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Scenic trail proposal brings about differing community opinions

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

The natural beauty that Craig County has is undeniable. Recently, there was an announcement to bring in a trail to the county, yet costly to install and community members are concerned even more costly to keep up.

Some residents are happy to see its possible arrival.

“I’m excited for the trail.” – Debbie Thomas

“I think it’s great.” – Janet Dudding

A thumbs up and approval was given by Jean Elmore, Matt Duncan and Peggy Huffman.

“I can’t wait to hike it!” – Michele Ledford

Thacker and Tracy Johnson Surface.

“Can’t wait!” – Ray Sandifer

Also, some noted that changes could be made to the current “trail” which could ban vehicles.

“If the ‘trail’ bans or removes vehicular traffic from the longer scenic portions of the old railroad bed that we have driven on for 50 years, I would consider it a loss rather than a gain,” Ed Lee shared.

Still many others had adverse reactions.

“It’s a joke. For one they tried this years ago. The land went back to the landowners so if they do this it means they will take people’s land. (It was to go back to landowners. When the railroad went out any place it runs through a person’s land, they have the right to block it. We have been through this

song and dance before.) Secondly, I worked in parks for over 17 years. People leave trash along trails and mess things up. Thirdly, after they build it, they will not keep it up as we have the little one at the school now and they don’t take care of and other one at Fenwick Mines that isn’t taken care of. Fourthly, I think of all the money that it will take and also very few people is going to use it enough to justify the money and that is just a start.” – Lee Looney

A thumbs down was given by Harold Keene.


“I don’t like the idea. It feels like a real good way to put more stress on already small volunteer services. Think about it. Campers cause sixty percent of all forestry fires, so do we really have the equipment to deal with that? Not to mention our police force is already stretched thin. Our officers have driven the same cars for forever and dealing with issues two miles into the woods is going to require more four wheelers or something. Don’t get me started on how the EMT’s will be able to cover that many more calls. I don’t know the figures right off the top of my head but there isn’t a week that goes by that the police, ambulance or fire truck or other emergency vehicle isn’t needed at the top of Catawba Mountain where the big trail is. I am not saying absolutely not, but I do hope these things are being considered.” – Lena Lindsay

“This project will

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Rocket football team to pick up roadside trash

ROCKET FOOTBALL COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAY
 MARCH 4, 2023 - 9 AM UNTIL FINISHED
***FOR JV AND VARSITY PLAYERS ONLY**



The Rocket JV and Varsity Football Teams will be cleaning Craigs Creek Rd (615) and the walking trail, from the Craig-Botetourt Building to the Field of Dreams.
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COURTESY IMAGE

The Craig County Rockets football team will be picking up trash on Craigs Creek Road, and the walking trail, on Saturday, March 4. Those who drive past the team are encouraged to honk their horns.



PHOTO BY PAM DUDDING

Over 100 animals received their rabies shot as veterinarian Marge Lewter joined the Craig County Volunteer Rescue Squad in serving Craig County pet owners, with their annual drive-thru clinic.

Rescue squad helps pet owners vaccinate animals against rabies

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

Having a pet is a huge responsibility and caring for them takes time, effort and money.

However, Craig County Volunteer Rescue Squad has made it much simpler and less expensive by offering a rabies shot locally for \$15.

On Saturday, Feb. 18, the rescue squad held its annual drive-thru rabies vaccination clinic at the Craig County Fairgrounds, where over 100 dogs and cats were able to receive their vaccine.

The convenience of the event was that they drive through the fairgrounds, entering one gate and exiting another, which allowed the owners to stay

in their vehicles with their pets and not have to get out, as the animals stayed in the vehicles during the vaccine as well.

“In this manner, we experience no difficulties really,” shared First Lieutenant Trace Bellassai. “The drive through has been a very efficient method for us, and I think the community members enjoy the convenience of not needing to get out of their vehicles.”

Dr. Marge Lewter was the veterinarian and has been assisting the rescue squad in previous years with this event, especially to raise needed funds for the squad.

Other who assisted her were Robert Wrzosek,

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After Prom 2023 ‘gearing up’ for a great time

Fundraisers starting March 4

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

A “date” that many junior and senior students look forward to every year is their prom.

The young ladies get excited about picking out beautiful dresses while the gents think about polishing up their cowboy boots as well as their vehicles, adding a little extra chrome (at least in Craig they do).

This year’s Operation After Prom will be held on Saturday, April 29 after the prom, which is from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m.

It is open to all Craig County High School juniors and seniors and their dates or guests.

“Students will return to the school after the prom, park their cars and come into the building to change their clothes and “check-in” for the “Operation After Prom,” shared teacher and organizer Karen Jones. “The school buses will leave from the school’s parking lot at 11:15pm to head to Lee-Hi Lanes for a couple of hours of bowling and games.”

