteville, W. Va. 2nd row: Cheryl Hunter- Hollywood, W. Va.; Brook Beers, and Lynn Beers - Paint Bank; Janine Schauer-New Castle. 3rd row: Maxine Bell Epling- Smith Mountain Lake; Suzanne Huffman- Hollywood; Shelby Jennings and Ruth Wrzosek - Waiteville. 4th row: Betty Pullig, David Furrow, Janet McDaniel, Bruce Blaylock Lize Johnson, and Renee Epling - all from Waiteville, W. Va. Not pictured were Julie Pauley and Russell Pauley - Pearisburg; Rebecca Wrzosek Coleman- White Sulphur Springs; Regina Wrzosek and Ryan McCormick - Waiteville.

Salem Museum Speaker Series: The Long Rifle in Virginia

Submitted by the Salem Museum and Historical Society

In the 18th century, the long rifle played an important role in shaping Virginia's history. Gunmakers brought

their own distinctive personalities to the process of rifle making. Essential for survival on the Virginia frontier, this celebrated rifle became a surprise factor in winning American independence.

On Thursday, June 9 at 7

p.m., join renowned expert and Salem native Wallace B. Gusler for an in depth look at the impact of the long rifle on the development of colonial Virginia. Now retired, Gusler previously worked at Colonial Williamsburg as its first Master Gunsmith, and later as the Curator of Furniture and Arms and the Director of Conservation. With his many years of experience, he is a scholar highly regarded for his in-depth knowledge of 18th-century firearms.

This Salem Museum Speaker Series talk will be presented on Zoom. The Zoom link will be posted on the Salem Museum's website, salemmuseum.org, on the morning of the talk.

An in-demand speaker and exhibit consultant, Gusler served as the guest curator of The Long Rifle in Virginia exhibit at the William King Museum of Art

in Abingdon. On display through Oct. 31, the exhibit details the art and artistry of the 18th and 19th century long rifle gunmakers throughout the Virginia backcountry. This story of the Virginia frontier is also

highlighted at the six regional museums which form the Virginia Settlement Trail, which follows the path of the Great Wagon Road. Learn more at the Wilderness Road State Park, Ewing; Natural Tunnel State Park, Duffield;

William King Museum of Art, Abingdon; O. Winston Link & History Museum of Western Virginia, Roanoke; Frontier Culture Museum, Staunton; and the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley, Winchester.

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Wallace Gusler making a Kentucky Rifle.

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Virginia to offer agricultural nutrient management training in June and July

Submitted by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation

The Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation will offer a two-part agriculture nutrient management training program in June and July. As the cost of soil nutrients continues to rise, nutrient management is an increasingly important issue for Virginia's farmers.

Nutrient management plans determine rates for applying manure, fertilizers, biosolids and other soil amendments to maximize crop yields and minimize nutrient loss.

Nutrient loss negatively affects the producer's bottom line and can contaminate ground and surface waters. Reducing nutrient loss is a win-win for farmers and Virginia's water quality.

This training program is for those interested in developing agricultural nutrient management plans or seeking to become certified plan writers.

The first session, June 29-30, is a lecture series on soil science, soil fertility and crop production by Virginia Tech professors. The second session, July 12-14, will cover

nutrient management plan writing using a case study.

Both sessions will be held in the Dairy Lecture Hall at the Frontier Culture Museum in Staunton. Each session runs 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Early registration is \$130 for each session. After June 20, the fee is \$150 per session.

More information about nutrient management training and certification is available at www.dcr.virginia.gov/soil-and-water/nmtrain. Contact Stephanie Dawley at 804-382-3911 or Stephanie.Dawley@dcr.virginia.gov for details.



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Nutrient management plans determine the best rates for applying manure, fertilizers, biosolids and other soil amendments to maximize crop yields and minimize nutrient loss.

