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Reps. Griffith, Cline speak about **Congressional issues at event**

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County ROANOKE—The Salem-Roanoke Chamber of Commerce held "Business Advocacy Breakfast: Breakfast with our Congressmen" on Friday in the WDBJ7 Community Room. Rep. Morgan Griffith (R-9th) and Rep. Ben Cline (R-6th) were in attendance. The event took place during a two-week Congressional district work session.

The Congressmen answered questions from the chamber's business advocacy committee and those in

The first question from the committee sought insight into how Congress will be able to work together given its current division, with Democrats controlling the Senate and Republicans controlling the House of Representatives.



Executive Director of the Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce Amanda Livingston, from left, Rep. Morgan Griffith and Rep. Ben Cline are pictured during an event on Friday at WDBJ7.

"Bipartisanship is something that requires two to tango," Cline said. He noted that since joining Congress in 2019, he's joined the Problem Solvers Caucus, a bipartisan House group. "Bipartisanship can get us to where we need to be on a lot of different issues, whether it is infrastructure, energy, transportation, education, job training."

He added that he hopes both sides can come together to resolve issues at the U.S./Mexico border.

Griffith said that although he doesn't know all of the Democratic members he serves with on various committees, he has come to know many of them and has been able to find common ground on certain issues. "She calls me her 'crazy conservative friend.' I call her my 'crazy liberal friend.' We disagree on most policy, but what we do agree on process issues," he said of a Democrat he serves with on the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.



The event was hosted by the Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce and held in WDBJ7's community

Girl Scouts are starting again in Craig

Pam Dudding Contributing writer

Locals who were involved in the Girl Scouts

in previous years are now finding it refreshing to see the younger generation wanting to bring the Girl Scouts back to Craig Angela Spence, along

with Shelby Crotts are bravely starting the new troops. They hope to soon add

Olivia Slusher and Elizabeth Abdelaziz, as soon as their Girl Scout

paperwork is complete. The thought to restart Girl Scouts in Craig began in late fall between a few local moms.

"We would see Girl Scout tables set up in Roanoke selling cookies, and thought, why do we not have a local troop?" Spence shared. "We asked our kiddos if this would be something they'd be interested in, and they IMMEDIATELY

Spence added that what spurred their personal interest was to support their girls.

"The troop interest began with four moms," she said. "We began the journey jumping into one of the most chaotic times (cookie season). We had limited time to go through training, get our goals lined up, and begin the troop."



Little Girl Scout Paige had on her Girl Scout attire and was encouraging potential customers to buy their delicious Girl Scout cookies. She sold many that day.

She quickly added, "Our biggest supporters are our kids. We knew if this was something they really wanted to do, we needed to ensure they had the tools and resources. Now that we see that there is so much interest (by the amount of girls we have had to sign up), the sky is the limit! We plan on doing everything

we can do to support these girls through their journey. There are so many benefits from being a Girl Scout (learning new skills, making new friends, support for their education, etc)."

Girl Scouts of the USA consists of:

Daisies: Grades K-1 Brownies: Grades 2-3 Juniors: Grades 4-5

Cadettes: Grades 6-8 Seniors: Grades 9-10 Ambassadors:Grades 11-12

Spence However, shared, "We would never turn down a Scout! Any and all grade levels are welcome.

They currently have a mix of Daisies, Brownies and Juniors and they will be separating each group.

See **Girl Scouts**, page 2



With 1,198 candygrams to deliver, the first cart was packed with candy and Valentine grams for the Craig County Rocket football team to deliver on Valentine's Day. Tyler Fitzpatrick, Jaycob Wolfe and Trevyn Francisco were ready for the adventure of bringing smiles, giggles and happiness to so many.

Candygrams bring smiles to students, as well as teachers

Pam Dudding Contributing writer

entine's Day.

This year, the Craig community. County High School many happy.

Coach Jayke Dowdy \$1 which they would and teachers in all three

on Valentine's Day.

They went to work with their advertising and within a short period of time, Gifts tend to bring a were shocked at the huge sweet smile to one's face response they received and warmth to one's from students, teachers, heart, especially on Val- staff, family members and even people within the

"We were shocked!" football team made some shared. "We sold 1,198 candygrams in all!"

They noted that it took nd his wife Morgan quite a while to separate Dowdy, also a teacher, all the candygrams into had the idea of selling grades and classes but was "candygrams" for only all worth the work.

On Feb. 14, the footthen deliver to students ball players delivered all

of Craig County schools See Candygrams, page 2

Questions answered about proposed Craig Botetourt Scenic Trail

Pam Dudding Contributing writer

When it comes to natural beauty, Craig County has been known as a place that offers neverending majestic mountains, the sounds of the freshwater creeks and the beauty of the many wildflowers which garnish the roadsides.

has been made to add a Craig Botetourt Scenic Trail in the county. However differing opinions have arisen from the community with concerns as well as accolades.

The county administrator assisted in sharing their information on the trail, responding to questions about its proposal.

"The concept of a trail along the old Craig Valley Line goes back to at least the early 1970's when the first basic plan was developed and the idea may go back as far as 1961 when the Commonwealth first acquired the land," the administrator's office shared. "Exactly why they acquired the property remains a bit of a mystery but obviously An additional quest someone envisioned a use for it or it would not have been acquired."

They added that the concept was further developed in a planning effort in the late 1990s with a concept plan released in 2000. There was some opposition to the idea at that time and many suggest the project was rejected as a result.