They were pleased that in order to save money, they have been given permission to take school buses this year.

“Around 2am, we will

leave Lee-Hi Lanes and head across the street to Thunder Valley for more games and fun!” Jones added. “At Thunder Valley, students will get to enjoy the inside Go-Kart track, Lazer tag, mini-golf, and arcade games.”

The night will end at Thunder Valley, where the students will load the buses at 4:30 a.m. and return to the school between 5:15 and 5:30 a.m.

Jones noted that there will be plenty of food available throughout the night.

“Also, we will have fun games such as the limbo, “Minute-to-win-it”, and the ever-popular tug-of-war game between Juniors and Seniors,” she said. “There will also be prizes given away throughout the night and at the end of the night, there will be multiple “Grand Prize” giveaways!”

Last year, the prizes included a kayak, concert tickets, \$300 cash and an Ocular Quest VR headset.

“All of this will be offered to the students at no cost to them, thanks to the generous donations of businesses

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PHOTO BY PAM DUDDING

The Operation After Prom is gearing up to raise funds so the students can have a memorable evening of fun, food and fellowship. Their first fundraiser is March 4, as Pine Top is donating 20% of their sales to the event. Last year’s big winner took home a kayak.

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Upcoming public meetings in Craig

- 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 Castle.
- March. 21**
Rep. Morgan Griffith will hold a citizen comment period from 9-10:30 a.m. in the courthouse breakroom.
- April 17**
The New Castle Town Council will meet from 7-8 p.m. at the New Castle Town Hall at 339 Market Street in New Castle.
- April 18**
Rep. Morgan Griffith will hold a citizen comment period from 9-10:30 a.m. in the courthouse breakroom.
- April 19**
A CPMT meeting at CPMT – Department of Social Services will be at 1 p.m.
- May 15**
The New Castle Town Council will meet from 7-8 p.m. at the New Castle Town Hall at 339 Market Street in New Castle.
- May 16**
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Trail

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increase the amount of taxes that everyone is already paying. This will not be a one and done tax increase; it will be a yearly tax increase for upkeep of a trail that will only be used by a few people. Eventually it will be in disrepair and unusable, but taxes will continue to rise. In my opinion this money could be used in a much better way.” – Deborah Mayo

“Long term maintenance of such projects does not seem to be considered. We lost Camp Mitchell because of this very thing by the county, and we see Fenwick Mines going downhill because of lack of Federal funding.” – Patricia Carper

“Good thoughts, Patricia and I concur! I loved walking around Fenwick Mines when I lived in town. It saddens me to see such disrepair because of poor planning.” – Rhonda Dee Moore

Others noted the increase of trash, mattresses, water bottles and other “paraphernalia,” including sexual and drug-related items, on the current trails.

Some asked why funds could not be found to build up Camp Mitchell so youth would have a safe and fun place to go.

Despite the differing of opinions, many still hope that an agreement will be reached.

After Prom

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and individuals in the community,” Jones said. “For many teenagers, the early-morning hours after prom are the most dangerous of the entire year. The purpose of our After Prom is to provide our students with a safe, but memorable experience that keeps them off the roads and away from parties and drinking on this special night.”

To start their fundraising off, Pine Top Restaurant has agreed to donate 20% of all their sales this Saturday, March 4 to the Operation After Prom. Also, some junior and senior students will be there helping in case someone would like to donate as well.

“We send out a BIG THANK YOU to Pine Top for agreeing to do this for us!” Jones said.

Those who would like to help fund this event may contact Karen Jones at (540) 312-9285, or mail a check to CCHS Operation After Prom 2023 at Craig County High School, 25239 Craigs Creek Rd., New Castle, VA. Attention: Karen Jones.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 15.2-1427 and 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.



The plates were approved by the General Assembly earlier this month.

COURTESY OF BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY FOUNDATION

Legislature approves sales of new Blue Ridge Parkway license plates

On Friday, Feb. 17, the Virginia General Assembly approved the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation’s specialty license plate. Proceeds from sales will support enhancements and programs along the country’s most visited national park.

Thanks to Parkway supporters, the Foundation exceeded the 450 preorders required to secure approval for the license plate. It will be the only specialty plate in the commonwealth solely dedicated to funding projects and programs along the Parkway.

“We are so grateful to all the Virginians who placed a preorder for the plate and helped us create a new source of support for the national

park in their backyard,” said Carolyn Ward, CEO of the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation.

In 2022, the park welcomed more than 15.7 million visitors. Unlike many large national parks, the Parkway does not charge an admission fee, making the scenic route more vulnerable to shortfalls in government funding, maintenance backlogs, and building closures.

The plate legislation garnered widespread support, ranging from Augusta County to the Roanoke Regional Chamber to Patrick County.

