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Jaycob Wolfe and Karly Potter were crowned Snow King and Queen 2022 for raising the most money. Potter raised \$411.20, and Wolf raised \$350.54.

JVG students give Craig families a Christmas gift

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

Some people think that kids today have no respect, are self-centered or even don't care about people, and for some, this may be true, however, this does not seem so in Craig County.

This Christmas season, Jobs for Virginia Graduates, JVG, students took on a big project.

Sadly, the Department of Social Services was unable to conduct their annual Angle Tree to collect gifts for needy families.

"When we learned

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Adelyn Dowdy crowned Jaycob Wolfe as Snow King.

COURTESY PHOTOS

VFW awards Teachers of the Year at CCPS for year 2022



PHOTO BY PAM DUDDING

The Craig VFW Post 4491 was happy to thank the Craig County Public Schools Teachers of the Year. Standing with Commander Billy Lee are middle school teacher Alyssa Shulke, elementary school teacher Michelle Frazier and high school teacher Amanda Lucas.

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

To be successful at anything, one needs drive, dedication and a caring heart towards their goal.

The teachers at Craig County Public Schools seem to exemplify this and the Craig Valley VFW Post 4491 wishes to thank teachers who were nominated for the Teacher of the Year Award for 2022.

Those who were nominated

included McCleary Elementary School – Michelle Frazier, Craig County Middle School – Alyssa Shulke and Craig County High School – Amanda Lucas.

"We continue to have some of the best of the best!" one member shared. "They go above and beyond their call of duty to serve our students needs."

"It is my honor to nominate a teacher who is the epitome of a patriotic American teacher who

loves God, family, and country," the person who nominated Frazier shared. "She has offered her life as a teacher, helping the youth of today to learn to read. It is people like her that make this country so great. Men and women who love this country, who sacrifice themselves for it, not only in protecting and defending it, but also those who are educating it."

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Youngkin talks 'compete to win' in Salem

Aila Boyd
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SALEM – Gov. Glenn Youngkin stopped by Carter Machinery's newly opened Machine Rebuild Center in Salem on Thursday, Jan. 5 to discuss a range of issues, including legislative priorities he has for the upcoming session of the Virginia General Assembly.

The focus of Youngkin's remarks was the slogan "compete to win." The slogan was used to highlight his desire to lower taxes and increase Virginia's competitive edge regarding new business recruitment.

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PHOTO BY AILA BOYD

Gov. Glenn Youngkin visited Carter Machinery in Salem last Thursday.

VFW meeting open for community members to sign up for their Auxiliary in Craig

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

The local Craig Valley VFW Post 4491 said that it is delighted to announce the new beginnings of a Craig VFW Auxiliary.



COURTESY IMAGE

They are required by the Veterans of Foreign Affairs to have at least 15 members to begin this auxiliary and of those, they need persons to hold offices for the group.

"We are excited about this new venture to add to our VFW community," they shared. "We look forward to meeting others who have family history, serving our country."

Dawn Kuhn, of the Department Virginia Auxiliary VFW, is assisting Craig in establishing the new auxiliary.

On Saturday, Jan. 21 at noon, she will be at the Craig VFW Post 4491, located at 295 Hunters Drive, which is the road behind Camp Mitchell.

"I will have applications and we can have a discussion about offices and what an auxiliary can do to help their post, community and our veterans," she shared.

The VFW shares that, "The VFW Auxiliary is one of the nation's oldest veterans' service organizations and our members are relatives of those who have served in overseas combat. We have nearly 470,000 members representing all 50 states who volunteer millions of hours and give millions of dollars to support veteran's, military service personnel and their families."

Male and female relatives of those who served in overseas combat may join the Auxiliary.

"Husbands, wives, mother, father, brother, sister, son, daughter, grandfather, grandmother, grandson, and granddaughter of those eligible to join the veterans of

foreign wars are welcome to join," Kuhn said. "Applicants who join under current VFW Post 4491 members will need their VFW membership number."

DD-214's will be necessary for all other applicants to show eligibility.

In order for an individual to be considered for membership, his/her eligible veteran:

Must be a U.S. citizen or U.S. national
Must have honorable service in the U.S. Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Coast Guard)

Must have served in any foreign war, insurrection, or expedition as reflected by one of the following: 1. A VFW-authorized campaign or service medal of the United States.

2. Receipt of Hostile Fire or Imminent Danger Pay, as verified by a copy of a Leave and Earning Statement (LES) issued by the U.S. Armed Forces.

3. Service in Korea for 30 consecutive/60 non-consecutive days after June 30, 1949.

The eligible veteran and the prospective VFW Auxiliary member must have a family relationship within two generations; step, half and adopted family members meet the "two generations" standard set forth by the IRS.

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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 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 through the duration of the project. Project completion is estimated by summer 2023.

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 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Slow rolls scheduled for Tuesday, January 10 and Wednesday, January 11.

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 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

INTERSTATE 581

ROUTE 581 BRIDGE WORK OVER WILLIAMSON ROAD – Bridge work is underway on Route 11 (Williamson Road). Intermittent and alternating lane closures between the intersections with Rutherford Avenue and Wells Avenue are still possible. Intermittent daytime and nighttime lane closures between the intersections above may still be required utilizing flagging operations. Any impacts to I-581 will be minimal. Expected completion Spring 2023.

