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THE NEW CASTLE RECORD



BOILED PEANUTS ARE BACK

Fall foliage on display in Craig County



PHOTO BY PAM DUDDING

The trees in Craig County are showing their colors already. Those wanting to view the foliage may take a ride up on Route 42 and stop at the lookout, or over Potts Mountain to Paint Bank and then eat at the Swinging Bridge Restaurant or a trek through John's Creek, and that is only a few of Craig County's majestic views.



PHOTO BY PAM DUDDING

Clay Bowman and Magnolia Beaudoin happily danced their hearts out during the first Jitterbug Contest at the Fall Festival and took home the awards as no adults entered. Their grins were priceless, and their dance moves were well received.

Fall Festival brings a colorful day of events

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

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by the Craig County Historical Society.

Participants could start their day off at the Old Hotel with breakfast and a tour of the building, as relics were in every room as well as members making rugs and spinning.

Throughout the day, a different music group took

The event was organized by the Craig County Historical Society.

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Farm Bureau learns about tick diseases

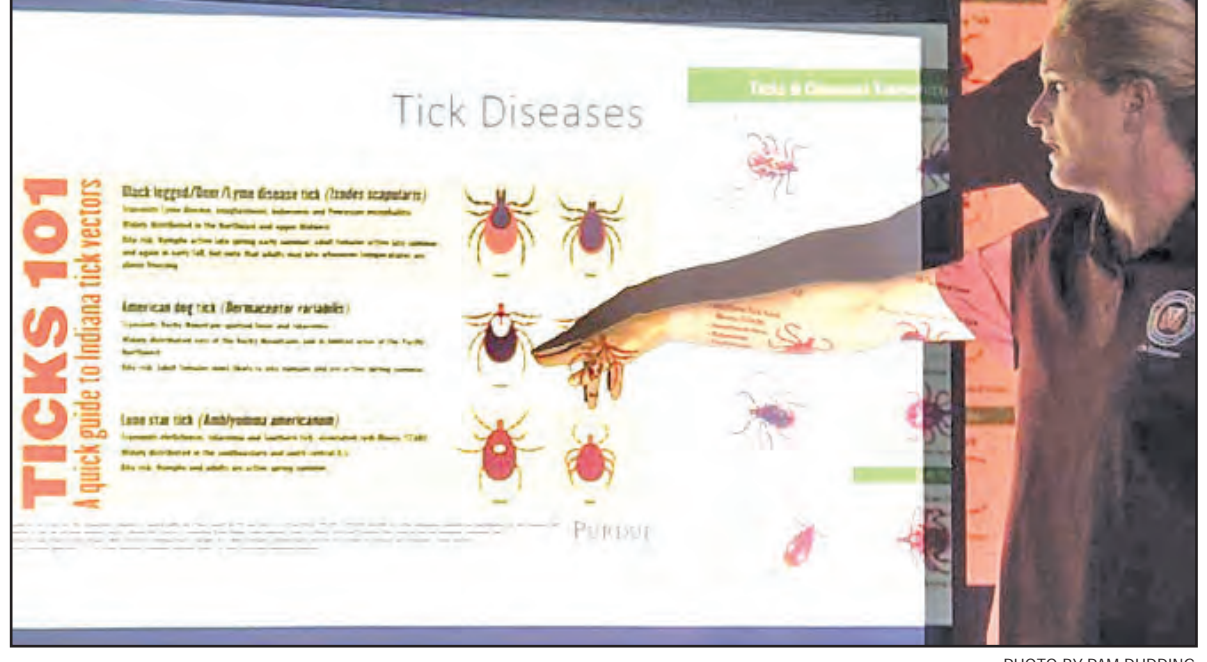


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The Farm Bureau had Dr. Hollie Schramm, clinical assistant professor at VA-MD College of Veterinary Medicine, as its special speaker at its annual meeting. She updated everyone on the diseases that are spread by the various species of ticks in the region.

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There are many insects around that people don't like and none care for the infamous tick family, which can harm a person or even kill them as well as their pets and livestock.

Dr. Hollie Schramm, clinical assistant professor at VA-MD College of Veterinary Medicine, was the special speaker at the Farm Bureau's recent annual meeting. Her zeal in her talk was felt by most as she seemed adamant about the education of ticks and how each can harm someone or their animals.

President Jeannie Dudding shared that many had family members or animals that have been affected by ticks.

Schramm started out saying, "I really want to move to Craig County now, as I want to be a part of this, as it is really great to see what you are doing as a part of your community. I've worked at the Virginia-Maryland Vet school for 15 years, and yes, I am a Yankee, but here to stay."

She talked of how sometimes urban kids need the same opportunities as rural kids, including hands-on agricultural experiences.

She added that she is an advocate for rural farmers, sharing with the urban kids of how hard farmers work to get food to the tables of everyone.

everyone. She began her presentation with, "I hate these creatures! Ticks can ride on anything, and they are everywhere and carry so many diseases."

She suggested that everyone do checks often if they are in the woods, pastures or long grass, etc. as many wildlife animals that carry ticks are deer, squirrels, chipmunks, horses, dogs and raccoons.

