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WE SELL KEROSENE

Weekend activities open to teens in Craig

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

Though Craig County does not have all the amenities for teens like the surrounding counties, one group is reaching out to offer fun, socialization and some good eating to local teens.

Last year, Cornerstone Church in New Castle started a Sunday evening get-together at the Craig County School's cafeteria. It is still going strong.

In fact, several teens deem it their Sunday evening "place to be."

The group's mission is:

"Cornerstone Church desires to see our community youth have a place to belong, believe, and become. A place to BELONG, calling them to something greater than themselves. A place to BELIEVE and discover the truth and grace of Jesus Christ. A place that encourages them to discover their purpose and BECOME all they were created to be."

"We intend to foster an atmosphere where teens want to be, friends gather to have fun, and create a safe place to ask questions to grow in the truth and knowledge of who God is and who He says we are. We have seen much success gathering at the school on Sundays last semester," Pastor David Brown shared. "A special shout out to Brenda Bostic and her hospitality team! They prepared incredible meals every week! We have a committed team of volunteer leaders investing in this ministry each week."

However, due to the recreation leagues using the facility on Sundays for January and February, they are shifting to some-

thing different.

"The new schedule includes opportunities for teens to make friends, serve the community, learn new life skills, and grow spiritually," Brown added. "One Sunday each month, our focus will be on equipping teens with life skills. Many professionals are willing to give of their time on a Sunday evening to hang out with our teens and teach a life skill."

Some of these include finance budgeting, basic car mechanics and maintenance, electrical wiring, HVAC basics, cooking from scratch, agricultural tips and opportunities to learn a musical instrument.

Therefore, due to not being able to continue to use the school cafeteria, these upcoming activities will be at Cornerstone Church, located on Route 311, diagonally across the road from the Craig Fairgrounds (next to where they are working on the bridge construction).

"Encourage your youth to join us!" Brown shared. "Times and details will be shared on social media."

The upcoming schedule will be:

Jan. 22 - Food, Games, & Life Skills

Jan. 29 - Community Serve Day

Feb. 5 - Superbowl Party

Feb. 12 - Food, Games, & Life Skills

Feb. 19 - Food, Games, Youth Worship, & Small Groups

Feb. 26 - Community Serve Day

Follow them on Facebook at CornerstoneChurchNewCastle or Instagram at cornerstonechurch_newcastle for more information or contact David Brown at (540) 765-0262 or davidbrownoffice@gmail.com.

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PHOTO BY PAM DIDDING

Last year, Cornerstone Church - New Castle started an evening of fun and fellowship for teens in Craig County. They are continuing in 2023, with a slight change of schedule until they can get the school back, meeting at the church for January and February.

CCHS Booster Club asks for help



PHOTO BY PAM DIDDING

The Craig County High School Booster Club needs volunteers to help at its concession stand at the gymnasium. Those interested in volunteering can do so for a whole game, half or even just for a quarter. Games are Tuesday Jan. 17 - 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m., Friday Feb. - 3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. and Saturday Feb. 4 - 3:30 p.m. Assistance from the community helps the club raise funds needed for the team. Those who want to help out but can't volunteer can also donate items to be sold. Contact Dina Hutchison at (540) 525-1825 or Angie Spence at (540) 206-6968, or reach out on social media for more info.

Craig County residents help each other



ABOVE: Members of the Rockets football team recently read books to the McCleary Elementary students. They shared that it was a lot of fun, and they enjoyed their time with the younger kids. Coach Dowdy added, "I believe that our job is to not just win games but help turn the community's boys into young men." Pictured are: Nicholas All, Isaiah Nichols, Samuel Saunders, Isaiah Garey, Carter Calfee, C.J. Armes, Trevyn Francisco, Zachary Peters, Tyler Fitzpatrick, Coach Jayke Dowdy and Alex Drake. Bryce Drake was not pictured.

LEFT: Seven dozen eggs were set out by the road on Route 311 last week, for those who were in need to take for free. The only request from the giving family was that each only take one dozen so that many could be fed that needed them.

COURTESY PHOTOS

Workshops open to job-seeking teens at Virginia Career Works

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

Help for today's teens in obtaining a job and in keeping it is now being offered by the Greater Roanoke Workforce Development Board.

Though Craig County High

School teaches some of these topics in classes, for those who would like additional information or do not have the class, these may be of great assistance.

Ashley Pannell, the career pathways coordinator with the Greater Roanoke Workforce Development Board, shared that

she is reaching out to ask for the community's help to spread the word about their free workshops.

They are called "Work It" workshops.

"We are hosting a series of workshops for youth jobseekers 16 years old and older to pre-

pare them for the workforce," Pannell said. "We will teach the youth how to build resumes, advocate for themselves professionally, money management and so much more."

For many who have obtained jobs, they know that a good written resume, punctuality in

appointments and good communication skills can accelerate a person to a better paying job much quicker.

