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Local WWII Veterans share their stories

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

As two important patriotic holidays have passed, I'd like to share with you some stories I had the honor of listening to as I personally spoke with Veterans, remembering World War II and D-Day.

First, I will say, none spoke of regret, and all said they would do it all over again, to serve our United States of America.

Marion Noel, from Eagle Rock in Botetourt County and a World War II Veteran, served in the Navy. His family members that served were two brothers in "career Navy," his brother-in-law and his first cousin. He served from 1943 to 1946.

As he sat at the 78th Anniversary of D-Day celebration in Bedford, along with his son, who also is a Navy Veteran, he quietly shared, "D-Day doesn't mean as much to me as it does to some of the Vets here today and those that served in D-day. I was in the Navy in the Pacific, and this is to be remembered, and I

will attend each year, as long as I can."

Noel said that he enlisted because the war was on and "there was little else to do. I had just gotten out of high school and graduated, and the next year I was on my way to boot camp in New York."

Noel was on the landing craft, and it was the first large ship to go in on what he calls "D-plus 1" (a day after D-day).

"We served from there to different places in the Pacific, went to the Philippines to load up to make an invasion of Japan," he shared. "We went back and could not go to Japan until after the atomic bomb had been dropped as it had to clear out completely before we could go in. But we did go in with lots of support from other military branches."

However, he had no idea that part of his mission would be a historic memory as he told his "claim to fame" story.

"The type of ship that I was on was amphibious. It could also go up to the beach, open the doors and let the



U.S. Army buddies John Aiken and Bob Vandelinde both shared stories of their time in the service.



PHOTOS BY PAM DUDDING
Marion Noel and his son, Donnie, sat in respect as they honored the ones who fought and were recognized at the D-day Memorial. Both said they proudly served in the U.S. Navy.

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Derby Big Car drivers give a show

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The biggest attendance at the Craig County Fairgrounds is always the demolition derbies, and for a valid reason!

At the last derby, the big car derby was ready to roll as the drivers pulled into the ring that was nicely muddied down by the Upper Craigs Creek Volunteer Fire Department.

Engines revved and some with smoke stacks sticking high in the air with flames kicking out on occasion as each entered the ring as emcee David Looney announced their names. It was time for the "well-known" big car show of the best hard-hitting drivers.

There was only one heat, with

six drivers. They were, Donnie Fisher - 21 in a Chrysler Imperial, Joey Minter - 94 in a New Yorker, PJ Welch - 56 driving a Lincoln town car, Corie Trivette - 35 in a Chrysler New Yorker, Jimmy Owen - 09 in a Crown Vic and Matt Flinchum - 97 Ford Wagon.

The audience counted down, the horn blew and the minds of the drivers went into gear, adjusting their positions for the maximum damage with their hits. (Please forgive me as the cars were so loud, I missed much of the recorded derby, so I only could hear portions to record.)

Still, 94 and 56 started out with a good hit. 97 and 21 do a center ring dance while 56 pushes

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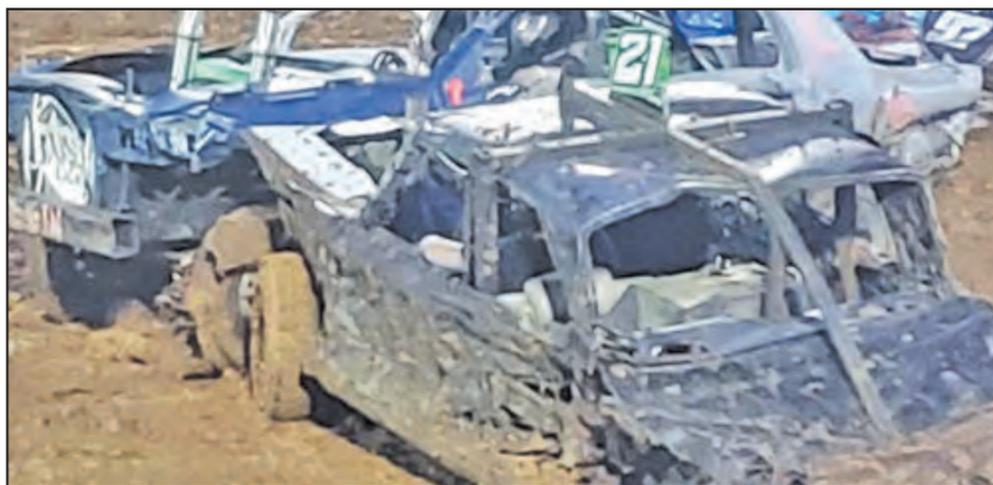


PHOTO BY PAM DUDDING
The Big Car derby drivers showed their power as Donnie Fisher was hit and lost not only a wheel but axle with it, but it didn't stop him!

CCPS continues to review safety measures

-Concerns were raised at the CCPS School Board meeting in light of the national rise in school shootings-

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At the June School Board meeting, citizen Brett Stamper spoke

on his views on the importance of having a School Resource Officer on campus.

He spoke of the fatal shooting in other schools, killing and injur-

ing students. He also spoke of students in Roanoke and Salem who had drawn a map of the school and posted on social media.

"We have to remember that

Roanoke and Salem are only 35 minutes away. Just because we are a small town, we are not immune to extreme violence," he said.

He spoke of the recent school

shooting dominating the news in Uvalde, Texas, where the doors were propped open, giving easy access to anyone who wished to enter. He questioned if "history will repeat itself or get worse if the security of our school doesn't change."

