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Warwick retires as schools superintendent



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At her last Craig County School Board meeting, Jeanette Warwick retired as of May 26. Warwick has always said that she has an amazing group of administrators, teachers and staff who work hard to "do what's best for students" every day. Pictured are Faye Powers, Trace Bellasai, Jeanette Warwick, Walter Marsden, Kevin Altizer and Darren Gilreath.

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

The duty of superintendent in a school system requires someone to go over and above a 9 to 5, Monday through Friday job. The concern and care for kids in schools is a 24/7 duty, and Craig County Public Schools has had a dedicated woman at the helm for the last seven years. Jeanette Warwick came to Craig County in August of 2009, accepting the position of principal of McCleary Elementary. In November 2012, she was named the director of pupil personnel services and in April 2016 became the division's superintendent. Warwick was initially introduced to Craig County by her father and family members. "While I lived in Roanoke City growing up, my father, along with my uncles, were avid hunters. In fact, they

built the cinder block cabin on the Wright land, adjacent to the 'camels' on Route 615," she said. "I spent many hours visiting that cabin and coming over for 'deer tenderloin' meals with my father and catching tadpoles in the small stream adjacent to the cabin. Craig County has always held a special place in my heart, which is why I applied in 2009." When asked what she enjoyed the most about her job, Warwick shared, "I have enjoyed getting to know the students and families in this community. Being Superintendent in a small division allows me to see our students move from preschool to grade 12. Given that the schools are under one roof, it is great to see students in all stages of their school careers." She added, "Throughout my seven years as superintendent I have had the privilege of signing the diplomas and shaking

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PHOTO BY PAM DUDDING

Gov. Glenn Youngkin participated in the "Laying of the Wreaths," laying the USA wreath in the center of the mall.

79th Anniversary of D-Day Commemoration held Tuesday June 6

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

There is nothing more humbling than to see a veteran with limbs missing, or

in wheelchairs, yet smiling and sharing that they "served their country and would do it again." These men and

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Richard Brown car show was a celebration of life



Richard Brown was known by many as "his love of all things with an engine," and also as a hard worker. In honor of him, a car show celebration of his life was recently held.



PHOTO BY PAM DUDDING

The beauty of old vehicles was an attraction to Brown and his friends came to honor him on June 10 at his old place of business.



PHOTO BY PAM DUDDING

Marines and friends, JP Smith 5th Division and Daniel Villarreal stand with the wreath for the USA with the Overlord in the background.

'The Greatest Generation' talks about experiences

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

Veterans come in all sizes and shapes, yet the one thing that is most common is their pride in serving their country and their determination to continue to fight for

its freedom, regardless of their age. At the National D-Day Memorial ceremony in Bedford, there were some World War II veterans who were still able to attend.

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James Arrington and Charlie Walker shared some of their stories about their service.

Just being around them seemed to give one a “shot in the arm” so to speak of what true patriotism is really about. Their bulldog determination, positive attitude and sincerity of heart for their country and service seemed to make those who spoke with each of them stand a little taller, and yet almost want to bow with sheer admiration.

Some of these World War II veterans shared a little of their service.

The World War II veterans present were asked to come to the front, so that they could be recognized and honored, though in speaking to them, honor for them was not what they would ever ask for, only to honor those comrades who did not make it ‘home’.

The 29th division band played the tune of “We Are Brothers” as these veterans were escorted to the front “for recognition and a great appreciation for the cause of freedom.”

For the few that came forward, out of the midst of the applause for them, those present could still hear a voice loud and clear with no microphone shout, “I got a good voice and I want to thank all of y’all!” The veteran was in a wheelchair. The applause grew louder.

Richard Morris, 89 years old, served 21 years in the Marines and retired in 1973 and still lives in North Carolina.

“Semper fi was good enough for me!” he exclaimed with a smile.

“They tried to draft me about a year after I had already joined the Marine Corps. I was out in California getting ready to go to Korea and my dad called me up and said I have a draft notice for you. I told him I did not think I was coming back to North Carolina to check out whether or not I was eligible to be drafted,” he shared with a laugh.

“I have been fortunate and blessed and have come to know some really great people,” Morris added.

“I came home and some of my friends didn’t and just recently I had a friend to commit suicide; I had no idea,” he said with great sadness.

He mentioned how important care packages were when he was in Vietnam.

“It’s a little bit of home!” he exclaimed. “In our area it went to the men who were in the foxholes not to the ones that got to eat meals every day.”