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They are still in need of leaders, helpers and volunteers. Whether to sign up to be a leader, co-leader or to just assist them for special events welcoming more ladies to assist in their venture.

"The more we get enrolled the more help we will need!" Spence said.

Scout Street. The Girl rules state any leader

Scout Council. This is important, as it ensures background checks are to buy cookies, as this completed and proper is a huge moneymaking training is provided.

meetings Currently, and fundraisers, they are are held monthly on the second Friday of every month from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at The Lasterday Market on the corner of Route 311 and Market

The girls want the or volunteer must be community to know that additional registered with the Girl they are in the Girl Scout for sale, however for

cookie sales month and to please contact them project for the troops, to begin their year off with funds to help them purchase badges and have meetings.

Their last day to submit orders will be another cookie booth March 10 if anyone would like to purchase.

have "We will cookies

guaranteed please see a Scout or contact one of us to place an order by March 10th," Spence shared. Please note that Girl

Scouts are only able to sell cookies up until the last day of March. Plans are to hold

locally in town. The time and date has yet to be determined.

"We will post details to the local New Castle Facebook page," Spence

Since they are new, there are no funds for them to start with. Spence noted that the

Girl Scout Council will allow them to have some fundraisers to support the troops, as they need funds to purchase badges, have meetings, for activities and hopefully be able to go to camps. "Girl Scouts are not

able to proactively ask for monetary donations, however, we are able to accept if proactively provided,' Spence said. "We are able to proactively ask for nonmonetary donations such as supplies for meetings and badges."



Many cookies were sold as the Girl Scouts sat in front of Food Country. Pictured are Addy, Lily, Paige, Ivy and Lily in the front and Anastasia and Anaiah with co-leader Shelby Crotts in the back. The other co-leader, Angie Spence, was not pictured.

The

things.

"Between working on badges, arts & crafts, sold 974 boxes!" partnering on different tasks, and learning new skills, they will stay busy, learn and have fun also,' Spence said.

Lasterday for allowing us to gather at their store, and thanks to all previous cookie sale," Spence added.

The girls humongous goal to sell 3,522 Girl Scout cookies.

girls will be doing many "An amazement is also that within 1 week of beginning to sell, we had

girls

"Please contact a Girl

added,

Scout if you wish to purchase cookies! If you pence said. don't know one, just "We wish to thank comment on one of the posts on the FB page for New Castle." Also, to sign up as a

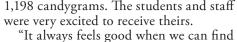
the supporters on our Girl Scout or for more information, contact Spence or Crotts on set a Facebook or messenger.

"But whatever you do, order your cookies At their meetings the sold 1297!" Spence said, with grins.



Girl Scout Troops are given a portion of their sales back to use in their county. Cookies should be purchased before March 10. They are \$6 per box.

Candygrams from page 1



ways to get the boys active in their community," Dowdy shared. "Football only lasts for so long, but being an involved member of the community is something they can strive to be for a long time."

The players seemed to have as much fun delivering the candygrams as the recipients had in receiving them. They shared that some students, gig-

gled, some laughed, and some turned a pretty red blush, while others joked or became a bit shy in the receiving.

"It makes me feel good that people are enjoying things we can provide and it helps out with our team at the same time!" shared Tyler Fitzpatrick, a junior player.

Sophomore Josh Craft added, "It feels good to make other people happy and to make their dav!"

Many classes received candy for all the class members from family and community members, not wanting anyone to be

And, the teachers were sweetly amazed at all of their candygrams and kind ges-"THANK YOU!" Coach Dowdy ex-

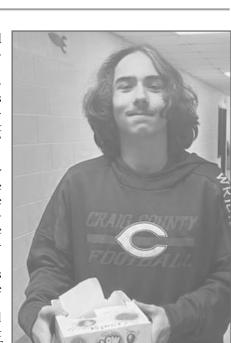
claimed! "There is no way to truly express the gratitude that I have for this community! We had an overwhelming amount of support for our 'Kindness fundraiser' with a total of 1,198 candygrams sold!"
He added, "The community really

stepped up and knocked this out of the park! I'd like to specifically thank Beckie Horton, Mrs. Coach Dowdy, Susan Holtman and Carrie Hutton for helping me assemble all of these for our staff and stu-

Coach Dowdy shared, "My family is new to this area, but it's a place that we are proud to call home." The team hopes to make this an annual

tradition as part of Kindness Week, next year, probably delivering even more of their candygrams, bringing joy and love to the entire school. "I've never been prouder to be a Rock-

et!" Coach Dowdy added.



With 1,198 candygrams to deliver, Rocket football player Blake Wright was eager to deliver to all the students and teachers he had been assigned to.

Scenic Trail from page 1

students and teachers did.