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.

ROANOKE CITY

13th STREET SE IM-

PROVEMENTS 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.

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.

ROANOKE COUNTY

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.

BOTETOURT COUNTY

DALEVILLE INTERSECTION PROJECT FOR FIELDSTONE DEVELOPMENT ACCESS – Lane closures northbound and southbound on Route 220 in Daleville will be in place for construction of a median with crossover, a right turn lane and a new traffic signal. This work is associated with construction of the Fieldstone Development. Lane closures will be set up on various days into early next year, 2023.

ROUTE 11 BUCHANAN BRIDGE PROJECT – A construction project on the Route 11 Bridge in the Town of Buchanan is underway. Water Street is closed for the duration of the project and drivers should expect periodic lane closures with flagging operations to be in place during daytime hours. Message boards are present to alert and update drivers. Expected completion in summer 2023.

ROUTE 1095 (HIGHLAND DRIVE) PIPE FAILURE CLOSURE – As of December 29, Route 1095 (Highland Drive) near its intersection with Sanderson Road has reopened to traffic. It has been closed due to a pipe failure. Over the next few weeks, the road will need to be closed periodically during daytime hours, after 8 a.m., to continue work. The previous detour route using Murray Court to Richardson will need to be used during these times. Paving will take place in spring when temperatures allow. Completion date expected in winter/spring 2023.

ROUTE 611 (GREYLEDGE ROAD) – A 1.5-mile section of Route 611 (Greyledge Road) is closed due to flooding that damaged the roadway. Extensive repairs will be needed and a detour will be in place. There is no estimated time for the road to reopen.

Airport Commission hires new general counsel

ROANOKE – The Roanoke Regional Airport Commission (RRAC) recently announced the hiring of Eric H. Monday as its new general counsel.

He will assume his new role around Feb. 1.

Monday previously served as city attorney of Martinsville and as general counsel for the Blue Ridge Regional Airport since 2003. Additionally,

he served as Martinsville's assistant city manager since 2019 and as Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) compliance officer since 2003. He also served as county attorney for the Patrick County, between 2004 and 2008.

Monday received his Juris Doctor from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1995 and prior to that, he

earned a bachelor's degree in history and foreign affairs from the University of Virginia in 1992.

In addition to providing counsel and legal services, Monday will serve as FOIA and Americans with Disabilities Act compliance officer and will manage staff performing procurement, contracting and leasing functions.

In announcing the hiring of Monday, Mike Stewart, RRAC executive director, commented, "Eric's 20 years of dedicated and committed service as General Counsel to Martinsville and the Blue Ridge Regional Airport, along with his other profoundly broad experience, make him uniquely qualified for this role." He continued, "Eric not

only has extremely impressive credentials and experience, but he also displays a passion for doing things right, and for doing the right things. I think his personality will be a great fit and I look forward to the positive impact his leadership will have on our team!"

Stewart also expressed the commission's appreciation to Sam Darby of

Glenn Feldmann Darby & Goodlatte for his service as general counsel, saying, "He has not only been an integral part of the Commission team for years, but for me personally, Sam has been a trusted advisor, a great resource for information, and I consider him a good friend."

-The New Castle Record

VWCC to conduct 3 open houses at Roanoke EnVision Center

Public encouraged to stop by and learn about college offerings at new Northwest Roanoke outreach location

ROANOKE – Virginia Western Community College invites the public to tour its new outreach location at the Roanoke EnVision Center at any of three open houses in January:

Wednesday, Jan. 11 from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 25 from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Virginia Western faculty and staff will be on hand to share information

about short-term training for in-demand jobs, resources that help students outside of class (such as bus fares and a campus food pantry), applying for a Community College Access Program (CCAP) scholarship and other sources of financial aid.

The Roanoke EnVision Center is located at 2607 Salem Turnpike, N.W., in Roanoke.

"We look forward to hearing what the community would like to see us offer," said Dr. Milan Hayward, Virginia Western's vice president of career and corporate training. "The open houses will be casual events where we invite people to stop by, grab a bite to eat and learn

about each other."

Food and beverages will be provided at the open houses. Registration is required; see the attached flyer with a QR code to scan and register.

The Roanoke EnVision Center is operated by the Roanoke Redevelopment & Housing Authority with support from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). It is housed in a newly renovated building that was the longtime home of the Melrose Branch Library. It sits adjacent to Lansdowne Park, Roanoke's largest public housing development.

EnVision Centers are supported across the United

States, including six others in Virginia. However, the Roanoke location is the first college satellite to be located on public housing in the commonwealth. EnVision Centers aim to offer HUD-assisted families access to support services that can help them achieve self-sufficiency. They are built around four pillars: economic empowerment, educational advancement, health and wellness and character and leadership.