Schramm gave a quick tick quiz, starting with Lyme disease and the most common deer tick.

She had people to raise their hands who had Lyme disease, which is a bacterial illness that is spread by bacteria in the tick's bite.

She discussed many symptoms, which include the site looking like a "bull's-eye" lesion that turns red, flu-like feelings, fever, achy muscles, headaches, swollen lymph nodes, diarrhea, stiff neck, impacted nerves, rapid heart rate and confusion.

"The bacteria can actually hide for a while, so be aware," she added.

She encouraged people to do tick protection on their dogs as well. "They do have a Lyme vaccine for dogs as it is common in this area," she said. "Even if your dog has tested positive but doesn't have clinical signs, you can still vaccinate them for it."

Lone Star Tick can cause meat allergies. Platelets don't allow for clot-

ting, and gums will bleed.

The American Dog Tick carries Rocky Mountain spotted fever, which is one of the most severe diseases that affects humans in the United States and can kill if not identified immediately.

It usually is noted by a sudden high fever over 102 degrees, headache, abdominal pain, rash and muscle aches.

"It can cause tick paralysis in dogs," Schramm explained. "You are less likely to have any problems if you remove the tick as soon as you see it."

"The Asian Longhorn Tick in cattle is one we deal with most as we did not have this tick for a long time, but due to things coming into our country, we now have these," she added. "They can also reproduce without two sexes and quickly."

She showed slides of blood cells, explaining what happens and how it affects livestock and what specific symptoms to look for, including fever and lethargy.

Schramm gave examples of livestock she had treated, including what happened to them and where to look for symptoms.

She talked about them getting jaundice, which causes them to get anemic where their red blood cells can't carry oxygen any longer and

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Maple tree stands strong and tall as a state champion on Route 42



COURTESY PHOTO

A huge Norway Maple stands proud and tall on Route 42 and has been awarded the Virginia State Champion Tree.

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

Many children love to climb trees that have a lot of low extending branches. Some even live to see how far up they can climb and look out into the land.

In Craig County, not only are there "climbing trees" but also a special tree.

Most people don't know that there is a Virginia State Champion

Tree sitting in a yard on Route 42.

Hilda Johnson shared its story.

The house behind the tree is on the National Registry of Historical Sites and the tree is the largest Norway Maple that has been measured in Virginia.

"It was last measured in 2021 and was 182 inches circumference, 59 feet tall

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VDOT ROADWATCH

INTERSTATE 81 LANE WIDENING CONSTRUCTION PROJECT EXIT 137 TO EXIT 141 – A \$179 million design-build project to widen both directions of I-81 between mile markers 136.6 and 141.8 from two to three lanes is set to begin. Starting in February and continuing into the early summer, work will be performed on the inside and outside shoulders along a five-mile section of both northbound and southbound Interstate 81 in Roanoke County and the city of Salem. The shoulders will be built up before barrier wall can be installed for road crews to work behind. Barrier wall will be installed along the shoulders in the spring and summer. Two lanes of I-81 traffic in each direction will remain open during the project with periodic lane closures scheduled during nighttime hours or outside of peak travel times as needed. Drivers can expect the following lane closures and upcoming impacts on northbound and southbound I-81:

• **RAMP CLOSURES:** Ramp closures at exit 137 are possible during nighttime hours, 12 a.m., to 5 a.m. Drivers should watch for message boards dates and times the ramp will be closed.

• **LANE CLOSURES:** Alternating left and right lane and shoulder closures during nighttime hours between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, are possible. Lane widths will be reduced to 11 feet.

o Northbound lane closures from I-81 mile marker 136 to 141.

o Southbound Lane closures from I-81 mile marker 141 to 136.

Nightly lane closures may be in place along the right lane with possible nightly ramp narrows as needed for guardrail and shoulder strengthening.

• Northbound I-81 lane closures from mile marker 138 to 142

• Northbound I-81 exit and entrance ramp narrows possible at Route 311.

The project also includes replacing six bridges, widening two bridges, installing approximately 2.6 miles of sound barrier walls along northbound I-81, improving the southbound exit 137 off-ramp intersection at Wildwood Road and adding interchange lighting at exits 137, 140 and 141 are also included in the project. Expected completion in early 2026.

I-81 TROUTVILLE REST AREA CLOSURE - The Troutville Rest Area located on southbound Interstate 81 near mile marker 158 in Botetourt County will remain closed until before Thanksgiving

to support holiday travel. The opening scheduled for the end of September has been rescheduled due to the contractor encountering challenges with a slope on the project.

Signage indicating the closure is posted in the rest area. A temporary concrete barrier wall will remain in place in front of the facility. The rest area facility, ramps and parking lot are closed to the public. This project will extend the ramp into the rest area by 500 feet and the ramp out of the rest area by 2,100 feet. It will also include expanding the truck parking area at the facility by about 10-13 spaces. Work is expected to be completed in before Thanksgiving to support holiday travel.

• **REST AREA OPTIONS:** While the Troutville Rest Area is closed, southbound I-81 drivers can use the Fairfield Rest Area at mile marker 195 in Rockbridge County or the Radford Rest Area at mile marker 108 in Montgomery County. In addition, the Troutville Weigh Station, located on southbound I-81 at mile marker 149, will have portable toilets and parking will be temporarily available for commercial vehicles.