"I spoke with students and faculty about the recent shooting at the Craig Botetourt Co-op in 2018, asking about the events that happened in the school while on lockdown during the morning hours in which the active shooter was on the loose,"

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Brett Stamper addressed the School Board concerning continued safety measures at CCPS.

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Great Race crowns Grand Champions



PHOTO BY PAM DUDDING

Two very happy men, Tevor Stahl and Josh Hull had a very memorable 2022 Great Race! "We were Grand Champions and brought home the Big Bird!" they shared. "Nothing better than being on the backroads of America with 120 of our Great Race family." (Article in next week's issue)

Turbyfill elected to the office of Vice President General at 131st Continental Congress

~ Washington, D.C. conference may set all-time attendance record ~

Submitted by Daughters of the American Revolution

More than 4,000 members of the Daughters of the American Revolution gathered this past week in the nation's capital for their 131st Continental Congress, the service organization's annual meeting. The week-long convention, which was projected to draw the largest attendance in the organization's history, consisted of business sessions, committee meetings and social functions, in addition to formal evening ceremonies that honored national award winners and featured outstanding keynote speakers. This year's convention was the first in-person gathering in three years, after the 2020 and 2021 editions were conducted virtually due to the pandemic.

In attendance was Virginia State Regent LeAnn Fetherolf Turbyfill, member of the Fort Lewis Chapter in Salem. Turbyfill was elected to the office of Vice President General at this year's Continental Congress. She will serve a term of three years with NSDAR's National Board of Management. Each year, seven new Vice Presidents General are elected for a total of twenty-one serving at any one time. These National officers advise and guide the work of the society.

Wednesday's Opening Night Ceremony speakers included U.S. Secretary of the Navy Carlos Del Toro, who was honored with the DAR Americanism Medal; and philanthropist/business leader David Rubenstein, who was presented the DAR Medal of Honor. Friday's Historic Preservation Night Ceremony honored former Archivist of the United States David Ferrero, among others; and the Saturday National Defense Night Ceremony featured keynote remarks by Robert Dalessandro, Deputy Secretary of the American Battle Monuments Commission. Other national awards were presented throughout the week to outstanding honorees exhibiting excellence in historic preservation, education and patriotism.

"I am both proud and excited to welcome our members back to our DAR Headquarters, especially so that they may experience the grandeur of DAR Constitution Hall following its massive \$15 million restoration," said DAR President General Denise Doring VanBuren. "We have so much to celebrate, with more than 35,000 new members welcomed and 14 million hours of community service provided since we last gathered for our congress in person back in 2019. It is a pleasure to see our members return to our complex and to our nation's capital for the first time in three years. We will together rejoice in our vibrant mission of service, fulfilling our joyful obligations to the memory of our ancestors."

LeAnn Fetherolf Turbyfill has served

the NSDAR since becoming a member in 1986. She has held numerous state chairmanships and has served as State Corresponding Secretary, State Organizing Secretary, and State Regent. In addition to serving as State Regent, she has been the chair of five national committees: Pages' Event, Americanism, Chapter Achievement Awards, Celebrate America, and Public Relations and Media. Turbyfill holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Dickinson College. She also has served as C.A.R. Senior Society President and as a Senior State Society officer in four positions. Turbyfill has been the Salem/Roanoke County Food Pantry Board Member for five years and president for one year, an English tutor to a Bhutanese refugee and her family, and is the Turbyfill Family Historian.

The DAR Continental Congress is a time-honored annual event that has been held in Washington, D.C. since the organization's founding. Members from across the country and around the world gather at the DAR National Headquarters to report on the year's work, honor outstanding award recipients, plan future initiatives and reconnect with friends. To learn more about its important work, visit www.DAR.org.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in 1890 to promote historic preservation, education and patriotism. Its members are descended from the patriots who won American independence during the Revolutionary War. With nearly 190,000 members in approximately 3,000 chapters worldwide, DAR is one of the world's largest and most active service organizations.



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LeAnn Fetherolf Turbyfill of the Fort Lewis Daughters of the American Revolution

David Brown joins New Castle Farm Bureau

~Virginia Farm Bureau Insurance hires new agent~

Submitted by Virginia Farm Bureau Insurance

Virginia Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company has hired David Brown as an insurance agent at its New Castle Branch in Craig County. David had previously served as an Independent Agent brokering for life and health insurance in Virginia and North Carolina.

David is an active member and volunteer Associate Pastor at Cornerstone Church – New Castle, where he occasionally preaches, teaches, and oversees the youth ministry. David is also looking forward to helping assist the Craig County Rockets football as a volunteer coach and chaplain for this upcoming season. Aside from church activities and sports, David also enjoys bonfires, motorcycle riding, and spending time with his family.

David is a native of New Castle, graduated from Craig County High School in 2000, and currently lives in New Castle

with his wife, Tracy, and daughters Sarah Beth, 14 years old, and Laura Kate, 12 years old. Previous to insurance, David was a fulltime pastor for over 17 years.

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Stop by and welcome our new agent David Brown at our Farm Bureau New Castle office.



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WWII Veterans

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equipment out. We landed on the little island of Iwo Jima on D-plus 1. On D-plus 4, we were going back-and-forth. They needed a large flag to put on top of the mountain, so they came to our ship because we were the closest to the mountain. So, we were the ones that furnished the flag that was in the famous raising of the flag of Iwo Jima."