Other community partners based at the Roanoke EnVision Center include: Carilion Clinic, with community health workers on-site; The Harvest Collective and Virginia Cooperative Extension Service,

which have helped plant a youth community garden facing Salem Avenue; Family Service of Roanoke Valley, which provides full-time mental health wellness; and the Roanoke Financial Empowerment Center, which offers professional, one-on-one financial counseling at no cost to Roanoke residents. The building houses a training room, a classroom, a telehealth suite and client meeting rooms.

Virginia Western's main campus on Colonial Avenue currently serves more than 4,000 students. The college also offers classes and job training at the Claude Moore Education Complex in Gainsboro, the Franklin Center

for Advanced Learning and Enterprise in Rocky Mount and the Greenfield Training and Education Center in Daleville. It was a founding partner in the RAMP business accelerator in downtown Roanoke.

The Roanoke EnVision Center is open to the public weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (540) 983-9210.

To learn more about Virginia Western at the Roanoke EnVision Center, the college says to contact Dr. Hayward at (540) 857-6680 or email mhayward@virginiawestern.edu.

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Upcoming public meetings in Craig County

Jan. 16
The New Castle Town Council will meet from 7-8 p.m. at the New Castle Town Hall at 339 Market Street in New Castle.

from 5:30-8:30 p.m. in the Craig County High School auditorium.
Rep. Morgan Griffith will hold a citizen comment period from 9-10:30 a.m. in the courthouse breakroom.

Social Services will be at 1 p.m.

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

March 15
A CPMT meeting at CPMT – Department of Social Services will be at 1 p.m.

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VFW Awards

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“Mrs. Frazier may not have served in our Armed Services, but she is just as committed as those who do. She loves her work and gives so much of her time, talent, and treasure educating those in her classroom. She is always giving back to her community. She can be seen at many of the community events serving as all good citizens do,” he continued. “She can be seen at church leading the Pledge of Allegiance during vacation Bible school. She can be seen supporting and loving the children of her school by cheering them on at their recreation ball games in cheerleading events. She is very supportive of the VFW and all their activities. She is a fine Christian, American, patriot, educator, who is molding future American patriots.”

Schulke shared. “I enjoy teaching music because it’s something that everyone can do and enjoy. I am especially lucky because I teach all grade levels and get to watch my students grow from elementary all the way through high school.”

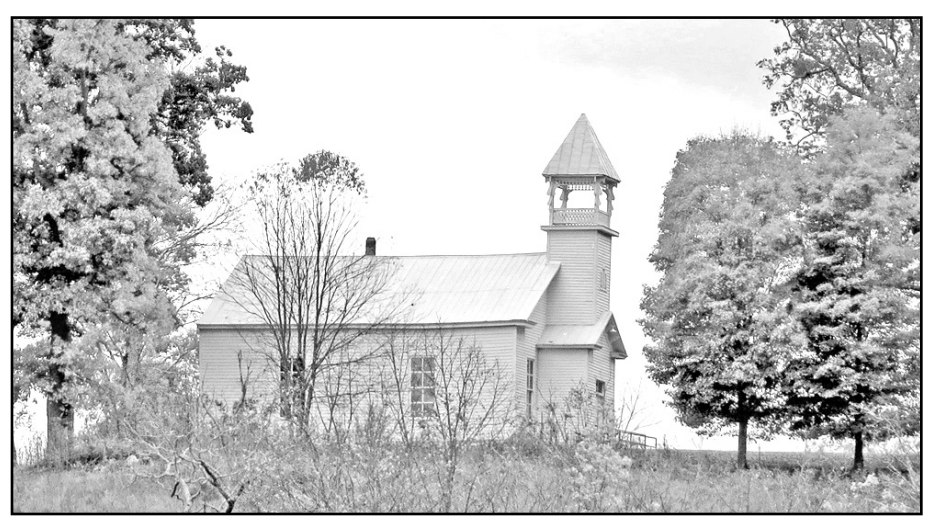
“It is my pleasure to recommend for your consideration Amanda Lucas who is the math teacher at Craig County High school,” the person who nominated Lucas stated. “She is knowledgeable and professional teacher who has taught multiple math courses in her career. She relates well to the students and is involved in all aspects of school environment. She is a personable, focused, and successful teacher whose students have been successful passing the state test. Amanda’s classes participate in each morning’s Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag. She will be a very good representative for this award.”

Lucas shared, “Thank you to our VFW! I am honored to receive this award. I truly love teaching math, my students, and this community.”

The Craig VFW Post 4491 held an honorary meeting and presented each teacher with a \$50 gift card for their continued service to the community and for caring for local students.

“Our teachers are the heartbeat of our students,” one person shared. “Their impact goes way beyond one classroom of teaching, and we greatly appreciate those who take their job seriously.”

Gravel Hill Christian Church has been added to National Register of Historic Places



The Gravel Hill Christian Church near Simmondsville was added to the National Register of Historic Places in December of 2022. The church is located on Gravel Hill Road, just off of Rt. 42. The building is of Folk Victorian architecture and dates back to 1855. Information on the church may be

found at www.dhr.virginia.gov/historic-registers/022-5048/
A detailed description of the architecture and history of the church is accessible from the above web page – click on Nomination Form PDF.