June concert lineup at Dr Pepper Park

Submitted by Dr Pepper Park

The Dr Pepper Park lineup for June is overflowing with major talent and exciting shows. One of the venue's biggest months in history is on the way! June will feature shows with a dynamic array of sounds and genres. From

rock legend Tom Keifer to country phenomenon Kip Moore, June has a show for everyone in Roanoke. A current schedule is listed below. President of Dr Pepper Park, Waynette Anderson, stated "We've got a show for almost all your weekends, bring out your family and friends for a

great time!"

JUNE

June 10th – Prince tribute: Dean Ford & the Beautiful Ones
June 11th – CINDERELLA'S TOM KEIFER BAND, Faster Pussycat, L.A Guns – Triple header show starts at 5:30PM

June 17th – Outlaws
June 18th – Andy Grammer
June 24th – Queen tribute: Absolute Queen
June 25th – Kip Moore

The 2022 season at Dr Pepper Park is going to have the best music and fun in Roanoke

this year. The park also boasts brand new additions such as the National Pools VIP Skybox, the Buffalo Hemp Company's Smoke Zone and local onsite vendors like Sweets by Shaneice, Sun & Spruce Soaps and restaurants like Clutch Smoked Meats, Tucu's Taqueria and Beamer's 25.

Cheer Camp

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Cheerleaders were excited about learning newer stunts that involved higher lifting at their Cheer Camp.



PHOTOS BY PAM DUDDING

Varsity cheerleaders - Jessie Gills - Coach, Kemari Sims – UCA instructor, Madison McAllister, Hayleigh Flowers, Cheyenne Combs, Jordyn Price, Caleigh Miller, Audrey Crawford and Tythaha Robinson – UCA instructor.

were high, and they were so excited to learn. Attention was intense as each watched the instructors, trying to mimic the new moves. When asked, both middle and high school girls most all agreed that their favorite time was learning the new stunts.

"These are all new as the stunts we did before we didn't lift high like we will be doing now," they shared. "We like the dancing, too!"

"I think it will help them to have a more successful season and more confidence in their cheering," Gills noted. "They are so motivated! They are asking about new jumps and things. These college girls can give them what I cannot, and I have seen a difference in their confidence and motivation already, as well as team building."

Gills was happy that her rising sixth graders are getting this experience at such a young age as well. "It is really key for them to feel comfortable during the season to have this," she added.

Last year, the girls had no uniforms. Gills said they were able to run fund-raisers to get 11 uniforms. However, this year she is in the same situation and needs 13 more uniforms.

"We are doing a Scent-

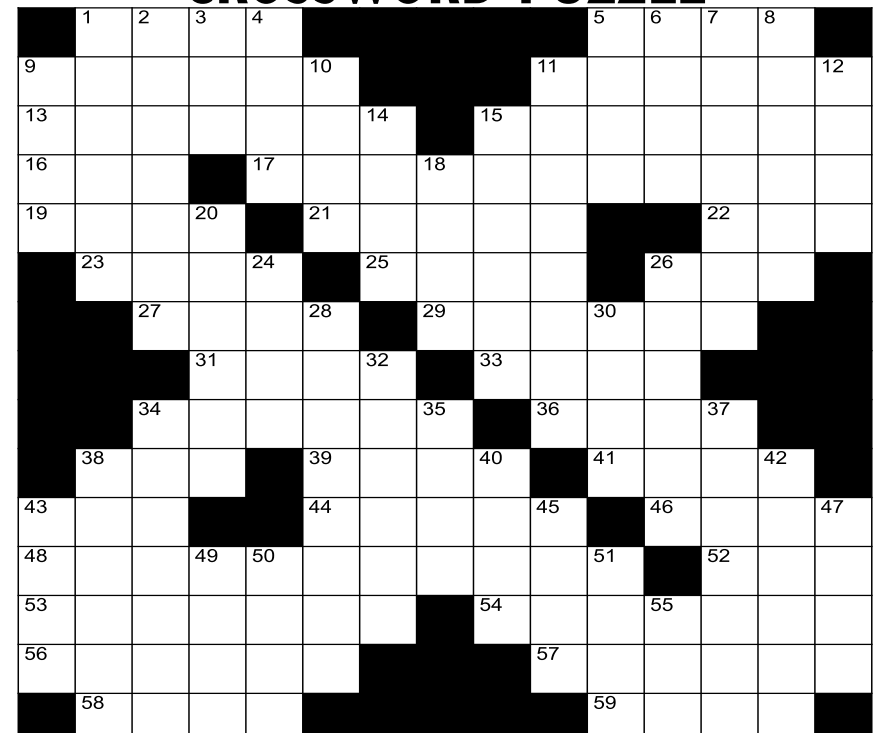
sy fundraiser, we have a kayak that we are raffling that was donated by Ethan and Holly Brown, we are working the derby this weekend and we are having the vendor fair," Gills said.