He continued with a slight grin, "Yes, this brings me back to a little young whippersnapper in the Navy that was on the ship living there.

"We did not think that flag will become iconic at the time; not even when the photographer made the picture," Noel said. "We did not know it was gonna be made famous."

I overheard one gentleman ask him what he ate when he first got home. Noel replied, "There weren't any fast food then, so I had a hamburger that was homemade!"

When Noel came out of the service, he took on odd jobs here and there until he was hired at the Post Office. "I worked 35 years there, so I guess you could say, I stayed with Uncle Sam for a lifetime!" he added with a smile.

Noel's son, Donnie, served in the Navy from 1969 until 1972. "Joining the Navy was something that was in me. Dad served the Navy and his two brothers, his brother-in-law and his first cousin, so I figured they must know something that I don't," Donnie shared. "Besides that, I did not feel like digging a fox hole in a rice paddy in Vietnam."

Noel added, "He was a radio talker, the one who wore the Darth Vader helmet."

Donnie said he was a Motor Mac, or an MMM - a motor machinist mate.

"Our ship had big diesel engines or steam turbines and I stayed in the engine room while we were underway until we got to general quarters and then I was called to top side with a 20 mm gun on the battle station," he added.

He went to the Mediterranean twice, Caribbean and also off the coast of the U.S. out of Norfolk onto the USS Forrestal, "the ship that had been battle worn in Vietnam where there was a loss of 134 men," he said.

"It had gone to the yards and had been refurbished and I got on about a month before it came out of the yards," Donnie noted.

Noel added that the younger generation needs to know our history, adding, "We need to let them know what our ancestors went through so they can have a memory today."

Later that day, I sat near Noel at the eating post. The 29th Division Band was playing, and the 97-year-old Noel stood up to dance. I joined him and we had a grand time. Needless to say, he danced for another 20 minutes, enjoying the day, as other ladies decided to dance with him as well.

At almost 98 years of age, John Aiken, from Catawba on Blacksburg Road, shared that he served from 1944 to 1945 in the 5th Army. When I told him I was from Craig, he smiled and asked with a big grin, "Is that in the United States?" We laughed together.

Though the music was loud, I tried desperately to hear his stories. He asked me if I knew the old game warden in Craig, John Aiken.

"Ralph the state trooper was his brother," he said. I met him on top of Potts Mountain when I was deer hunting." He explained that

the trooper approached him while hunting and asked him his name and he told him John Aiken.

"Well, I've been aiming to take somebody in all day!" Aiken shared with a grin. "I asked him what for and he said he didn't believe I was John Aiken (I didn't know that was his name too). So, I pulled out my license and showed it to him and he laughed. From that day on we became good friends. He's since passed."

Aiken said he had a lot of fox hole stories and proceeded, "Once we had to go over a mountain on a narrow trail with mines and booby traps on each side at dark, then down the mountain about 300 yards, through a corn field and into a hole about waist high where machinery was set up with two hand grenades around the hole and a few other things. There was two of us that did it all the time. We would take turns sleeping two-hour shifts. I was supposed to be sleeping and I woke up early and he was asleep too! Patrols were coming through, but we made it ok."

"Another time I was down there, and we were supposed to get off and get over the mountain before daylight. We had to walk through the cornfield and we were late getting out. It was getting daylight. I thought... oh we're in trouble... and about that time they opened up machine guns on us!" Aiken continued. "They mowed those corn stocks down all around us as we zigzagged away through and ran as hard as we could. We made it over the mountain, and they didn't get us, but it sure did scarce us."

He added that one other time, there was a machine gun left in the hole for them but when the boy went there it was gone. "The Germans got it," he said. As I walked away, allowing others to speak with him who were in line, he sweetly encouraged me to come visit him some time.

From Hamill, West Virginia, Bob Vandelinde served in Korea from 1950 to 1951. He now lives at Smith Mountain Lake. I shared with him that I was born in West Virginia also, and he quickly exclaimed with the biggest smile, "Well, that makes us cousins doesn't it? Guess we have the same DNA and dental records!" We laughed.

He spoke of some young veterans who had never seen such death and war as D-day "No wonder some could not handle it," he shared with deep emotion in his voice.

He shared a little bit of a story of one young veteran who was crawling through enemy mines. "The guy in front of him was hit!" Vandelinde said. "I will never forget the look on that guy's face of surprise and resignation."

Many of us have heard stories of our veterans who fought with broken bones, bleeding to death from being shot, parachuting on bad terrain being shot down from trees, and sadly our captured POWs who suffered great torture.

Those of us in the USA have such a privilege to live in this freedom that the blood of our military men and women provided. Our lives of enjoying TV, cell phones, vacations, and eating out, etc. came and continuously come at a huge and priceless cost.

May I suggest you always thank any military person you may meet. You never know the pains of their story, even behind their smile and laughter.

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Derby from page 1

21. Hits continue. 56 got stuck and was spinning like crazy while 21 lost his wheel and his axle, but it didn't stop him as he revved higher to make hits.

The derby had to stop while Speedy took the backhoe and picked it up. When the horn blew again, pedals went to the metal and everybody was hitting. 56 and 21 were going at it and 35 joined in. 21 trying to go but the car won't go the way he wanted with only three wheels. 56 got a surprise ram in the rear.

Engines were revving, tires were spinning, and drivers were ramming! There was no grace given. 21 got in a good ram on 94. 09 and 97 going strong at each other. 35 went after 09 with a hard hit. 09 returned the favor by hitting hard and strong, not letting up. 94 continued to keep the pedal to the metal as he drove around hitting, trying to make the best of every hit.