Rocket football player Josh Craft said

he enjoyed the day as much as the

were that complete funding for planning, engineering, and construction were not available and there was not an entity, either government or private, willing to commit to management and maintenance of the route. From the 1970's until today there have been million dollars has already groups and individuals, both local and from across ning and engineering. This the state, who have kept the idea alive," they said. "However, this past year in 1961 that a comprehenthe General Assembly ap- sive study of the railroad proved a substantial bud- bed has been funded. This

"The real issues in 2000 get for trails in Virginia, to include establishment of a state trails office. Included in this budget was \$12.5 million dollars for the 'Craig Valley Scenic Trail.' This funding represents a substantial public investment in both Craig and Botetourt County. One been advanced for planmarks the first time since acquisition of the property

planning and engineering effort is a partnership between Craig and Botetourt Counties and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)."

planning has only just begun, with VDOT specialists and contractors collecting site specific data out along the railroad bed. In addition, both counties have established citizen committees to collect information and provide feedback for the planning

They stated that the

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NOTICE SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Pursuant to the terms of those certain Decrees of Sale from the Circuit

Court of Craig County, the undersigned Special Commissioner will offer for sale at public auction the following described real estate, at the Craig County Courthouse, 182 Main Street, New Castle, Virginia on March 3, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. The sale is subject to the following terms and conditions and such other terms and conditions as may be announced the day of sale: DESCRIPTION TAX MAP #

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Deed, subject to any easements and covenants of record, and any rights of persons in possession. The Special Commissioner expressly reserves the right to keep the bidding open for any length of time, postpone the sale to a later date, reject

any and all bids, review the qualifications of all bidders, and amend or supplement the terms of sale by verbal announcements prior to or during the sale. This sale is being conducted by N. Reid Broughton, Special Commis-

sioner, Sands Anderson PC, P.O. Box 2009, Christiansburg, Virginia 24068.

For more information, please contact Kimberly A. Cregger, Paralegal, Sands

"Understandably, there the community. are many questions about future maintenance and management, as well as economic, environmental and social impacts on the community should the trail be completed. This is why there is a public involvement process built into the planning effort," they shared. "Most, if not all, of the concerns being voiced will be addressed in this planning phase. That is to say the process requires public input and the answers to many of the questions will be found in a cooperative effort."

They added that currently, the cost of planning, engineering and construction appears to be covered by the state investment with no local match required. This represents a substantial investment in

"Work is ongoing to

develop cost estimates for future maintenance and where those funds will come from. Likewise, work is being done to look at potential economic impact for the communities involved," they stated. "There are many such trails around the state and across the nation, with hundreds of studies covering many aspects. Data and analysis from these studies, along with local input, can be used to predict outcomes here should the trail be built. Of course there will be environmental documentation required. All this effort takes time." A final design is not

expected before the fall of 2025 with a series of open house meetings and draft proposals completed before thoroughfare.

Though a well-received idea by some, many landowners are concerned about their privacy being lost, increased trash, and a greater chance of fires from those who are not conscientious of throwing a cigarette butt out or making a roadside campfire.

There is also concern about the possible increase in the noise factor of multiple people along their land.

However, the administrator added, "Surely, a \$12.5 million dollar investment in our community is worth taking a serious look Craig County residents

will take all this into consideration as they work with the county to make sure the county is preserved and not become a wrongful

ON TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 15.2-1427 and

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

58.1-3007, the Craig County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on March 2, 2023 at 6 p.m., in the Circuit Court Courtroom, Craig County Courthouse, 303 Main Street, New Castle, Virginia.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to receive public comments on the proposed adoption of an ordinance amending the County's transient occupancy tax ordinance to comport with changes in state law relating to the administration, reporting, and remittance of the tax. Any person

interested in the proposed amendments may appear at the hearing and present their views. A copy of the full text of the proposed ordinance is on file in the office of the County Administrator of Craig County, 108 Court Street, New Castle, VA 24127, and is available for review

during normal business hours. If you should

need auxiliary aids, please contact the office of

the County Administrator at least five (5) days

in advance of the public hearing.

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UBITUARIES

Davis, Douglas Henry

Douglas Henry Davis, 83 of New Castle went to meet his Heavenly Father on Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2023. Doug was born in "Happy Hollow", Montgomery County, VA on April 15, 1939. He was the 11th of 12

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest C. and Susie Hodge Davis, daughter Donna White, brothers Paul, Frank, Ernest "Big June", Willard, Kenneth, Ranny, and Mac; sisters, Juanita, Alene, Elizabeth "Sis", and Hazel; daughter-inlaw Janice Davis. He is survived by his devoted and loving wife of 42 years, Barbara Davis; children David Davis, Dale (Ronnie), Ray, Susan, Judy, Anita Monk (Phillip), Darrell Frango, Darren Frango (Sharon), Angie Allen (Mike),



and Debbie Boitnotte Doug was (David). blessed with numerous grandchildren; James, Jessie, Ricky, Dougie, Angel, Samantha, Bridgette, Briana, Bryon, Barry, Angie Swingle (James), Cyndy Frango, Ashley Healey (Nathan), Emily Allen (Bryson), Cierra McDaniel (Jared), Jacob King (Laurel), Kevin (Savannah), Sarah Allen (Ryan), Brandon Swingle (Tara), Joshua Allen, and Justin and Jenna Boitnotte;

Crew Healey), nieces, and nephews.

Doug started every morning reading his devotions, reading the Psalms 23 and praying to God. He enjoyed spending the day with Barbara, being outside, watching grandchildren in various activities and sports. As the day came to an end, he would take his beloved cat "Big Boy" to the barn.

Funeral Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, 2023 at Paitsel Funeral Home with Pastor Don Brown and Pastor Kenny Davis. Interment followed at Huffman Memorial Park on Cumberland Gap Rd, New Castle. The family received friends from 5-7 p.m., Feb. 18, 2023 at Paitsel Funeral Home, 286 Main Street, New grandchildren Castle, VA 24127.