Morris shared that he had a picture of what they did one Easter.

“We took sea rations and dressed them up, colored some eggs and acted like we were having a hometown Easter,” he said. “I still have that picture. We had to keep thinking positive.”

When he sends out letters including to congressman, he uses his closing line, “Just remember that in all we lost that there are no winners in wars only survivors.”

Ernest Fulcher, a young 96 years old, joined

the Navy in 1944 from Cherokee, West Virginia.

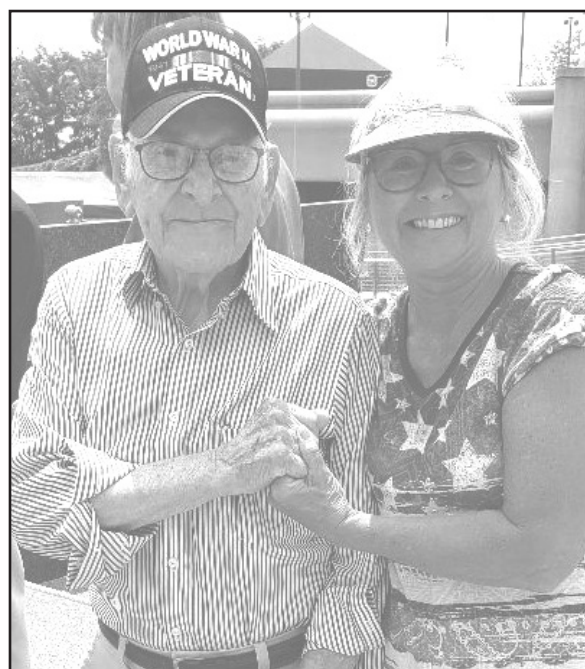
“I was not drafted, I enlisted, and I seen a lot of action,” he shared. “I went into Germany, France, and I was going back to Germany through France standing at the boat when they called the war off.”

Jack Castle, 97, is from Botetourt County in Troutville and said he was in World War II in Korea in 1944 and came out in 1946.

“I went to Merck University, and I have a degree in psychology. Then I went back in as an officer in the Korean War. I was on recruiting duty in Roanoke. The former governor Holton and I were in the Navy together,” Castle said. “When I came out from the military, in my civilian life I took a job as a head of the welfare reform program in the state and directed that. We were trying to break the cycle.”

Ron Roscveare is 82 and served in the Navy from 1957 to 1961 on the US Bigelow DD942. He served six years overall and two on active duty.

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A young 101, John Owens still mows his own yard and is proud to have served his country.

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The 29th Division Drum and Fife led the presentation of the colors and pledge of allegiance.

women are called, “The Greatest Generation,” and deservingly so.

On D-day, June 6, the Bedford National D-day Memorial had their 79th Commemoration Annual Ceremony to honor veterans who gave their lives, those who made it through and the families whose lives were changed because of the allied landing at Normandy.

Many elderlies were assisted in with their walkers and wheelchairs while amazingly others, over the age of 90, continued to walk the distance to a seat with a humbling pride.

One might think that there would be a more somber atmosphere, however though respectful, it was filled with smiles, handshakes, hugs, and much conversation.

Citizens from many counties attended, and even some from other states, to give their respects.

The Bedford Memorial in itself is a sight to see and even to feel.

There are real life statues of soldiers trying to make it to shore from the ship, carrying their loads and some carrying other soldiers.

One soldier is laying face down, with his Bible laying in the sand which had fallen out of his backpack, as he had been shot.

Shots sounds echo constantly, with the water splattering upwards, to give you the feeling of the many bullets these men either dodged or took from the enemy.

The wall has men attempting to climb over it, while others are shot and falling off the waterfall. The graphic faces tells stories of their own.

Statutes with memoires adorn the entire campus, with General Dwight Eisenhower’s standing in the back, looking over the campus, towards the erected Overlord walkway.

The ceremony started with the welcoming of everyone, the 29th Infantry Division Band playing the National Anthem and all being led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

They shared that the 29th Division had been in existence since 1922 and originated in Roanoke as a section of the 116th Infantry Brigade’s Service Company and follows with much history of its existence, even on the assault on Omaha Beach on D-day.

John Long, the director of education of the National D-day

Memorial Foundation, gave the invocation.

Several speakers followed with words of appreciation to all who attended to honor these Veterans and families as well as deep appreciation to those who were still living.

