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# THE NEW CASTLE RECORD



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## Cleaning buckets being prepared for those in need



PHOTO BY PAM DUDDING

Shirley Day, Gwen Bostic, Janet Myers, Pat Crawford, Susie Lowman and Reba Vernon filled 10 cleaning buckets with the items the New Castle United Methodist Church bought, to send to families in need who have experienced a catastrophe.

**Pam Dudding**  
Contributing writer

There is nothing like the feeling of helping someone that has been consumed by a catastrophe, especially a flood.

The New Castle United Methodist Church and Bethel United Methodist Church joined together as servants of the Lord by putting together cleaning buckets.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) has asked for flood buckets to help participate in the Global VAUCN missions project to collect the buckets and transport or ship them to

areas in need.

Craig County churches will drop off their buckets at Southview UMC in Roanoke.

"This is the first time we have ever done this," shared Janet Myers, coordinator. "Our church collected monetary donations and we purchased the supplies that were requested, to fill each bucket."

They completed 10 buckets at each church. The supplies in each include laundry detergent, cleaner, dish soap, air freshener, insect repellent, scrub brush, cleaning wipes, scouring pads, clothespins, heavy duty trash bags, N-95 dust

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Craig Valley Baptist Church was able to giveaway almost 90 coats, along with gloves, hats and lots of children's clothing. Tables were loaded with coats, sweaters, hoodies, gloves, scarves and lots of other items. Member Rick Francisco stood at the road, directing people into the parking lot. The remainder was donated to the Rescue Mission, which included several bags.

## Craig Valley Baptist Church holds jacket giveaway



PHOTOS BY PAM DUDDING

Craig Valley Baptist Church wishes to extend a huge "thank you" to everyone who donated the coats and items, as well as all the people who stopped by to pick out coats for themselves and for others that they knew. "We hope that this giveaway helped families to keep warmer this winter and lighten the load of the expense of buying warm wear," they shared.

## Voting results in Craig

**Pam Dudding**  
Contributing writer

On Tuesday, Nov. 8, many citizens went to the polls to cast their votes for the various elections.

The results of the voting in Craig County are as follows:

**Mayor**  
J.L. (Lenny) McDonald  
New Castle Town Council (unofficial results thus far for the four open seats)

Thurman (Tommy) Zimmerman  
Robert E. (Eddie) Lee  
Robyn Foster  
Karen Crush  
Kimla McDaniel (receive the least votes)

**House of Representatives**

Republican incumbent H. Morgan Griffith  
**Craig County School Board**

Incumbent Kevin Altizer

The new mayor shared, "I am humbled by this new adventure as New Castle's Mayor. I am fortunate to have sat on the Town Council and learned from those around me."

He noted that the current mayor, Bucky Johnson, "has been a great example of a humble servant leader and Tommy Zimmerman, our current Vice-mayor, has spent



**McDonald**

PHOTO BY PAM DUDDING

time with me, helping me understand budgeting, and municipal governance as well as Nina Davis has always worked hard so that we did things accurately and with excellence."

"While I will miss Bucky's presence at our meetings, he has committed to be available to me with any questions I might have," McDonald continued. "I am committed to the forward progress that he presided over in our communi-

ty. Our future is bright, and I will always work to bring out the very best our Town has to offer!"

The schedule for the three local elected bodies is as follows: Craig County School Board (second Tuesday of each month at the high school auditorium at 5:30 p.m.), New Castle Town Council (third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.) and the Craig County Board of Supervisors (third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m.).

## Veterans honored at Forks of Johns Creek



COURTESY PHOTO

Several members at the Forks of Johns Creek Christian Church honored their loved ones by placing the flags that had draped the coffins of their husbands, fathers, and brothers at the altar.

**Pam Dudding**  
Contributing writer

As Veteran Day approached, many people were reminded of fond memories of loved ones that served or are serving in the military to preserve the freedom of the country.

The Forks of Johns Creek Christian Church conducted their Annual Salute to Veterans Service, "Reflections with Reverence and Appreciation" on Sunday, Nov. 5.

"The congregation celebrated the men and women who have served and are serving in the five branches of the military from the John's Creek Valley as well as loved ones for FJCCC members and community members," shared Dale King.

Congregation members began the service with the reverence that comes from reciting the Pledge of Allegiance

to the Flag, Pledge of Allegiance to the Christian Flag and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Bible.