Harless, Hilda Faye

On Thursday, Feb. 16, 2023, Hilda Faye Harless, loving Mom, Nanny, and MawMaw, passed away in her home surrounded by family at the age of 77.

Hilda was born on Nov. 3, 1945 in Craig County to Luther and Rachel (Davis) Owens. Hilda married Robbie Harless on Feb. 6, 1964. Together, they had two children: Betty and Robin.

What Hilda loved most was going on family vacations. From the beaches to New York to Florida to Alaska, she was always ready to travel. She was a diehard New York Yankees fan all of her life and enjoyed watching the Redskins while waiting for the next baseball season to start. She enjoyed live music (or "singing" as she would say), playing Rook, working puzzles, and



most of all - spending time with her family.

Hilda was preceded in death by spouse, Robbie Harless; brothers, Danny Owens, Gary Owens, Randy Owens, and Jesse Owens; and sisters, Brenda Kendall and Helen Swingle. She is survived by daughters, Betty [Danny] Wolfe, Robin [Bryce] Buzzard, and "son" Bobby Harless; grandchildren, Elaina [Chad] Wolfe-Carper, Brandon Wolfe, Trevor

and Cameron Buzzard; great-granddaughter, Genevieve Carper; "grandchildren," Travis Genevieve Craft, Holly Secrist and Raelynn Harless; two sisters, Patricia Tingler, and Connie [Oscar] Smith; two brothers Barry [Carol] Owens and Luther [Sandy] Owens; and many other nieces and nephews whom she loved dearly. Funeral Services were

Buzzard [Sydney Holcomb]

held at 2 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 20, 2023 at Paitsel Funeral Home with Pastor Bill Frazier officiating. Interment will follow at Crawford Cemetery @ Paxton Chapel Church. The family received friends one hour prior to the service from 1-2 p.m.

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Center and Roanoke Left to cherish her Memorial Hospital.

Lorraine Hattie Sparks and a sister. Smith, 87 of New Castle, on Sunday, February 12, 2023. She was preceded in death by her parents, Reece & Louise Day Sparks; former husband and best friend, Lester Smith; son, Lloyd Smith; father-in-law, Thomas Smith; mother-in-law, Belle Smith Rhodes; Thomas Lewandoski; her brothers

went to her heavenly home memory are her daughters, Deborah English and Linda Lewandoski, New Castle; granddaughter, Elizabeth Wilcher (Chris), Troutville; greatgrandson, Rylan Wilcher; sister, Ruby Joyce, North Royalton, OH; and many nieces & nephews. The family would

Smith, Lorraine Hattie Sparks

like to thank the staff at Paitsel Funeral Home: Richfield Rehabilitation www.paitselfh.com

Funeral Services will be held 2:00 PM Thursday, February 16, 2023, at Paitsel Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Huffman Memorial Park. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

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Bank of Botetourt has named Michelle Austin its 7th president and appointed her to board of directors; named CEO Hayth as vice chair of the board of directors

Michelle R. COO." Austin has been named the 7 th president in its serves on the Region 124-year history and 2 GO Virginia Board its board of directors, that effective Feb. 20.

officer, which she business, Bank of Botetourt Roanoke as a college intern in President's 1991 and joined the Council, 1993 after earning her Benefits Bachelor of Business Mountain Administration degree Community

graduated from the at University of Virginia, and the Graduate School of Banking University. In 2005 chief executive officer, have ensured

BUCHANAN — 30-year career devoted Buchanan-based to Bank of Botetourt Bank of Botetourt and she is ready for the announced this week role of President & Dresident & Dr Austin

has been appointed to to support programs high-paying Shewill maintain her through incentivized role as chief operating collaboration between has held since 2021. and government in Austin began her every region of the career in banking with commonwealth, College Advisory Virginia the and Bankers Corporation. Bank currently financial management at the Virginia Bankers have held the title of School of Bank of president since Bank Management at the of Botetourt was

at Louisiana State University of Virginia. Austin graduated from of directors also voted Assembly are as follows: Troy University with to appoint CEO G. James Mundy 1899a Master of Business Lyn Hayth, III as its 1904; C.B. Johnson Administration and vice chair. Hayth has 1904-1942; Dr. E. was appointed the been a member of the W. Dodd 1942-1964; bank's chief financial board of directors since Darnell Brugh 1964officer, a position she 1990. Chairman of 1984; H. Watts Steger, held for 18 years. G. the Board Tommy L. III 1984-2002; G. Lyn Lyn Hayth, III, the Moore stated "Proper Hayth, III 2002-2023; bank's top ranking succession strategies Michelle R. Austin the 2023-Present. said "Michelle has continuity of our Bank entire for almost 125 years.



bank full time in Bankers Association We welcome Michelle's Board, 30 years of banking Gateway experience to our Board College of Directors and Lyn's from Roanoke College. Real Estate Foundation service to the Board Roanoke for the past 33 years Valley Development makes him an excellent She selection for the Vice teaches Chair leadership role."