These workshops will be held at 5 p.m. each Tuesday at Virginia Career Works, 3601 Thirland

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Radon awareness

As cold weather has us spending more time indoors, public health leaders have designated January as Radon Action Month. You can't see, smell or taste radon, but it could be present at a dangerous level in your home. Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer deaths among non-smokers, claiming the lives of about 21,000 Americans each year. Residents can protect their health by testing the indoor air in their homes.

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that comes from rocks and dirt in the ground and escapes into the air everywhere. Radon exposure doesn't cause any immediate symptoms, so it is very easy for people to be unaware that they are being exposed. Current and former smokers are much more vulnerable to radon exposure than people who have never smoked. Because radon is a colorless, odorless gas that cannot be detected with your senses, testing is the only way to know if you have high radon levels in your home.

Nearly half of all homes in Southwestern Virginia are vulnerable to high levels of radon, but the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) has found high levels of radon in homes in every Virginia county. Homes in the same neighborhood can have differing levels of radon indoors, so the U.S. Surgeon General encourages every household to have their home tested regardless of geographic location or type of foundation of your home. Your chances of getting lung cancer from radon depend mostly on:

How much radon is in your home
The amount of time you spend in your home
Whether you are a

smoker or have ever smoked

Exposure to radon is a preventable health risk. Testing radon levels in your home can help prevent unnecessary exposure. If a high radon level is detected in your home, radon problems are almost always fixable with corrective steps to protect your household.

Things You Can Do During National Radon Action Month:

Testing is easy and inexpensive. Learn more about testing your home, including how to obtain an easy-to-use test kit from VDH for \$3 per kit at vdhradon.org. Kits are also for sale at most home improvement stores or online.

Already have a radon mitigation unit in your house? Units should be tested at least every two years, or more often if living arrangements change, such as turning a basement into livable space suitable for occupancy.

Spread the word about Radon Action Month by encouraging others to learn about radon and how to test their homes.

Plan an activity in your community to help raise awareness of the importance of testing.

Building a home? Learn more about construction techniques that help prevent radon from entering a home that are practical and straightforward for any builder.

Because radon is a leading environmental cause of cancer mortality in the United States, it is imperative that residents are informed about the health risks of extended radon exposure. Protect yourself and your family by getting your home tested!

*-Christie Wills,
Communications officer
Roanoke City &
Alleghany Health Districts*

Frango recognized for 28 years of service



PHOTO BY PAM DUDDING

Correction: The Jan. 4 issue of The New Castle Record incorrectly stated Darrell Frango was recognized for 20 years of service to Craig County Public Schools. It should have said 28 years of service instead. -The New Castle Record

Cornerstone Church



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Museum talk to discuss the restoration of the Warm Springs Pools

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After years of sustained advocacy efforts at the grassroots and state level, the historic Warm Springs Pools, also known as the Jefferson Pools, reopened for public bathing in December.

On Jan. 19 at 7 p.m., Julie Langan, the director of the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, will present a talk about the strategies and tools employed by various stakeholders who fought to save these iconic structures. She will describe how the bathhouses, a key component of the Bath County economy, transitioned from a preservation emergency to a preservation success.

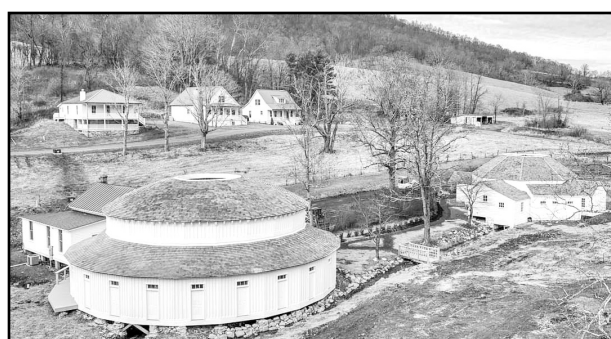
The talk is part of the Salem Museum Speaker Series and will be presented on Zoom only. The link will be posted on the museum's website, salem-museum.org, on the morning of the event. The talk will also be recorded and available via the museum's website after the talk.

"Before our hometown hero Andrew Lewis was a general, he was a surveyor and the first to survey Bath County's warm springs. He was also an early investor in the first hotel on the site. Today, the Warm Springs Pools at the Omni Homestead Hotel are a favorite getaway location for many in the Roanoke Valley, but preserving the iconic bathhouses that draw visitors to "take the waters" is a real challenge," Frances Ferguson, executive director of the museum and historical society, said.

The first recorded survey of the area was done by Andrew Lewis and his father

who obtained 140 acres of land that included the warm springs. Lewis was an early partner in the venture to build the first hotel on the site in 1766. The original octagonal stone basin that held water for bathing was built in 1761, establishing it as the first spa structure in America.

Over time, the hotel built a reputation as a luxurious, secluded retreat. Many prominent Americans visited in order to experience both a physical and spiritual rejuvenation. The most significant of these guests included Thomas Jefferson, who stayed at the hotel in 1818.