"This was followed with a very solemn element in the Order of Service when Post Commander Billy Lee of VFW Post 4491 presented a United States Flag to Bertha Ratliff in memory of her brother Willie Lee Lang who died in World War II on April 25, 1945," King said. "Bertha never knew her brother as he died before she was born."

King added that along with Bertha placing the tri-cornered flag on the altar there were seven other members who honored their loved ones by placing the flags that had draped the coffins of their husbands, fathers and brothers on the altar table at the front of the sanctuary.

These members included Jackie Echols in memory of Estial Echols;

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# V DOT ROADWATCH

## INTERSTATE 81

**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:

**WORK ZONE SPEED:** With narrow spacing in lanes due to barrier walls, lack of shoulders and lane shifts in various locations, drivers should adhere to posted 60 mph speed limits in the work zone and allow space when following a vehicle.

**RAMP CLOSURES:** Ramp closures 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. Northbound lane closures from I-81 mile marker 136 to 141. 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 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 COUN-**

**TY** – 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.

**SLOW ROLLS SCHEDULED:** On Monday, November 21, a slow roll operation is planned between mile marker 101-105 northbound and 109-105 southbound between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

**SLOW ROLLS:** A slow roll operation may be in place daily Monday through Friday, between mile marker 101 and 105 northbound and between mile marker 109 and 105 southbound, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 12 p.m.

**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.

**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. Expected completion end of 2022.

**LANE CLOSURES:** 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. 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. 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.

**I-581 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.

## ROANOKE CITY

**13th STREET SE IMPROVEMENTS WITH DETOUR** – A project to improve a portion of 13th Street SE in Roanoke is underway. Located in a residential neighborhood just east of downtown Roanoke, this project will improve traffic flow and connectivity along 13th Street SE from Tazewell Avenue to Norfolk Avenue. The project entails reconstructing about 0.2-mile of 13th Street as an improved, two-lane roadway with 10.5-foot-wide travel lane and a raised median. A new roadway will extend 13th Street to Norfolk Avenue and the intersection at 13th Street and Wise Avenue will be reconfigured to include a roundabout. Bike lanes, sidewalks, crosswalks and curb and gutter will also be added. Southbound 13th Street traffic has a detour in place using Norfolk Avenue onto 12th Street to Tazewell Avenue. This detour will be in place throughout the duration of this project. Signs will be posted to designate the detour route. Northbound 13th Street will remain open to traffic. Flaggers may be possible and the speed limit through the work zone is 25 mph. The project is expected to be completed in summer 2023.

**14th STREET CLOSED:** 14th Street closures may be in place for drainage installation.

**TRAFFIC PATTERN CHANGE:** Northbound traffic will be switched to the northbound lane of 13th Street. Southbound traffic will still be detoured around the work zone.

**SURFACE TREATMENT OPERATIONS** – Weather permitting, crews will begin surface treatment operations on various routes. Lane closures may be in place and flaggers may control traffic at times during daylight hours. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays. The road surface may be rough for a several weeks after surface treatment is applied. Once it packs down, the road surface will be brushed and return to a more

smooth surface.

## ROANOKE COUNTY

**ROUTE 311 AND ROUTE 419 ROUNDABOUT AT HANGING ROCK** - A road project to replace the signalized intersection of Route 311 and Route 419 in Roanoke County at Hanging Rock with a roundabout is set to begin. The new roundabout is currently open to traffic. During the remaining construction, lane closures may be in place. Expected completion is end of 2022. Drivers should expect the following:

**LANE CLOSURES:** Single lane closure with a flagging operation will be in place of Wise Avenue between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

**PAVING:** Paving is underway until complete. Drivers should expect lane closures and flagging operations during nighttime hours, 7:30 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning.

July through November: The new roundabout is now open to traffic. Drivers should still expect nighttime lane closures with flaggers between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday around the roundabout for final paving, pavement marking and sign installation.

**BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY CLOSURE** – The Blue Ridge Parkway will be repairing slope failures and a culvert failure at mile marker 127.9. A 15-mile stretch of the Parkway, mile marker 121.4 to 136, will be closed to all uses including cyclists, pedestrians and drivers. Detour signs to detour traffic around the Bent Mountain section of the Parkway will be in place. Traffic will be rerouted to Route 220 south to Route 419 north to Route 221 south. Traffic traveling north on the Parkway would be reversed. The detour is expected to be in place until 2023.