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Scholarships now available for after-prom parties by YOVASO

Youth of Virginia Speak Out About Traffic Safety is dedicated to keeping teens in Virginia safe on the roads, especially on prom night. The to seven \$1,000 grants for schools to use for their 2023 after-prom party. Any school in Virginia with a

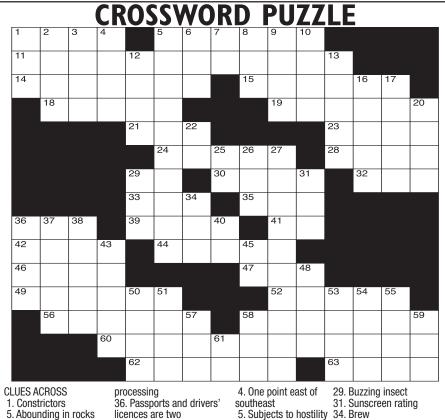
school-sanctioned after-prom party is eligible to apply. Thegrants will be awarded based on financial need and the school's dedication to keeping teens safe on prom night. Applications will be accepted online 8 a.m. Friday, March 3 -8 p.m.Sunday, March 19. Winners

will be announced on March 22. For rules and contest information, go to AfterPromGrandFinale.org.

Free Arrive Alive materials and organization recently announced safe-driving messages are also that it is once again giving away up available from YOVASO via a link in Virginia are invited to use these

> Please direct any grant questions to Becky Parr. She can be reached by phone (preferably text) at (540) 798-0788 and by email at AfterPromGrandFinale@outlook.

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News from the 9th



Morgan Griffith Representative

I recently Chaired joint Energy Commerce Oversight and Investigations and Health Subcommittee field hearing on the southern border Texas, examine our crisis there and how it intersects with our country's fentanyl crisis. I heard from expert witnesses during the hearing who described the dire situation at the southern border and saw U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CPB) operations with several visits to the border and

processing center. Biden Administration, the crisis at our southern border has gotten worse by the day, due to President undermining America's border security since he took office. During his first 100 days in office, he took 94 executive actions on

a tour of an immigration

attempting to deportations for 100

While President Biden tries to shift blame away from his flawed policies, the numbers don't lie.

According to the CPB, this past January was the worst January in over 20 years in terms of monthly crossings. And for the 23rd month in a row, our southern border had more than 150,000 illegal encounters.

Meanwhile, during the previous Administration, the highest number of encounters ever reported was 132,856.

President Biden's open border policies have, in turn, exacerbated another problem in our related poisonings.

As we heard at the field hearing and fentanyl roundtables in the year, Mexican Since the beginning cartels are profiting off our open border, using precursor compounds imported from China to manufacture large quantities of fentanyl products, which are then being smuggled into our country at record rates.

In January, 1,400 pounds of fentanyl was seized at our southern immigration, including border, making January halting the construction the seventh month in a of the border wall and row with over a thousand

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pounds of fentanyl issues because fentanyl is uncovered by Border being smuggled through Patrol agents.

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Much of this fentanyl is trafficked in the form that illicit opioids are of fentanyl-laced fake smuggled in through prescription pills. These other ports of entry, fake pills are made to the southern border is a look like real prescription medications, but only filler fentanyl. Accordingly, any means necessary to these Mexican cartel pills are often deadly. As a result of this

trafficking, the United that cartels States has experienced migrants to the border to an enormous spike in overwhelm ports of entry fentanyl-related overdose and sparsely monitored deaths in recent years. areas of the border. I've heard from too many parents whose children have died from fentanyl illegally at strategic times poisoning because their and locations forces a child bought what they significant number of thought was Percocet, border patrol agents Xanax, or Adderall, but to leave their patrol was actually a Mexican of the border to assist cartel fake pill laced with the immigrants with

crossings and fentanyl are completely separate

our ports of entry.

While it is true predominant entry point for these illicit opioids and and the cartels will use get illicit opioids across our border.

While down at the increase in fentanyl border, we learned Flooding the border with immigrants health concerns, etc. Democrats, like the Border Patrol is also Democratic witness at our often called to help the field hearing, say that our intake of immigrants issues with illegal border at ports of entry. This

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How RCAHD's Environmental Health Food Program works

Among our roles to better protect the community's health, the health department employs staff to help ensure the proper handling of food served to the public. The Roanoke City and Alleghany Health Districts' (RCAHD) Environmental Health Food Program works with restaurant operators to reduce risk factors associated with foodborne illnesses. The program covers various facilities, including restaurants and mobile food units, as well as the food services of schools, hospitals, nursing homes, and other vendors that provide prepared food to the public. In 2022, RCAHD issued 1072 food permits for both new and established vendors.

RCAHD employs eight environmental health specialists whose primary job is specifically food inspections. All food service facilities in our seven jurisdictions (Alleghany, Botetourt, Covington, Craig, Roanoke City and County, and Salem) are inspected at least once per year and many are inspected more often, depending on their food preparation methods or on the vulnerability of the populations they serve. When needed, our team also performs follow-up inspections for those facilities with excessive numbers of violations or with violations that are deemed a high priority (for example, establishments with failing refrigeration or nonfunctioning dishwashing capabilities).

In 2022, our staff performed over 2,000

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How reading changes your life

Library Corner

Empowering individuals to build a stronger community

By Raven Meadowbrook

Wherever you read, and whatever format you find, the information received changes your life whether you know it or

Signage on the road will save your life. When you unconsciously see a speed limit sign on a curve, you know you better slow down.

Some theorize that civilization progressed rapidly due to man's ability to read and write. Notes could be delivered from one town to the information could spread rapidly.

emails and go to our jobs where 50% of us spend a large amount if our time processing information by reading.

Reading for pleasure can enhance learning, imagination and creativity.

Starting with books, reading stories that take place in faraway lands can literally take you there. Finish the book, decide to see it for yourself, and book your travel plans!