George Patton Waters is the grandson of General George S Patton Jr. and shared that this would be the last official event he would be attending as an active serving soldier.

“I have been blessed that I have been given the opportunity to serve for 38 years and in the past nine having the great privilege to serve as the 28th Adjunct General of Virginia,” Waters shared. “One of the highlights during my tenure has been the association with the national D-Day memorial, these hallowed grounds and to reflect on the importance of taking time out of a busy schedule together and build a shared connection of the scope and scale of history.”

“For the Virginia National Guard this place is especially special for our thoughts are focused on the sacrifices of our soldiers of the 29th infantry division and especially A Company 1st Battalion 116th Infantry, the Bedford

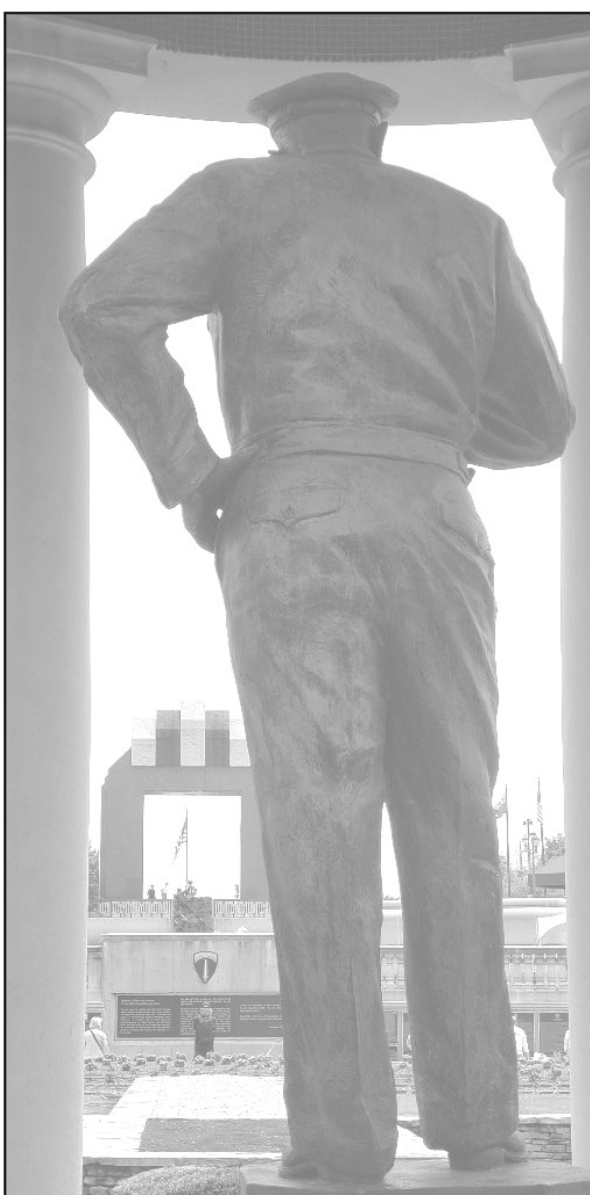
Boys,” he added. “Let us not forget the price that they paid along with their fellow Virginians to keep us free.”

He shared that on a more personal note, many have built a lifetime of connections for our World War II heroes, with their memories which are up to us to keep alive.

“It is also important to use this event to recognize veterans of all conflicts including Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, the Gulf War and all too many more,” Waters said. “We treasure these veterans just as much and one of the central missions here is to recognize all of these heroes and to tell their stories and everyone who comes here whether for the 1st or 30th time, knows that’s a part of that mission, giving us all have homework to do, to go out into our communities and tell everyone about this great place, and more importantly to tell the story of how important service above self is.”

“The memories of those no longer with us

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At the back of the campus, stands General Dwight Eisenhower. He looks out over the Overlord and the grounds, standing nine feet tall, with his words to the soldiers on the wall, “I have full confidence in your courage, devotion to duty and skill in battle. We will accept nothing less than full victory! Good luck! And let us all beseech the blessing of Almighty God upon this great and noble undertaking.”

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"I was the radar man and watched for submarines, airplanes, or other ships," he said. "We were also the recovery ship when they first started shooting capsules into space. They were shooting monkeys up before they ever sent a human up. We were supposed to pick up the monkey. Overall, it was a good experience as I seen about half the world."

James Arrington from Rocky Mount served in the National Guard and Army National Guard seven years as a medic. He was drafted at age 18. He was there with his service dog, Oreo, who was black and white.