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## CRAIG COUNTY

**ROUTE 311 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT OVER MEADOW CREEK** – Temporary signals control traffic across the bridge and will be in place throughout the project. Construction will begin on the northbound side of the bridge and once completed, work will switch to the southbound side. In addition, a section of Route 646 (Allen Street) between Route 650 and Route 311 will be closed during construction and a signed detour will be in place. All traffic will be detoured to Marshall Street and Kanawha Street to access either 311 or the homes located off Allen Street. Speed limit will be reduced to 35 mph in the work zone with a width restriction of 9 feet. Drivers should expect delays and allow extra travel time through the work zone. Weather permitting, the bridge is expected to be open to traffic by the end of 2022.

**TRAFFIC SWITCH:** Traffic has been switched from using the southbound lane to the northbound lane while work continues. Southbound lanes are closed. Temporary traffic signals will continue to direct traffic and message boards will notify drivers.

## Honored

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Roger Huffman in memory of Wayne Huffman; Deidira Stewart and Devonne Reynolds in memory of Mitch Reynolds; Bill Mitchell in memory of Don Mitchell; Anita Blevins in memory of Robert Dunbar; and J. Wayne King in memory of James King.

In addition, a patriotic slide show was shown that included over 50 service members that centered upon honoring veterans who have served in all branches of the U.S. Military during past and current military service men and women.

The “Salute to Veterans Service” was followed by a fellowship meal to celebrate their living veterans as well as their deceased veterans.

The phrase, “God and Country” permeate from this special service, not only honoring veterans, but bringing families together in one heart.



COURTESY PHOTO

During the special time of honoring veterans, Post Commander Billy Lee of Craig Valley VFW Post 4491 presented a U.S. Flag to Bertha Ratliff in memory of her brother Willie Lee Lang who died in World War II on April 25, 1945.



**Gerald “Jerry” Marshall Reynolds**  
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# OBITUARIES

## Burger, Geraldine Duncan

Nov. 7, 1939 – Nov. 5, 2022

Geraldine Duncan Burger was welcomed home by her Savior, Jesus Christ, early Saturday morning, Nov. 5, 2022. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Robert (Bob) Burger; parents, Ivery Green Duncan and Nora Bradley Duncan; sister, Marie D. Damewood; sister, Evelyn Sheppard; brother, Quentin M. Duncan (Buzz); and nephews Kevin Sheppard and Dale Duncan.

Geraldine is survived by her sons and daughters, Bobby and Amy Burger, Eric and Brooke Burger; granddaughters, Haley Burger and husband Greg Steeves, and Olivia Burger; brother Calvin (and wife Patsy) Duncan; sister-in-law, Lenore Burger; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Geraldine was born and raised in New Castle, Va., and remained a Craig County resident her entire life. She was happily married and devoted to her husband, Bob Burger, for 61 wonderful years, until the end of his life in 2019. She was a faithful member of New Castle Christian Church, where she served as a teacher, deaconess, and church clerk. She was employed at Halmode Apparel, and later as a cafeteria manager for Craig County Public Schools. She also took pride in her role as a homemaker where she watched and loved numerous



children, alongside her own. Many children and young adults came to call her house "home", where she always offered a meal and a Dr. Pepper. Her most precious role came after retirement, where she loved and cared for her first-born granddaughters.

The family would like to express their sincere thanks to Salem Health & Rehab, Lewis-Gale Medical Center, Craig County Sheriff's Department, and the Craig County EMS for the exceptional senior and medical care given to Geraldine. The family would also like to express their gratitude to the many employees and volunteers with LOA, and the special friends and family who were instrumental in her wish of remaining at home the last couple of years.

A memorial service was held at 12 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022 at the New Castle Christian Church with Bill Frazier officiating. The family received friends from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. before the service. In lieu of flowers, the family wishes for donations to be made to the LOA - Area Agency on Aging (Meals on Wheels), or the New Castle Christian Church Building Fund.

New Castle Christian Church (Building Fund) PO Box 287, New Castle VA. 24127

LOA - Area Agency on Aging PO Box 14205, Roanoke, VA., 24038-4205

## Moses, Trevia

A native of Virginia, Trevia was the daughter of Hubert Arbogast and Lillian Snyder Arbogast, both deceased. She retired from Virginia Tech after 25 years of service.