COURTESY OF SALEM MUSEUM

The talk will focus on how the bathhouses, a key component of the Bath County economy, transitioned from a preservation emergency to a preservation success.

Guests are once again able to "take the waters" at the historic Warm Springs Pools, now part of The Omni Homestead Resort. The bathhouses reopened in December, following the completion

of a 14-month, \$4 million rehabilitation.

Langan is also the state historic preservation officer for the Commonwealth of Virginia. First appointed as acting director by Gov. Bob McDonnell, she has been reappointed by governors McAuliffe, Northam and Youngkin. In this position, Langan manages one of the largest state preservation offices in the country and oversees a dozen state and federal preservation programs.

Langan has twice been on the staff of the department for a combined total 25 years. Immediately prior to her appointment, Langan served as the department's deputy director for preservation programs.

Langan has a graduate degree in architectural history from the University of Virginia and an undergraduate degree in art history from Wheaton College in Massachusetts.

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Road, Suite 2, in Roanoke. The topics will be on Tuesdays, starting in January and running until May:

- Resume Building - Jan. 10
- Successful Application Completion - Jan 24
- Dress Code: How to Properly Present Self Through Wardrobe - Feb. 7
- Property and Policies:

- Reinforcing your Company's Guidelines - Feb. 21
- Pushing P in Punctuality - Mar. 7
- Professional Expression: How to Adequately Communicate in the Workplace - Mar. 21
- Tool Belt of Skills: Learning How to Identify Skills - April 4
- Ace that Interview! - April 18
- Building Relation-

- Networking vs. Inappropriate Workplace Relationships - May 2
- I'm Paid! Now What? Financial literacy - May 16

Those with questions about attending or the workshops may reach Pannell at (540) 520-5218 or ashley@greaterroanokeworks.com | www.greaterroanokeworks.com.

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DAR recognizes deserving students

Craig Valley Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution held its annual Christmas luncheon and awards ceremony Dec. 10 at the Old Brick Hotel in New Castle. Bountiful food and seasonal decorations by New Castle Garden Club made for a festive event.

The highlight of the event was the recognition of two deserving Craig County High School seniors. The DAR Good Citizen award was presented to Hannah Ratliff, an athlete in multiple sports, past district champion in cross country and demonstrated leader and volunteer. Ratliff plans to attend Virginia Western Community College through the CCAP program and then transfer to Radford University to pursue degrees in nursing and child psychology. She was accompanied by her parents, Brandon and Chris Ratliff, her sister Tiffany, and grandparents, Jerry and Rhonda Lipes and Eugene and Terry Ratliff.

This award is given annually by chapters across the country to high school seniors who exhibit traits of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism. The selection was made by school faculty led by Meagan Dowdy, a guidance counselor. Stacey Crowder, who taught Ratliff in both middle and high school, represented the faculty and Dowdy at the luncheon.

For the first time, Craig Valley Chapter presented



COURTESY PHOTO

Pictured from left to right are Diane Givens, Youth Citizenship Medal presenter, Skyler Rodrigues, recipient of the DAR Youth Citizenship Medal, Tina Crawford, chapter regent, Hannah Ratliff, the 2022 DAR Good Citizen recipient, and Jackie Taylor, chair of the Good Citizen Committee.

the DAR Youth Citizenship Medal, which recognizes high school students who display characteristics of honor, service, courage, leadership and patriotism. The recipient was Skyler Rodrigues, who has had an exemplary high school career while volunteering in multiple organizations. He plans to attend

Virginia Western Community College in the fall. Rodrigues's grandmother is Mary Page Cosby, also in attendance. She is a charter member of Craig Valley Chapter and past chair of the Good Citizen Committee.

The luncheon concluding with a celebration of the chapter's 15 anniversa-

ry. While slices of birthday cake were enjoyed, guests and members read from 25 birthday cards each listing the service projects of a particular year. With current membership at 31, the chapter continues to grow with Craig Valley Daughters who wish to honor and preserve their family history.

DAR is a women's service organization dedicated to promoting historic preservation, education, and patriotism. Membership is open to any woman, 18 years of age or older, who can document her lineage to an ancestor who aided the cause of American independence in the 1770's. Resources

are available to help prospective members through the application process.

For more information, visit www.dar.org or contact Craig Valley officers Tina Crawford at 540-864-6216 or Margaret Hines at 540-864-8447.

-Submitted by Craig Valley, NSDAR

Pastor of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church passed earlier this month

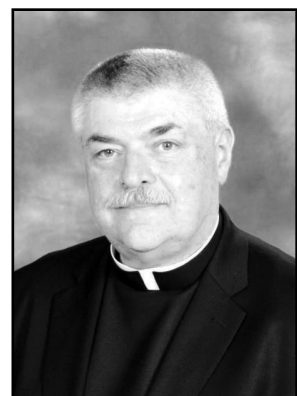
The Rev. Father Stephen J. McNally, 69, of Fincastle and pastor of Church of the Transfiguration (Fincastle) and St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church (New Castle) passed away unexpectedly Wednesday, Jan. 4, according to a tribute released last week by the Church of the Transfiguration.