-Submitted by Ann G. Harrell

COUNTY OF CRAIG REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR AUDIT AND PRE-AUDIT

Pre-Audit:
The **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** of **CRAIG COUNTY** requests qualified, independent, certified public accountants to submit proposals to enter into a term contract to perform a pre-audit, consisting of preparing the necessary schedules to convert the County’s cash basis trial balance to an accrual basis in preparation for the County’s external annual financial statement audit for each of the fiscal years ended June 30, 2023 through June 30, 2026. (Renewable).

Audit:
The **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** of **CRAIG COUNTY** requests qualified, independent, certified public accountants to submit proposals to enter into a term contract to perform a financial audit for each of the fiscal years ended June 30, 2023 through June 30, 2026. (Renewable).

Sealed proposals will be received until 4:00 p.m. on January 25th, 2023.

Copies of the request for proposal may be obtained from the County Administrator’s office by calling their office at (540) 864-5010.

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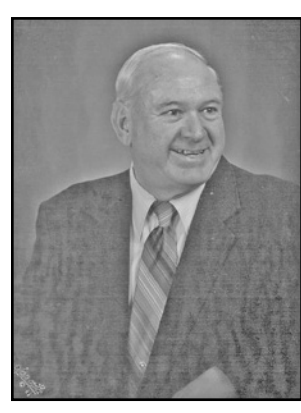
All inquiries for information should be directed to:

R. R. Dan Collins, County Administrator
County of Craig
Post Office Box 308, New Castle, Virginia 24127
(540) 864-5641

OBITUARY

Harden, Kenneth Lee

Kenneth Lee Harden, 80, passed away Monday, Jan. 2, 2023, with his daughters by his side. Kenneth was born Jan. 26, 1942, and lived in Craig County his entire life. He was preceded in death by his parents, Melvin and Margaret Harden; brother and sister-in-law, Bobby and Rebecca Harden; sister, Bonnie Harden; and brother-in-law, James Anderson.



last years of his life to have a wonderful caretaker, Juanita Bennett.

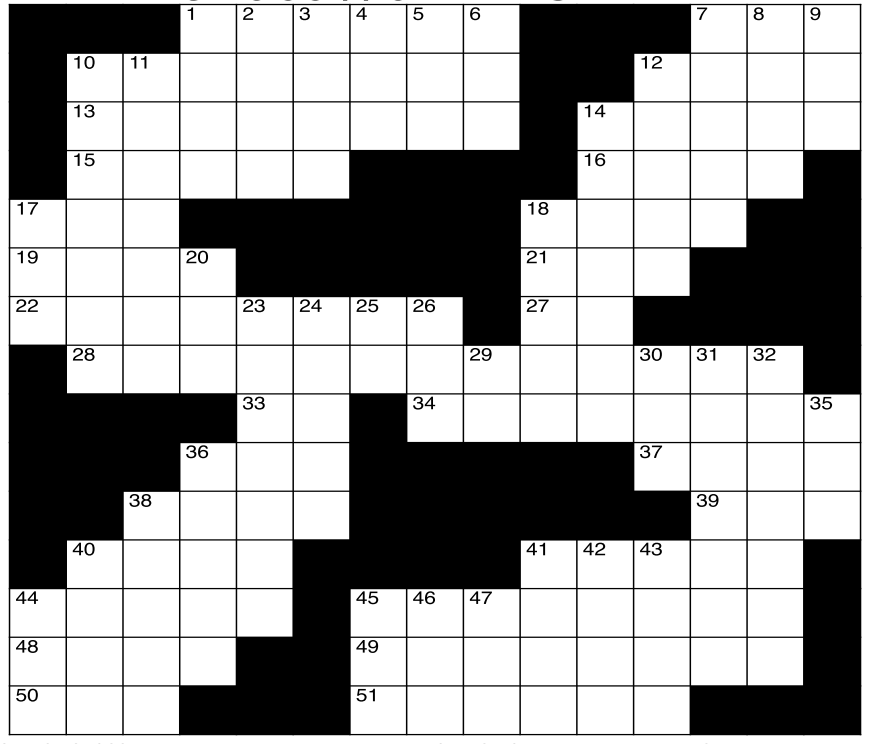
Kenneth retired from the Virginia Department of Transportation with 41 years of service. He loved hunting, running heavy equipment and the Yankees.

Funeral Services will be held 12 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, 2023 at Paitsel Funeral Home with Pastor Kevin Altizer officiating. Interment will follow at the Crossroads Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends at 11 a.m., one hour prior to the service.