Trevia was a member of the Floyd Moose Lodge. She enjoyed working with flowers, especially growing her daylilies. She loved her poodles, was a great cook, and played the piano. Trevia enjoyed going for rides with her family. She was the first model for Spandex bathing suits.

She is survived by two sons, Eric



Moses (Zenda Collins) and Alexander "Alex" Moses (Patsy); two daughters, Ingrid Slaughter (Troy) and Malinda Moses; and two grandchildren, Henry and John; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by two sisters, Wanda Schwartz and Shirley Callison.

The family received friends at Lotz Funeral Home in Salem on Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2022.. A brief graveside service followed in Sherwood Memorial Park.

# Registration open for 9th Annual GAUNTLET

Registration for The Advancement Foundation's 9th Annual GAUNTLET is now open.

It is Virginia's largest business program and competition, offering a formula to assist entrepreneurs develop their business ideas, collaborate with other entrepreneurs from across the region and connection to business resources.

To date, The GAUNTLET has

worked with more than 700 entrepreneurs and awarded over \$7 million in resources, including grants, cash and in-kind prizes.

For more information about The GAUNTLET and to apply online, visit: [www.TheAdvancementFoundation.org/Gauntlet](http://www.TheAdvancementFoundation.org/Gauntlet). Virtual classes start Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2023.

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COURTESY OF THE ADVANCEMENT FOUNDATION

## Fundraiser planned for Nov. 20



PHOTO BY PETER BRAVO DE LOS RIOS

The Johns Creek Volunteer Fire Department will hold its Annual Hunter's Supper Sunday, Nov. 20 from 5-7 p.m. at Forks of Johns Creek Christian Church.

Barbeque pork tenderloin plates will be \$15.

The annual raffle drawing will be at 7 p.m.

All proceeds of the event will go towards Johns Creek Volunteer Fire Department operations.

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## Cleaning Buckets

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masks, kitchen gloves and work gloves.

On Wednesday morning, Nov. 2, several ladies joined together at the Church in New Castle to fill the buckets.

Each was busy at their individual tasks.

By afternoon, all 10 buckets were full and ready to be taken to Roanoke to be distributed to those in need.

Those involved said a big "thank you" goes out to all who donated so that the items could be purchased, to those ladies who gave so freely of their time to put the buckets together and to the

ones who delivered them to Roanoke.

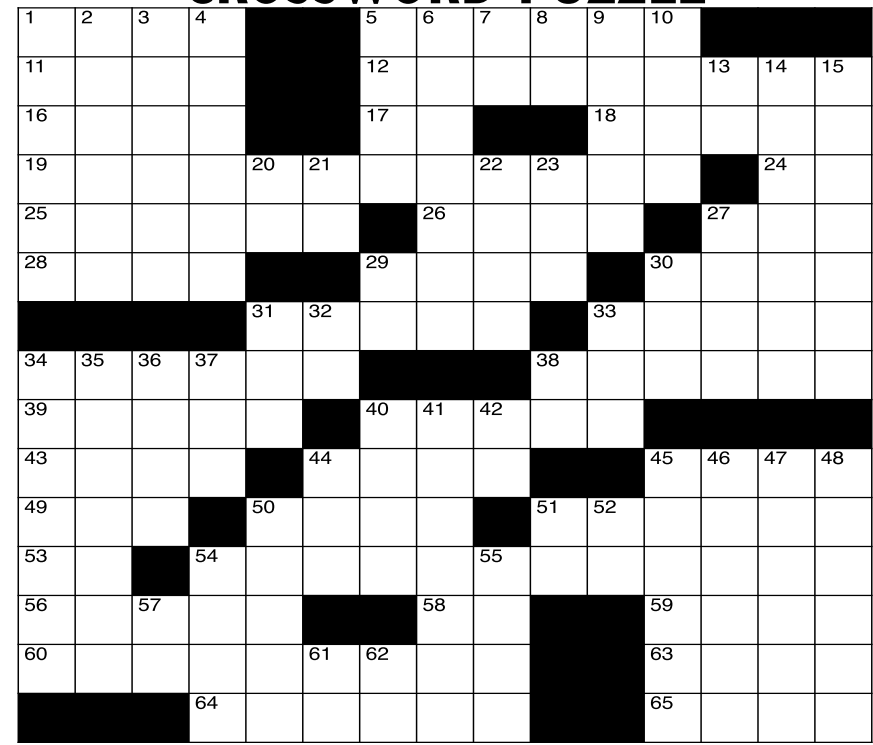
Also, the New Castle United Methodist Church had their Annual Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 12.