Cars were being pushed up on the wall, driven into the mud and crushed beyond recognition, as everyone was still hitting hard. 35 came in for a hard ram on 94 but 94 came back and went after 35. 09 pushed 35 into the wall and then 94 came in from behind into 35.

It was already over ten minutes. No one was letting up which gave a great show! It was a true demolition derby!

35 and 94 started at it again, as one pushed and then the other pushed back. So much fun to watch!

The wall became friends to many drivers during the demolition though most of them came right back off. 94 and 09 take turns ramming and pushing one another back and forth to see who the strongman truly is!

35 rams 09 and sparks start flying out of 09. Just a little extra fire. 09 finally got out of the middle huddle and started pushing 94. The table turned and 09 was on the hunt. 35 was pushed onto the wall and couldn't seem to get off. 09 went for 94 and rammed the front. 35 still trying to get off the wall. He was waiting for someone to come and hit him to get him off the wall so he can join in again. That's the way of the derby! Bring him back out so you can hit him again!

09 and 94 playing "ram me" again as they went backwards and forwards. It didn't seem to matter as they hit either way they could go! 94 now 9 started a nice ramming battle again. Neither would relent! 09 takes 94 across the ring and into the wall. 94 comes back down off the wall. Then 09 Rams him again up against the wall.

Sparks are flying out of 94 as he pushes 09 backwards. The battle is on as they push each other back and forth with tire spinning, mud flying and engines revving. It's a power battle of the bigs!

09 pushed 94 against the wall and 94 was spinning but pushed 09 backwards and then 09 powers up and pushes 94 backwards as it's a tug of power. 09 comes back and rams 94 up against the wall and 94 is spinning, but can't get traction. 09 backs up and goes in for another good hit. Then 09 backs up and waits as he looks to see if 94 can get off the wall. 09 decides to go in for one more hit but then waits. 94 sticks his arm out the window and waves him on, as if to say, "Come on!" But the horn blew and the heat was over. 09 won the heat.

The crowd went wild with applause, whoops and hollers echoed throughout the arena. The exciting heat lasted almost 20 minutes which may have been a record. First place went to Jimmy Owen 09, second place Joey Minter 94 and third place Corie Trivette 35.

Metal carnage TV awarded the Mad Dog award to Joey Minter 94 for being the most aggressive driver. Metal carnage TV videoed the Derby and you can watch it on their YouTube channel.

Beautiful trophies and checks were given to the drivers, as they congratulated one another on a great heat. The next derby is scheduled for August 27. All participants are encourage to sign up.



The June Big Car derby was quite a show, lasting almost 20 minutes with every driver giving hard rams.



Minter - 94 drove right over Owen - 09 crushing his rear a few times, pushing Trivette - 35 further into the wall.



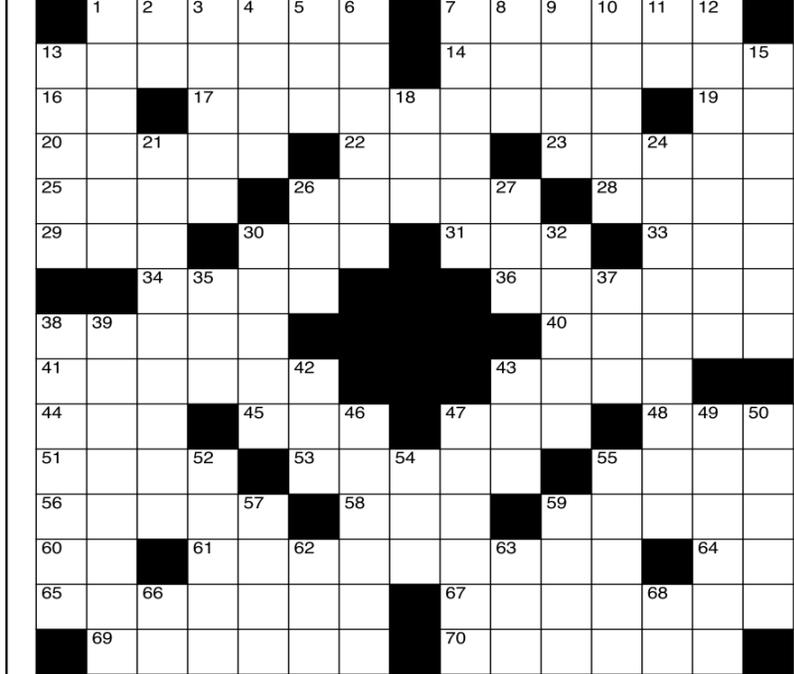
Welch had a little extra "fire" going on under the hood of his Lincoln.



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In the final few minutes of the heat, Owen - 09 made sure that Minter - 94 stayed close to the wall, as he rammed him a few times before the horn blew, deeming Owen the heat winner. However, Minter took the Mad Dog award.