I-81 NORTHBOUND AT EXIT 105 NEW RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY – Traffic on northbound I-81 has been switched onto the newly constructed bridge over the New River at the Montgomery/Pulaski County line. The old bridge is being demolished. Lane and shoulder closures may be in place near exit 105. Lane closure may be in effect during the week from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Shoulder closures may be in effect at any time during the week. Slow rolls may be performed on I-81 in the north and southbound lanes from mile marker 98 to 109. Speed limit is reduced to 60 miles per hour in the work zone. Shoulder closures will remain in place though the duration of the project. Project completion is estimated by summer 2023.

• **ROUTE 605:** Intermittent flagging operations will be present on Route 605, located under the New River Bridge, for work overhead on the bridge.

• **LANE CLOSURES:** Nighttime alternating lane closures will be in place on I-81 northbound between mile markers 104-106 from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning.

• **SLOW ROLLS:** Slow rolls may be utilized periodically on both the northbound and southbound lanes from mile marker 98-109 for structural steel deliveries and setting beams.

I-81 PAVING OPERATIONS – Weather permitting, crews will pave, patch and repair pavement on various routes. Lane closures may be in place during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

• Botetourt County: Left lane closes on I-81 northbound between mile marker 147 and 149.

• Montgomery County: Right lane closures in place for paving of I-81 southbound between mile marker 130 to 128.

• Roanoke County: Alternating lane closures on I-81 northbound for milling and paving from mile marker 134.5 to 132.4, 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Periodically, exit 132 northbound may be closed. Message boards will notify drivers.

• Roanoke County: The exit 141 on-ramp on southbound I-81 may periodically be closed. Message boards will notify drivers.

I-81 BRIDGE DECK REPAIRS – Weather permitting, crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate 81. Between mile markers 138 to 152, right and left lane closures will be in place northbound and southbound during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

I-81 POTHOLE PATCHING OPERATIONS – Weather permitting, crews will patch potholes along southbound and northbound Interstate 81. Mobile right and left lane closures will be in place and moving along northbound and southbound lanes during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for moving vehicles and equipment. Expect possible delays.

INTERSTATE 581 ROUTE 581 BRIDGE WORK OVER WILLIAMSON ROAD – On Route 11 (Williamson Road) drivers can expect intermittent and alternating lane closures between the intersections with Rutherford Avenue and Wells Avenue. Intermittent daytime and nighttime lane closures between the intersections above might be required, and will be in place utilizing flagging operations. Any impacts to I-581 will be minimal. The project is expected to be complete at the December 2022.

• **LANE CLOSURES:**

o A left lane closure will be in place

on northbound and southbound I-581 from mile marker 0-1, Monday at 7 a.m. through Wednesday at 7 p.m.

o A right lane closure will be in place on northbound and southbound I-581 from mile marker 0-1, Thursday at 7 a.m. through Saturday at 7 p.m.

o A left and center lane closure will be in place on northbound and southbound I-581 from mile marker 0-1, Saturday at 5 p.m. through Sunday at 2 p.m.

• A right lane closure may be in place on Route 11 northbound between the intersections of Rutherford Avenue and Wells Avenue periodically.

• Nighttime left lane closures for both the northbound and southbound directions of Route 11 are possible between the intersections referenced above.

I-581/220 EXPRESSWAY PAVING OPERATIONS – Weather permitting, crews will pave, patch and repair pavement on various routes. Lane closures may be in place during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

I-581/220 LANE & RAMP CLOSURES FOR PAVING AND MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS IN ROANOKE COUNTY– Weather permitting, crews will be milling and paving along Interstate 81. Right and left lane closures will be in place along northbound and southbound lanes during nighttime hours. Drivers should expect possible delays.

I-581 BRIDGE REPAIRS – Weather permitting, crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate 581. Right, center and left lane closures will be in place northbound and southbound during nighttime hours, 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays. Scheduled traffic impacts include:

• Left or right lane closures may be in place on I-581 northbound from Orange Avenue to Valley View Boulevard from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

• Left or right lane closures may be in place on I-581 from Valley View Boulevard to Orange Avenue from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

• Flagging operations may be in place on Liberty Road NW from Lukens Street NE to Hunt Avenue NW from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Tick Diseases

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they breath more rapidly.

She encouraged owners to have “low stress processes” and good nutrition and mineral status.

“At Virginia Tech, we have developed a PCR test,” she said. “Most of the cows I see is sometimes a secondary finding.”

She spoke of prevention of Asian Longhorn Tick diseases, stating that when cattle are being rounded up they can be checked for ticks.

She talked of things such as Ivermectin and other things that help, including the Ivermectin impregnated ear tags, back rubbers and pour-ons.

She spoke of Theileria, an east coast fever which is an acute disease of cattle. It is characterized by high fever, swelling of

the lymph nodes, dyspnea and has high mortality.

Schramm shared that anaplasmosis symptoms are fever, jaundice and anorexia, as well as weakness, loss of coordination and aggression which leads to difficulty breathing and rapid pulse and other symptoms.