They had tons of items for sale including Christmas, holidays and other household goods.

They sold sausage gravy and biscuits and other items. Coffee was also available.

Email letters to the editor to [aboyd@mainstreetnewspapers.com](mailto:aboyd@mainstreetnewspapers.com)

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Clip a small piece
  - 5. Enter forcibly
  - 11. Southwestern Native American tribe
  - 12. Helps you smell better
  - 16. Sun or solar disk
  - 17. Low frequency
  - 18. Former Houston football player
  - 19. Federal crime
  - 24. Home to Boston (abbr.)
  - 25. Approval
  - 26. Those who fight an establishment (abbr.)
  - 27. \_\_\_ student, learns healing
  - 28. Indian groomer of horses
  - 29. Line where two pieces meet
  - 30. One might be brief
  - 31. Type of sword
  - 33. Knife for fruits or vegetables
  - 34. Stinkhorns
  - 38. Stroke
  - 39. Industrial process for producing ammonia
  - 40. Sir \_\_\_ Newton
  - 43. Wild goat
  - 44. Muslim ruler
  - 45. Scottish ancestor
  - 49. Hat
  - 50. Horse mackerel
  - 51. Alcoholic accompaniment
  - 53. Tech department
  - 54. Manifesting approval
  - 56. Upper bract of grass
  - 58. Of I
  - 59. Large wading bird
  - 60. Military prisons
  - 63. Famed American cartoonist
  - 64. Rise
  - 65. Greek God of war and courage
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Sewing needles
  - 2. Functionary
  - 3. Induces vomiting
  - 4. The finger farthest from the thumb
  - 5. Not moving
  - 6. Sports official
  - 7. Water purification process (abbr.)
  - 8. University of Dayton
  - 9. Indo-Malaysian evergreens
  - 10. High schoolers' math course
  - 13. Yankovic is a weird one
  - 14. Adversaries
  - 15. Merchandisers
  - 20. Radioactive metal (abbr.)
  - 21. Atomic #52
  - 22. The back
  - 23. One-time computer giant
  - 27. Female of a horse
  - 29. Football's big game (abbr.)
  - 30. Vehicle
  - 31. Single Lens Reflex
  - 32. It's becoming more prevalent
  - 33. Political action committee
  - 34. Makes lightbulbs
  - 35. Natural home of an animal
  - 36. In bed
  - 37. Superman villain
  - 38. The Golden State
  - 40. One who leads prayers in a mosque
  - 41. They accompany a leader
  - 42. Atomic #18
  - 44. Electronic countermeasures
  - 45. The appearance of something
  - 46. Connecting line on a map
  - 47. Deep red color
  - 48. Secret affairs
  - 50. Drenches
  - 51. Contains music
  - 52. Expression of surprise
  - 54. Intestinal pouches
  - 55. Where birds are born
  - 57. \_\_\_ and behold
  - 61. Cools your home
  - 62. The First State

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# OPINION

# Moving into our economic future

Virginia's Ninth Congressional District has enjoyed a number of new project announcements this autumn focusing on our economic future. Not only will some of these projects bring jobs and investment, but they will involve our region in exciting new fields.

On October 3, Governor Youngkin unveiled the 2022 Virginia Energy Plan, which outlined an all-of-the-above strategy for powering our Commonwealth. On October 14, he came to Wise County to highlight a part of the plan with direct meaning for Southwest Virginia. That part of the plan is the location of a commercial small modular nuclear reactor (SMR) in our region, the first in the United States, in the next ten years.

SMRs are a next-generation technology that brings the advantages of traditional nuclear power without some of its drawbacks. Nuclear generates clean energy, and it does so reliably, without the variability of solar and wind. However, the large scale of tradi-

tional nuclear plants makes them unsuitable to certain sites. SMRs, as their name indicates, require a smaller physical footprint, an advantage for hilly terrain such as Southwest Virginia's, and can be assembled at a factory and transported to a site.

Virginia has the assets to lead the way on SMRs. The nuclear power industry can draw its workforce from our universities with nuclear engineering programs, including Virginia Tech. One of the world's major nuclear companies, BWX Technologies, is headquartered in Lynchburg. I have visited its facilities in Lynchburg and Erwin, Tennessee.

