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## VFW honors Karen Jones for the children's cards

**Pam Dudding** Contributing writer

Teachers are said to be the one person who spends as much time with a family's child as some parents are able to, creating a phenomenal impact on children's lives.

At Craig County Public Schools, teachers like stand out Karen Jones. She not only teaches curriculum, but also encourages her students to care for community members as well.

For several years now, Karen Jones has invited her students to make handmade cards for the local



The Craig Valley VFW Post 4491 honored teacher Karen Jones at the March Craig County School Board meeting for the care and support she has given to the local veterans through the cards her students have handmade for them for several years.

# Football Spring Fling scores a touchdown

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Contributing writer

The Craig County High School football team has really upped its game by being an active community group as well as working towards raising funds for its needs. The team isn't just sitting around waiting on donations, it's working diligently at making funds on its own.

The team's valentine candy gram event was a hit at the school and for the community and the Spring Fling Fundraiser held on Saturday, April 1 was another event that the community truly enjoyed.

As one entered the school, they were given a free ticket to place in one of twenty-some bags for a drawing for prizes which were donated by each ven-

There was also an opportunity to purchase more tickets to place in the drawings for a greater opportunity to win one of

Twenty-five vendors attended the event, giving shoppers a grand array of different options to purchase, from \$2 bracelets and \$1 rings to expensive brand name purses, pictures, jewelry and cloth-

Kids could purchase tattoos and face glitter.

Hot dogs and drinks were available to quench one's appetite while they enjoyed the shopping ven-

"We appreciated one coming out to support our event!" Coach Jayke Dowdy shared. "We want-

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PHOTO BY PAM DUDDING

Chelsea Grippy and her daughter, Raylee, were selling fairy hair, extension and tinsel that could be put in one's hair, along with face glitter, fairy dust, bracelets with charms and tattoos for the younger ones.



Little Aubrey was determined to get her eggs, as she selected just the right ones that she liked, looking up at her mother with a grin as she placed each in her

# Easter egg hunt brings out the 'kid' in everyone

Pam Dudding Contributing writer

As the special Easter season has approached, churches in the communi-Easter egg hunts.

The New Castle Chris-Church April fool!" they shared as the air.

everyone laughed. shared the story of Jesus table as well as the long crucified on the cross and would get to enjoy after rose again after being buried for three days.

Virginia Johnson organized the event, including, making the winning baskets for the kids, with age-appropriate toys, candy and every winner ty are hosting their annual received a \$10 Chick-fil-A

They sectioned off the brought yard for the different ages out 1,300 eggs this year and as everyone sat in the for the delight of many fellowship hall waiting for children, "And that is no the "go," excitement filled

The kids were eyeing Pastor Bill Frazier the prizes that were on the Christ and how he was array of snacks which they

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# Family cleans up on 615 and 606



James Petersen has only been a New Castle resident since August 2022. Still, he shared a very important life lesson with his two granddaughters, Jordan and Madi, and his daughter, Chelsea Mathews, as they cleaned Rt. 615 around the highway and the 606 intersection. "We were happy to help!" Chelsea said. "My dad always taught me about nature. Leave it better than you found it!"



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Gage was tickled when he opened his egg to find a \$10 bill and it wasn't Monopoly money.



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the hunt was over.

As each group was led outside, glee was seen not only on the children's faces but the parents' as well. It seems that this event always has a tendency to bring out the "kid" in everyone.

When they heard the "go," children ran and started scooping up eggs as fast as they could. Some though chose their favorite colors of eggs to pick

A few of the kids had to grab their parents for help,

as their baskets were overflowing with eggs. One father offered his t-shirt, while another mother tried flipping hers up as well to hold the extras they were bringing her.

Everyone gathered back into the fellowship hall, where they were told that the winners were the eggs with numbers on them.

So many happy faces were lit up. Even the parents enjoyed helping to open the eggs to see what would be inside.

The winners were, Layla Reeder, Abby Craft and Addie Stamper. Also, there was candy

and toys in many of the eggs, along with a few \$5

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There was a winner in each of the three age groups. They were, Layla Reeder, Abby Craft and Addie Stamper.



The age groups were divided into three sections and the middle age group was so fast that they got to go to the big age group and help them finish getting eggs. Mom and dad's shirts, pockets and hands were overflowing with eggs.



Pastor Bill Frazier shared the story of Jesus Christ and what Easter was all about, with Jesus being crucified, buried and on the third day, arising from the dead.

## Football from page 1

ed to plan something fun for the community and the parent feedback about the kid activities made it all worth it. We had a community member tear up thanking us for all we have done/have planned for the community this year."

Some of the vendors included, Mary Kay, My Town Crochet, Scentsy, Urban Discount, Earth And Ocean Treasures, Simply Wackadoo, Missy's Gifts And Wooden Creations, LaShaun Douglas, Mary And Martha, Buzy B Crafts, Clara Huff, Grace-Ful Journey Boutique, Nona's Friendship Bread, Dandelion Acres, Dowdy Designs, Britt & Co, Shay N Jays, By The Dozen, Paparazzi, Feathered Darlin Boutique, Sunflower Sweet Thirty-one, Shoppe, Kevin Carpenter purses, Southern Roots Hair Salon, Jackie's Greenery, Colorstreet, Contemporary Concepts and more.