Father McNally was born April 10, 1953 in Bronx, New York and was the son of the late Joseph L. and Ida Callegari McNally. He enjoyed a good bargain, good food and especially good company.

After being ordained a deacon on May 19, 1984, Father McNally was assigned to the Campus Ministry at the Catholic University of American in Washington, D.C. He

then served as deacon at Our Lady of Nazareth Catholic Church in Roanoke from 1985 to 1986. Following ordination to the Priesthood May 17, 1986, he served as associate pastor of Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Virginia Beach and St. Bede Catholic Church in Williamsburg.

His first assignment as pastor was from 1991-1995 at St. Paschal Catholic Church in South Boston and St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church in Brookneal. From 1995-2001, Father McNally was stationed at The United States Embassy in Bonn, Germany as the chaplain to The United States Mission while serving the St. Thomas More Catholic Community.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Rev. Fr. Stephen McNally served as pastor of the Church of the Transfiguration in Fincastle since 2009 and was also the chaplain of the Fincastle Fire Department and Roanoke Police Department.

After finishing his overseas tour in 2001, Father McNally was named pastor of Holy Name of

Mary Catholic Church in Bedford where he stayed until June 2009 when became pastor of the Church of the Transfiguration in Fincastle and St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in New Castle. In February 2011, he was given pastoral oversight of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Clifton Forge and Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Covington.

Father McNally served as national chaplain of The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; chaplain of the Father Lynch Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, chaplain of Fincastle Fire Department and chaplain of Roanoke Police Department, and formerly as one of the public safety chaplains of

Bedford County.

In addition to his parents, Father McNally was preceded in death by his brother, Terry McNally, on December 4, 2022. He is survived by his sister, Jean (Sal) Macedonio of Stony Brook, New York; brothers: Tim (Donna) McNally of Patchogue, New York, and Matthew (Lynn) McNally of Massapequa, New York; nephews and nieces: Joe (Michelle) McNally, Christina McNally, Cara Macedonio, Anna Macedonio, Daniela McNally, Timothy McNally, Kate McNally, and Emily McNally; and his sister-in-law, Mey McNally of Queens Village, New York.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Tuesday, Jan. 17 at Our Lady of

Nazareth Roman Catholic Church, 2505 Electric Road, Roanoke with The Most Rev. Barry C. Knestout officiating with brother priests of the Diocese of Richmond concelebrating. Burial will be in Godwin Cemetery in Fincastle.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Church of the Transfiguration Capital Building Fund, 7624 Roanoke Road, Fincastle, 24090, or to St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 99 Second Street, New Castle, 24127.

Online condolences may be made to Father McNally's family at www.rader-funeralhome.com/tributes/Stephen-McNally.

-The New Castle Record

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OPINION

Encourage reading: Create a reading nook

Library Corner

Empowering individuals to build a stronger community
By Michaela Crawford

Did you have a spot where you spent countless hours reading when you were a child? I found solace in my bathroom closet atop all the extra linens and towels. It was and still is an awesome space. The area I loved was directly under our attic stairs, leav-

ing the ceiling sloped and one corner of the closet at a much lower height than the rest of the closet. I loved (and I'm sure I still would to this day) to pile up in that corner atop all the extra linens and read a book. More times than I could count, my mama would find me in the said closet taking a book nap.

You may be familiar with some of the age-old methods utilized since the dawn of the written word to encourage readers. These methods

such as being a good role model, introducing them to libraries, reading with and to your child, etc., are tried and true. However, a method I believe is often overlooked, is creating a space conducive to reading.

Recently, I cleaned out a large cabinet that I had repurposed into a bookshelf. The large bottom cabinet was left empty. My youngest son took some toys and hopped right in that bottom cabinet. He played quietly for well over an hour. Racing his hot wheels, reading books, and playing with legos. Extremely basic, an empty cabinet with

leftover Christmas lights, a blanket, and a pillow to sit on, but to my five and seven-year-old it was a bat cave, a spaceship, and a fort.

That very same night I gently broke the news to my husband, I had officially farmed out more space for our children. That's right, my mama heart could not fill that cabinet back up with books when my sweet babies had found a space they love. And to be quite honest, I love their space too. I love the giggles, and how their eyes lit up when they saw their newly completed space, and

how they can create a fantastical world inside of a cabinet in our living room.

My whole point is to step outside of the lines and get creative when encouraging your child to read. Instead, take a moment and get creative! Make a blanket fort, put up a small tent, keep that refrigerator box and grab some crayons, let them lay in your extra large suitcase with a blanket and their teddy bear. Wherever and whatever it is, encourage them to find their space and help create it. In the words of perhaps the most well-known children's book author,

Dr. Seuss, "You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax, all you need is a book!"