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CLUES ACROSS
 1. Plant of the mint family
 7. Hand tool
 13. Made of the color of gold
 14. A volume of several novels
 16. Type of degree
 17. Good job!
 19. Seventh tone in major scale
 20. Fevers
 22. One's mother
 23. Fertile desert spots
 25. Large integers
 26. Plate for Eucharist
 28. Tennis matches have them
 29. Peyton's little brother
 30. Monetary unit of N. Korea
 31. Head movement
 33. Twelve
 34. Renaissance musical instrument
 36. Behavior showing high moral standards

38. Letter of the Hebrew alphabet
 40. Notes to be sung
 41. Women's garment
 43. Coarsely ground corn
 44. One point south of due east
 45. A way to deplete
 47. Rough, prickly covering of a seed
 48. LA hoopster, but not a Laker
 51. Hindquarters
 53. Franz van ___, German diplomat
 55. Liquid body substances
 56. Rhythmic patterns
 58. A beaver might build one
 59. Police officer's tool
 60. Indicates who you are
 61. Pinwheel
 64. Exist
 65. Ornamental molding

67. Closes again
 69. Verses
 70. Come into view
CLUES DOWN
 1. Short stick used as a weapon
 2. An alternative
 3. Laws
 4. Sense organs
 5. One from Utah
 6. Mariner
 7. People in charge of cattle
 8. Health insurance organization
 9. Ornamental box
 10. Forest-dwelling deer
 11. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)
 12. Atomic #71
 13. Become less intense
 15. Cowards
 18. Body ornament (slang)
 21. Applicable to all cases
 24. Multiplied by 6
 26. Afghanistan monetary unit

27. Calendar month
 30. Cena and Lennon are two
 32. Monetary unit of Serbia
 35. First time on the market
 37. Georgia rockers
 38. Free from contamination
 39. Coastal region of Canada
 42. Clothing retailer
 43. It rises and sets
 46. Fathers
 47. Stain with mud
 49. Suitable for crops
 50. Feels concern for
 52. Orange-brown
 54. Buddy
 55. Late sportscaster Craig
 57. Used to align parts
 59. Wake up
 62. Solid water
 63. Semiprecious stone
 66. Atomic #45
 68. Top lawyer

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'The Best Idea We Ever Had': 11 Quotes About National Parks

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In 1872, the U.S. Congress established Yellowstone National Park, and in doing so created the first national park in America — and the world. Protected areas had existed before Yellowstone; in Europe, for example, wealthy landowners developed preservation areas to protect wildlife for hunting and trees for timber. The American model, however, went far beyond this.

Inspired by transcendentalist writers such as Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry David Thoreau, and Walt Whitman, and naturalists like John Muir, the national parks in the United States weren't developed for the rich and privileged. Instead, they were created out of democracy, art, and philosophy, to preserve the majesty and beauty of nature for all people.

When Yellowstone was established, it was officially declared a "public park or pleasing-ground for the

benefit and enjoyment of the people." More national parks were created across the United States in the years after, but it took decades before an agency was created to manage the protected areas. Until, on August 25, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson established the National Park Service. Today the NPS manages 423 sites across the country, covering more than 84 million acres.

National Parks are now found all across the globe, from Banff National Park in Canada to Kilimanjaro National Park in Tanzania. According to the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), close to 15% of Earth's land and 10% of its territorial waters are now covered by national parks and other protected areas. These parks have long been a source of inspiration, and many famous figures have commented on both their beauty and their importance.

"However orderly your excursions or aimless, again and again amid the calmest, stillest scenery you will be brought to a standstill hushed and awe-stricken before phenomena wholly

new to you."
— Naturalist John Muir, writing about Yellowstone National Park in 1889

"Within National Parks is room — glorious room — room in which to find ourselves, in which to think and hope, to dream and plan, to rest and resolve."
— Enos Mills (1870-1922), American naturalist, author and primary creator of Rocky Mountain National Park

"A sort of national property, in which every man has a right and interest who has an eye to perceive and a heart to enjoy."
— William Wordsworth, writing of the concept of a national park in the Lake District in "A guide through the district of the lakes in the north of England," 1835

"The tendency nowadays to wander in the wilderness is delightful to see. Thousands of tired, nerve-shaken, over-civilized people are beginning to find out that going to the mountains is going home; that wilderness is a necessity; and that mountain parks and reservations are useful not only as fountains of timber and irrigating rivers, but as

fountains of life."
— John Muir, writing in "Our National Parks," 1901

"There is nothing so American as our national parks... The fundamental idea behind the parks... is that the country belongs to the people, that it is in process of making for the enrichment of the lives of all of us."
— President Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1934

"National parks are the best idea we ever had. Absolutely American, absolutely democratic, they reflect us at our best rather than our worst."
— Wallace Stegner, American novelist, short story writer and environmentalist, 1983

"National parks and reserves are an integral aspect of intelligent use of natural resources. It is the course of wisdom to set aside an ample portion of our natural resources as national parks and reserves, thus ensuring that future generations may know the majesty of the earth as we know it today."
— President John F. Kennedy, World Conference on National Parks, 1962

"The national parks belong to everyone. To the



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people. To all of us. The government keeps saying so and maybe, in this one case at least, the government is telling the truth. Hard to believe, but possible."
— Edward Abbey, American author and essayist, in "Appalachian Wilderness," 1970

"When I was about 15, I went to work at Yosemite National Park. It changed me forever. Nature had carved its own sculpture, and I was part of it, not the other way around."
— Robert Redford

"I've been through legislation creating a dozen

national parks, and there's always the same pattern. When you first propose a park, and you visit the area and present the case to the local people, they threaten to hang you. You go back in five years and they think it's the greatest thing that ever happened."
— Congressman Mo Udall in "Too Funny to Be President," 1988

Library News: Please join us as a friend of the library this month! Come and check out the summer reading program and be sure to bring all the kids! Register to win prizes!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor's note: This letter is a direct response to "Calling all Conservatives,"

a letter to the editor from Salem resident James Tweed that was printed in last

week's issue.