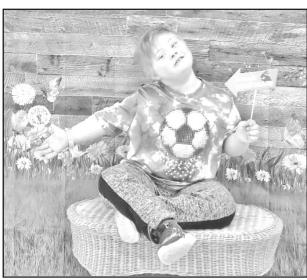
A unique craft called diamond painting, which Dana Woods presented, was also at the event. It is tiny little pieces of colored glass that one puts together to create beautiful pictures that glisten.

Faye and Steve Powers had their handcrafted sea glass that is skillfully wrapped in wire that creates beautiful jewelry.

There were options for nail care, t-shirts, designer cups, beautiful, handcrafted jewelry of all kinds, replicas of designer purses, wreaths that were gorgeous, southern styles and painted artwork.

Angie with My Town Crochet had very unique ent, of making animals things she had crocheted, including baskets with crocheted bunnies on them, gnomes and little chickens. Her artwork was unique and drew a lot of people.

Also, Katie Crowder's unique crocheting tal-



pin the tail on the Easter bunny and to take photo ops. their own handcrafted jewelry. James Michael posed for his picture.

jewelry for sale.



The cafeteria was set up for kids to make crafts, play Coach Jayke Dowdy and his wife, Morgan, even make

and objects was a delight, along with kitchen towels.

Chelsea Grippy and her daughter, Raylee, were selling fairy hair, extension and tinsel that could be put in hair, along with face glitter, fairy dust, bracelets with charms and tattoos for the younger

A new item to many were the cut out wax warmers that Tina Weeks and Missy Walker had. The intricate designs of the warmers created beautiful lights.

Claudia Johnson had a vast array of earrings and other hand crafted southern-like items that drew many to her tables.

Even Crowder and his wife, Morgan, had their

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Contemporary Concepts had classy and unique clothing items as well as other

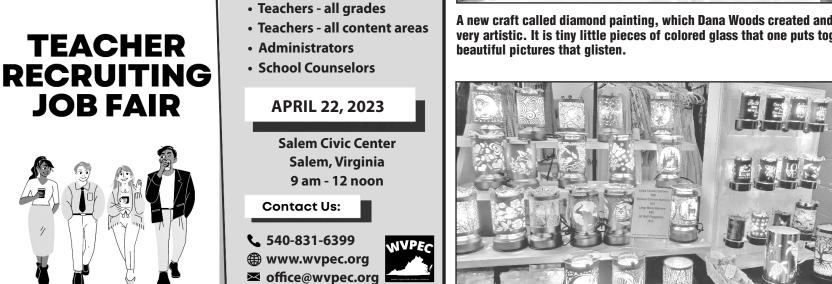


Angie Spence is a crocheting queen, as she shared that she goes online and watches a video and then makes all the different items she had.

2023



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# **O**BITUARIES

# Sarver, Sheldon 'Ned'

Sheldon "Ned" Sarver, 74, of Catawba, Virginia, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Wednesday morning, March 29, 2023. He was preceded in death by his wife of 51 years, Susan Walker Sarver; parents Lemuel and Josephine Sarver, and brother Junior Sarver. He leaves behind two sons, Sheldon (April) Sarver and Matthew (Kimberly) Sarver; six grandchildren, Jacob, Addyson, Tanner, Tanner, Landon, Sadie, and Zachary; one sister, Meddie Delp; many nieces and nephews, great nieces and great nephews and close friends.

Ned was a gentle and loving man, hard worker, faithful friend and devoted husband, father, and grandfather. After serving in Viet Nam, he returned home to marry the love of his life. He dedicated his time to his



family, farming, and the Roanoke Cement plant where he retired after thirty plus years. Ned loved his church where he sang in the choir and helped with the boys' ministry. He enjoyed spending time with his family, especially the grandchildren, playing games and singing karaoke. He was proud of all of them and encouraged them to work hard and follow the

The family would like to thank each person

that came to visit Ned during the last year. They would also like to thank the Good Sam Hospice team who took such great care of him the last few months, especially Jamie, who was a bright spot at every visit and brought a smile to Ned's face. Ned was proud of

grandchildren's involvement in their youth group and the youth mission's team. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Christian Life International, 1 CLI Way, Salem, Virginia 24153, earmarked "Awaken Student Ministries Missions "Awaken Team" or Student Ministries Youth

Group."

The family will have a Celebration of Life service on Saturday, April 15, 2023, at 11:00 Christian Life International Church.

# Ferguson, Richard Walter

Walter Ferguson, 80, of New Castle, died peacefully Saturday, March 25,

Richard was preceded in death by his parents, Walter Elmo Ferguson and Catherine Frances Wright, his stepfather, Harry Gordon Wright, and grandparents, Fitzhugh and Maybelle Ferguson. Richard is survived by his wife, Linda Stuĺl Ferguson, and four children and grandchildren: Jamie Ferguson and her daughter, Shelby; Jessica Stover and husband Matt, and their son, Drew; Julie Munz and husband Chris, and their sons, Jack, Sawyer, and Easton; and Matthew Ferguson and

Richard was born February 4, 1943 and raised in Roanoke. He graduated from Jefferson High School in 1961. Richard was proud to be a Marine and served in Guantanamo during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

his longtime girlfriend,

Kelsey Alcaraz. He also

has three sisters: Harriet

Musselwhite, and Betty

Sue Short, and two

Brenda

Chestnut,

Following his service to the country, he worked General Electric in Salem for 39 years. The Commonwealth of Virginia was his home from the beginning to the end, he was proud to be a son of the South.