Like and follow our Facebook page to stay up to date on all of the library news and events. Look for our new monthly early literacy calendars and check out one of our book kits! Book kits contain children's books with a common theme and fun activities related to the books. Join us at the Andrew Lewis Middle School craft and vendor show on Feb. 18 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. where we will have free books and dip sales. Admission is free.

News from the 9th



Morgan Griffith
Representative

Unfortunately, southwest Virginia has also experienced these rising energy costs. In November of last year, folks in my district saw their utility bills increase, due to a petition filed by American Electric Power (AEP), which operates Appalachian Power Company (APCo).

In September, AEP/APCo petitioned the Virginia State Corporation Commission (SCC) to increase its fuel factor – the money necessary to recoup their costs for fuel, etc. The company said they would need to raise rates to recover approximately

\$279 million in revenue over a two-year period. According to AEP/APCo, the proposed rate change would result in a Virginia residential customer, who uses 1,000 kWh/month, to experience an average of \$20.17 increase to their bill. That's a whopping 15.8%.

The SCC granted AEP/APCo a temporary rate increase on November 1, 2022, stating they would review the increase and make a final decision in early 2023.

Common-sense tells us that for the winter months, when bills tend to be higher due to more energy usage, southwest Virginia residents will see increases way above \$20. And that's exactly what happened. In December, the SCC heard from AEP/APCo customers, who voiced concerns about their higher electricity bills through public comment. One customer stated, "We cannot afford to heat our home this winter because our bill is over \$250, and we keep our heat at 58 degrees in the winter."

Another customer's public comment indicated they were going to have to turn to batteries and lanterns in order to cut their energy bill because it was so unaffordable.

For many families on tight budgets, including those who live in my district, these higher prices inevitably mean having to choose between what bills they can afford to pay. Some families won't be able to pay them all and will have to choose between feeding their children, buying needed medicine, or keeping their house warm at night.

In a letter sent by the National Energy Assistance Directors' Association to Senate and House leadership in September, the association stated, "About 29% of Americans who were surveyed had to reduce or forego expenses for basic household necessities to pay an energy bill in the last year, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's Pulse Survey."

This is unacceptable. Why have we seen heating bills increase an exorbitant amount this

winter? The reason is clear: bad energy and economic policies have caused energy prices to rise.

Two years into the Biden Administration and the effects of their energy policies are on full display. On his very first day in office, President Biden signed an executive order revoking the presidential permit for the Keystone XL pipeline, which would have transported fuel from Canada into the United States. Not long after, he signed an executive order suspending all new oil and gas leases on federal lands and waters. Both actions were designed to be anti-fossil fuel, hampering domestic oil and gas production from the start.

And it's not just Biden. During the last two years, we saw a \$10 trillion increase in spending thanks to legislation passed by the Democratic-controlled House and Senate. This astronomical increase in spending led to the highest inflation the U.S. has seen in 40 years, peaking at 9.1% in June 2022.

American families faced increasing costs across the board, everything from food to fertilizer to fuel. In December, year-over-year, fuel oil was up 41.5%, while electricity was up 14.3%.

Here in Washington, Republicans are focused on bringing down costs for Americans. During our second week back, I participated in a Republican House Energy and Commerce Committee roundtable, where we discussed these high energy prices, the burden it is putting on families and small business owners across the country, and what we can do here in Washington to help.

It's time to bring down the cost of energy for Americans by enacting common-sense energy policies that encourage domestic energy development and incentivize increased production. In Congress, it's up to us – the new Republican majority in the House – to rein in spending and put forth responsible economic policies that work toward tapering inflation.

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Upcoming public meetings in Craig County

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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:

UPCOMING LANE CLOSURES: 24-hour lane closures northbound are being scheduled for upcoming bridge repairs.

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 though 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 WILIAMSON 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 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.

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.

BOUQUET 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.

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 late spring 2023.

TRAFFIC SWITCH: Traffic is 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.

New Castle residents on SNHU President's List

MANCHESTER, N.H. – Southern New Hampshire University recently announced that two New Castle students have been named to its President's List for the fall 2022 semester, which ran from September to December.