Also, the football team and the cheerleaders are splitting the concessions, the parking fees and the 50/50 drawing to help raise funds at the derby. "We are trying to do more fundraising together, helping each other out as we are both in the same spot," she added.

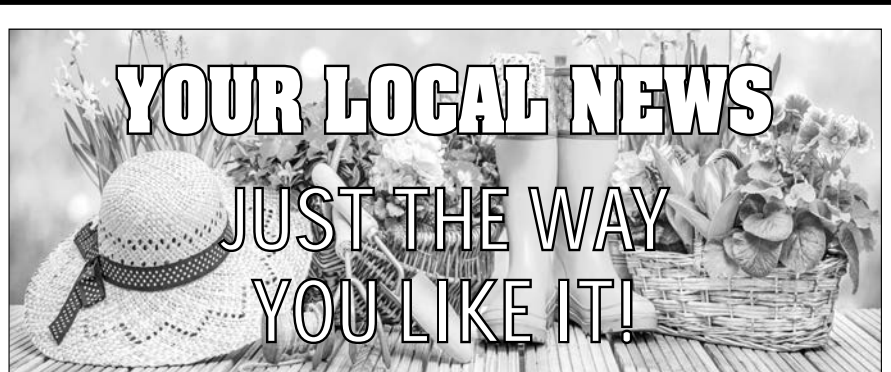
Also, they are planning a vendor fair at the Craig County Fairgrounds on June 18 to support the middle and high school cheerleaders, Rockets Cheer. The raffle drawing for the kayak will be this day also.

Vendors or yard sale spaces are available. A 12 x 12 space is \$25. Setup will be from 8 - 9am. The Vendor fair will be 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (rain date is June 25). To reserve a space, contact the School Board office at (540) 864-5191 or Jessie Gills at (540) 864-5191 (home) or her cell (540) 598-9844 or email her at Jgills@craig.k12.va.us. Already over 30 vendors have signed up, so they are inviting more people to reserve a space and the entire community to come support their day.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Slovenian mountain
 - 5. Growl
 - 9. Where things stand
 - 11. Made a sharp sound
 - 13. Female spirit in Irish folklore
 - 15. Deteriorate with age
 - 16. A way to save for retirement
 - 17. The Big Apple
 - 19. Intestinal pouches
 - 21. City in New Hampshire
 - 22. Giving a bad impression
 - 23. Samsung laptops
 - 25. Without (French)
 - 26. Scientist's tool (abbr.)
 - 27. System of one more computers
 - 29. Captures
 - 31. Authentic
 - 33. Female mammal's nipple
 - 34. Pandemonium
 - 36. Satisfy
 - 38. Arrived extinct
 - 39. Shipborne radar (abbr.)
 - 41. Network of nerves
 - 43. Monetary unit
 - 44. Showed old TV show
 - 46. They help you hear
 - 48. One who eliminates
 - 52. Congress' investigative arm
 - 53. Parties
 - 54. Most supernatural
 - 56. Takes illegally
 - 57. Breathes while asleep
 - 58. Sea eagles
 - 59. German surname
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Looks at for a long time
 - 2. Solution for diseases
 - 3. Belonging to a thing
 - 4. Former Packers fullback
 - 5. Contemptible person
 - 6. One billionth of a second (abbr.)
 - 7. Helps
 - 8. Final section of the large intestine
 - 9. Invests in little enterprises
 - 10. Look for
 - 11. Unbeliefs
 - 12. Susan and Tom are two
 - 14. Female sheep
 - 15. A poet writes it
 - 18. Affirmatives
 - 20. "Full House" actress Barber
 - 24. Traveled rapidly
 - 26. Long upholstered seat
 - 28. Set wages
 - 30. Peter Gabriel song
 - 32. Sides of a jacket
 - 34. More beautiful
 - 35. Actress Kate
 - 37. Furniture with open shelves
 - 38. Indicate
 - 40. The cost of a room
 - 42. Gets rid of something
 - 43. Impudence
 - 45. No No No
 - 47. Drunkards
 - 49. Middle eastern country
 - 50. High energy lasers (abbr.)
 - 51. Primary component of ribosomes
 - 55. An informal debt instrument