In a letter of support, Kimberly Davis, executive director of the Friends of Southwest Virginia, wrote: “The

Parkway is a significant economic driver for Southwest Virginia. Additionally, the work of the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation has had a tremendous impact in both Virginia and North Carolina, and this license plate project will help the Foundation support projects and programs on the Parkway for years to come.”

The specialty plate fee is \$25, of which \$15 will go toward key improvements along the Parkway, including repairs at trails, campgrounds, and picnic areas. Funding will also support projects such as wildlife studies, historic preservation, and educational programs. A personalized plate

is available for \$35. The specialty plate is available for vehicles and motorcycles.

The DMV will soon begin the steps to get plates into production. The foundation will continue to accept preorders for the plate at GetThePlate.org until Friday, March 31. Those who have preordered by that date will be the first group to receive the plate in the mail. Others will have to wait until the plate is listed on the DMV’s website this summer. Production of the plate is estimated to take a few months, so plates will likely begin to arrive in July or August.

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Bank of Botetourt is offering 2 scholarship opportunities

Beginning Wednesday, March 15, Bank of Botetourt will virtually host high school seniors from high schools throughout its bank footprint to participate in Bank Day, a statewide effort sponsored by the Virginia Bankers Association (VBA) Education Foundation and the VBA Emerging Bank Leaders. The purpose of the program is to expose students to the banking industry and provide an opportunity for the students to learn about banking, careers in banking and financial services.

The third Tuesday in March was declared Bank Day by the Virginia General Assembly in 1991 and Bank of Botetourt hosts students for the program. Last year, the bank, in conjunction with the VBA, worked with 30 seniors from seven local high schools. From their experience, the students are required to write an essay, and twelve scholarships (six honorable mention, six regional, and one statewide) will be awarded based on the essays totaling \$26,000.

“We are pleased to partner with the VBA to offer this scholarship opportunity. The financial education of our youth is one more way the Bank serves its communities, and I am proud to share that Bank of Botetourt has hosted ten recipients from this program to date” said G. Lyn Hayth, president & CEO of Bank of Botetourt.

Throughout the virtual program, students will have access to a Virginia Banking industry resource website that houses videos, articles, and podcasts to explore and research. As a virtual host, Bank of Botetourt will also be providing supplemental materials and packets to the seniors as a thank you to each for participating.

Bank Day is one of the best short-term experiences for students—the opportunity to learn about the many services that banks offer and the ways Virginia banks support the communities they serve, and to start the networking that often leads to part-time and summer jobs, scholarships, and a start on a career path in the financial world,” said Bruce Whitehurst, president & CEO of the Virginia Bankers Association.

To learn more, and to sign up to participate in the VBA Bank Day program with Bank of Botetourt, please visit www.BankofBotetourt.com/VBA-Bank-Day or contact Jon Foreman at BankDay@BankofBotetourt.com. Student registration closes on Friday, March 3.

Bank of Botetourt Now Accepting Applications for its 7th Annual “Taking Care of You” Community Scholarship

Bank of Botetourt is pleased to offer its 7th Annual Taking Care of You Community Scholarship totaling \$2,000. Three total scholarships will be awarded in the amounts of \$500 and two at \$250. These scholarships are available to high school seniors and existing college students with a GPA of 2.5 or higher and who currently utilize Bank of Botetourt for their banking services.

To apply, applicants will need to write a two-page essay on the topic of “How has Bank of Botetourt been able to take care of your banking and financial needs?” The deadline for submissions is Friday, March 31.

For additional information please contact the Bank Education Team Representative Jon Foreman at Scholarship@BankofBotetourt.com or 540-591-5053.

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Rabies

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Greg May, Stefanie Sarine, Kirsten Gereaux, Bill Lyle, Andre Charette, Aaron Weiss and Trace Bellassai.

As people drove through, they are given a form to fill out, as the squad shared that, “It is extremely helpful when people are able to fill out the requested paperwork ahead of time as it makes everything move so much quicker.”

The rescue squad received about \$700 from the vaccine charges, and \$120 in donations.

“We wish to send out a huge thank you to all involved and everyone who came out with their pets and those that donated above and beyond what we were asking for the vaccine!” Bellassai shared.

Currently they are working on a new fundraiser, a “shoe drive.”

“People can donate used shoes to be recycled and the rescue squad

will receive some money for each pair donated,” Bellassai said.

More information will be in future issues.

“I’m happy to say we have a very active social and fundraising committee now, so there are a few other things in the works as well,” he added.

Those interested in donating to the rescue squad can do so either online or by check.

Checks can be made

out to Craig County Rescue and mailed to PO Box 81, New Castle, VA 24127. The website is www.craigrescue.com and click on the donate link.

“If anyone has questions, feel free to call the Rescue Squad at 540-864-5115, or email us at info@craigrescue.com,” Bellassai shared.

Again, the Squad sends their great appreciation to all who participated and graciously donated.