Richard had many hobbies: an avid squirrel hunter in his youth turned purveyor of corn kernels for his furry friends in his retirement; a naturalist who knew every tree and every animal that made his meticulous backyard meadow a home; a car enthusiast; a feracious relentless Sudoku and crossword puzzle solver; a daily hiker along the Craig County Greenway Trail a path he personally cared for the benefit of his community; a cursed but nonetheless devoted supporter of the University of Virginia athletic program; enjoying humor; and a true connoisseur of Southern history and culture, especially music he loved the Allman Brothers Band. He was also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and a lifetime supporter of the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Quantico, Virginia.

For all the many wonderful attributes of this simple but honest man that are most cherished by those that knew and loved him and to be most missed was Richard's absolute dedication to his family and to his faith. He was a rock you could always rely on, no matter what. He might not have been always outspoken, but his silent presence was steady and always reassuring. We were fortunate for the time we had with him. He will be sorely missed but there is no doubt Richard is where he is meant to be now, with his Savior.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, April 1, 2023, at the Mountain View Christian Church, with his friend Jonathan Lee officiating. He was laid to rest with military at Sherwood Memorial Park in Salem.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in his name to any of the following: Mountain View Christian Church; to the County of Craig, in attention for the Craig County Greenway; to the National Epilepsy Foundation at https://give.epilepsy.com/ page/33651/donate/1

# Bradford, Perry Grant

Bradford, 75 of New Castle passed away Wednesday, March 29, 2023. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 49 years, Norma Bradford; daughter, Christie Scott; and granddaughter, Bridgett Oliver. He is survived by

his children, John Bradford (Lisa), Teresa Oliver (BJ), and Jesse Bradford (Jessica); grandchildren, Chelsea



Bradford, Maddy Oliver, Grant Oliver, Shianne Simpkins, Jacob Bradford, and

Nathan Scott. Funeral

Services will be held 2 p.m. Sunday, April 2, 2023 Paitsel Funeral Home with Pastor Bill Frazier officiating. Interment will follow at the Bradford Family Cemetery, New Castle. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service 1-2 p.m.

Arrangements by Paitsel Funeral Home. www.paitselfh.

# Upcoming public meetings in Craig

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.

A CPMT meeting at CPMT - Department of Social Services will be at

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## Events open to the public

#### April 6

Grace Baptist Church and Craig Valley Baptist will honor Maundy Thursday, hosting a potluck dinner - short worship service following at Grace Baptist Church at 6 p.m.

New Castle United Methodist Church - Holy Week services. Thursday - Tim Vernon, Friday - Pastor San Kang with regular Sunday service at

## April 7

Methodist Catawba United Church, 4962 Catawba Creek Rd. will have a Good Friday service at 7

### April 8

Walton Church - Easter egg hunt 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

special Hop & Shop, with vendors and the Easter bunny, with Liv Alive Photography taking pictures. Easter egg hunt in town, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m Offering a 10% discount off appoint ments for that day and a free brow

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## April 9

Walton Church – 7 a.m. sunrise service and 10 a.m. Easter celebration Craig Valley and Grace Baptist wil

have Easter sunrise service together at Grace Baptist at 7 a.m., followed by breakfast. Following the breakfast Grace Baptist - 10 a.m. service and Craig Valley – 11 a.m. service.

New Castle Christian Church wil be conducting the community sunrise service at 7 a.m. at Huffman Cemetery at Chestnut Grove Church on Rt 42 with Pastor Bill Frazier.

Lighthouse Baptist Church specia service at 9 a.m. - small breakfast af terward. 10 a.m. - Sunday school, 11 a.m. Easter program.

Level Green Church will have an Easter egg hunt at 2 p.m., after their spring fellowship meal.

Shiloh Union United Methodis Church Sunrise Service with holy communion at 6:30 a.m. on 7509 Newport Road, Catawba and breakfast afterward. Easter service – 9 a.m

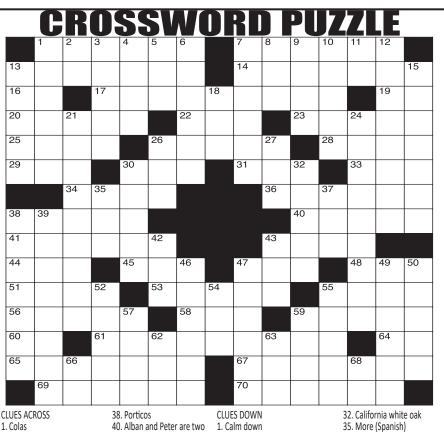
#### April 12

Feeding America - New Castle Christian Church parking lot from 3-5 p.m. Fresh produce, along with canned items are available for the community to purchase. Citizens with EBT cards receive a discount or

April 15

Monroe Mushroom Foray at Waiteville Community Center in Waiteville, WV from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m Workshop and wood walk on Potts Valley Rail trail and Moncove Lake WVMUSHROOMCLUB.NET

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# News from the 9th

## The Lower Energy Costs Act



Morgan Griffith Representative

House Republicans recently passed H.R. 1, the Lower Energy Costs Act. By numbering this legislation as H.R. 1, Republicans recognize that unleashing American energy is one of Congress' top priorities and critical to the wellbeing of the American people and our

In 2020, under President Trump, the United States achieved energy independence. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, the U.S. produced more petroleum than it consumed, the first year since at least 1949. Unfortunately, this energy comeback was short-lived.

On his very first day in office, President Biden began enacting policies to counter the energy achievements made in the last Administration, ones that severely hampered domestic oil and gas production. As a result, the

American people have experienced exorbitant energy prices.