He is survived by daughters, Jody Yearout (Dennis), Nicki Campbell (Brian), and Tammy Todd (Chris); four grandchildren, Caleb Todd, Emma Todd, Bristol Yearout, and Addison Yearout; sisters, Linda Strickler (Tommy) and Reta Anderson; and nephew, Keith Harden (Michelle). Kenneth was blessed in the

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Field of Dreams, PO Box 371, New Castle, VA 24127.
Arrangements by Paitsel Funeral Home: www.paitselfh.com

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



CLUES ACROSS
1. Respiratory disorder
7. Bulgarian mountain peak
10. Group of important people
12. South American nation
13. Amazes
14. ___-Castell, makers of pens
15. Perlman and Seehorn are two
16. Early medieval alphabet
17. Legislator (slang)
18. Tasty crustacean
19. Course of action
21. Airborne (abbr.)
22. Permanent church appointment
27. Larry and Curly’s pal

28. Famed American journalist
33. 12th letter of Greek alphabet
34. In a way, vanished
36. Afflict in mind or body
37. Egyptian Sun god
38. Source of the Blue Nile
39. Egyptian unit of weight
40. Be the source of pain
41. Esteemed award ___ d’Or
44. Partner to pains
45. Deep blue
48. No longer living
49. Country in the UK
50. Not even
51. Arizona city

CLUES DOWN
1. Wager
2. Classical portico
3. As a result
4. Bird
5. A type of “Squad”
6. Autonomic nervous system
7. Dish with food on a stick
8. City northwest of Provo
9. C. European river
10. One out of jail
11. Henry Clay estate
12. Heathen
14. Refrained
17. Parts per billion (abbr.)
18. “The Stranger” author
20. Not old
23. Periods of starvation
24. Language of tribe in India

25. Savings account
26. Pitching stat
29. Megabyte
30. Ribonucleic acid
31. A place to put your feet
32. The fun part of a week
35. We all have our own
36. Partner to “oohed”
38. African nation
40. Breezed through
41. Sets out
42. Other
43. Not fattening
44. “Much ___ about nothing”
45. Central Time
46. Former EU monetary unit
47. Charles S. Dutton sitcom



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OPINION

Library at work in 2022

Library Corner

Empowering individuals to build a stronger community

By Marge Lewter

Art partnership
Each month the library prepares an art project for the students at the Craig

County Child Care Center, ages infants to twelve years old. Michela Crawford, library assistant, has a great time coming up with new ideas. She and our high school volunteers assemble materials to deliver to the kids. The completed work is displayed at the library and contributes to the homey feel of our little

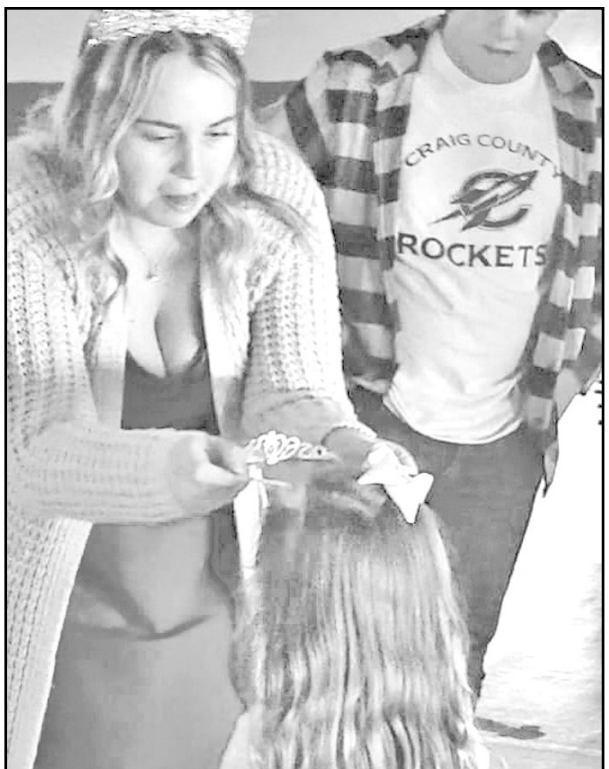
library.
Working together, we can make a difference and support our community, young and old.
Local business support
The library greatly appreciates the generosity of our local businesses that provided gift cards for the monthly raffles. These are Food County, The Emporium, Subway, Pine Top Restaurant and IGA Express.

Barn Quilts for Books
Our countryside is enhanced by the barn quilts designed and painted by our local artist and library supporter, Martha Dillard. After material costs are covered, Martha donates the remaining fee to the library. She reports that "it looks like I'll finish 18 of these this year, and 16 of them are not in Craig County! Love that broad support for our library!!"

Martha has painted 258 barn quilts to date and the funds have gone a long way in support of the library operations. Check out the website: www.barnquilts-forbooks.com
In summary
As always, thank you for your end-of-year donations and for using the little library. Come on by and see how much is packed into our four walls!
You can get books and

media absolutely free with your library card. All you have to do is show your ID with your Craig County address to get your library card. This gives you access to the interlibrary loan system and all of our online resources, too! Thank you to our many patrons, and volunteers.
If you have interest in becoming more involved as a board member or a volunteer, do "inquire within!"