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Email letters to the editor to aboyd@mainstreetnewspapers.com

Ridge View Bank opens with ribbon cutting

Branch serves as inaugural SMART Center, more locations coming



Ridge View Bank held a ribbon-cutting ceremony last week to celebrate the opening of its first branch.

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SALEM—The Roanoke Valley came together to help Ridge View Bank celebrate the opening of its first full-service location at 124 West Main Street in Salem two weeks ago. “I am incredibly excited to unveil our very first SMART Center,” Carrie McConnell, president of the bank, said. “We can’t wait for the community to experience a new level of banking and the personalized service they can expect from our entire team.” Bank officials describe the SMART Center as being a state-of-the-art, interactive station that will allow customers to interact with a live banker to perform various transactions, including the making of deposits, withdrawals, loan payments, cashing checks and checking on account balances and loan payoffs.

Through the center, services will be offered before and after traditional banking hours. The center is now open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with extended drive-up hours including Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. “We are thrilled to offer a new approach to community banking for our customers and their businesses. We look forward to helping the Salem community and assisting them with their financial goals,” Nancy Brubaker, assistant vice president and Salem community office manager, said. Working out of the Salem branch will be five full-time personnel and a commercial banker.

The opening of the Salem location is part of a larger effort by the bank of enter the Roanoke Valley market, with a SMART Center location scheduled to open at Smith Mountain Lake later this year and a headquarters in Roanoke that is scheduled to open in 2024. “The unbelievably positive reception from our clients has enabled us to work on constructing multiple locations at once,” McConnell said. “We have big plans for Ridge View and look forward to introducing ourselves to more of the community as we continue to grow.” During the ceremony, the bank presented donations to the Salem/Roanoke County Food Pantry and Mrs. Dorsey’s Clothes Closet. McConnell noted that the bank has contributed to more than 35 local nonprofit organizations to date. Mayor Renee Turk provided some remarks



Bank officials describe the SMART Center as being a state-of-the-art and interactive.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF AILA BOYD

The new SMART Center is located at 124 West Main Street in Salem.

during the ceremony. She noted, “Carrie and I are alum of Roanoke College, so it has special meaning to me to know that we have someone that understands and knows how important

it is to have a relation-based feel for the people in this area and an understanding of what Roanoke and Salem are all about. We’re so thrilled to be able to move forward with

a bank that’s going to service this area’s businesses. They’re going to take care of us because they know what it means to be a hometown bank and serve the people’s needs.”

Roanoke County to host community meetings on the 200 Plan

Roanoke County—The Roanoke County 200 Plan is a major update to the county’s Comprehensive Plan. The 200 Plan expresses an overarching community vision as well as unique goals for 11 community planning areas within the county and the town of Vinton. Over 1,000 residents and community stakeholders have

participated in the development of the Roanoke County 200 Plan throughout 2021 and 2022. Roanoke County will host six open house, community meetings throughout the county in February and March for citizens to provide comments on the reveal of their community’s draft plan. “We invite Roanoke County residents, business owners, visitors

and anyone interested in the future of the County to join us to review and comment on the 200 Plan that will shape our community over the next 15 years,” said Philip Thompson, Director of Planning. “These draft objectives will impact future land use, natural and cultural resources, public facilities and services, and transportation infrastructure.”

All six open house style meetings are from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Peters Creek: Green Ridge Recreation Center – Wednesday, March 1
Bonsack/Vinton and Mount Pleasant: Vinton War Memorial- Monday, March 6
Windsor Hills: Hidden Valley High School- Wednesday, March 8
Back Creek and

Bent Mountain: Bent Mountain Center - Monday, March 13
Cave Spring and Clearbrook: South County Library- Wednesday, March 15
Additionally, there will be two Planning Commission public hearings on the draft Roanoke County 200 Plan, both beginning at 5 p.m.:
Green Ridge Recreation Center -

Thursday, March 23
Roanoke County Administration Center - Monday, April 3
Contact the Roanoke County Department of Planning at: planning@roanokecountyva.gov or (540) 772- 2065 for questions. In the event of weather, please visit the website or contact the department to confirm meeting.
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1. Bay Area Transit Auth. (abbr.)