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Empowering individuals to build a stronger community

What do today's libraries do for our communities? It's a simple question, but one that has more answers than ever before. The services libraries provide now revolve not just around stacks of books, but also around internet connection and cutting edge digital technologies that help people fulfill basic needs and pursue a wide range of interests. At American Library Association, we're on a mission to raise awareness of this reality. In pursuit of this goal, ALA coined The E's of Libraries® trademark to promote public awareness of all that today's libraries, with the Expert assistance of library professionals, help facilitate: Education, Employment, Entrepreneurship, Empowerment, and Engagement for Everyone, Everywhere.

Education: Library contributions to education and learning range broadly from getting every child ready to read, to K-20 library services for students, to GED classes, to research skills-building, to continuing education and online certification courses. In short, libraries are critical in helping all ages ascend

through education. All educational activities and advancement are supported at libraries. 32.5 million people use library technology resources to help them achieve their educational goals in a year. Students, K-20, are greatly supported with respect to homework and information technology access. 70% of parents report their children use the public library; 77% of student library users ages 12-17 use the library for homework. Continuing adult education is a hallmark of libraries. Many libraries offer both traditional and digital literacy programs aimed at helping the approximately 36 million U.S. adults have low literacy, numeracy or digital skills.

Early learning at libraries is important to families. Many libraries dedicate a specific area of the library building to children, and provide parents with recommendations of appropriate materials, including Apps for young children and other digital resources—and in FY 2010, libraries in the United States offered more than 2.3 million children's programs. These programs accounted for nearly two thirds (61.5%) of all library programming. Non-traditional students, i.e., home-schoolers, those seeking GEDs, are supported. For example,

many libraries provide computers and other resources to the hundreds of thousands of individuals who take the GED each year, and some are registered as GED testing centers.

Digital literacy and traditional literacy training are offered by information experts. 98% of libraries provide formal or informal technology training to patrons.

Employment: Libraries provide programming and services for job search and the improvement of job skills.

Every day 300,000 Americans get job-seeking help at their public library.

30 million people use library computers and internet access for employment or career purposes in a year.

Entrepreneurship: In addition to providing job skills and job search services and programming, many libraries also serve as centers to establish, sustain, and promote entrepreneurship and small businesses.

Business owners and employees use resources at public libraries to support their small businesses 2.8 million times every month.

Entrepreneurs are increasingly using 3D printers in libraries to build prototypes of new products.

Empowerment: Libraries everywhere empower people by providing them with access to information and helping them to fulfill needs related to health, government services and community engagement. In short, libraries help people receive what they need.

Resources that patrons can use to access information and pursue interests are preserved at libraries. Librarians use their information seeking expertise to help address a wide variety of needs.

Educational opportunities of all kinds are available to people of all ages at the library.



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Libraries are the community on-ramp to the world of information. Internet access is now one of the most sought after public library services.

Libraries provide important e-government services. 97% of public libraries help people apply for government services online.

Libraries facilitate e-health activities. In a year, 37% of library computer users, an estimated 28 million people, researched health and wellness issues, including learning about medical conditions, medical procedures or diet and nutrition, finding health care providers, and assessing health insurance options.