JVG from page 1



Four-year-old Adelyn Dowdy, daughter of Jayke Dowdy, JVG teacher, and Morgan Dowdy, counselor at Craig County Middle School/Craig County High School, was chosen and crowned as little princess so that she could happily crown the king, queen and princesses.

that DSS was not going to do an angel tree this year, we knew that we wanted to come up with a way that we could help kids in our schools whose families who might be struggling a little bit financially this Christmas," shared Kim Wolfe. "And then we thought that maybe a fun way to raise money would be to bring back what some of us old school folks know, as the Snow Queen dance."
The Snow Queen Court was selected by vote. The senior class voted for three girls and three guys and then the underclassmen were selected by a panel based on a few criteria.
"They took matters into their own hands, and many joined together as the Snow Court, Coach Morgan Dowdy - Senior Sponsor and Jobs for Virginia Graduates teacher, Morgan Dowdy, and CCHS Office Staff to coordinate the Winter Wonderland Dance and bring back Snow Court," Morgan Dowdy, school counselor, shared.
The students who were nominated were challenged to collect change to raise money to fund their newly organized "Craig County Public Schools Christmas Store," which would provide gifts and clothes for the families in need.
"The court then decorated jars and placed them at local businesses where they could receive monetary donations and one penny equaled one vote," Wolfe added. "The guy and girl with the most

votes would be crowned as King and Queen."
The students raised almost \$2,400 and the JVG students went on a field trip Wednesday, Dec. 7, to shop for the students in need.
Some of the students shared their comments.
Colton Mabes said, "I thought the shopping trip was well organized and fun. It was different from other field trips - I came home feeling like I did something good."
Annabelle Gregory commented, "I really enjoyed it because I got to do something good for the community."
Lexxy Brookman added, "It felt really good to do something for kids in need."
"Also, we send a thank you to Farmers and Merchants Bank for counting all of the change for us as it was a lot! And thank you to the businesses who allowed the kids to set jars out on your counters," Wolfe said. "They say it takes a village to raise a child, thank you for being a part of our village as no donation was too small for any of these kids. They have the biggest hearts, and we are extremely proud of all of them. They are all winners in our eyes."
Students from Coach Dowdy's JVG class planned and decorated for the dance, along with several other students and Craig County High School office staff including, Mrs. Dowdy, Mrs. Hutton, Mrs. Wolfe, Mrs. Holtman, Mrs.

Blevins and Mrs. Stimeling.
For raising the most money, the 2022 Snow Queen was Karly Potter, who raised \$411.20, and the 2022 Snow King was Jaycob Wolfe, who raised \$350.54.
"The other girls on the court were crowned as Snow Princesses for their involvement in this philanthropic project," Dowdy shared.
Four-year-old Adelyn Dowdy, daughter of Jayke Dowdy, JVG teacher, and Morgan Dowdy, counselor at Craig County Middle School/Craig County High School, happily crowned the king, queen and princesses.
"We wish to send a big thank you to Coach Dowdy and his JVG students (especially Annabelle Gregory and Austin Hickson who went above and beyond to help) and CCHS office staff for planning, organizing, decorating, and executing the dance!" Dowdy said. "Thank you to the students on our Snow Court for all their hard work raising the money."
"Additionally, I would like to thank the Craig County community for their generosity with donations," Dowdy shared. "This was a wonderful example of how the school system and community can work together to achieve a goal!"
She added, "I think it was a wonderful night of wholesome, holiday fun! We had around 100 middle and high school students attend. I see this event as a great success all around and can't wait to make it an annual affair!"

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The Snow Dance Court students were Tyler Fitzpatrick, Makenzie Lucas, Casey Hutchinson, Jamie Ratliff, Karly Potter - Snow Queen, Jaycob Wolfe - Snow King, Alex Drake, Annabelle Gregory, Ashton Early, Eliza Muncy and Sara Jones.

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He said that Virginia's ability to "compete to win" starts with both corporate and individual taxes. He pointed to North Carolina's competitiveness because of its lowering of taxes. He added that the lowering of taxes sends a signal that "it's only going to get better, not worse."

A step towards lowering taxes Youngkin pointed to was "\$4 billion in tax cuts."

"It is time to compete to win. We've got to jam down that accelerator, get our foot off the brake and get going. The states to the south of us are competing every day, every day to win Virginians to move there, to win business decisions to locate there. I'll tell you, Virginia was built to win. We are going to compete to win—that is what our future looks like," Youngkin said. "We need to win...that means tackling two of our biggest and fundamental and intertwined problems—winning people and winning jobs."

A factor that contributes to competitiveness that Youngkin stressed is the need for shovel-ready sites for businesses that are considering locating in the commonwealth. "To support the recruitment and expansion of high-growth industries, the commonwealth requires massive investments to create shovel-ready sites," he said.

The lack of shovel-ready "mega sites," he said, has cost the commonwealth more than 55,000 jobs since 2016.

"Last year, we made incredible progress. We're going to build on it by taking Virginia to the next level," he said.

Del. Joe McNamara spoke prior to Youngkin. He touted some recent legislative initiatives.

"The grocery tax was eliminated as the result of Gov. Glenn Youngkin and the Republicans in the General Assembly," he said. "Gov. Youngkin the Republicans also nearly doubled your standard deduction."

McNamara also brought up the start of the new session of the General Assembly. "We have a lot of work ahead of us," he said.

John Batzel, president of Carter Machinery, also delivered remarks prior to Youngkin.

"Carter continues to grow," he said.

He talked about the company's growth, including the addition of more than 400 team members to the company's ranks. A significant number of the technicians who were hired were apprentice technicians. Many of the newly hired technicians were in attendance on Thursday.