The Biden Administration made permitting new fossil fuel and nuclear energy projects very difficult. The New York Times recently reported that even thousands of renewable energy projects are delayed due to the current regulatory landscape.

In parts of Virginia gas prices reached record highs, close to \$5 a gallon in June 2022. The price of residential heating oil hit an all-time high in November, costing Virginians \$5.52 per gallon.

This has been especially burdensome for lowincome households; some families in the 9th District have had to choose between paying their energy bills to keep their homes heated during the winter and other necessi-

We can do better.

H.R. 1 incorporates 25 individual pieces of legislation from across three different standing House committees to address the energy issues we have experienced over the past

As a member of the Energy and Commerce Committee and the Enhave been proud to be one of the people working to also repeals Section 134 make H.R. 1 a good bill. of the Clean Air Act, re-

crease domestic energy gas reduction fund. This production and alleviate \$27 billion 'green bank' some of the cost increases was implemented as part at the pump, by reversing of the so-called Inflation Biden's anti-energy poli- Reduction Act to advance

to disapprove of Biden's canceling of the Keystone addresses our need for

lease sales on federal lands cles and battery storage. and waters and repeals many restrictions on the of-the-above energy apimport and export of nat- proach, including renewural gas, including LNG. ables, but it shouldn't be at

States use natural gas for boosts the mining and space heating and wa- processing of hardrock ter heating. Included in minerals, including criti-H.R.1 is legislation to cal minerals needed to repeal President Biden's ramp-up production of natural gas production renewable energy comtax. This tax has played a ponents, maximizing our hand in increasing house- domestic energy produchold energy bills across tion. It also requires the the country.

cess through changes to able to supply disruptions. the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) the House passed H.R. permitting process. These 1, President Biden threatchanges will streamline ened to veto the legislafederal environmental re- tion, to the detriment of views for all sectors of our all Americans. economy by ensuring that NEPA review challenges will work with us to get a are substantive and by set-bill that helps Americans ting deadlines for comple- by lowering energy costs.

Subcommittee, I tion of the NEPA reviews.

This energy package H.R. 1 aims to in- lating to the greenhouse the bad policies of the It includes legislation Green New Deal.

The legislation also

XL pipeline, which cost domestic production of the United States 11,000 critical minerals. In the American jobs and could left's rush to green energy, have had a positive eco- America has become too nomic impact of between reliant on volatile Chi-\$3.4-9.6 billion. The ad- nese supply chains, and ditional oil would have in some cases, the use of been cheaper to transport slave labor. The Depart-American refineries ment of Energy reported by pipeline, rather than that, among other things, moving the oil by truck China controls 80% of or train. This would have the world's rare earths kept gasoline prices from production and refining which is needed to manu-The legislation also facture wind turbines and requires the Department 60% of lithium refining of the Interior to resume needed for electric vehi-

I believe in an all-About half of the the expense of our nation-homes in the United al security. This legislation Department of Energy H.R. 1 reforms the to identify resources that country's permitting pro- are particularly vulner-

Unfortunately, before

Hopefully the Senate

# Free plants will be available April 22

## **Library Corner**

**Marge Lewter** 

Birds are singing. Butterflies are in flight. Welcome back Spring! Before we stress over mowing lawns and weed management, let's think flowers. They are so full of hope and the reward of nature's beauty. There are never enough.

Prepare now for the free plant exchange at the library—Swap Day on Saturday April 22 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. If you are thinning out a else to nurture in their goodness for that!

garden. Don't want to pot them, a plastic bag will do. How about houseplants that need thinning or just a healthy cutting? If cuttings are in fresh water, they will soon have roots for someone else to plant. It's all about passing along your abundance and giving someone else a new plant. Seeds are also welcomed.

Stop by on Saturday, drop off plants and take home something new, all free. Allow time to check out free books and DVDs. The Book Barns will be open with new material tucked in. There may be a treasure for you or your family to discover. Pass this on to family, friends and neighbors. There is an flower bed, bring the abundance of plant lovers overflow for someone all around us and thank

meeting, the Craig Valley

VFW Post 4491, repre-

sented by Commander Billy

Lee, presented Jones with an

Warwick shared, "Every

year, Ms. Jones leads an ini-

tiative to write letters to our

Veterans. This year, Mr. Lee

is here to recognize Karen

Jones for this word that she

Valley VFW Post 4491, it is

my pleasure to give to you,

for your support and love for

the veterans of the county.

"On behalf of the Craig

Superintendent Jeanette

appreciation award.

## VFW

Craig veterans County.

Special notes that are handwritten in the cards have touched the hearts of many veterans, as several have posted their thanks and appreciation on Face-

Also, at the Annual Veterans and Active Military HONOR dinners, the veterans and their spouses each received cards from Jones' students.