He shared a couple stories of him and some boys getting in trouble.

"We have been out on the boardwalk stationed at Virginia Beach and been out partying all night and a buddy of mine had two hot dogs left so when we brought them back and had a thing in the hospital tent kind of like a microwave," he shared. "He put his hot dogs in there and the lieutenant came in the next day for inspection and when he opened that door and found them two hot dogs in there with the utensils he said when we get to the top of that mountain, we are going to dig the latrine."

"So, after we got the tent set up we had to dig the latrine for the whole bunch," he said laughing.

Then he added, "but we did get to ride in the little Jeep up the mountain."

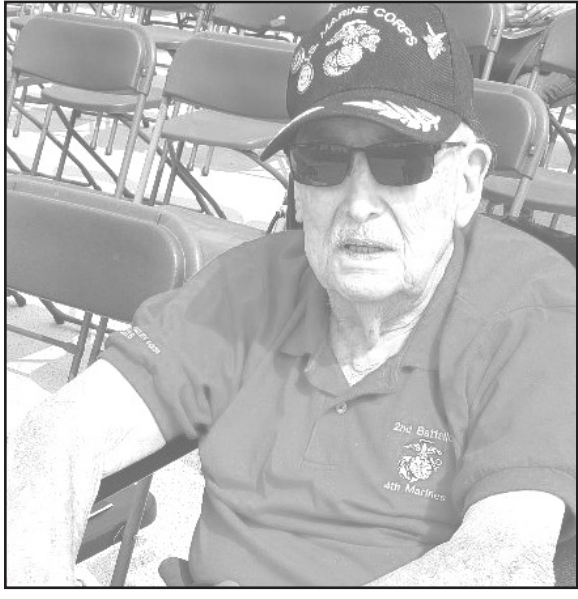
However, he said, "Then we got caught because we let some of the boys hold on to it because they were getting tired walking. So, we let them hang on to the side of it and we got caught again."

Charlie Walker served in Korea from 1952 to 1953. He came back from Korea as a Sergeant and went to the reserves and retired from the serves as a major, serving 26 years. He was in the tanks and said, "I can tell you, it's cold as a devil in the winter in Korea and hot as blazes in the summer!"

Daniel Villerial served in the Marines, in Europe in 1948 and called back to the Korean War in 1950.

"Here I am now, living in Bedford at 94!" he exclaimed with the biggest smile, standing erect in his uniform. His mind was as sharp as a tack.

He was a sharpshooter with a rifle and a pistol and said, "I have a trigger



PHOTOS BY PAM DUDDING

A proud Marine, Richard Morris said he still writes many letters, even to Congress, giving his signature line, "Just remember that in all we lost that there are no winners in wars only survivors."

finger!" Originally from southern Milwaukee, Wisconsin he said that he is now a southerner and "have been since 1950 and I can say y'all!"

One veteran shared that he was in the kitchen with two other buddies having dinner.

"So, where I am sitting at, I can see the stage area and here comes Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Joy Bishop and Sammy Davis Jr. Frank Sinatra comes back to where we are sitting at, sits down and says we are going to have a pint together and pops the cork of champagne and we drank with old Frank Sinatra buddy!" as he laughed telling his story. "So, 15 minutes later here comes Marilyn Monroe, and I'll tell you when you see her outside of the movies, she looked beautiful! She was happy as a lark waiting for JFK to come in. Yes, I have had moments."

"I also remember when JFK got killed and we had a big parade for him in D.C. For the number of people that were there it was very quiet...so quiet! A sheer reverence showing respect for him," he said. "However, when Doctor Martin Luther King got killed it was real chaos. I thought World War three was going to happen. I got called up at 2 o'clock in the morning and as I was coming into DC, you could see flames rising as things were burning from people starting fires. I got down to police headquarters and there's 5000 police there. They are boarding buses to go to certain areas of DC. We got to the point of 14th Street which was the very bad area. There was

smashed up automobiles with broken glass and fires. They started rounding up some of the perpetrators. We put a stop to things within three days."

John Owen is 101 and still going strong. He served with the 313th Infantry Regiment - 79th Infantry Division that landed on Utah Beach June 14, 1944, D-Day + 8. After helping to capture the great port of Cherbourg, they moved to other parts of France. He received the Silver Star Medal for valor in combat and the Purple Heart for a gunshot wound in the arm. It was his first visit to the Memorial.