Schramm also touched on Anaplasma, where cows will get aggressive.

Much more information was shared by Schramm and questions were asked by Farm Bureau members, which she answered.

She also reminded everyone, “Always advocate for yourself and get treated immediately if you suspect you may have anything from a tick bite.”

Maple Tree

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and 98 feet at the crown,” she shared. “A tree like this belongs to the whole community. It takes a collaboration to keep it safe and healthy.”

Trees are especially important in how they help protect the ecosystems and mitigate climate change.

“Maybe you have a special memory involving a tree,” Johnson inquired. “One woman told me about her junior high school years where the school was next to an open field containing a very large oak tree. She remembered how the students would often gather under the tree to eat their sack lunches or after a cafeteria lunch many would join those sitting under the beautiful giant tree. After a hurricane one year, it seemed everyone was

more interested in whether the tree was still standing than they were in how the neighborhood withstood the storm.”

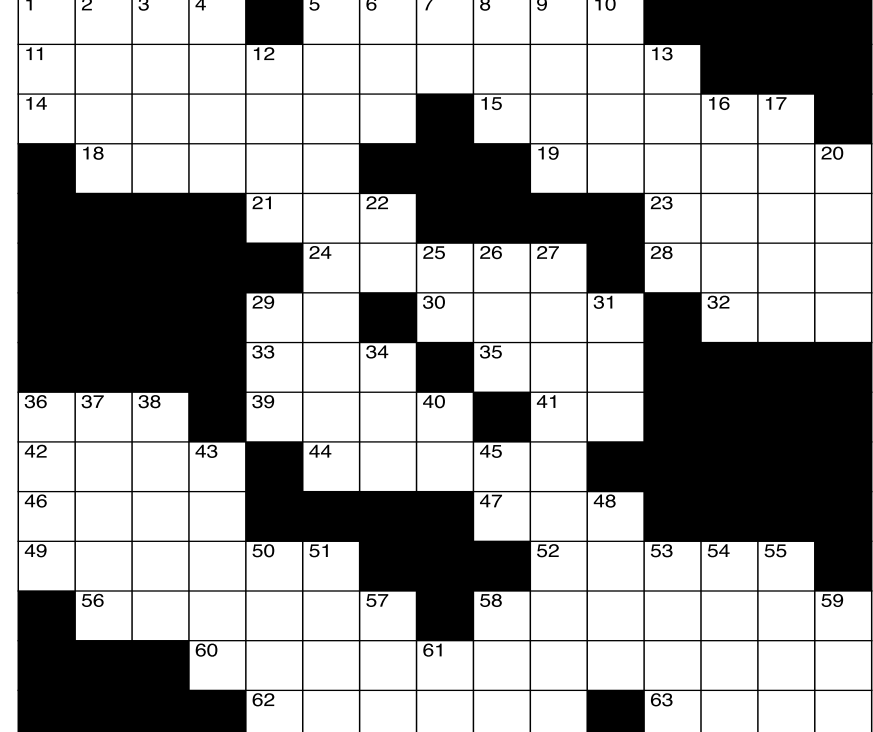
Johnson added that another neighbor recently told her about how she and her dad planted a Chestnut tree when she was a little girl and how much that tree means to her.

Many locals and visitors know about the Keffer Oak Tree, located in Newport on the Appalachian Trail, that is an icon.

Recently, there was a possibility of the Norway Maple being cut down, but it was quickly saved by those who treasure its standing.

Johnson poses the question, “How can we who live in this beautiful area help to preserve it for generations to come?”

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Flat-topped hill
 - 5. Move upward
 - 11. Admiration
 - 14. It's useful for serving food
 - 15. Kidnap
 - 18. One of the Greek Muses
 - 19. A type of media
 - 21. Sunscreen rating
 - 23. Former Michigan coach Brady
 - 24. German town devastated in WW2
 - 28. Gasteyer and Ortiz are two
 - 29. Leave
 - 30. Forearm bone
 - 32. Very fast airplane
 - 33. Helps little firms
 - 35. Defunct economic organization
 - 36. Science-based students organization (abbr.)
 - 39. Feels ill
 - 41. Indicates position
 - 42. Beverage containers
 - 44. Assists
 - 46. Science accreditation organization (abbr.)
 - 47. Purpose
 - 49. Group of elected officials
 - 52. Hebrew prophet
 - 56. They help you drink in WW2
 - 58. Lawmaker
 - 60. Charitable
 - 62. Doctrines
 - 63. Footwear
 - CLUES DOWN**
 - 1. Where wrestlers work
 - 2. Dueling sword
 - 3. Practice fight
 - 4. Genus of clams
 - 5. Fear of heights
 - 6. What some tell their dog
 - 7. The Golden State
 - 8. When you expect to get there
 - 9. Pointed ends
 - 10. Extinct flightless bird
 - 12. Feeds
 - 13. Nape of neck
 - 16. Descendant
 - 17. Small boats found in Turkey
 - 20. To avoid the risk of
 - 22. Athlete with no contract (abbr.)
 - 25. 13th letter of the Greek alphabet
 - 26. Brew
 - 27. Feeling of anxiety
 - 29. Young girls group
 - 31. Perform on stage
 - 34. White clerical vestment
 - 36. Popular musical awards show
 - 37. Bumpkins
 - 38. One who acts on another's behalf
 - 40. Direction
 - 43. Look at with fixed eyes
 - 45. One who helps professors (abbr.)
 - 48. A large number of
 - 50. Type of powder
 - 51. Large jug
 - 53. ___ Christian Anderson, children's author
 - 54. American state
 - 55. Muslim inhabitant of the Philippines
 - 57. Witness
 - 58. Landscapers lay it
 - 59. Type of bread
 - 61. Of I

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Fall Festival from page 1

the stage at almost every hour and on the other end of the festival, Tim Leftwich provided music with his equipment.