5. Pull apart by force

9. Ancient Egyptian King

12. Missing soldiers

13. Capital of Japan

14. Diamond month (abbr.)

15. Spheres

16. Surpassing good

17. British thermal unit

18. Philippine island & seaport

19. Legally argued

20. Belonging to singer Fitzgerald

22. Bowler hats

24. Has a strong odor

25. Doyens

26. London Gallery

27. Rural delivery

28. Rods

31. Stonehenge plain

33. Withdraw from membership

34. Execute or perform

35. Central or Yellowstone

36. Municipality in Norway

39. Bay of NW Rep. of Ireland

40. Skin designs

42. Son of Jephunneh

43. Baseball's Ruth

44. Clare Booth __, Am. writer

46. Black tropical American cuckoo

47. Filled with fear or apprehension

49. 6th Jewish month

50. Wide metal vessel used in cooking

51. Make by pouring into a cast

52. Colombian city

53. Heat unit

54. Carpenter, red and army

55. Adam and Eve's garden

CLUES DOWN

1. Big man on campus

2. Made public by radio or television

3. Labelled

4. Inform positively

5. Drinks habitually

6. Supplemented with difficulty

7. SW Scottish river & port

8. American poet 1874-1963

9. Pads

10. Ingestion or intake

11. Tie up a bird before cooking

13. Bulrushes of the genus Scirpus

16. Turned rod on a spinning wheel

21. Having or covered with leaves

23. The 44th U.S. President

28. Midway between S and SE

29. Tuberculosis (abbr.)

30. Inspected accounting procedures

31. A twilled woolen fabric

32. Potato state

33. The work of a sailor

35. Involving 2 dimensions

36. Fanatical or overzealous

37. Consolation

38. Wild sheep of northern Africa

39. Erect leafless flower-bearing stalk

40. Afrikaans

41. Weighing device

43. Very dry champagne

45. Emerald Isle

48. A resident of Benin

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News from the 9th



I have hit the ground running in the new legislative session of Congress and will review a part of my agenda today. Obviously, over the two years of this

2nd Amendment

I have also introduced legislation, H.R.168, to more comprehensively address interstate transportation of firearms or ammunition. My legislation allows individuals to securely transport a firearm or ammunition between two places (e.g., states) where it is legal to possess, carry, or transport a firearm, without fear of being harassed by an anti-second amendment city.

Health Care & Public Health

Americans need greater access to life-saving drugs. I have introduced legislation to ensure critical patient access to compounded medications when a drug is facing a shortage. The Patient Access to Urgent-Use Pharmacy Compounding Act, H.R.167, creates a regulatory pathway for

certain compounding pharmacies to prepare medications for hospitals and physician offices if there's an urgent need or the drug is in shortage.

The opioid crisis continues to devastate families across the country, made worse by fentanyl and its analogues. I've introduced the Halt All Lethal Trafficking of (HALT) Fentanyl Act, H.R.467, to address the permanent scheduling of fentanyl analogues, while also granting researchers the ability to conduct studies on these substances and provide for exemption of individual analogues when evidence demonstrates it is appropriate.

The COVID-19 pandemic taught us that we can no longer be reliant upon foreign suppliers for personal protective equipment (PPE). Our national security and public health demand that we have a stable domestic supply of this equipment. The Domestic SUPPLY Act, H.R. 170, would direct the federal government to establish a domestic supply of PPE, require eligible domestic manufacturers to be headquartered in the U.S., manufacture in the U.S. 100% of the products they would supply, and be majority owned and operated by American citizens.

Environment & Deregulation

In January, the Federal Register published the Biden Administration's final Waters of the United States, or WOTUS, rule. This rule makes sweeping changes to the federal government's authority to regulate what's considered a navigable water, placing enormous burdens on small businesses, manufacturers, farmers, and private property owners. I have co-sponsored a House Joint Resolution, H.J.Res.27, to terminate the Biden WOTUS rulemaking through the Congressional Review Act (CRA), which provides a mechanism for Congress to overturn certain final agency actions.

Due to burdensome regulations from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the current New Source Review (NSR) program, originally meant to protect against pollution emissions from industrial facilities, discourages facilities from making upgrades that would ultimately lead to lower emissions. My New Source Review Permitting Improvement Act, H.R. 165, would reform these counterproductive rules so manufacturers, power plants, refiners, and others can make pollution-reducing upgrades to their facilities without running afoul of the EPA's misguided interpretation.

Government Reform

Democrats have made recent attempts to make the District of Columbia our nation's 51st state, saying residents are not properly represented. However, the Founders intended for our capital to be on neutral ground, distinct and distinguished from the rest of the states. That's why I introduced H.R.980 to retrocede D.C. to Maryland, returning the residential areas of D.C. to Maryland, while leaving the National Capitol Service Area, the National Mall and federal buildings like the Capitol, as the District of Columbia. Retrocession would give D.C. residents representation in the federal government, while maintaining an independent federal district to conduct the nation's business.

There is still ample opportunity to introduce legislation to benefit the constituents of the Ninth District. If you'd like to provide feedback on the work we are doing or talk to us about legislation you'd like us to consider, each month my staff is available at various locations in the district, where constituents can receive help in person. Information on our traveling office hours can be found at www.morgangriffith.house.gov.

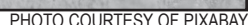


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If you like animals, read the 'Elephant Whisperer' book

Library Corner

By Marge Lewter

There is a collection of books I have been reading which are just wonderful. If you like animals, (and who doesn't?) then read the "Elephant Whisperer", by Lawrence Anthony.