When Governor Youngkin held his event in Wise County to talk about SMRs, an event I attended, we spoke about the project on an abandoned mine land site. As someone who has led efforts to renew and reuse such sites through bringing federal funding to Virginia via the Abandoned Mine Land Economic Revitalization (AMLER) Program, I am excited by the possibility



**Morgan Griffith**  
Representative

that land with an energy heritage may be used to house energy technologies of the future.

As this project moves forward, residents of Southwest Virginia should be assured that all safety protocols will be adhered to and that the land selected for the site will be tested for its suitability. Nuclear power will be a valuable and reliable component of an all-of-the-above strategy, which will not exclude fossil fuels.

While we look to the future of nuclear power with SMRs, progress is being made on other energy fronts in Southwest Virginia as well. October also brought the announcement that Wise County would be the site

of the Energy Discovery, Education, Learning & Technology Accelerator (DELTA) Lab.

The Energy DELTA Lab, a collaboration between the Virginia Department of Energy, the Southwest Virginia Energy Research and Development Authority, and InvestSWVA, will provide a location for new energy technologies to be tested, developed, and moved toward the commercial market. It was developed through a \$975,000 AMLER grant. This site could be for energy what Menlo Park was for Thomas Edison as he invented world-changing technologies like the light bulb and brought them to commercial markets.

In Tazewell County on October 25, I participated in an economic development announcement of a different sort. Blackstone Data Services will be locating in the Bluestone Business and Technology Park, bringing an investment of \$18 million over ten years and creating five new high-tech jobs.

The site will host a data center for cryptocurrency mining, which is based on blockchain technology. Cryptocurrency is still a developing field and has had its ups and downs. It is likely here to stay, and projects such as this one will help make it more secure.

Economic growth requires an ability to adapt, to recognize what the future holds and prepare to meet it. I believe these projects that have been unveiled will keep us in competition with other parts of the country and the world beyond. They offer the prospect of new jobs and investment as well as diversification to give our regional economy a broader base.

Growing the economy is a team effort, with the private sector, non-governmental organizations, and government at the local, state, and federal levels each an essential part. I am committed as your Congressman to using the resources I have to usher in the economy of the coming decades.

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## Reasons to read 26-50

Last week's column from the Craig County Public Library focused on the first 25 reasons why you should read from natural-beachliving.com. This week, we have the second set of 25 reasons:

26. Increases attention span
27. Helps you learn a new skill
28. Makes history easier to remember
29. Helps problem solving skills
30. It's fun
31. Helps spend time off electronics
32. Increases reading speed
33. Teaches you fun facts
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35. Helps you appreciate new things
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38. Encourages you to think
39. Travel back in time
40. Travel forward in time
41. Travel to a new world
42. Increases concentration
43. Helps with development
44. Develops empathy
45. Gives you something to do
46. Boosts brain power
47. Helps you in school
48. Takes you on a journey
49. Relieves stress

50. Temporarily escape reality \*\*\*

Thanksgiving reads for children:

- "I Am Thankful" by Sheri Wall
- "Better Together" by Amy Robach and Andrew Shue
- "The Circle of Thanks" by Joseph Bruchac
- "God Gave Us Thankful Hearts" by Lisa Tawn Bergren
- "Around the Table That Grandpa Built" by Melanie Heuser Hill

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## Salem is site for CIAA championships



PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

The city of Salem was the host site for Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association championships in football and volleyball last weekend. Fayetteville State beat Chowan to win the football championship, 31-28, on a field goal as time expired at Salem Stadium. In volleyball, Elizabeth City State beat Shaw in four sets to win the volleyball championship at the Salem Civic Center. Here Ilani Myers (#17) and Kamille Patrick (#7) go up for a block in Shaw's semifinal volleyball win over Winston-Salem State and J'Vin Farmer (#38) of Chowan breaks up a pass in Saturday's football championship.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL HOME TONIGHT, VARSITY TEAMS HAVE PRESEASON SCRIMMAGES

The Craig County middle school basketball teams are in the midst of their seasons while the varsity and jayvee high school teams are preparing for winter season openers.

The middle school teams are home today, Wednesday, to host Christiansburg in a girls-boys doubleheader. The girls will play at 5 pm followed by the boys at 6:30 pm.