His friend that assisted him, Don Saville, shared, "He has ten children and 30 some grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. When I went to visit him a couple weeks ago, he was mowing his lawn. He held his fingers up and said I have one more lap and told me to go sit on the porch. I told him somebody sees me sitting on the porch and him mowing wouldn't be too happy."

Though Saville is not a veteran, both of his grandfathers were WWII Veterans.

"So, I carry on through tradition," he said. "We have a network of people that helps us to do a lot of great things called the Veteran Biographies Foundation and we can be reached at www.veteranbios.com." Their motto is "None to ever be forgotten."

The attendees stayed around the veterans for quite a while, asking questions, taking pictures, thanking them for their service.

Honor for country was strong and one could feel it in the air.

Mud Run features a lot of mudslinging



PHOTO BY PAM DUDDING

Craig County's annual Mud Run did not seem to disappoint as this Jeep had the mudslinging far into the fan's laps. An article about the run will appear in next week's issue.

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the hands of my former elementary school students. In fact, the class of 2022 were kindergarten students in 2009 when I first came to Craig County."

Melissa Whiting, the current interim assistant superintendent, previous high school principal and teacher, shared some of Warwick's accomplishments.

She graduated college in May 1989 and started teaching in the fall of 1989 at Norfolk City Schools. Her husband Curt was stationed at the US Naval Base in Norfolk. Their daughter was born in 1991.

In 2000, she received her master's in educational administration at Radford University and began an administrative career in Montgomery County.

In 2009 she accepted the position as principal in Craig County.

McCleary was in the third and final year of accreditation warning and in severe jeopardy of losing status. Warwick implemented several programs, particularly ICT through Radford University and McCleary rebounded to full accreditation status in just one year.

Warwick and McCleary received the Governors Award for School Excellence.

Warwick was named CCPS director of pupil personnel in 2012.

She developed and implemented Regional Autistic Program for students with disabilities.

She was appointed superintendent of CCPS on April 1, 2016.

The BTEC program was expanded for the students.

She implemented the Pathways to Success program (Alternative Education).

Warwick also spearheaded several needed capital projects including, updating the parking lots, adding a new McCleary playground, McCleary HVAC units replaced through the Energy Performance Project, gym floor, auditorium fully renovated including flooring, seating and lighting, Land lab project and the needed attention of the football field.

Warwick successfully navigated CCPS

through COVID-19 pandemic by making certain the division was fully open and only closed during governors mandated closure period.

Though Warwick's last working day was May 26, she did attend the graduation and shook hands with all the graduating seniors.

And, though she has retired, her daughter, Morgan Dowdy, is now CCHS school counselor and her son-in-law, Jayke Dowdy, is the primary teacher for the Pathways program at CCHS as well as the assistant varsity football coach.

Warwick shared her "thanks" to many people.

"I would like to give thanks to my parents, Al and Shirley Day, who always taught me that I could do anything as long as I had an education. My sister, Elizabeth Day, and I were the first college graduates in our immediate family. She has always been my cheerleader and I want to thank her for that. I would also like to thank my husband, Curt Warwick, whom I met during my senior year in college and has been by my side since my first teaching job in Norfolk, Virginia in 1989. I would like to give thanks to my daughter, Morgan Dowdy, who has had to share her mother with all of my other 'school kids' her entire life. I am proud that she and my son-in-law, Jayke Dowdy are contributing to education in their roles as school counselor and teacher at Craig County High School. Finally, I want to thank my granddaughter, Adelyn Dowdy, who reminds me everyday that what we do is for our children who are our future. For 34 years, my motto has always been 'Do What's Best For Children.' If you make decisions with that as your focus, the decision will always be the right one," Warwick said.

After 34 years, Warwick is officially retiring from her service in Virginia public schools. However, she desires to continue contributing to the education of students.