Reading magazines can be a quick fix to gain information and be entertained. Here's where you can learn to tie a fly or learn home remedies for ailments, or find a new recipe. The list is endless.

You control what you read so choose wisely. Beware of words that enter your mind next instead of relying on uninvited like those you word of mouth. Warnings find while scrolling social could be sent, history media! Subliminal messages could be shared, and are powerful entities that will change behavior.

Upcoming public meetings happening in Craig County

Feb. 25

A wild game dinner will be Feb. 25 at 5:30 p.m. at Roanoke Moose Lodge #284. It will be hosted by Catawba Valley Baptist Church for their youth. The evening includes a dinner, giveaways, raffles, a silent auction and the infamous live auction. Purchase tickets at CATAWBAVALLEYBC.

A spaghetti supper "inflation" fighting" fundraiser will be held by the Johns Creek Volunteer Fire Department Saturday, Feb. 25 at 5 p.m. at the Forks of Johns Creek Christian Church, next door to the Johns Creek Volunteer Fire Department building at 116 Dicks Creek Road in New Castle. The \$10 meal will include an entrée, Italian bread, salad, dessert and a drink.

March 15

A CPMT meeting at CPMT - Department of Social Services will be at 1 p.m.

March 20

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

March. 21

Rep. Morgan Griffith will hold a citizen comment period from 9-10:30 a.m. in the courthouse breakroom.

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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

TRAFFIC SHIFT ON WILDWOOD ROAD: Expect a traffic shift

with narrow width on Wildwood road after exiting I-81 southbound heading towards Salem. Southbound and northbound I-81 exit and entrance ramp narrows possible at Route 311. 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

Sunday through Thursday, are possible. Lane widths will be reduced to 11 feet. Northbound lane closures

lane and shoulder closures

during nighttime hours

between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m.,

from I-81 mile marker 136 hours of 7 p.m. and 5 a.m.

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

The project also includes bridges, replacing six 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 BRIDGEREPLACEMENT 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. On February 20 and

21, slow roll operations will be in place northbound between mile marker 101-105 between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. and again overnight beginning at 9 p.m. and 5 On February 21, slow roll

operations will be in place southbound between mile marker 109-105 between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. and again overnight beginning at 9 p.m. and 5 a.m.

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. On February 21 and 22, a

right lane closure northbound will be in place between mile marker 104-106 between the

ROUTE 605: Alternating Southbound Lane closures lane closures and flagging operations will be present on Route 605, located under the New River Bridge, for work overhead on the bridge.

may be utilized periodically on both the northbound and southbound lanes from mile marker 98-109 for structural steel deliveries and setting

I-81 BRIDGE DECK REPAIRS -Weather permitting, crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate 81. Between mile markers 131 to

86, 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

> **INTERSTATE 581** ROUTE

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

PAVING OPERATIONS -

during nighttime hours, 9

watch for signs and expect possible delays. I-581/220 LANE & RAMP **CLOSURES** FOR PAVING AND MAINTENANCE **OPERATIONS**

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

STREET 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 0.2mile of 13th Street as an new traffic signal. This 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 SLOW ROLLS: Slow rolls Avenue will be reconfigured to include a roundabout. 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

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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 TRAFFIC PATTERN

CHANGE:

Northbound traffic is switched to the northbound of 13th Street. Southbound traffic will still be detoured around the work

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 I-581/220EXPRESSWAY drivers. Detour signs to detour traffic around the Weather permitting, crews Bent Mountain section of will pave, patch and repair the Parkway will be in place. pavement on various routes. Traffic will be rerouted to Lane closures may be in place Route 220 south to Route 419 north to Route 221 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following south. Traffic traveling north morning. Drivers should on the Parkway would be reversed. The detour is expected to be in place until 2023.

BOTETOURT COUNTY

ROUTE 616 CLOSURE On February 27 at 8 a.m., Route 616 (Blue Ridge Springs Road) will be closed to traffic for a bridge replacement over the Branch of Glade Creek. The bridge is located 1.05 mile from Route 460 and 0.55 miles from the dead end. A detour will be in place. The bridge is scheduled to reopen by the end of the day on March 2,

DALEVILLE INTERSECTION PROJECT FOR FIÉLDSTONE 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 improved, two-lane roadway work is associated with construction of the Fieldstone Development. Lane closures will be set up on various days in early



DALEVILLE begin on the northbound CROSSOVER side of the bridge and once REMOVAL -

crossover to Daleville Town Center on Route 220 (Roanoke Road) is scheduled to be removed in February 2023. The crossover, located between Town Boulevard and Route 778 (Catawba Road), will be removed during daytime hours, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. Traffic control will affect both the northbound and southbound lanes through March 1, 2023.

ROUTE 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 (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

CLOSURE - On March 13 at 8 a.m., Route 626 (Bethel Church Road) will be closed to traffic for a bridge replacement with a concrete slab. The bridge is located between Route 624 Little Mountain Road) and Route 42 (Cumberland Gap Road). A detour will be in place. The bridge is scheduled to reopen by the end of the day on March 16, 2023.