Laughter seemed to permeate the air as people shook hands and hugged. Some were so happy to see high school classmates after over 30 years.

Big smiles seemed to be a natural response from most everyone.

Vendors were happy to serve the ones who visited their booths.

Some served food, while other had raffle tickets and their items to sell.

A newcomer this year was Nathan Menefee, with his Grinnin' Possum Fishing Lures.

Menefee shared that he drove a tractor trailer for years and when people asked how he was doing, he would respond, "I'm grinnin' like a possum!"

"They were always wondering what I was up to," he said with a possum grin.

However, Menefee hurt his arm a while back and had to go on disability.

He had been making lures for himself and his sons to use to fish and decided to start making more and sell them.

"That is how I ended up doing this as I got time to do stuff now," he said. "I have five grandkids, four boys and another boy I helped to raise. He keeps me on the creek all the time now."

There were many vendors who had lots of sweets to eat, and other foods including homemade jellies and breads. There were even free back massages given.

This year, the little league Cougar football team had a booth to raise funds to help buy the needed uniform equipment to protect the players. They sold barbeque with sides, cupcakes and hot cocoa. They sold out, which pleased the parents and players.

Raffle tickets to win a kayak, guns, flowers, jewelry, TVs, food and more were sold. Many of the local first responders depend on this opportunity to raise funds to be

able to purchase their needed equipment to serve our community.

Middy, there were two dancing contests, a flat-footing and jitterbug.

As people danced, the judges looked upon everyone to see how they were doing. Again, smiles and laughter were of abundance.

Winners of the flatfooting were, Charles Swain who took first, second was Teresa Fisher and third was Tammy Alls. Everyone who danced seemed to enjoy their time.

It was the first year for the jitterbug contest. No adults got up to dance. However, the toddlers and small kids decided not to waste good music and danced the entire dance.

The society decided to make them winners and gave them a medallion. Their grins were priceless.

The Future Farmers of America group had many options for the kids to enjoy including animals to feed and pet, bull roping, a sac race and a raffle.

They also had face painting and Jullian Dooley had his face painted like a skeleton.

The Marshall Reynolds Memorial Car Show seemed to be a big hit as there were so many entries that they ran out of room. "We love seeing all these people bring their vehicles!" Jackie Reynolds Taylor shared.

There were vintage vehicles that had more clearcoat than could be imagined, antique sports cars that brought back memories for many who enjoyed sharing their personal stories with the owners and the huge mud trucks that the kids wanted their pictures taken with.

To end the day at 4 p.m., the vendors lined up to the winners of the many drawings and raffles.

Though the day ended, there were people gathered in little groups chatting and smiling.

As all ended, the street was quickly cleaned up.



The Marshall Reynolds Memorial Car Show brought in a number of notable vehicles, including what the kids were calling the "Monster truck," the Hillbilly Deluxe all decked out for Halloween.



The FFA provided a selection of games for the kids including face painting as Jullian decided he wanted to look like a skeleton.



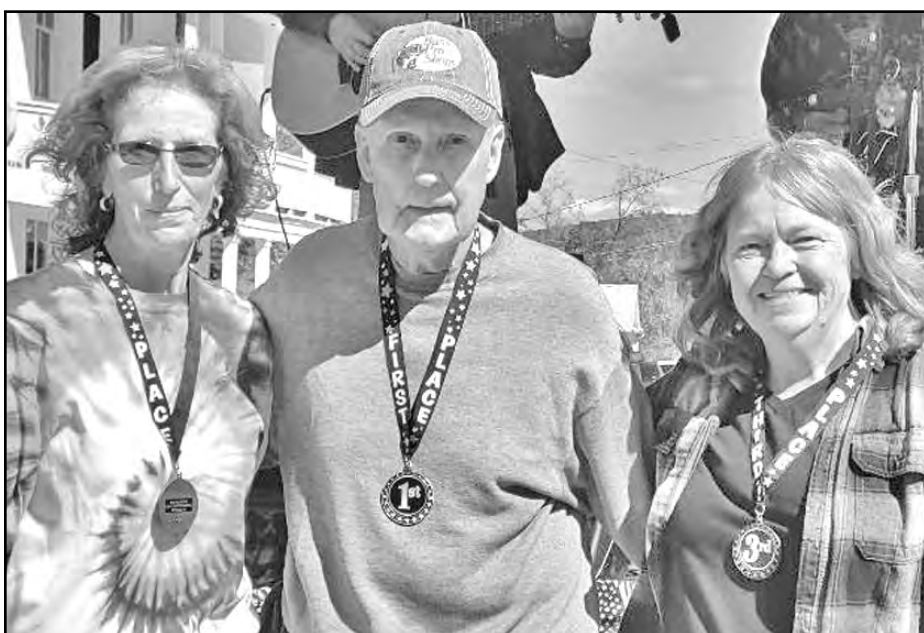
The parents and volunteers came together to serve barbeque plates to raise funds for the little Cougars teams.