After reading the Elephant Whisperer, I immediately ordered the next book, Babylon's Ark which is the story of Anthony's rescue of animals in the Baghdad zoo. And after that, The Last Rhinos. Once I finished Mr. Anthony's final book, I started in on An Elephant in my Kitchen by Françoise Anthony.

You may have heard of Lawrence Anthony when there was a worldwide news report of his beloved elephant herd arriving at his home at Thula Thula Reserve on the day he died to mourn him as one of their own. He died in a foreign country but somehow they knew and gathered around his home in South Africa after traveling many hours to get there. Then exactly one year later, on the anniversary of his death, they gathered around again. Elephants are famous for two things: Their incredible memory and mourning their dead.

In trying to describe a book which is indescribable, I can only say that I could not wait for the next chapter. I read it cover to cover in a few days, just soaking in the beautiful trust and wisdom of Mr. Anthony and his elephants.

The stories all take place at the Thula Thula Reserve in South Africa. The ability of Mr. Anthony to win the trust of a herd of rogue elephants is heartwarming and true. Each chapter is an adventure of life in Africa and all the beauty it holds.

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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:

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 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

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.

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.

ROUTE 605:

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

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 170 to 95, right and left lane closures will be in place northbound and southbound during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

INTERSTATE 581 ROUTE 581 BRIDGE WORK OVER WILLIAMSON ROAD:

Bridge work is underway

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

Daytime alternating left lane closures will be in place on Route 11, northbound and southbound, between the intersections of Rutherford Avenue and Wells Avenue, on Tuesday, February 28 through Thursday, March 2.

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. Drivers should expect intermittent flagging operations on Wise Avenue when necessary. The project is expected to be completed in summer 2023.

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

ROANOKE COUNTY

BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY CLOSURE:

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

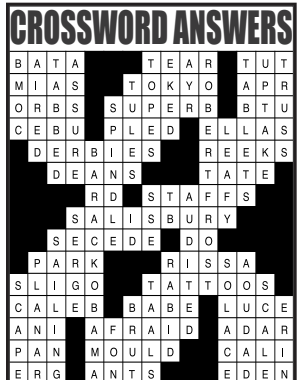
BOTETOURT COUNTY

ROUTE 616 ROAD 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, 2023.

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



in early 2023.

DALEVILLE CROSSOVER REMOVAL:

A crossover close to Daleville Town Center on Route 220 (Roanoke Road) is currently being removed in February/March 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 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 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 626 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

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.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

ROUTE 8 PEDESTRIAN 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 which 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. Expected completion is late summer 2023.

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VA Code §§ 8.01-316, -317 Case No. CL23-6883 City of Radford Circuit Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re Robert A. Jones, Jr. V. Victor Carter, et al. The object of this suit is to: Quiet the title to 530 W. Rock Road, Radford, VA 24141. It is ORDERED that heirs of Charles Jones, deceased appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before MARCH 15, 2023. JANUARY 27, 2023 REBECCA PRICE Deputy Clerk

Legals - City of Salem

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the City of Salem

Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on March 15, 2023, at 7:00 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 Michael O. Garst and Alan L. Garst, property owners, for rezoning the property located at 907 Florida Street (Tax Map # 185-5-9) from HBD Highway Business District to RSF Residential Single Family.
2. Consider the request of Daniel N Suggs Excavating & Grading, Inc., property owner, and AM Transportation of Roanoke, LLC, contract purchaser, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow a truck parking facility on the property located at 2730 West Main Street, (Tax Map # 174-5-1).

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 PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY: James E. Taliaferro, II Executive Secretary

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Workforce Development Transformation Legislation passes with bipartisan support

RICHMOND – Gov. Glenn Youngkin's legislation to consolidate and transform Virginia's fragmented workforce development system, supported by a broad coalition of businesses, trade and industry groups, labor unions and workforce leaders, passed the General Assembly last week with nearly unanimous, bipartisan support. The legislation combines a dozen workforce development programs and data systems under a single agency, the Virginia Department of Workforce Development and Advancement (DWDA) and authorizes that agency to direct all workforce programs across state government to optimize workforce readiness for Virginia's current and future jobs.

"In order to continue

to grow and strengthen Virginia's economy, we need to innovate how we train Virginia's workforce to drive opportunity and stimulate new business opportunities," Youngkin said. "The Virginia Department of Workforce Development and Advancement will fundamentally accelerate and transform Virginia's workforce through a bold approach that combines workforce development programs. This bipartisan effort will not only help us compete to win economically with our surrounding states, but also address Virginia's out migration."