The high school girls have two scrimmages this week, both at home. On Tuesday the jayvee and varsity teams were set to scrimmage Floyd County and on Thursday Alta

Vista is here for a scrimmage. The girls open on November 28 at home against James River.

The Craig boys have a scrimmage next Monday,

November 21, and its also at home. Craig will scrimmage the Boys Home of Virginia, then open the season on December 3rd at home against Bland.

## Salem Red Sox Announce 2023 Game Times

The Salem Red Sox have announced game times for the 2023 season, with Opening Day slated for Thursday, April 6th at 7:05 pm against the Delmarva Shorebirds. Home games include 10 six-game series and two weekend series for a total of 66 contests to be played at Carilion Clinic

Field.

Tuesday through Friday games at Salem Memorial Ballpark will begin at 7:05 pm with the exception of April 18th, to begin at 6:05 pm, and two day games set for April 19th and June 13th, both slated for 11:05 am. The Red Sox will return to the field on Thursday's

as the BeerMongers, a nod to the craft industry, featuring drink specials. Friday games will continue to feature Friday night post-game fireworks.

Saturday games will begin at 6:05 pm and Sunday games will begin at 3:05 pm. Mondays will remain a league-wide off day, with the Carolina

League All-Star Break scheduled for July 11-13th. The 2023 season will conclude on Sunday, September 10th, as the Red Sox host the Carolina Mudcats. Gates will continue to open one hour prior to first pitch, with early entry for season ticket holders.

"We are excited to

welcome fans back to Carilion Clinic Field during the 15th season as a Boston Red Sox affiliate", said General Manager, Allen Lawrence. "Our team is eager to continue providing safe, fun, affordable family-entertainment fans have come to know."

Fans are encouraged to

visit SalemSox.com or call (540) 389-3333 for more information about upcoming ballpark events, ticket specials, and Salem Red Sox merchandise ahead of the holiday season. A full 2023 promotional schedule is set to be released soon with exciting theme nights and unique giveaways.

## ADAM WARD CLASSIC IS FEBRUARY 3 and 4, CHARITY GAME IS LOOKING FOR SPONSORS

The 2023 Adam Ward Classic basketball games will be played on February 3 and 4 of 2023 at Glenvar and Salem High Schools.

Since 2016, Salem High School, the Western Virginia Basketball Officials Association, and the City of Salem have joined forces to honor the memory of Adam Ward by hosting a basketball classic in his honor. Adam was tragically killed on August 26, 2015, while working as a photojournalist for WDBJ7. The 2007 Salem High School alumnus, who graduated from Virginia

Tech in 2011, played football at Salem High School and was an avid fan and supporter of all types of athletic events his entire life.

"Adam Ward personified the true meaning of a student-athlete," said Grant Smythers, Salem High School teacher and tournament co-founder. "He was a huge sports fan, who loved high school basketball, and the Adam Ward Basketball Classic will highlight some of the best teams in the state of Virginia each season."

The event is being sponsored by various businesses

and organizations throughout the Roanoke Valley. The majority of the proceeds from the event will go to the Adam Ward Scholarship Fund that is administered by the Salem Educational Foundation and Alumni Association. To date, the Adam Ward Classic has contributed over \$60,000 dollars to the Adam Ward Scholarship Fund. In addition, the Adam Ward Classic Committee will be making donations to the Make a Wish Foundation and the Special Olympics in Adam's honor.

"The money generated

from this event will provide scholarship opportunities for high school students who were deemed Adam-like during their high school careers," Smythers said. "Salem High School is honored to host such a worthy event for such a special young man."

The Western Virginia Basketball Officials Association, which has a track record for supporting charitable causes, has been instrumental in making the event a success each year.

"This is a great way to honor Adam Ward's memory, as well

as all of the others who have been touched and affected by his passing, and I think Adam would be pleased we are doing this through the game of basketball," Commissioner Jerry Spangler said.

To learn more about sponsorship or scholarship opportunities, please contact Grant Smythers [gsmothers@salem.k12.va.us](mailto:gsmothers@salem.k12.va.us), Hank Luton [HankLuton@gmail.com](mailto:HankLuton@gmail.com), Jerry Spangler [jspangler1129@gmail.com](mailto:jspangler1129@gmail.com), Drew Barrett [dbarrett@salem.k12.va.us](mailto:dbarrett@salem.k12.va.us), or Chris Williams at [cjpdubya@gmail.com](mailto:cjpdubya@gmail.com).