Some think that only perfect vehicles can enter a car show, but this old truck got lots of looks and many stories told beside of it as people reminisced about their old vehicles or their grandparents'.



People started filling the streets of the Annual Fall Festival by 9:30 a.m. in the morning. Old friends reunited as laughter filled the air and smiles filled faces.



The flat footing contest brought out the best dance moves as winners were, Charles Swain who took first, second was Teresa Fisher and third was Tammy Alls.



A newcomer, Nathan Menefee, with his Grinnin' Possum Fishing Lures, said he enjoyed the festival and shared his story with many who asked.

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Emory & Henry announces spring, summer graduates

Emory & Henry College recently announced that Michaela Weber, of New Castle, was among its spring and summer 2022 graduates.

OPINION

More energy foolishness from the Biden administration

On the campaign trail as he sought the presidency, Joe Biden promised in September 2019, "I guarantee you we're going to end fossil fuel."

Recent steps by the Biden Administration to expand the world's supply of oil would appear to be a U-turn from this pledge. One might at first glance welcome this as good news. Unfortunately, President Biden's newfound interest in fossil fuels focuses on foreign countries, even some hostile to the United States. Increased energy production in United States, which is cleaner, safer, and a job creator, still appears off the table.

The latest push by the Biden Administration to undo some of the damage its anti-domestic energy policies created focuses on Venezuela, a country ruled by the socialist anti-American dictator Nicolas Maduro. The Administration would offer relief from sanctions to allow Chevron to resume pumping oil in the country. It is telling that President Biden would do business with a tyrannical re-

gime before North American producers.

Engagement with Venezuela occurs as the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and its allies, dubbed OPEC+, plan to reduce oil production by two million barrels per day. The decision by OPEC+ follows a visit this summer by the President to Saudi Arabia, a leading country in this oil cartel, made in part to seek greater production. Apparently, he was unpersuasive.

While OPEC+ cuts oil production and negotiations with Venezuela continue, the Biden Administration has settled on yet another release from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, the national stockpile meant for emergencies. The White House labels its release of our oil reserves "historic," and in a sense, they are right: the reserve is now at its lowest point since 1984.

There is a better path. In fact, one was unveiled in Virginia by Governor Youngkin at an event I attended on Octo-



Morgan Griffith
Representative

ber 3.

The 2022 Virginia Energy Plan champions reliability, affordability, and innovation. Instead of setting arbitrary ideological deadlines to phase out fossil fuel use, it seeks an all-of-the-above approach. Among the cutting-edge technologies it includes to meet our energy needs are small modular nuclear reactors, one of which is slated for Southwest Virginia. Governor Youngkin's plan looks forward.

Sensibly, the 2022 Virginia Energy Plan calls for the Commonwealth to be unchained from California's automobile standards.

California bureaucrats have announced that they will outlaw the sale of non-electric cars in 2035. This decision

is just the latest imprudent choice by California's leaders, who recently had to urge electric vehicle owners not to charge them at certain times to avoid overtaxing the electric grid. Nevertheless, they made the decision, and Virginia will have to follow if a law passed by the previous Democrat-controlled General Assembly and signed by the previous Democrat Governor is not repealed.

At the federal level, I sent a letter along with more than 150 other Members of Congress to the Biden Administration urging it not to grant a waiver to California from automobile standards set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The waiver would let California pursue its draconian ban on gas- and diesel-powered vehicles, and Virginians and many other Americans would be dragged under this edict.

Keep in mind that in addition to their cost (which most Southwest Virginians cannot afford) and their impact on

the electric grid, concerns I have raised repeatedly, electric vehicles fall short of reliability and safety standards as well. Florida officials in the wake of Hurricane Ian warned that the batteries of these vehicles can corrode when they are water-logged, resulting in fires.

California still chooses to go all in on electric vehicles before the myriad problems facing them are resolved. The rest of the country should not have to follow the state's decision to defy reality.

President Ronald Reagan was a Californian who possessed a trait sorely lacking among the state's leadership today: common sense. He noted, "There are no easy answers, but there are simple answers."

A simple answer to the energy crisis afflicting our country is encouraging all-of-the-above energy policies and increasing all domestic production, including fossil fuels. Rather than pleading with dictators, President Biden could make his life and ours much simpler by recognizing this fact.

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Book City Roanoke

What is Book City? It is an advocacy group focused on "equity and engagement at the intersection of books and place." The Book City website supports readers and writers in many ways. One way is by connecting people with book clubs. Another way is celebrating local authors and sponsorship of writing workshops. The website is full of information and links: www.bookcityroanoke.com

Book City Roanoke has a podcast where you can hear interviews of local and national authors on many inspiring subjects. Podcasts are easier than you think to listen to and can really help to use time wisely on a long commute to and from work. Book City sponsors "Poetry By Heart" program so if you love poetry, plan to attend next April, National Poetry Month 2023.