Their reactions to the cards were heartwarming. Many shared that they received little to no appreciation after coming back from the war, (except in Craig County who was welcoming). Therefore, the cards were a sincere

At the March Craig County School Board

This certificate and a token of our friendship," Lee said. "Doing the cards is such a small thing in comparison with what these men and women have done for us. They should be honored and recognized every day for their sacrifice for our country," Jones shared. "It is important that we teach our children about these he-

> She added, "I was so honbut also unworthy of being recognized by the Veterans when what I did was so little in comparison to the sacrifices that they have made. We should be the ones giving THEM awards."

roes and how important it is to recognized and honor

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This past weekend was youth turkey season, and several men took their little ones out for a gobbler look. Lee Sarver shared that he had a proud moment as a grandfather, saying, "I know it was raining and I rarely go in the rain anymore BUT it was youth day and I'll be at Church tomorrow, SO, we went anyway, and this big bird comes in really early, got to about 25 yards and Bug let him have it and all he did was the turkey flop! The excitement was great, the shouts and laughter was crazy and Bug impersonating the turkey flop was hilarious! But as we rode out of the mountains, Bug said, 'Papsy whenever I go hunting, I will always remember you.' Yes, I'm still tearing up, thank you Jesus for such great memories, so blessed!"

# Turkey day for youth | Mountain Lodge #140 welcomed a huge success for Bug | District Deputy Grand Master Crum



Members of Mountain Lodge #140, AF & AM, of New Castle, along with visitors from several other lodges, welcomed their District Deputy Grand Master Alan Wayne Crum, in the hat, to their March 14 stated meeting after enjoying a spaghetti dinner provided by Worshipful Master David Jett Layman Sr., who is pictured on Crum's right.

# Wind destroyed Grimm's carport



It wasn't an April Fools' Day joke when Donnie Grimm rose from his carport swing to go inside and then heard a loud noise, only to look out the door and see that half his carport was laying in the yard, along with his swing he had just risen from. Jason Crawford, his neighbor, shared that he watched the whirlwind as it came down the road towards his home. It lifted his carport up, pulling the back half off the driveway and carrying it into his back yard. The remainder of the carport sloped down, as the support was now gone. He shared that he was very happy that he had just

## **Easter Egg**



As 1,300 eggs were being opened, the kids were so happy to find candy and toys in them.

and \$10 bills. Squeals were heard when one

was found. The evening ended with snacks and kids sharing their winnings as everyone had a basket

of candy and toys.

The true meaning of the holiday, being emphasized of the crucifixion and the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who wishes to fill the "baskets" of people's hearts with joy and peace.

## Football from page 2

own table with their hand-crafted jewelry. For the kids, they had set up a craft station in the cafeteria, as well as pin the tail on the Easter bunny and a photo op place to take your picture. "We would like to thank the students and players that gave up their Saturday to help bring

some joy and shopping

to their community and

a big thank you to Jason Lane and Morgan Dowdy for planning it," Dowdy said. "Thank you to the coaches who went above and beyond to make the day a success, Brock Jones, Roland Donithan, Jamie Simpkins, Jayke Dowdy, and Jimmy Fisher and a special shout out to Coach and Mrs. Fisher for the delicious concessions that were provided."

Be sure to 'Like' the New Castle Record on Facebook.



Robin Morris has been known in Craig for her colorful and creative wreaths that she makes.



Fave and Steve Powers had a huge display of wirewrapped sea glass that is stunning, and many other

# Gods House Is

#### BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

11599 Cumberland Gap Road/Rt. 42, New Castle, 864-5242; church phone:544-7040 Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m., Sunday School 10:30 a.m., Choir Tuesday 7:30p.m., Youth Outreach and Missions Program. Rev. San Kang.

#### **CHESTNUT GROVE CHURCH**

Duane Wente, Minister, Rt. 42, New Castle, 540-864-5692. Sunday: Worship 10:00 a.m.

#### **CORNERSTONE CHURCH**

Pastor Don Brown, Corner of Salem and Wagner, New Castle, 580-3228. Sunday Worship 10:30am (Children meet separately, Nursery provided). Bible Study - Wednesday 6p Teens - Wednesday 6p. Ministries: Men, Ladies, Young Adult, and Seniors. Times vary, call for details

#### CRAIG HEALING SPRINGS CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)

Pastor - Kenneth W. Davis, Jr., 6 Grannys Branch Road (Johns Creek), New Castle, Phone: 864-6102. Sunday School at 10 am. Sunday Worship at 11 am every Sunday. Fellowship meal after Sunday Worship on

second Sundays. Everyone is welcome! **CRAIG VALLEY BAPTIST** 171 Salem Avenue, New Castle, 864-5667; Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m., Wednesday: Prayer Service and Bible

Study 7:00 p.m., Youth Group 6:30-8:00PM, Bible Buddies at 6:30-8:00PM. Transportation provided - call the church. Hearing devices also available. www.craigvalleybaptist.com CRAIG VALLEY GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP

HWY 621, Pastor Roy Lee Law Jr., "Jay", 864-8984. Sunday School 10:00am; Worship 11:00am., Wednesday night Bible study 7pm, from HWY 311, up HWY 621, 8 miles on left.

#### **CROSSROADS CHURCH**

21892 Craigs Creek Road, New Castle. Pastor Gary Burch. 864-7520. Sunday School- 10-10:45AM, Sunday Worship - 11AM-Noon.

Church phone 864-5919. Sunday School 10:00AM, Sunday Worship

11:00AM and 6PM. Wednesday Evening Bible Study 7PM, Youth Group

**FIRST BAPTIST** Pastor Kevin Altizer, Corner of Main Street & Boyd Ave., New Castle.

7:00PM, Reformers Unanimous Addiction Recovery every Friday evening at 7PM.