Castle, and Kristen Lowe, of New Castle, were both named to the list.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earn-

ing 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

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Everyone is welcome!</p> <p>CRAIG VALLEY BAPTIST 171 Salem Avenue, New Castle, 864-5667; Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m., Wednesday: Prayer Service and Bible Study 7:00 p.m., Youth Group 6:30-8:00PM, Bible Buddies at 6:30-8:00PM. Transportation provided - call the church. Hearing devices also available. www.craigvalleybaptist.com</p> <p>CRAIG VALLEY GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP HWY 621, Pastor Roy Lee Law Jr., "Jay", 864-8984. Sunday School 10:00am; Worship 11:00am., Wednesday night Bible study 7pm, from HWY 311, up HWY 621, 8 miles on left.</p> <p>CROSSROADS CHURCH 21892 Craigs Creek Road, New Castle. Pastor Gary Burch. 864-7520. Sunday School- 10-10:45AM, Sunday Worship - 11AM-Noon.</p> <p>FIRST BAPTIST Pastor Kevin Altizer, Corner of Main Street & Boyd Ave., New Castle. Church phone 864-5919. Sunday School 10:00AM, Sunday Worship 11:00AM and 6PM. Wednesday Evening Bible Study 7PM, Youth Group</p>	<p>7:00PM, Reformers Unanimous Addiction Recovery every Friday evening at 7PM.</p> <p>GRACE ASSEMBLY OF GOD 5530 Catawba Valley Drive, Catawba, VA, 540-384-7075. Pastor Lorraine Taylor, agladypastor@msn.com. Sunday service begins at 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday Evening service at 7:00 p.m.; Youth (ages 13-18) & Super Church (ages 4-12) Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. You can also watch on Facebook Live at 10:30 a.m. www.graceassemblycatawaba.org</p> <p>GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH 159 Old Railroad Ave, New Castle, 540-864-PRAY, Sunday School 9:30AM, Sunday Worship Service 10:00AM, Wednesday Night Services 7:00PM.</p> <p>HEBRON UNITED METHODIST Pastor Rodney Longmire, Rt. 606, 1981 Caldwell Mt. Rd., New Castle, 540- 400-3419. Worship 11:15AM. LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST Rev. Lee Looney, Rt. 311 N., New Castle. Sunday: Sunday School 10AM, 11AM, & 6PM. Wednesday Bible Study 7PM.</p> <p>LEVEL GREEN CHRISTIAN CHURCH 3388 Cumberland Gap Rd. Newport, Duane Wente, Minister, 540-544-7179. Sunday School 10:00am, Sunday Morning Worship 11:00am, Children's Church 11:00am. Choir Practice, bi-weekly 7:00pm, Ladies meeting first Monday of each month at 7:00pm.</p> <p>LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST Pastor Lee Looney, Rt. 311 N., New Castle, 540-525-7662. Sunday: Sunday School 10AM, 11AM, & 6PM. Wednesday Bible Study 7PM.</p> <p>MOUNTAIN VIEW CHRISTIAN 4199 Craig Valley Drive, New Castle, 864-6622. Sunday: Worship Service 9:00 a.m., Children's Church 9:15 a.m., Sunday School 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>NEW CASTLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH "WHERE YOUR HEART CAN FEEL THE DIFFERENCE" 282 Salem Ave., New Castle; 864-5212; Pastor Bill Frazier. Sunday Service: 10 A.M.; Wednesday night Bible study at 6:00 P.M. for K-5; if you need a ride to church, please contact Calvin Duncan by 8 P.M. on Saturday at 864-5321; www.nc-cc.org.</p>	<p>NEW CANTERBURY PENTECOSTAL FELLOWSHIP Pastor John D. Abbott, Hwy 621 (10 miles), phone: 864-8242, Sunday Prayer 10:00-10:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday Service 6:00 pm.</p> <p>PAXTON CHAPEL Pastor Kenny Davis, 17 Sage Brush Lane, New Castle; "Presenting God's Word Faithfully"; Sunday School 10:00 AM; Sunday Worship Service 11:15 AM; visit us on the web at www.paxtonchapelchurch.com; email at paxtonchapel@yahoo.com.</p> <p>THE CHURCH OF CHRIST 118 Main Street, New Castle. Service Times: Sunday, Bible classes-10 a.m., Worship-11:00 a.m., Evening Worship-6 p.m.; Wednesday, Bible classes - 7 p.m.</p> <p>NEW CASTLE UNITED METHODIST Rev. San Kang, 364 Main St., New Castle, Va. Sunday School 10AM, Worship 11AM; UMW 3rd Wednesday@1PM, Youth and other programs, Bible Studies.</p> <p>ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH 99 2nd Street, New Castle. Rev. Stephen McNally. 540-473-3691. Mass is on Sunday at 11:15 AM.</p> <p>CRAIG COUNTY COMMUNITY CHURCH - 'WELCOME HOME!' Sunday service 9-10:15am at the VFW building in New Castle. Casual dress if you desire and contemporary praise and worship. If you don't have a "home" church, please join us at ours with Pastor Gary Burch. Check us out on facebook or contact us at: craigcountycommunity-church@gmail.com.</p> <p>ST. THOMAS ANGLICAN CHURCH Located at 4910 Hubert Rd, NW Roanoke, Va. Traditional Liturgical Lenten Services, Sunday at 10:30 am. Call (540) 589-1299 or visit www.sttfc.org for midweek masses and events. (In Roanoke, go E on Hershberger, L on Hubert to 4910).</p>
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General Information