Engagement: Libraries provide people with information, networking and technology expertise and vast numbers of programs across numerous disciplines and interest areas. Additionally, as public

spaces where all are welcome, libraries offer people opportunities to meet and socialize with others in their community.

Public libraries offer 3.75 million public programs per year.

Many library staff members interact daily with a wide range of the public, and as a result have insight into community needs. As a result, these staff tailor programs, resources and library facilities to meet the needs of the community.

Library technical staff have expertise in managing public Internet networks and devices.

Everyone Benefits: Libraries assist people of all backgrounds, ages and financial means, in every part of our country.

Public libraries offer a wide variety of resources, services and benefits all for free to users. As a result, library benefits are available to all, regardless of income level, background or locale.

40% of people living with a disability state that library help applying for government services is "very important" to them.

91% of Americans ages 16 and older say public libraries are important to their communities; and 76% say libraries are important to them and their families.

Library News: Thank you to all of our generous Friends of the Library who baked items for our very successful bake sale on Memorial day! Thank you to all the locals who gave generous donations to support the cause. Bring your kids to the library this summer to find out about the summer reading program! Stay tuned for the next Swap Day coming soon!

Congrats to our new Board of Trustees members: Anita Martindell, Kathi Toelki, and Jill Templeton. Please visit www.ilovelibraries.org.

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the full online survey.

"Expanded data collection will help us measure our progress toward our customer service goals," said Acting Commissioner Ford. "Please scan the QR code, answer the email, and rate your service at the counter. This is your DMV, and we want your input. Virginians deserve the best from us, and we will deliver."

The QR codes can be found at all 75 DMV CSCs, plainly visible to customers at exit doors. DMV plans to add more feedback opportunities across its service channels in the coming months.



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CC PUTS SIX ON ALL-PIONEER BASEBALL TEAM, PETERS NAMED DISTRICT COACH-OF-THE-YEAR

Craig County baseball was back in a big way this year, as the Rockets had six players named to the All-Pioneer District team and first year coach Zachary Peters was named district Coach of the Year.

Four players were named to the second team all-district, including senior Dylan Crawford. Zach Peters, Drew Duncan and Matthew Lucas were also named to the second team while Tyler Huffman and Jaycob Wolfe were deemed honorable mention.

Of the six players honored, five will be returning next year. Peters was a junior, Duncan, Lucas and Huffman were sophomores and Wolfe was just a freshman.

That's good news for coach Zachary Peters, father of junior Zach, who stepped in to guide the program after two years of inactivity. Due to the COVID pandemic and a lack of participation among the students the Rockets did not field a team in 2020 or '21. Despite that layoff Craig was competitive in most games this year and Peters, who was quick to credit his staff, was named Coach of the Year.

"I am honored to be Coach of the Year but by all means it is a group coaching award," he said. "I couldn't have done it without Jason Lucas and Randy Frango and their knowledge of the game. I had a stay in the hospital and they kept the team going. I

also want to thank Ashleigh Peters, who helped run practices some but also did our game changer app during the games. Also thanks to Reann Peters for filling in for Ashleigh when she couldn't be there.

Peters went on to credit a great support staff for the team.

"Amanda Lucas for keeping our official paper book; school bookkeeper Kim Wolfe for letting me know our budget and ordering what we needed plus filling in for Amanda for a game; Shane Gills and his staff for all the help they gave keeping the field mowed, drag machine running, and trash hauled away; Geoff Boyer and his crew of helpers for announcing the