Dear Editor,

The headline for James Tweed's letter in your last edition caught my attention. While I've never been a Republican, in many respects I have conservative values. Mr. Tweed goes on to scold, justifiably in my opinion, the majority of Republicans who remain loyal followers of former President Trump despite his continual promotion of the Big Lie that he won the 2020 election. Mr. Tweed finds the Grand Old Party now lacking in "a moral core grounded in reality." From the Jan. 6th Capitol Riots hearings that I've been watching, that certainly seems to be the case. He says he is no fan of Joe Biden. Neither am I, especially in his massive military spending and neocon foreign policy, which is why I'm an independent. I now support individual candidates who share my political values

and will represent them in office, such as Roanoke's Sam Rasoul, and Pennsylvania's John Fetterman, though I can't vote for them.

Getting back to conservative values, however, I wish the GOP would rediscover its early conservation values. Conserving the good earth, its forests, soils, waterways and wetlands, were championed by the likes of Teddy Roosevelt and the great Gifford Pinchot. And even Nixon signed the EPA into law and now the Republican Supreme Court has gutted it. But, yes, once upon a time, the GOP was green! It was America's leading pro-conservation and pro-environment party. Through most of the 20th Century, it was normal for Republican leaders to be real conservationists and real environmentalists. There's nothing more fundamentally conservative than conservation!

But now, in the 21st Century, things are not

quite the same. The Republican Party has strayed far from its roots in this regard, and in so many others, becoming now the party of oil and gas extraction and consumption and of letting the polluters foul our soils and waters, shoot wolf cubs in their dens, and block every effort to address the climate/biodiversity crisis. Take our new governor. He has appointed former Trump EPA head Andrew Wheeler to head the de-regulation office that he created. Wheeler is gearing up to go after environmental regulations in the Commonwealth, and he's a guy who has focused his life's work on letting extractive industries go hog wild. And take our new Salem representative in Congress, Ben Cline. Just last week I was on a Zoom meeting with several other members of the Citizens Climate Lobby talking to his legislative aide, a Ms. Stooks. Sadly, Mr. Cline is not conservative of the

type I value. Quoting his April 21 newsletter, he says, "I am a supporter of an 'all of the above' energy strategy to meet the current global energy need. Wind, solar, nuclear, hydro, natural gas, renewable nanotechnologies, and fossil fuel usage should all be encouraged, and I am optimistic that consumers will have clear, safe, and reliable choices well into the future." He is aware that greenhouse gasses emitted from burning fossil fuels accelerate climate change, but he won't propose, co-sponsor or vote for legislation such as the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act.

So, as Mr. Tweed, a Republican himself, recognizes as he concludes his letter, there are a lot of RINOS (Republicans in Name Only) out there who truly are not conservatives.

*Submitted by
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OBITUARY

Mitchell, Evelyn Farrier

Evelyn Farrier Mitchell left this world and joined her beloved husband Walton F. Mitchell, Jr. on Monday, June 27, 2022. She was born on September 3, 1930 at her family home place in Sinking Creek, and spent much of her life there and in New Castle.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, Robert Ashby Farrier and Lena



School, Patrick Henry High School, and New Castle High School, and taught elementary school briefly at McCleary Elementary. She was loved by her students, and her favorite comment from a former student was that she taught him how to live. She was active in New Castle Christian Church as a Sunday School

teacher, and she was proud to be the first female member of the Board of Trustees.

The family extends their gratitude to dedicated caregivers who have cared for Evelyn at home in recent years, in particular Mary Williams, without whom living at home as long as she did would not have been possible. The family also extends gratitude to the caring staff at Carrington Cottage Memory Care, and to Good Samaritan Hospice.

A private family graveside service and burial at Huffman Memorial Park was held on Thursday, June 30. A Memorial Service will be held at New Castle Christian Church on Saturday, July 16, 2022 at 3:00pm, with visitation from 2:00 to 3:00pm. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to New Castle Christian Church, 282 Salem Ave., New Castle, VA 24127

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Stamper shared. Stamper said that in December 2021, he requested information on the school's contingency plan.

"Too many times I have heard it is not the school's job of hiring. I, along with other parents, do not accept this answer anymore," he declared. "The school must work with the local Sheriff's Department. There is nothing that you can talk about or spend money on that is more important than this."

He also suggested the school supplement this position so that there would always be an incentive to keep the job secure.

"We as a community should make sure that this happens at all costs," he added. "If someone is going to risk their life for the safety of our children and faculty in our school system, they should be well compensated for it."

He also suggested continuous training for the teachers and staff for a Crisis Response Plan, quoting the Virginia School system's mandatory drills. Trace Bellasai shared that the Board does speak quite often with Sheriff Trevor Craddock regarding the situation.

He explained that "It is less of a funding situation, as the sheriff does not have a pool of applicants and is having a difficult time filling his needed positions."

Bellasai added that they have also talked

about forming a Safety Committee in the school, including the sheriff and S.W.A.T. team members in the near future. Bellasai noted that the state of Virginia does not allow anyone else other than law enforcement officers to fill that position, however the Board has considered penning a letter or a resolution. "We are requesting our legislators look at that," he said.

Superintendent Jeanette Warwick added, "We are working on a Memorandum of Understanding with the Sheriff's department, including the responsibilities of the sheriff's department and the school division. We are hoping to have someone from the officers during lunch times to be in the cafeteria with the students, to have a presence and they are in support of that."