"On behalf of Carter Machinery's 2,500-plus team members, it was truly our honor to host the Governor, his staff, local and regional political and business leaders, as well as family and friends," Batzel said. "Carter Machinery certainly understands the importance of a skilled, well-trained, committed workforce because our people are the key to the company's success, and more importantly, to our customers' success. We thank the governor for sharing his time, his plans, and his excitement today for growing business and jobs in Virginia."



During his speech, Youngkin discussed his desire to "compete to win."



Del. Joe McNamara, who represents Salem and Craig County, spoke prior to Youngkin's speech.



The event drew a large crowd at Carter Machinery's Machine Rebuild Center.

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However, aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews of the eligible veteran do not meet the "two generations" standard and are therefore not permitted to join the VFW Auxiliary.

Proof of the veteran's service to establish eligibility for membership rests with the applicant.

Information on a veteran's service record can be obtained by contacting the National Archives and Records Administration by calling 1.866.272.6272 or online at www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/.

"We are the voice of our veterans on Capitol Hill and are instrumental in assisting the VFW pass and block legislation that impacts veterans and their

families," the VFW site shares. "We are one of the top 10 providers of volunteer hours in the VA medical system. Every year, members fundraise millions of dollars for charitable projects that benefit veterans and their families. We also provide hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships for over nation's youth."

For more information about the meeting or to obtain an application, contact Commander Billy Lee at 540-798-3504 or Dawn Kuhn at 804-909-5792.

If those who are interested obtain the application ahead of time, they may bring it to the meeting with the proof of eligibility, if they wish to get the process started that day.

"We look forward to you joining our great organization," Kuhn added.

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Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 8.01-316,-317 Roanoke City Circuit Court **Case No. CL22-2363** Lynn Edward Craig V. Patricia Catherine Powers Craig The object of this suit is to: No-fault Divorce Complaint. It is ORDERED that Patricia Catherine Powers Craig appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before February 7th, 2023 Entered on 12/16/2022 By: Brenda S. Hamilton, Clerk

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316 CRAIG COMBINED COURT- JUVENILE **Case No JJ002185-16-00** Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court **Commonwealth of Virginia, in re EVANS, Mason Gray** The object of this suit scheduled to be heard on February 17, 2023 in the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court for Craig County located at 182 Main Street, New Castle, Virginia 24127 is to terminate the residual parental Rights of the father of Mason Gray Lucas Evans thought to be either Ryan Quinlin, Mark Evans, James Cook, or Unknown Father pursuant to Virginia Code Sections 16.1-283 B and C, and which child is seven (7) years of age and was born to Katlin Daniel Evans. Residual parental rights are defined in Section 16.1-228 of the Code of Virginia (1950, as amended) as the rights and responsibilities remaining with a parent after the parent loses custody of a child, including but not limited to the right to visitation, consent to adoption, the right to determine religious affiliation, and the responsibility for support. The termination of your residual parental rights will permanently end all of your rights and responsibilities to the child named in the petition. The ties between you and your child are severed forever and you become a legal stranger to the child. It is ORDERED that UNKNOWN FATHER appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 02/17/2023 10:30AM signed by Patty Taylor, Clerk 12/19/2022

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Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316 CRAIG COMBINED COURT- JUVENILE **Case No JJ002184-19-00** Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court **Commonwealth of Virginia EVANS, Mason Gray** The object of this suit scheduled to be heard on February 17, 2023 in the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court for Craig County located at 182 Main Street, New Castle, Virginia 24127 is to terminate the residual parental Rights of the father of Mason Gray Evans thought to be either Ryan Quinlin, Mark Evans, James Cook, or Unknown Father pursuant to Virginia Code Sections 16.1-283 B and C, and which child is seven (7) years of age and was born to Katlin Daniel Evans. Residual parental rights are defined in Section 16.1-228 of the Code of Virginia (1950, as amended) as the rights and responsibilities remaining with a parent after the parent loses custody of a child, including but not limited to the right to visitation, consent to adoption, the right to determine religious affiliation, and the responsibility for support. The termination of your residual parental rights will permanently end all of your rights and responsibilities to the child named in the petition. The ties between you and your child are severed forever and you become a legal stranger to the child. It is ORDERED that UNKNOWN FATHER appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 02/17/2023 10:30AM signed by Patty Taylor, Clerk 12/19/2022

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## ROCKETS BEAT TWO DISTRICT TEAMS ON THE COURT



**Drew Duncan blocks a shot in last week's win over Bath County.**



**Hayden Reynolds shoots a jumper against Eastern Montgomery last week.**



**Jaycob Wolfe defends the paint for the Rockets.**

The Craig County boys won two Pioneer District basketball games to open the new year and are now 2-1 in district play. Craig has three games this week, including two against Pioneer teams.

The week started with a 57-46 win over Eastern Montgomery in Elliston. The Rockets played without Zach Peters, who was ill, and Jaycob Wolfe played a limited amount due to stomach sickness. However, that didn't stop the Rockets from earning their first win of the season.