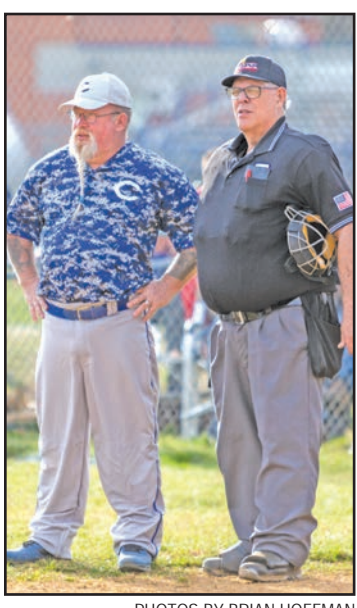
games and running the scoreboard; Trace Bellassai for live streaming some of our home games. A great big thank you to Kay Hutchison for putting up with us while driving us to and from games; then the one that kept everything running for the season in Carrie Hutton," said Peters. "Carrie made sure we had umps, equipment, field marking chalk and paint, first aid box, paperwork on kids in case of injury, game dates, rescheduled game dates, driving van when needed and answered a lot of questions asked throughout the season."

And Zach would be remiss without thanking the team's biggest fan.

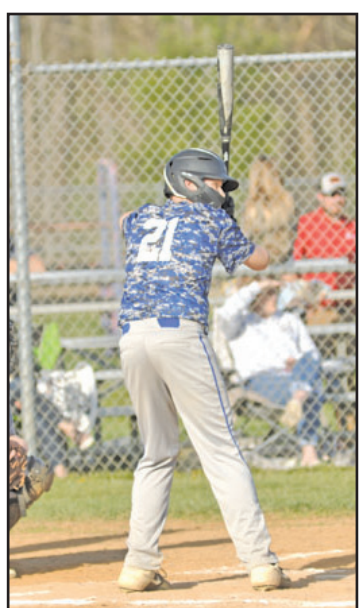
"I want to thank my wife Theresa for allowing me to coach and being my biggest supporter," he said.

Peters is planning to return next year and hopes to have an even better season with a solid core of players returning. This was a truly a memorable season for the community.

"Without the kids' hard work and heart we couldn't have had a season," said Peters. "Then the parents, fans and local businesses who supported the team through the season. Without everyone's support I would not have gotten this honor so it's for everyone, not me as an individual. Hope to see everyone next year."



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SEVEN ROCKETS SELECTED FOR ALL-PIONEER SOCCER



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The All-Pioneer District soccer team was recently announced and Craig County had seven players mentioned. Second team selections included Alex McDowell on defense, Alex Drake at striker, Colton Moore at goalkeeper and Hannah Caldwell at midfield. Honorable mention went to Mason Huffman, Bryce Drake and Ava Greenway. Above in the 2022 Craig County team. Front row, left to right: Savannah Cady #4, Sarah Hickson #24, Hannah Caldwell #2, Sean Cady #14, Chris Hunter #16, Bryce Drake #8, Ava Greenway #29 and Quinn Caldwell #15. Back row left to right Coach Jeff Hickson, Alex Drake #11, Alex McDowell #7, Colby Wolfe #5, Austin Hickson #10, Colton Moore #6, Skylar Rodrigues #12, Mason Huffman #3, Shaun Vandyke #1 and Manager Lucas Taylor. Jordyn Price is not pictured.

ROCKETS PUT TWO ON ALL-DISTRICT FIRST TEAM IN SOFTBALL

Two Rockets have been named to the All-Pioneer District first team in softball, and seven Craig girls were honored when the all-district team was announced.

Junior Sara Jones was named to the All-Pioneer first team as a pitcher and Kylee Clifton, a senior, was named in the outfield. Kylee played centerfield for the Rockets.

Second team selections are pitcher Karly Potter,

outfielder Kaitlyn Radford and Lily Hutchison, who was named at utility and was a catcher for Craig. Radford was a senior and Potter and Hutchison are both sophomores.

In addition two Rockets were deemed Honorable Mention, Annabelle Gregory at shortstop and Jennifer Fitzpatrick at first base. Jennifer was a senior and Gregory was a junior for the Rockets, who finished third in the district.



SARA JONES



KYLEE CLIFTON

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Back to School

If your child is entering 7th grade, they must have the **Meningitis, HPV, and Tdap** vaccines in order to enroll. Talk to your doctor and vaccinate them now!

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Life is short. Don't make it shorter.

Choose life. Make sure your kids get their HPV vaccine and protect them against cancer.

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