Historical Society Owes Cabin Man

To whom it may concern By Roger Davis. In 2018, I contracted restoring a cabin for the Craig County Historical Society. I was presented with an appraisal that stated the cabin was 80% complete. After starting the foundation, I was able to inspect the cabin materials. The logs were in very bad condition due to being stored for 20 some odd years with three other deteriorating cabins. The termites had destroyed a lot of the logs, this was going to require a lot of extra work and materials. After discussing this with several historical society members and notifying them that there would be an extra charge to this restoration, I was told to continue. This project went from a restoration to a total rebuild. I had to collect parts and pieces of other structures from all around the county, including a large log barn that I had to demo and dismantle. I have restored about 20 of these cabins this one being the most difficult I have ever done. Restoration time is usually about 6 months for one of these cabins, this one took almost a year. After completing this project, I submitted a bill for \$5000 dollars for extra time and labor. The Craig County Historical Society voted and approved but two of the Historical Society members decided I did not deserve this and I was not paid. The two Historical Society members were disrespectful and hard to work with throughout the whole project. I restored the other cabin in town about 20 years ago with no problems. The Holstein cabin will stand for many years as a testament to my hard work and skills- I believe I should be paid for it. I want to give special thanks to the people that contributed to this project: Rob Bradley, Rob Givings, Mary & Pete Hutchinson, Joel Johnston, Randy Zimmerman, Ed Mattox, and Karen Barnheart.

Legals - City of Salem

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

Notice

is hereby given to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem, at its regular meeting on Monday, January 23, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:
1. Consider the request of the City of Salem, property owner, for rezoning the property of 1900 block of Mill Lane (Tax Map # 179 - 2 - 1.1) from AG Agriculture District to LM Light Manufacturing District.
2. Consider the request of Charles N. Dorsey, property owner, for rezoning the property of 1900 Mill Lane (Tax Map # 179 - 2 - 1) from AG Agriculture District and RSF Residential Single-Family District to RSF Residential Single-Family District.

Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia. At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA

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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, JACOB LUCAS 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 Jacob Lucas Evans thought to be either Ryan Quinlin, Mark Evans, Kevin Scott Minnix, or Unknown Father pursuant to Virginia Code Sections 16.1-283 B and C, and which child is five (5) 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

Legals - Craig County

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

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316 CRAIG COMBINED COURT- JUVENILE **Case No JJ002184-18-00** 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 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 James Cook 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

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF PROPERTY

3692 Alleghany Spring Road, Shawsville, VA 24162 Tax Map No. 112- A 58C, Parcel No. 140170 In execution of a Deed of Trust dated April 26, 2007, in the principal amount of \$123,731.30, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia, of record as Instrument Number 2007004988 and corrected in Instrument Number 2011007896, Woods Rogers Vandeventer Black PLC, Trustee, will offer for sale at public auction outside the main entrance of the Montgomery County Circuit Court, 55 East Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073, on February 9, 2022 at 12:00 noon, the property described in said Deed of Trust lying in Montgomery County, Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:
All that certain tract or parcel of land, with all improvements thereon and appurtenances belonging, lying in the Shawsville Magisterial District of Montgomery County, Virginia, being more particularly described as New Tract A1, containing 2.478 Acres, as shown on that certain plat entitled, "PARTIAL SURVEY AND MINOR SUBDIVISION FOR JONATHAN D. LINKOUS SHOWING THE RESUBDIVISION OF NEW TRACT "A" (3.518 Ac.) AND CREATING NEW TRACT A1 (1.040 Ac.) AND NEW TRACT A2 (2.478 Ac.) SITUATE ON ALLEGHANY SPRINGS ROAD," dated February 25, 2007, Job No. 1847, prepared by David A. Perfater of DOC Land Surveying, LLC, which plat is recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, Montgomery County, Virginia, in Plat Book 27, page 78. TOGETHER WITH New 40' Ingress/Egress Easement as shown on the above mentioned survey of record in Plat Book 27, page 78. Pursuant to Section 8.9A-604 of the Virginia Code, a 2007 Oakwood Manufactured Home, Serial No. RIC241988NCAB will be sold with the real property. TERMS: Cash - Bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sales price by cashier's or certified check may be required. Balance of purchase price shall be due and payable not later than ten (10) days after sale. WOODS ROGERS VANDEVENTER BLACK PLC, Trustee For Information Contact: Woods Rogers Vandeventer Black PLC, P.O. Box 14125, Roanoke, VA 24038-4125, Telephone: 540-983-7729

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HIGHLAND EDGES ROCKETS IN BOYS' BASKETBALL

The Craig County boys lost a heartbreaker to Highland County last Friday, dropping a 62-60 decision in a Pioneer District game.

"We played well enough to win," said Craig coach Ryan Frazier. "We showed great character after the loss on Tuesday."