ROUTE 311 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT OVER MEADOW CREEK -Temporary signals control will be in place throughout is late summer 2023. the project. Construction will

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

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.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

ROUTE8PEDESTRIAN

IMPROVEMENTS – On April 17, work will begin to construct pedestrian improvements on Route 8 in Riner. The work zone will begin at the intersection with Route 669 (Union Valley Road) and will end at the current site of the Atlantic Union Bank. Drivers should expect shoulder closures to be in place until June followed by pavement demolition will require flagging operations through July. Lane closures are possible with flagging operations between the hours of 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. through the start of the project until May 24, end of the school year. Once the school year is complete, lane closures will expand in hours to 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. traffic across the bridge and Expected completion

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Legals - City of Salem

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA VA CODE§§1-211.1; 8.01-316, 20-104 Case No. CL23-40 ROANOKE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT 305 F MAIN STREET, SALEM, VA 24153 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re CHLOE GRACE DUNN v. The object of this suit is to: change the minor's name. It is ORDERED that MICHAEL MATTHEW DUNN appear at the abovenamed court and protect his/her interests on or before March 14, 2023 @2:30pm. JANUARY 11, 2023 STEVEN A. MCGRAW, clerk

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creates gaps along the fentanyl analogs. The opportunity to smuggle criminal laws. drugs through the gaps. linked.

of drugs confiscated by Border Patrol in a remote solution though and area of Arizona just that's up to Congress. I've two days prior, where a introduced the HALT group of drug mules was Fentanyl Act, with stopped carrying illicit Representative Latta, to materials including 11 permanently schedule kilos of fentanyl.

country is by creating legislation.

border giving human cartels do this in an traffickers/smugglers the attempt to evade our

The Drug Enforcement The cartel uses the Administration (DEA) immigrants to create temporarily scheduled openings for drugs thus fentanyl analogs as the two are inextricably Schedule I substances in 2018. We have since In response to these seen a reduction in the claims, the Border Patrol trafficking of fentanyl Union tweeted a picture analogs into our country.

We need a permanent these fentanyl analogs. I Further, a loophole encourage my colleagues cartels have used to on both sides of the aisle traffic fentanyl into our to support this important

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food service inspections of both yearly permitted facilities and over 60 temporary food events, such as festivals. During inspections, our team members review policies These staff. include the requirement to have an Employee Health Policy to help prevent ill food service workers from possibly contaminating food or food-contact surfaces. Excellent employee

foodborne illness. Health regulations for food establishments typically require at least one person in a supervisory or

hygiene,

management to be a Certified Food Protection program proper food safety guidelines. Our inspectors (CDC): act as trainers too, assisting accordance with Virginia Department of Health (VDH) food regulations. While our goal is to Confirm the cleanliness And finally, always prevent foodborne illness, of the restaurant's tables, make sure you wash your especially proper handwashing, is vital in preventing role in assisting in any investigation of potential illness foodborne outbreaks.

common, yet preventable cooked.

position public health matter. poultry, and eggs should What can you do to be cooked thoroughly Manager safeguard your family's to kill germs. If food is (CFPM). The CFPM health when eating served undercooked or educates out or eating at home? raw, send it back. managers to ensure that Consider these tips from their employees follow the Centers for Disease leftovers. Taking your

score at inspections. myhealthdepartment.com/ virginia.

our environmental health floors, and utensils. If hands before touching team plays a critical they do not appear clean, any ready-to-eat food! you may want to take your business elsewhere. Both in restaurants communications

and at home, check that Roanoke City & Alleghany Foodborne illness is a your food is thoroughly Health Districts. Meat,

Properly handle your Control and Prevention food to go? Remember to refrigerate within two Before going to a hours of eating out. If staff to safely operate restaurant, check the food is left in a hot car or their establishments in restaurant'shealthinspection temperatures above 90°F, refrigerate it within one hour. Eat leftovers within

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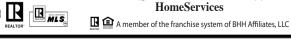
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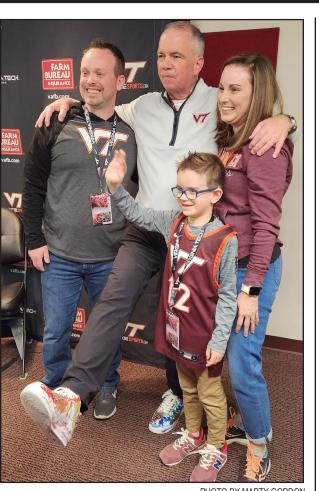
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Chase O'Brien the young boy who designed Virginia Tech Basketball Coach Mike Young's shoes for the "Shoes 4 Hope" initiative last month, attended Saturday's Virginia Tech basketball game along with his parents,

Youngster takes court with Hokies basketball team

Marty Gordon

Staff writer

Chase O'Brien is your typical sevenyear-old. He loves basketball and is a big fan of the Virginia Tech Hokies.

A pediatric cancer patient, Chase was introduced during pregame warmups as an honorary starter for Mike Young's Hokies prior to Saturday's win over Pitt in Blacksburg. He was given a team signed jersey and met his favorite player, Justin Mutts.

The Virginia Tech basketball program has teamed up with Children's Carilion Hospital to fight pediatric cancer. Players and coaches from the men's and women's teams are partnering with Carilion Pediatric Hematology-Oncology patients, getting creative to raise pediatric cancer awareness.