Book City Roanoke partners with Book No Further (BNF), an independent book store located at 112 Market Street in downtown Roanoke.

Live events coming up this fall are:

- Oct. 11: Hoot & Holler: Coming Out Stories at the Grandin, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 15: Book No Further 5th Anniversary Party, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Library Corner

Empowering individuals to build a stronger community
By Marge Lewter

- Oct. 15: Meet the Authors at BNF: Karen Planning and Bruce Bryan, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Oct. 20: Blue Ridge Library Book Sale, 5 - 8 p.m.
- Oct. 22: Meet the Authors at BNF: Cathy Dudley and Marta Tice, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Oct. 22: Meet the Authors at BNF: Cathy Hankla and Robert Schultz, 2 - 4 p.m.
- Oct. 27 and 28: Fernando Flores reads at Hollins + Next Day Q&A, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 29: Meet the Authors at BNF: Samantha Rosenthal and Cameron Mackenzie, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Oct. 29: Meet the Authors at BNF: Phillip Martin, 2 - 4 p.m.
- Nov. 5: Meet the Authors at BNF: Evelyne Hologue & Barry Blair, 11

- a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Nov. 10 and 11: Agents and Editors Barbara Jones, Lillian Li and Adelle Waldman at Hollins, 7:30 PM
- Nov. 12: A.D. Herzel Youth Workshop on Writing, Art & Identity at Hollins, 2 p.m.
- Nov. 12: Meet the Authors at BNF: Jane Fenton and James William Gardner, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Nov. 19: Meet the Authors at BNF: Kristina Gorcheva-Newberry and Lyle Smythers, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Nov. 26: Meet the Authors at BNF: Dan Smith and Debbie Seagle, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Dec. 1: Writers' Harvest Reading at Hollins, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 3: Meet the Authors at BNF: Amanda Cockrell and Brook Allen
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Derby awards given out



COURTESY PHOTOS

Big car derby winners PJ Welch and Derek Dudding battled it out until the end as Welch took first and Dudding second.

Upcoming public meetings in Craig County

Oct. 17
The New Castle Town Council will meet Oct. 17 from 7-8 p.m. at the New Castle Town Hall at 339 Market Street in New Castle.

Oct. 19
A CPMT meeting will be at First Baptist Church at 40 Boyd Avenue Oct. 19.

Nov. 3
The Craig County Board of Supervisors will meet Nov. 3

at 6 p.m. at the Craig County Courthouse in New Castle. All citizens are welcome to attend.

Nov. 8
Rep. Morgan Griffith will hold a comment period at the Craig County Courthouse in the break room from 9-10:30 a.m. Nov. 8.

The Craig County School Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Craig County High School auditorium.

Nov. 16
A CPMT meeting will be at First Baptist Church at 40 Boyd Avenue Nov. 16.

Nov. 21
The New Castle Town Council will meet Nov. 21 from 7-8 p.m. at the New Castle Town Hall at 339 Market Street in New Castle.

Dec. 1
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Dec. 21
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OBITUARIES

Mitchell, Betty Jane

Betty Jane Mitchell passed peacefully from this world on Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2022. She was born in Roanoke on March 22, 1930 and spent her early years in New Castle.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dr. Walton F. Mitchell and Lucille Smith Mitchell; her brother, Walton F. Mitchell, Jr.; and her sister, Martha Mitchell McCaleb. Surviving to cherish her memory are her sister, Patricia (Patsy) Mitchell Duncan; brothers-in-law Calvin Duncan and Leon McCaleb; numerous nieces and nephews; great-nieces and great-nephews; and countless friends, most especially Katherine (Kay) Tarter, her longtime colleague and fellow traveler through life.

Betty received her bachelor's degree from the College of William and Mary, where she was a member of Alpha Kappa Theta Sorority. She received her master's degree from Pennsylvania State University, having devoted four summers to study there. Betty was involved in education for 36 years in the Anne Arundel County School System, as a teacher, administrator, coordinator, supervisor, and finally, as a personnel specialist where she recruited and mentored teachers. Her contribution



to education was recognized by her peers as she was initiated into Delta Kappa Gamma, Epsilon Chapter, in 1962. Betty had a curiosity about people and places beyond the mountains in which she was born, which led to travels and adventures far and wide. Her travel began when she boarded a Portuguese freighter in New York and set off to see the world - and see the world she did! She liked to say that she left her footprints on six continents. She has seen, enjoyed, shared and marveled at the wonders of this world, with the knowledge that one day she would return to the majestic mountains of her youth and reunite with her parents and siblings on a hillside overlooking the valley where she was born.

The family extends their gratitude to her devoted caregivers/CNAs Lakeia Yancey and Teresa Hardy, and to the caring staff at Brandon Oaks Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, in particular her nurse Colleen. Betty had requested cremation and burial at Huffman Memorial Park, where a private graveside service was held on Sunday, October 9, 2022. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to the charity of your choice.