She noted that none of the sheriff's current staff have the training to be a Resource Officer. They are also organizing an internal committee which would include mental health assistance. Bellasai added, "We have talked about working with Emergency Services to do drills over the summer when the kids are not here, which would be a really good training."

Stamper added that he and others in the community would be willing to help.

"As we continue to plan with the Safety Committee, we will reach out to the community to see who would want to help," Warwick added.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Waiteville Community Center to hold History of Waiteville Event & Annual Meeting - On July 16, 1 p.m., Mary Kay Williams will provide a program about Waiteville from her re-

vised book "Paint Bank" which includes the history of other Monroe County locations such as Sweet Springs and Gap Mills. Book (\$15) signing will follow. Check or cash. Cookbooks are also

available. Light refreshments provided. The Annual Meeting will follow and is open to the public. Please attend and learn about the History of Waiteville and provide input for the WCC.

Blue Ridge Potters Guild 23rd Annual Show and Sale returns to Roanoke in October

Submitted by the Blue Ridge Potters Guild

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The Blue Ridge Potters Guild, founded in 1996, is a non-profit organization for potters located throughout Southwest Virginia and beyond. Based in Roanoke, VA, the Blue Ridge Potters Guild's mission is to promote community awareness, understanding and appreciation of pottery. The Guild encourages artistic and professional growth among its members and promotes the craft of pottery to the public through programs, shows and exhibits. To learn more about the Blue Ridge Potters Guild and for membership information, check out the website, blueridgepotters.com.

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Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104 Case No. CW21000078-00 Botetourt One West Main St, Suite 120, Fincastle, VA 24090 Commonwealth of Virginia in re **MICHAEL DEWEY MYERS, DECEASED.** The object of this suit is to LOCATE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MICHAEL DEWEY MYERS, DECEASED. It is ORDERED that ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interest on or before JULY 29, 2022. Dated JUNE 17, 2022 Tommy L. Moore, Clerk.

Legals - Montgomery County

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Case No. CL22-447 Complainant, v. **ARCHIE E. CROMER, JR., ET AL.,** Respondent(s). ORDER OF PUBLICATION The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Complainant, County of Montgomery, Virginia, for delinquent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the County of Montgomery, Virginia, described as follows: Tax Map No. 091-A35 Account No. 004387. All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land with all improvements thereon and appurtenances thereunto, lying and being in the Riner District, Montgomery County, Virginia, lying on the waters of Plum Creek, located south of (now or formerly) Lee Highway, about five miles west of the Town of Christiansburg, to-wit: BEGINNING at an iron in a line of (now or formerly) Charlton's land; thence with a line of said Charlton land and with the line of the land of Ruth C. and Archie E. Cromer, Jr. (now or formerly) S 55 degrees 45 minutes E (passing said Cromer's corner at 79 feet) 1000 feet to a chestnut snag at a corner in said Cromer's lines; thence with another line of the land of said Ruth C. and Archie E. Cromer, Jr., S 35 degrees 10 minutes W 400 feet to an iron; thence running two new lines with P.H. and Beulah Mae Wright as follows: N 55 degrees 45 W 1000 feet to an iron and thence N 35 degrees 10 minutes E 400 to the BEGINNING, containing an area of 9.1815 acres, according to a survey and plat, dated June 14, 1955, made by John W. McNair, Jr., Certified Land Surveyor, plat of which was recorded in the Montgomery County Circuit Court Clerk's Office on July 8, 1955 in Deed Book 194 at Page 160B, to which reference is hereby made for a more particular description. And being the same property conveyed to Archie E. Cromer and Ruth Charlton Cromer, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety with the right of survivorship, from P.H. Wright and Beulah Mae Wright, husband and wife, by Deed, dated July 1, 1955 and recorded July 8, 1955 in the Montgomery County Circuit Court Clerk's Office in Deed Book 194 at page 160. This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described including but not limited to those recorded in Deed Book 194 at Page 160B, Deed Book 566 at Page 810, Deed Book 861 at Page 269, Deed Book 458 at Page 232. IT APPEARING that an Affidavit has been made and filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the identities and location of certain parties to be served, that the last known address for the Respondents herein are as follows: Archie E. Cromer, Jr., who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Ruth Charlton

Legals - Montgomery County

Cromer, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Archie E. Cromer, III, whose last known address is 2809 Plum Creek Rd, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073; Charlton Cromer, whose last known address is 1725 Gate Rd #6, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073; and that any officers, heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the Respondent named herein are made parties Respondent to this action individually and/or by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties herein and all Parties Unknown and/or whose location cannot be ascertained appear on or before July 7, 2022 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Montgomery, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause. Entered on the 8th day of June, 2022. Erica W. Conner, Clerk I Ask For This: John A. Rife, Esq. (VSB No. 45805) Taxing Authority Consulting Services, PC P.O. Box 31800 Henrico, Virginia 23294-1800 Phone: (804)545-2500 Facsimile: (804)545-2378 TACS No.: 647066

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USA CYCLISTS COMPETE IN ROANOKE VALLEY

The 2022 USA Cycling Amateur Road National Championships were held in the Roanoke Valley last week. Several hundred athletes from all over the country competed for a chance to win national titles in the road race, individual time trial, and criterium from Wednesday through Saturday. Racers competed in age groups from 11 to 22 years of age in three different races.