#### **GRACE ASSEMBLY OF GOD**

5530 Catawba Valley Drive, Catawba, VA, 540-384-7075. Pastor Loraine Taylor, agladypastor@msn.com. Sunday service begins at 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday Evening service at 7:00 p.m.; Youth (ages 13-18) & Super Church (ages 4-12) Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. You can also watch on Facebook Live at 10:30 a.m. www.graceassemblycatawaba.org

#### GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

159 Old Railroad Ave, New Castle, 540-864-PRAY, Sunday School 9:30AM, Sunday Worship Service 10:00AM, Wednesday Night Services 7:00PM.

#### **HEBRON UNITED METHODIST**

Pastor Rodney Longmire, Rt. 606, 1981 Caldwell Mt. Rd., New Castle, 540-400-3419. Worship 11:15AM. LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST

Rev. Lee Looney, Rt. 311 N., New Castle. Sunday: Sunday School 10AM, 11AM, & 6PM. Wednesday Bible Study 7PM.

#### LEVEL GREEN CHRISTIAN CHURCH

3388 Cumberland Gap Rd. Newport, Duane Wente, Minister, 540-544-7179. Sunday School 10:00am, Sunday Morning Worship 11:00am,

Children's Church 11:00am. Choir Practice, bi-weekly 7:00pm, Ladies meeting first Monday of each month at 7:00pm. LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST

Pastor Lee Looney, Rt. 311 N., New Castle, 540-525-7662. Sunday:

#### Sunday School 10AM, 11AM, & 6PM. Wednesday Bible Study 7PM. MOUNTAIN VIEW CHRISTIAN 4199 Craig Valley Drive, New Castle, Jonathan Lee, pastor, 864-6622.

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Pastor John D. Abbott, Hwy 621 (10 miles), phone: 864-8242, Sunday Prayer 10:00-10:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday

**PAXTON CHAPEL** Pastor Kenny Davis, 17 Sage Brush Lane, New Castle; "Presenting God's Word Faithfully"; Sunday School 10:00 AM; Sunday Worship Service 11:15 AM; visit us on the web at www.paxtonchapelchurch.

## com; email at paxtonchapel@ yahoo.com.

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#### Worship 11AM; UMW 3rd Wednesday@1PM, Youth and other pro-

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#### TRUSTEE'S SALE **OF 164 KELSEY** WAY, FINCASTLE,

VA 24090. In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated July 30, 2018, in the original principal amount of \$140,900.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County Virginia as Instrument No.

180002806. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090 on June 2, 2023, at 11:30 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust,

located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT LOT AND PREMISES LOCATED IN BOTETOURT COUNTY. VIRGINIA, AND

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449, PAGE 72. TOGETHER WITH A PERPETUAL RIGHT OF WAY AND EASEMENT OVER THE 50 FT. PRIVATE ROAD AND MELODY LANE FOR THE PURPOSE OF INGRESS AND EGRESS FROM THE

LAND HEREIN CONVEYED TO STATE SECONDARY ROUTES NO 630 AND NO 638 LESS AND EXCEPTING THAT PARCEL

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CLERK'S OFFICE IN PLAT BOOK 61, PAGE 121. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust,

whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the

essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall

be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be

entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's

memorandum of foreclosure

#### Legals - Botetourt County

sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any

information obtained will be

used for that purpose. The

sale is subject to seller

confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC. 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website:

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358737-2.

#### **Mountain Castles** Soil and Water Conservation

District (MCSWCD) is

accepting bids for the mowing and routine maintenance of four flood control dams located in Craig County, VA, until Friday, May 5, 2023, at 5 pm. All four dams are located in the upper Johns Creek valley. The Maintenance Contract for these dams include mowing (once in the spring and once in the fall), woody debris removal. liming and seeding of the dam embankment (as needed),

groundhog hole repairs, and trash/debris removal from the trash rack on the dam risers (also includes replacement of trash rack if it's damaged). The successful bidder will enter into a contract with a base term of three years (2023,

2024, 2025) and will include a performance-based contract extension clause for two additional years (2026 and 2027). To receive the complete Bid information Packet, contact Daniel Naff at (540) 580-8373 or

daniel.naff@mountaincastle s.org ALL BIDDERS MUST SUBMIT CURRENT CERTIFICATION OF LIABILTY AND WORKERS

COMPENSATION INSURANCE FOR A BID TO BE CONSIDERED. MCSWCD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids received. ACSWCD is an Equa Opportunity Provider and Employer.

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY IN RE: ESTATE OF NEWSOM E. VIA, JR.,

**DECEASED** NOTICE Having been requested to do so by Mark W. Dellinger, attorney for the executrix of the estate of Newsom E. Via, Jr., Deceased, and in accordance with Section 64.2-550 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, all creditors of Newsom E. Via, Jr., and all persons in any way interested in his estate are hereby notified that I

have fixed the 3rd day of May, 2023 at 10 o'clock a.m., at my office at 13 South Roanoke Street, Fincastle, Virginia as the time and place for determining an account of the debts and demands against said Newsom E. Via, Jr. or his estate, the priorities among them, and the names of the persons to whom they are due. All creditors of Newsom E. Via, Jr., deceased, and persons interested in his estate

should appear at the time and place named, or any other time or place to which the proceedings may be adjourned, and protect their interest. Given under my

Malcolm McL. Doubles Commissioner of Accounts TRUSTEE'S SALE

OF

hand this the 29th day of

March, 2023.

#### 4260 Read Mountain Rd., Cloverdale, VA 24077 Tax Map No. 107(4)30

In execution of a Deed of Trust dated October 3, 2007, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Botetourt, Virginia, as Instrument No. 070005965. the Substitute Trustee will offer the above-described property for sale to the highest bidder at public auction on the date and time referenced below.