"For over 30 years, legislators and governors of both parties have contemplated and attempted to consolidate the Commonwealth's fragmented workforce

development system. We were able to assemble a bipartisan group of legislators and stakeholders this year to get it done," said Secretary of Labor Bryan Slater. "The new workforce-focused agency will allow us to provide better services and training to Virginians, measure and optimize our programs, create more high-paying jobs for Virginia workers, enable the Commonwealth to better compete with other states, and meet the employment needs of businesses. This will accelerate Virginia's economic growth to make Virginia the place people want to relocate to live, work, and raise a family."

Del. Kathy Byron patroned House Bill 2195 and Senators Frank

Ruff and George Barker sponsored Senate Bill 1470.

"A skilled and trained workforce is essential to building a strong and growing economy," said Byron. "This bipartisan legislation will strengthen Virginia's ability to compete for the businesses that will create jobs, grow our economy, and ensure prosperity."

"Many areas of Virginia, particularly rural Virginia, need additional tools to compete in the 21st Century economy. This workforce development transformation will set Virginian's up with the skills and training they need to fill high-demand, good-paying jobs," said Sen. Frank Ruff.

Workforce development is a bipartisan issue and needs bipartisan solution.

This legislation is a perfect example of what happens when people come together and work toward a solution that that benefits all Virginians," said Sen. George Barker. "Serving on the Virginia Board of Workforce Development, I know this legislation will prepare Virginia, particularly Northern Virginia, to meet the ever-changing needs of a dynamic economy."

The transformation of Virginia's workforce development system will allow the commonwealth to:

Deliver programs more efficiently and increase workforce participation, fostering greater business investment, and, ultimately, a stronger economy for all Virginians;

Provide data-driven insights that will improve

the delivery of skill-building and workforce preparedness services through leveraging innovative data analysis;

Create a comprehensive strategy, balanced with regional flexibility, ensuring programs and services remain consistent with the needs of regions across Virginia;

Develop programs that better align with the needs of businesses and scale programs that work; and

Create a set of measures and metrics focused on jobs filled and people retained in the workforce, with greater accountability of the results.

On final passage, HB 2195 passed the House on a 96-1 vote and SB 1470 passed the Senate 40-0.

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CRAIG COUNTY KIDS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN NEW “BOXFIT” PROGRAM IN ROANOKE CITY



Rocky Winstead(left) and Latorie Woodberry.

When Rocky Winstead hears the word “boxing” his ears perk up. Now in his mid-80s, it’s been a big part of his life and he can still make a heavy bag pop.

So, when the Roanoke Times ran an article about a new home for youth boxers on the last day of 2022 it got Rocky’s attention in a big way. He feels he still has a lot to give to the youth in the Roanoke Valley and volunteered to help.

“Boxfit,” a fitness organization run by Roanoke’s Latorie Woodberry, has moved into a large building at the Norwich Park Center in Roanoke. The organization’s goal is to provide fitness training for kids from disadvantaged neighborhoods, but anyone in the Roanoke Valley is welcome, including kids from Craig County. Programs are offered for running, biking, swimming and a little bit of everything, but the main focus is boxing and that’s where Rocky comes in.

“I saw that article in the paper and I feel like I can teach them what I know,” said Winstead. “Boxing is a great way to keep kids off the street. It’s a way for them to get their name in the newspaper for something besides stealing hubcaps.”

Rocky can relate. He grew up with a father who was tough on him and a mother who was very religious. He was a handful in school, dropping out in the ninth grade to join the Marines.

“I did things to get attention, and often times that got me in trouble,” he said. “I would run down the street and hit every mail box along the way. Some lady at church told my mom she saw some fool running down the street hitting mailboxes, and my mom didn’t say anything because she knew it was me.”

Joining the Marines may have saved Rocky’s life, as it introduced him to the “Sweet Science” that is boxing. He went out for the boxing team, and although he didn’t make it on the first try he was persistent.

“They told me to take up tennis,” he said. “But I didn’t quit and made the team in 1959.”

Rocky boxed on the Marine team and was making a name for himself as a talented and respected fighter. He met his first wife when the Marine team competed in Roanoke and bought a house in the valley. However, his life took a turn when he was deployed to Viet Nam in 1967 and was injured, losing a knee cap. After returning home he took to coaching the sport, and at one point trained future heavyweight champ Ken Norton. He served stints as Boxing Coordinator for the Roanoke Parks and Recreation Department, coached some prison teams and put together state competitive amateur teams training out of the Roanoke Valley.

Lately, the sport has had a tough time finding places to train and few kids have taken up the game. That’s

why it’s such a big deal that Woodberry was able to access the large pavilion in the Norwich area. It gives kids the opportunity to be introduced to boxing and give them something to focus on.

“We moved in January 1st and we’re still unpacking boxes,” said Woodberry. “We want to be open five nights a week and the program is free, but we need some funding. We’d like to pick up a sponsor.”

Woodberry has been a boxer himself, fighting out of Roanoke. He was an amateur fighter for 10 years and a pro for three years, trained by legendary local trainer Maynard Quesenberry. He knows how the sport can put discipline and focus into young people and build character. When Rocky called him to ask if he could help he was happy to have someone with his experience join the team.