Moore, Anna Lee Bell

Anna Lee Bell Moore, 84 of New Castle, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 5. She was preceded in death by father, Corbert S. Bell; mother, Geneva K. Bell; brothers, John S. Bell and Jerry W. Bell, Sr.; husband, Paul T. Moore; and granddaughter, Melissa Moore.

She is survived by sons, Vance B. Moore & wife Martha and Vince Moore and wife Vickie; grandkids, Brandon and Chad; great-grandkids, Ian and Genevieve; and brother, Ed-

die Bell and wife Nora.

Anna was a former Grand Marshall of the Virginia Order of the Eastern Star Mtn. Chapter #168. She was also a member of the VFW Auxiliary.

Funeral Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9 at Paitsel Funeral Home. Interment followed at the Bell Family Cemetery. The family received friends one hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the John's Creek Vol. Fire Dept. New Castle, VA 24127.

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The object of this suit is to: Obtain a decree of divorce pursuant to Virginia Code Section 20-91(9)(a). It is ORDERED that TAN DUUY THAI appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before November 3, 2022.

Signed: Tommy L. Moore,
Clerk on 9/12/22

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PROFESSIONAL FORECLOSURE CORPORATION OF VIRGINIA, Substitute Trustees, C/O LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP, 10021 Balls Ford Road, Suite 200, Manassas, Virginia 20109 (703) 449-5800.

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CRAIG COUNTY FOOTBALL FALLS AT EASTERN MONTGOMERY



Alex Drake carries the ball for Craig County.



Bryce Drake picks up yardage against East Mont.



Caleb Fields(#62) and Isaac Lucas block for the Rockets.



Jaycob Wolfe(white jersey) battles a Mustang for the ball.

Eastern Montgomery wore down a short-handed Craig County team last Friday night in Elliston to take a 41-16 win over the Rockets in a Pioneer District football game.

The Rockets trailed just 28-16 at the half as Alex Drake scored on a pass from Zachary Peters as the clock expired. Jaycob Wolfe had the other TD for the Rockets, and Jaycob also scored a two point conversion.

The second half, however, belonged to the host Mustangs. The Rockets had a hard time stopping East

Mont's rushing attack and couldn't muster a lot of offense on the other side. Craig was missing a few players in the line and that hurt.

"We got pushed around up front," said Craig coach Jim Fisher. "There were no surprises, we knew it was going to be football in a phone booth. Both teams wanted to run the ball."

With the loss the Rockets dropped to 2-3 on the season, and that includes one forfeit win and one forfeit loss. Craig will try to get even this week when the Rockets travel to Buena Vista to take

on Parry McCluer.

"They're not as good as they've been but they'll still be tough to beat," said Fisher. "They have have a 235 pound runningback who's tough to stop, but on offense we should have some chances."

The Blues are 1-5 with a win over Mountain View, a team that postponed their game with Craig the week of Hurricane Ian. Parry McCluer has lost to Rockbridge, Riverheads, James River, Madison County and Narrows last week, 32-0.

The Rockets haven't beat-

en Parry McCluer since the 2010 season and the Blues lead the all-time series, 28-5. Today Craig will host Parry

McCluer in a jayvee game at Mitchell Field at 6 pm.

Craig's next home game is the Homecoming game

on October 21 against Bath County. It will mark just the second time this season the Rockets will play at home.



The Craig County line stops an East Mont runner for no gain.

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Cooper Mabes ran in the jayvee race at Camp Alta Mons.



Craig County's Hannah Ratliff races in the Eastern Montgomery Invitational cross country meet this past Wednesday at Camp Alta Mons outside Shawsville.

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ROCKETS RUN AT EAST MONT INVITATIONAL

Craig County had two runners entered in the annual East Mont Invitational cross country race at Camp Alta Mons in Shawsville last week. Hannah Ratliff ran in the varsity girls' race and Cooper Mabes ran in the boys' middle school race.

Ratliff, a junior, finished 58th overall in the girls' race. Olivia Hurd of William Byrd won the race 5,000 meter run with a time of 21:15 and Hannah finished in 33:13 over the scenic Camp Alta Mons course. Floyd County was the team winner for the girls while Salem took the team title for the boys.

There were 93 runners in the boys' middle school race and Mabes finished 27th. Rivers Matthews of Blacksburg was the individual winner and Blacksburg swept the boys and girls team titles.

The Craig runners are scheduled to compete at Parry McCluer today.

ROCKETS LOOKING FOR FIRST VOLLEYBALL WIN

The Craig County Rockets will have three Pioneer District volleyball matches next week as they look to crack the win column for the first time.

The Rockets will play at Narrows next Tuesday, October 18. Then, on Thursday October 20th, Craig County will host Highland County for a Pioneer District doubleheader. Each match will be the best-of-three.

Craig dropped matches to two district opponents last week to fall to 0-14 on the season. The girls lost at Covington on October 4 and at home against Bath County last Thursday, October 6. Both matches went three games.

The Rockets were scheduled to play at East Mont on Tuesday but results were too late for publication.



Cheyenne Bell serves at a recent match.



Britney Brookman digs one out.



Maggie Mays goes up for a block.

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