All that certain tract or

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acres, more or less, as shown on a plat of survey prepared by McMurry Surveyors, Inc., dated March 12, 2003, a copy of which is recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Botetourt, Virginia, in Plat Book 28, page 58. Date of Sale: April 19, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Location: outside the **Botetourt County Circuit** Court, Courthouse, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090. Terms: CASH: a deposit in the form of certified funds in the amount of \$10,000 or Copies of the proposed 10% of the sale price,

whichever is lower. Settlement within thirty (30) days of date of sale. Time is of the essence. OPTIONS: 1. All costs of conveyance. examination of title,

recording charges, etc. will be at cost of purchaser with the exception of the grantor's tax. Neither the Substitute Trustee nor any other party guarantees or covenants to deliver or in any way to obtain possession of the premises for any third party

2. The Substitute Trustee reserves the right to reject all bids, extend the time to receive bids or withdraw the property from sale at any time. In addition, should the Substitute Trustee be unable, for any reason, in its

purchaser.

sole discretion, to convey title, the successful bidder's sole remedy in law or equity shall be the return of his deposit. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect. Additional terms may be announced at the time of the sale. The Substitute Trustee will convey the above-described property to the purchaser(s) by Special Warranty deed at

settlement and makes no additional representations or warranties of any kind regarding the title to said property. John K. Prillaman, Esq. Substitute Trustee

For Information Contact: John K. Prillaman, Esq. OPN LAW 3140 Chaparral Drive Roanoke, Virginia 24018 (540) 725-8194

#### Legals - City of Salem

#### **Notice** is hereby given to all

interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on April 12 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

OVB Investments LLC. property owner. to designate the Old Virginia Brick sign located at 2500

Main Street, Tax Map # 175-2-3, as a landmark sign. 2. Consider the requests of

Patane, LLP and Walter S. Kearns, Jr. and Laurel P. Kearns, property owners, for rezoning the properties located at 1640 Roanoke Boulevard (Tax Map # 222-2-6) and 1630 Roanoke Boulevard (Tax Map # 222-2-5) from RB Residential Business District to LM Light Manufacturing District. Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development. 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia. At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.

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

Notice

is hereby given to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem, at its regular meeting on Monday, April 24, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to

#### Legals - City of Salem

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CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY: H. Robert Light Clerk of Council

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#### Legals - Craig County **Mowing Bid**

#### The Craig County **Fairgrounds** Association is accepting sealed bids for

mowing and weed eating for the 2023 mowing season. Regular mowing services will be May 2023 thru November 2023. Bid forms can be picked up

in the Treasurer's office located in the Craig County Courthouse at 182 Main Street in New Castle, VA. Sealed bids need to be returned to the Treasurer's office by April 19th, 2023.

#### Legals - Town of Vinton

#### Order of **Publication** Commonwealth of Virginia

VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,-317,20-104 Case No. CL23000348-00 **ROANOKE COUNTY** 

Circuit Court, 305 EAST MAIN STREET, SALEM, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia in re MAII FIGH MCKENNA REDMOND v. MAILEIGH MCKENNA CULVER The object of this suit is to:

NAME CHANGE OF MINOR It is ORDERED that RANDOLPH ALLEN REDMOND JR appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before April 27.2023 @ 11:00 AM.

MARCH 15, 2023 Benjamin Guerrant, DEPUTY CLERK Order of

#### **Publication** Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code Ann. §§ 8.01-316,-317 Case No. CL23-344

ROANOKE COUNTY

Circuit Court. Commonwealth of Virginia. in re Elizabeth Paige Lyles v. Cody Chandler Lyles The object of this suit is to: obtain a decree of divorce pursuant to Virginia Code Sec. 20-91(9)(A). It is ORDERED that Cody Chandler Lyles appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before MAY 9, 2023. March 15, 2023 Jennifer Vest, Deputy Clerk

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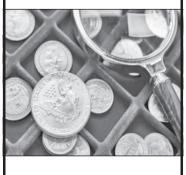




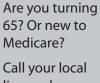
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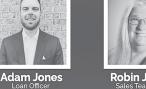
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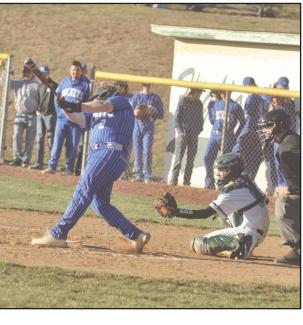
Jenna Boitnotte takes a rip.



Sara Jones pitches for Craig County.



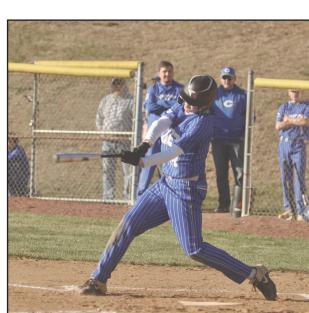
Randalyn Taylor bats for the Rockets.



Craig's Joseph Charette takes a cut.



Tyler Fitzpatrick stands in at a recent game.



**Drew Duncan connects for the Rockets.** 

# ROCKET TEAMS RETURN TO THE DIAMOND, PITCH AND TRACK AFTER A WEEK OFF FOR SPRING BREAK

The Craig County liston. School teams will be back in action this week after taking a week off for spring break. Craig has baseball, softball, soccer and track events

scheduled.