“Rocky has the wisdom and I have the will and energy,” he said. “We make a good team.”

“I feel like I can teach them what I know,” said Winstead. “I can show them what they need to do to turn pro. If we can get guys who are young and strong but don’t know what to do with their lives, we can give them a chance at something.”

Boxing is still a big part of Rocky’s life. You can see the adrenaline flow when he steps up to the heavy bag, even at his age. He can’t jump rope anymore, but he can instruct the kids how to do it correctly to improve their fitness

and footwork.

“I tell ‘em if you can jump rope for 15 minutes you can make love three or four times a night,” said Rocky with a chuckle. “A kid went home and told his mother that and she said she was going to get his daddy to start jumping rope.”

Winstead has a paper he distributes with 114 topics about boxing that can he can teach, like “how to box on the ropes,” “how to box in the corner,” “how to spin an opponent without fouling,” “what to eat and when,” and on and on with tips on every aspect of boxing you can imagine. Categories include “Basic Boxing,” “Ring Techniques,” “Boxing Training,” and “Being Mentally Prepared.”

Rocky hauls around items in his van that help him teach, like a mat with numbers on it that he uses to show proper foot work. While he has much experience on the physical side of the sport he also stresses mental toughness, and has some rules that he instills in kids he works with.

“Number one, you’re always going to have some negative things happen and you just need to flush it,” he said. “Just flush it, the past is the past and it’s not going to change.

“Number two, we all need to work together, all colors. We all bleed red.”

Rocky envisions the program expanding to the point where different areas of the Roanoke Valley have their own teams and have competition.

“If you go back 40 some

years we had five different locations where kids could take up boxing,” he said. “Can you imagine if Salem had a team and Roanoke had a team and they boxed each other? We’d have a packed house to see that.”

As mentioned, all kids from 7 to 17 are welcome to attend the Boxfit program, both boys and girls. You don’t have to be interested in boxing to join, just a desire to be physically fit. If you’re interested e-mail boxingandbrawling@outlook.com or call

Latorie Woodberry at 540-204-1173.

Rocky Winstead is also interested in having anyone interested in boxing reach out to help, and he’d also like to hear from boxers in the area that he’s worked with. You can reach Rocky at 252-230-4268.

“We need people who really want to help others,” he said. “Kids need something to focus on, and we can make a difference in a lot of kids’ lives with a program like this.”



Latorie Woodberry jumps rope as Rocky Winstead looks on.



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Rocky can still make the heavy bag pop.

RECREATION CHAMPIONSHIPS ARE THIS WEEKEND

Recreation basketball championships will be held at the Craig County High School gym this weekend.

On Saturday games will start at 10 am with the last game scheduled for 1:45 pm. The first three games will be playoff games and the last two are championship games with the Hornets meeting the Bricklayers at 12:45 pm and the Basket Chicks against the Girl Trotters at 1:45 pm.

Then, on Sunday, championship games will be played at 1:30 pm, 2:30 pm and 3:30 pm. The Hot Shots, Lady Ballerz and Warriors are in the finals against opponents to be determined Saturday.

WYTHE ELIMINATES CRAIG BOYS IN REGION HOOPS

The Craig County boys saw their basketball season come to an end with an 83-43 loss to George Wythe in the Class 1C tournament in

Wytheville last week. The Rockets finished the season with a 5-19 record while George Wythe finished as region runner-up and will advance to the

Class 1 state tournament this weekend.

“George Wythe was a really good team,” said Craig County coach Ryan Frazier. “We struggled from the tip with the full court pressure that George Wythe plays. They kept the press on until halftime, as they already had a sizable lead.”

In the second half the Rockets were able to put some points on the board, but could not close the gap. Frazier was able to get everyone in the game late, where CJ Armes and Chris Matheney scored six points each to close out the year.

“It obviously did not go how we planned, but to see those two get some baskets in the last game was enjoyable for the whole team,” said Frazier. “We really enjoyed having those two this year.”

Matthew Lucas scored 20 points while Seth

Parsons, Talon Ritter, and Zach Peters had three each and Jaycob Wolfe chipped in with two.

“We finished out the year finishing fourth in the regular season and fourth in the tournament to earn our second straight regional berth,” said Frazier. “This was our ultimate goal this year, but admittedly we expected to have a better record than we ended up with. Our goal for next year will be to make it three years in a row”

Craig had players make the All-Pioneer District team this year. Lucas made first team all-district for the second year in a row and Peters made second team all-district.

“We are very proud of these guys and what they earned this year, and with some good offseason work I feel we can get even more on there next year,” said Frazier.



Zach Peters was named to the All-Pioneer District second team.



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Matthew Lucas is first team All-Pioneer District