More than 25 participating children and teens had the chance to paint custom shoes for the coaches and basketball staff to wear later this season. Players and coaches from both Virginia Tech men's and women's basket-ball teams joined the kids and their families on-site at the Carilion Children's Tanglewood Center in December.

specially-de-The signed sneakers were worn by the women's basketball coaches and staff at the January 12 game against Louisville, and the men's basketball coaches and staff on January 28 when the Hokies hosted Syracuse. O'Brien was undergoing chemo treatment in Roanoke at that time and was unable to attend. So, Tech basketball coach Young invited the O'Brien family to be at last weekend's game

with Pitt. "Toughest guy in the building, man," said Young. "Toughest guy in the building. Seven years old and

dealing with that. And his mom, Jessica, and his dad, Eric, to have them here and to be able to recognize him and bring him in the locker room after a big win and present him the game ball, call his number and his name to the starting lineups. . .pretty awesome day."

This event was part of an ongoing NCAA initiative called "Coaches vs. Cancer," where collegiate basketball coaches and staff nationwide wear sneakers at designated games to raise awareness for the cause. O'Brien continues his fight against the cancer that is disrupting his childhood. His mother met with the media shortly before this weekend's game. She said, unfortunately, his tumor started to grow back in May after his first surgery. So, he has been going through the chemotherapy treatments ever since.

Chase was first diagnosed with Juvenile pilocytic astrocytoma, a rare childhood brain tumor when he was five. In most cases the tumor is a benign, slow growing tumor that usually does not spread to surrounding brain tissue. Symptoms of a JPA will vary depending upon the size and location of the tumor. Doctors typically treat the cancer by surgery and then chemo treatments. On Saturday, Chase

got to be a little boy with no worries as he watched the Hokies defeat the Panthers from his sideline seat. He cheered and watched his favorite player, Mutts, dunk one for him during the contest.

The rest of the sneakers colored during the program raised \$13,780 to benefit Carilion Children's Hematology

and Oncology through the "Shoes 4 Hope"

auctions.

CRAIG BOYS MAKE REGION 1C HOOP TOURNAMENT, **GIRLS' SEASON ENDS** WITH LOSS TO COVINGTON

The Craig County after intermission, their 1C basketball tournathe girls saw their season come to an end with a loss at Coving-

and Mountain Empire Districts qualified for the region tournament. Craig teams both played in the "four-five" game in their respective district tournaments last week with the boys hosting Bath County while the girls played at Coving-

The girls saw their season end with a 55-28 loss to the Cougars. They finished at 1-16 on the year with a very young squad and hope to build on a strong jayvee team and some talented youthful players on this year's var-

The boys played at home against Bath to open the district tournament and they qualified for the region with a 69-55 win over the Chargers. Matthew Lucas had 24 points to lead the Rockets and he also had nine rebounds. Zach Peters had 15 points and 10 assists, Ĥayden Reynolds nailed four threepointers and finished with 14 points. Drew Wolfe had half a dozen ment with the win. in a team effort.

boys made the Region high point total for a half this season. They were 14 ment last week while for 17 from the foul line in the fourth quarter as the Chargers fouled trying to catch up. This was a great team

The top four teams game," said Craig coach in both the Pioneer Ryan Frazier. "The boys really played hard and battled to get the lead and keep it. I couldn,t be more proud of the team performance in our biggest game of the year." That put the Rockets

in the next round against Narrows, the top seeded team in the Pioneer District. Craig battled the Green Wave but Narrows came out on top, 64-46. The Wave scored 50 points in the first half and opened a 35 point lead at intermission.

"We outscored them 31 to 14 in the second half but it wasn't enough as we lost to the top seed in the district," said Fra-Lucas had 17 points to

lead the Rockets while Duncan had eight points and a dozen rebounds. Talon Ritter hit three three-pointers for nine Reynolds had six each.

Second place Parry McCluer beat Coving-

Craig had to come the boys and how we nev-from behind to win. er gave up in this game," 19 points 9 reb amd 5 am proud we still reached They were down five said Frazier. "We were assists. Jayden finished our goal of a regional at the half and put 47 losing 61 to 37 at the end with 18 pts. (5 3's) and 4 berth for the second year points on the board of the third quarter but ast. Seth Parsons scored in a row," said Frazier



Left to right in white, Drew Duncan, Jaycob Wolfe(#11) and Matthew Lucas(#1) box out under the boards in last week's win over Bath County.



Jaycob Wolfe goes high to score in last week's win.

and scored 23 points in the fourth." The Rockets closed the on 2 3's.

points and Wolfe and lead to 11 at one point ton in the other district finished with 19 points, and that matched them semifinal, 71-47, to set nine boards and five as- up with the top seed from up a third place game be- sists while Wolfe had the Mountain Empire tween Craig County and 18 points and four as- for Tuesday's opening Covington. The Cougars sists. Seth Parsons had round. That was to be a won that won, 75-60, eight points, including a challenge, as Mountain Duncan had eight and got the better seed couple threes, Wolfe had Empire top seed George points and Jaycob for the region tourna- seven points and seven Wythe was 23-2 and assists and Ritter hit two scheduled to host Craig. "I was very proud of threes for six points.

we picked up the pace 8 points including 2 3's. Jaycob had 7 points and 7 assists. Talon scored 6

With the loss the Rockin the third second half ets go into the Region 1C but that was as close as tournament as the fourth they would come. Lucas seed from the Pioneer,

"We didn't have the



Hayden Reynolds(#12) drives by a Charger

Zach Peters goes to the hoop for the Rockets.

Rec. Hoop playoffs begin next week



PHOTO BY CHELSEA LOUTHEN

Craig County youth players battle for position at a recent recreation game. The recreation playoffs are scheduled for March 1 and 2 at the Craig County High School gym.