On Monday Rockets were scheduled to host Eastern Montgomery in Pioneer District games. The baseball and softball teams were at home while the soccer team had a match scheduled for El-

the baseball and softball teams are home again to host Giles. Craig athletes also have a track meet at Covington today.

After Wednesday the Rocket teams are off again for Easter vacation. They'll return Tuesday, April next 11, with baseball and softball games at home against Narrows and a soccer game at Nar-

# Today, Wednesday, the baseball and soft-NCAA BASKETBALL CONTEST

The final results are complete for one of the wackiest NCAA Basketball Tournaments ever and we have a winner in the first New Castle Record "Basketball Madness" contest.

Linda Lee of Craig Valley Drive in New Castle is the winner of a \$50 gift certificate to Mac & Bob's Restaurant in Salem. She missed the fewest among the many fans who entered our contest. Linda was correct on 42 of the 63 possible games our readers had to pick in a tournament full of upsets and exciting finishes.

Lee got off to a good start, miss-

ing just four of the 32 first round games. She got 10 of the 16 games correct in the second round and nailed half of the "Elite Eight," picking Creighton, Texas, UČonn and Gonzaga correctly. Then it got tougher as Linda didn't get any of the "Final Four," but who did this year? No one in the contest had more than one correct in the Final

Congratulations to Linda and thanks to everyone who participated in our contest, and thank you for reading the New Castle Record.

-Brian Hoffman

# SALEM RED SOX OPEN AT HOME THURSDAY

The Salem Red Sox will open the 2023 Carolina League baseball season on Thursday when they host the Delmarva Shorebirds, a farm team of the Baltimore Orioles, in a three game series. Games are scheduled for 7:05 pm Thursday and Friday with a 6:05 pm game on Saturday, April 8. Last year's number one overall pick, Jackson Holliday,

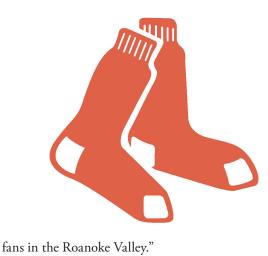
spent plenty of time in the Baltimore major league camp this spring and impressed Orioles' brass with his advanced tools at just 19 years old. His highly anticipated regular-season debut is expected to come Thursday in Salem. He won't be alone in terms of big names as Miguel Bleis, a potential five-tool outfielder who turned 19 on March 1, is also expected to start for the Salem Sox.

After the three game series with Delmarva the Red Sox will be off for Easter on Sunday along with the usual Monday off-day before returning to action next Tuesday, April 11, with a six game series against the Carolina Mudcats in Zebulon, North Carolina.

In the off-season the Salem club announced that it entered into an agreement to sell the team to Diamond Baseball Holdings (DBH), an organization that owns and operates select Minor League clubs affiliated with Major League Baseball (MLB). The Salem Red Sox will remain in Salem, Virginia as the Single-A affiliate of the Boston Red Sox and current staff will continue to be led by General Manager Allen Lawrence. Lawrence doesn't feel fans will notice any difference from last season while attending the game.

"We anticipate a smooth transition in the coming weeks and know that DBH puts fans and community first," said Lawrence. "Our day-to-day operations will not change, and our entire organization remains focused on creating an exceptional player development program

for Red Sox players, and a positive experience for our



"For 16 years, Allen and the entire team in Salem have been incredible partners who have made the entry point into the Red Sox Minor League system one that is welcoming and sets the standard for our culture," said Red Sox President & CEO Sam Kennedy. "Our connection to Allen and the entire player development team in Salem will remain intact and I know the organization is in good hands with DBH leaders like Pat Battle and Peter Freund at the helm. What they are doing to enhance the Minor Leagues through investment and technology will benefit Salem greatly and I have no doubt

they will continue to build on what has been established in Salem under Allen's capable guidance." Throughout its long history in the Roanoke Valley,

the Salem Red Sox have fostered a devoted community

of supporters and DBH plans to continue building on

the club's success and connectivity with the fans and city

of Salem. DBH is an experienced leader with a grow-

ing portfolio of Minor League Baseball clubs in markets across the country including the Double-A affiliate of the Boston Red Sox, the Portland Sea Dogs. Focused on creating highest-quality baseball experiences, DBH prioritizes fan and community engagement while driving additional growth and value for each club by investing in best-in-class facilities and technological innovation and through direct partnerships with MLB on opportunities like sponsorship and merchandising.

"I want to thank both Sam Kennedy and Dave Beeston of the Red Sox for their continued support and partnership in Salem as DBH now builds on what they have already been so successful in doing in the com-

munity," said Peter Freund, CEO of Diamond Baseball Holdings. "In this next chapter, we will work together to promote Salem's longstanding success and cultivate value-driven opportunities to reach the club's long-term goals and vision.' Professional baseball debuted in Salem in 1939 with the Salem Friends. Minor league teams have made the

city their summer home every season since 1955 with no less than seven different teams earning championships in Salem. Whether it has been the Appalachian League or the Carolina League, the players and coaches have ingrained themselves in the community and worked hard to turn game nights into family events. "We expect that the Salem Red Sox will continue

to deliver the same quality product on and off the field under the ownership of DBH, and fans will not notice anything different this season," says Wendy Delano, Salem's Director of Civic Facilities. "Our ultimate goal is to make sure our teams and patrons are taken care of on all levels. Providing a first-class facility and a consistently entertaining gameday experience continue to be our priority, which we share with DBH.'