The Rockets played at Narrows earlier in the week and got hammered by a strong Green Wave team, 106-38. Frazier was anxious to see how the team responded after that loss and was pleased with the effort the team showed against Highland.

"Narrows jumped on us early and shot the ball great from the field," said Frazier. "I thought we had a good response at home against Highland."

Second chance points and Highland free throws hurt the Rockets on Friday night. Zach Peters returned after missing time with an illness and he had 23 points and 10 assists. Matthew Lucas had 22 points and 10 rebounds



Zach Peters drives in for a basket for the Rockets.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



Jaycob Wolfe brings the ball up the floor.

for the Rockets.

"We played well enough to win and we followed the game plan well and got them to miss their first shots, we just couldn't keep them off the offensive glass as a team and

that cost us the game," said Frazier.

With the loss Craig fell to 2-8 on the season but the Rockets are 2-3 in Pioneer District games. They were scheduled to play at Bland County last Satur-

day but that was canceled due to bad weather in Bland.

This week Craig was scheduled to visit Parry McCluer on Tuesday. On Thursday the Rockets have a non-district game

at home against Staunton River and on Friday Covington is here. Next Tuesday, January 24, the boys are at Bath County for a big Pioneer District game.

"Our goals are still in

reach but we need to focus on finishing the regular season strong and getting the highest seed possible for the tournament to try and make it to regionals," said Frazier.

GIRLS ARE AT COVINGTON FRIDAY

The Craig County girls' basketball team will be at Covington on Friday for a Pioneer District game. The girls are looking for their first varsity win after dropping two games last week.

On January 10 the Rockets played host to Narrows in a district game and lost, 41-27. The young Rockets trailed just 16-13 at the break against a solid Green Wave team but couldn't hang with the visitors after intermission.

"It was a game we could have stolen at home," said coach Brock Jones. "We were playing great team defense and that's what kept us in the game."

Freshman Daileigh Donithan led Craig in scoring with eight points.

Annabelle Gregory chipped in with seven points and sophomore Madison Underwood finished with a career high 12 rebounds.

"We rebounded well and played solid defense for two and a half quarters," said Jones. "We did a good job containing their best player, Mya Robertson, holding her to only nine points."

The difference in this game was at the foul line. Craig finished five of 19 for 26 percent while Narrows finished 15 of 32 for 47 percent.

"With only seven players on the varsity we have to stay out of foul trou-



Ashley Cayton(#2) plays defense for Craig in a recent game.

ble," said Jones. "We finished the game with four players on the court after three fouled out."

"Narrows is definitely a team that we can play with and I'm hoping for a different outcome when we go there to play. Our youth is still our struggle, but that's expected with three freshmen and a sophomore on the team. I'm proud of the girls stepping up to the Big League and giving their all in every game."

A night later the Rockets traveled to Wytheville to take on the Maroons of George Wythe High and fell 58-16. The Maroons have a strong team and

they dominated the young Rockets.

"Not a favorable matchup," said Jones. "Maybe in two or three years we will be ready to compete, but multiple years of off-season work is needed for us to compete with a team of this caliber while we try to rebuild our program. But not right now with, theoretically, a jayvee team suiting up to play varsity ball for us this year."

George Wythe is ranked first in Region 1C and second in the state in Class A behind only defending state champ Honaker.

"They are the best

team that we have played to date," said Jones. "Very well coached, disciplined, and they don't make many mistakes on the court. Doug Campbell (Wythe coach) has done a great job with their program there and they should make a long run at states this year. They have size, can shoot, pass, get after you on defense and move the ball extremely well on the offense end."

Wythe jumped all over the Rockets, leading 25-0 after the first quarter and 29-3 at the half.

"I knew once I saw them on the schedule that it was going to be a



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Kallie Fisher shoots a foul shot for the Rockets.

tough matchup for us," said Jones. "I usually do a lot of scouting throughout the year on single A teams in the state and this is one, along with East Mont, that is senior driven and expected to make deep runs in the state."

Three girls scored for the Rockets. Freshman Kallie Fisher led the team with eight points while Donithan chipped in five points Gregory scored the other three.

"We were up for the challenge and didn't quit in the game," said Jones. "We were pushing hard

and trying different things to see what we could make work, but they just had too much firepower for our youth."

The jayvee team played Highland last week and won 46-16. Highland does not have a varsity.

Also, Saturday's games with Bland were canceled due to inclement weather in Bland County. The Rockets were scheduled to host Parry McCluer on Tuesday and next Tuesday, January 24, Bath will be here for a jayvee only game. Bath also does not have a varsity team.

BOOTLEGGERS EDGE MAYHEM



PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

The Salem Mayhem box lacrosse team played their second game of the season at the Salem Civic Center last Saturday night and dropped hard-fought 19-17 decision to the Charlotte Bootleggers. Here Chad Fisher of the Mayhem fires a shot on goal and Salem goalie Lukas Coote guards the cage. The Mayhem are back home February 10 to host the Syracuse Spark.