"This was our best team performance of the year so far," said coach Ryan Frazier. "We had a 20 point lead with four minutes remaining. East Mont pushed us hard down the stretch but we

pulled out the win. It was a good opportunity to learn how to close a game out, something we hadn't been in a position to do yet this year."

Matthew Lucas had 29 points on nine of 15 shooting from the field and nine for 11 from the line. Hayden Reynolds had 13 points and went three for seven from three point range along with four assists. Drew Duncan had seven points and seven rebounds and Talon Ritter stepped up and scored five points. Seth Parsons scored three and everyone contributed to the win.

A night later the Rockets were back at home and took a 40-38 win over Bath County.

"This was a tough win," said Frazier. "We struggled some with

back-to-back games. East Mont and Bath were both very physical and with a squad of our size it took a toll on us."

Lucas finished with 18 points. Duncan had seven points and six rebounds on the night while Wolfe chipped in with six points after being sick the night before. Jaycob had two big shots in the lane in the second half.

Ritter played significant minutes and helped handle the ball and rebound. Parsons was a huge spark in getting the win down the stretch with three steals and two assists.

"It was his pressure defense that forced several turnovers and rushed shots, especially in the second half," said Frazier of Parsons. "Seth showed

a lot of effort and energy that spread to the rest of the team, driving us to get the tight win over a district opponent."

Bath hit a free throw to go up a point with 50 seconds remaining but Lucas hit a shot with 25 seconds on the clock as Craig regained the lead. After a Bath miss Parsons was fouled with 0.7 seconds remaining and he was unable to shoot after being poked in the eye. Will Johnson stepped up cold and made one of two free throws to seal the game.

"Two great team performances," said Frazier of the 2-0 week.

Ryan is hoping to have everyone healthy and on board this week as the Rockets travel to Narrows on Tuesday for a district game, then come



**Matthew Lucas soars to the hoop to score in last week's game in New Castle.**

back home Friday to host Highland. On Saturday the Rockets are at Bland as both the jayvees and varsity play girls-

boys doubleheaders that were rescheduled from last week. The boys' varsity game is scheduled for 5 pm.

## GIRLS ARE AT GEORGE WYTHE TONIGHT



**Annabelle Gregory handles the ball against Eastern Montgomery.**



**Daileigh Donithan hits one of her two three-pointers against East Mont.**



**Kallie Fisher shoots a baseline jumper.**

The Craig County girls will try to bounce back this week after opening the new year with a basketball loss to a strong Eastern Montgomery team. The Mustangs beat Craig in New Castle last week, 61-22.

"East Mont is the number one team in the district and potentially will make a big run for states this year," said Craig girls' coach Brock Jones. "They have eight seniors on their roster out of nine total that they had. The Underwood girl for them is tough. She hit 24 on us and then Friday night I saw they beat Parry McCluer by 20 as well. They are the best team that we have played so far."

Not much went right for the Rockets in this game.

"We struggled a lot just from their experience," said Jones. "They probably shot 60 percent from the field and played great man defense and we couldn't counter much."

Daileigh Donithan led Craig with

six points, knocking down both of her three balls. Kallie Fisher and Annabelle Gregory had six points each as well.

The night wasn't a total loss as the jayvees beat East Mont by one point.

"I had two varsity players hang it up early during the break, so that hurt and put our numbers to seven girls," said Jones. "We basically have a jayvee team trying to play varsity this year. I wanted to make sure we fielded both teams this year but with the loss of two players and then a couple deciding not to play this year really hurt our numbers. On varsity I now have three freshmen, a sophomore, a junior and two seniors."

The Rockets were scheduled to play at home against Narrows on Tuesday. This Friday the girls had Highland on the schedule but they do not have the numbers for a varsity team so it will be jayvee only when the Rams come to New Castle.

"Seems to be the going rate," said

Jones. "Highland doesn't have a varsity girls' team and neither does Bath. Bath was credited from VHSL to allow their two seniors to play down on jayvee this year because their numbers were not there. We were almost in this boat, but I was able to talk to the freshmen and ask them to come up to allow us to field both this year."

Craig was able to play Kallie Fisher, Kammie Fisher, Daileigh Donithan and Madison Underwood on JV for the Bath game since the Chargers did not have a varsity and that really showed as the Rockets took a 44-6 jayvee win. Kailyn Jones, an eighth grader, had 17 points for the Rockets while Kammie Fisher had eight.

"It was great to see the girls working hard against most kids their age minus the two seniors that they had," said Jones. "But the experience of our younger ones who play varsity really showed the difference in jayvee and varsity ball."



**Coach Brock Jones talks to the Rocket girls during a timeout.**

## Red Sox pitcher drops the puck at Dawgs game

Zack Kelly, a Lord Botetourt graduate and current relief pitcher for the Boston Red Sox, drops the puck at the Roanoke Rail Yard Dawgs game against the Huntsville Havoc on New Year's Eve. Left is Huntsville captain Tyler Piacentini and Dawgs captain

Mac Jansen is on the right. The Rail Yard Dawgs lost this game but are currently in first place in the 11 team SPHL. Roanoke is at Fayetteville for two games this weekend but will return for home games with the Birmingham Bulls on January 20 and 21.



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