On Wednesday, June 29, racing kicked off with the Individual Time Trial in Botetourt County on U.S. Route 11, basing operations at the Troutville Elementary School. Distances included 6

miles, 14 miles, 17 miles and 19 miles.

On Thursday, June 30 and Friday, July 1 the road races began at the Botetourt Sports Complex and traversed the county with age dependent challenging 23-mile and 7-mile courses. The top athletes climbed just under 9,000 feet throughout their races.

The four-day event concluded on Saturday, July 2 with a sprinters' race or criterium. The race took place in Downtown Roanoke. Racers tackled a unique, broad, five-corner course with speeds approaching 30 mph.



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Cyclists pause for the national anthem at the Botetourt Sports Complex last week prior to the USA Cycling road race, then take off on 23 and seven mile courses through hills and dales in the Roanoke Valley as part of the Amateur Road National Championships.

CANALE IS SPEAKER FOR HALL OF FAME BANQUET

Former major leaguer George Canale will be the speaker for the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame banquet on July 31st. At that time five area baseball players and contributors will be inducted into the S-R Hall at the 30th induction ceremony at the Salem Civic Center.

The Class of '22 includes Eric Altizer, Ryan Gilleland, Tyler Lumsden, Keith Mayhew and Doug Pence. "Butch" Craft has been selected to receive the Wayne LaPierre, Sr. award for contributions to the game.

Canale played his high school ball at Cave Spring High then played for Virginia Tech, where he hit 76 collegiate home runs. That's first all-time at Tech and seventh all-time in Division I. He was drafted by the Milwaukee Brewers in the sixth round of the 1986 Amateur Draft and played parts of three seasons with the big league "Brew Crew." In all he played 12 years of professional baseball with six organizations as well as teams in Italy, Taiwan and Korea. He was inducted into the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame in 2000.

Altizer is a former player and current coach at Auburn High School. The Eagles have won three

state championships under Altizer, including the 2021 state championship. Eric has won many honors during his days as the Auburn coach.

Gilleland, a 1995 graduate of Jefferson Forest High School, played four years as a second baseman at the University of Virginia, batting .337 in 1997. He's the present coach at Jefferson Forest High and has also been a coach with the West team in the Commonwealth Games.

Lumsden is a 2000 graduate of Cave Spring High School who went on to pitch at Clemson University for three years. He was a first round pick of the Chicago White Sox in 2004 and pitched seven seasons in professional baseball, including three years at the AAA level.

Mayhew is one of just five Ferrum College players to have his jersey retired. He was a three-time All-American pitcher, including a first team selection in 1995. When he graduated he held the NCAA Division III record with 350 career strikeouts and 149 in a season. He was drafted by the Atlanta Braves in 1995. Mayhew died in 2015.

Pence is a long time coach and volunteer with the William Byrd High

School program who also coached American Legion baseball. He was a tireless worker, maintaining Byrd's Terrier Field and was a key person in getting the fieldhouse built on the grounds.

Craft, the long-time owner of The Roanoker Restaurant in Roanoke, has been a big supporter of the game, sponsoring youth teams for many years. She has been a sponsor for the Hall of Fame since the early 1990s.

The Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame was founded in 1991 and honors players and contributors from the counties of Alleghany, Roanoke, Bedford, Botetourt, Craig, Floyd, Franklin and Montgomery and the independent cities located within the boundaries of those counties. The Hall of Fame building is located on the grounds of the James E. Taliaferro Complex, next to the Salem Red Sox administrative office behind the third base seating area of Salem Memorial Ballpark. It is open to the public on Friday and Saturday nights during the 2022 season and upon request during the season.

For information on tickets, tables or ads in the program contact Gary Walthall at 540-427-1977.



Ress to Lead Roanoke College Swim Program

Roanoke College Director of Athletics Scott Allison has announced that Brandon Ress will be the next head coach of the Maroon swim program. Ress will be the program's second head coach since it returned to the Salem campus five years ago.

"We're so pleased that Brandon Ress has accepted our offer to lead the student-athletes within our men's and women's swim teams," said Allison. "As Coach Thacker's Associate, Brandon played an

integral part in the ascent of our program. He's more than ready."

Coach Ress came to Roanoke in August of 2017 as the assistant under head coach Scott Thacker. The two would work hand in hand to build the Maroons into an ODAC contender from the start. At the end of that first season, the Maroons would finish in the top five at the conference championships (men 4th and women 5th). Over the next four seasons, Roanoke would

enjoy sustained success, culminating with a Men's ODAC Swim Championship in 2021. In five ODAC Championships the program earned one title, five runners-up, and a third-place team finish. During his tenure, Ress worked in all facets of the swim program including day to day operations, recruiting, team academics and his work with the Maroon distance swimmers.

"I am very humbled and excited to be given this opportunity to lead the Roanoke

College Swim program. As an assistant, I have had the pleasure of seeing the program grow each year since its inception in 2017. I am honored to continue to push the program forward and continue to build upon its culture and legacy as the head. I believe this team is comprised of a special group of student-athletes who will continue to push each other and myself to new heights."

Prior to coming to Salem, Ress had after a standout career at Towson University

where he was a four-year member of the team and served as team captain during his senior season. He was named to the 2017 All-Colonial Athletic Association Team as part of the Tigers' 400 & 800 Freestyle Relay teams. In addition to the pool, Ress was a member of the CAA All-Academic Team and a seven-time Dean's List honoree, while majoring in exercise science and graduating with honors in May of 2017.