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18. Selling tool
19. Solid material
20. Gold
21. Thick piece of something
24. Pouch
27. "Wonder Years" actor Fred
30. Strong and healthy
31. Waste matter
33. Apply lightly
34. Type of squad
35. Secret political faction

37. Mock
39. Immoral act
41. Early Syrian kingdom
42. Neutralizes alkalis
44. Loud, confused noise
47. Sweet potato
48. Yemen's largest city
49. Farm state
50. Bird's beak
52. Measures distance
53. Pacify
56. Spanish noble
61. Lodging supplied for public convenience
63. Womanized
64. Not divisible by two
65. Monetary unit

CLUES DOWN

1. Used in perfumery
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4. Prickly plants
5. Falsely assess
6. "___ the whistle"
7. Mama
8. Rocker ___ Vicious
9. Toward
10. Prefix meaning within
11. Midway between south and southeast
12. Cause to be embarrassed
13. Pandemonium
16. Fall behind
17. Cantonese
22. Shad
23. A way to make dark
24. Specialized systems consultant
25. Wings
26. Taxi driver

28. Linear units
29. Large Philippine plant
32. Celebration
36. Fugitives are on this
38. Chinese tree
40. Not sour
43. "Bourne" actor Matt
44. Former OSS
45. Runners run this
46. Offered again
51. Sanctuary
54. Food suitable for babies
55. Caused by a reflection of sound
56. Mortar trough
57. Days in mid-month
58. Exhibit the courage to do
59. Disk of the sun in Egyptian mythology
60. Protects from weather
62. Manganese

OPINION

Lots of Library News

Library Corner

By Raven Meadowbrook

JR Tolkein and "Journey to the Center of the Earth," by Jules Verne, and "The Horse Whisperer?" Sometimes I am hesitant to see the movie version for it might not do justice to such good books! One's imagination creates a world that might be shattered by a movie version. Do you dare to see the movie?

Recently, I heard an interview with Judy Blume, the author of, "Are you there, God? It's me Margaret." The children's book she wrote a half century ago has been made into a movie. Imagine that!

I stopped at our Craig County Public Library and tried to check out this book. I was told that it had been moved to the "book barn" where books go to be re-homed. There it was, yellow and cracked, in a box of other children's books, with its pink cover illustrated a young mom and two girls.

I read "Are You There God" this weekend. Well, I read most of it. I will admit

that I read about half and then skipped to the last few chapters. It seems that the plot surrounds a 12 year-old girl and her family dynamics, and with her search for God, but the real story thread is just when will this girl get her period so she can be like everyone else.

Maybe I will see the movie. I have heard it is heartwarming and is amusing to mothers and daughters and little brothers. In this case it was beneficial to read the book first so I know what I am getting into. Perhaps if you grew up loving Judy Blume books you would really relate to this story. Today's world is changing so fast, but the trials and tribulations of adolescence remain the same.

Speaking of movies, you can get movies by the bag-full at the library for just a few dollars. More classic and current movies can be checked out for free and there are tall stacks of movies for sale. Hurry before DVDs become obsolete!

News from the 9th: Thank a farmer



Morgan Griffith
Representative

I recently read an article in the Roanoke Times about a report done by Stacker.com listing the Virginia counties with the most farmland. According to Stacker, they compiled a list of the top 25 counties "using data from the Agriculture Department's Farm Service Agency. Farmers reported the data as mandated by participation in USDA income support programs, including Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage as well as loan assistance."

When I read this, I realized that their list does not give a full picture of agriculture in Virginia and the Ninth District. Washington County wasn't included in Stacker's top 25 list when that county is well known to be a top agriculture county in the state.

According to Stacker's list, four counties in the Ninth District are included in Virginia's top 25: Wythe (#10), Bedford (#14), Franklin (#15), and Russell (#16). But, as mentioned in the article, the list above only represents the

farms and farmland that participate in USDA crop insurance and, therefore, leave out a significant chunk of farmland in the state. Particularly, it appears that it does not include land dedicated to livestock, so acres used for cattle, sheep, pigs, goats, etc. aren't included. Case in point, the report says Virginia has 3,074,491 acres of farmland. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the real number is around 7.7 million acres.

Having lived in Southwest Virginia most of my life and knowing that the agriculture profile of the region was inaccurate, I took it upon myself to do some research. The Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) gathers data every five years for their Census of Agriculture. According to the agency, it is the only source of uniform, comprehensive, and impartial agriculture data for every state and county in the nation.

As predicted, NASS' numbers actually look much different than reported by Stacker.

According to their 2017 Census of Agriculture, the most recent year in which data is available, Bedford is actually #5 in top agricultural counties in Virginia with 211,087 acres of farmland, not #14. Four other Ninth District counties are included in just the top 10. Washington County is #7 with 176,344 acres; Russell County is #8 with 170,285 acres; Franklin County is #9 with 156,254 counties; and Wythe is #10 with 151,563 acres. According to NASS, the next census, the 2022 Census of Agriculture, will be published in 2024.

(I should also note, Bedford and Franklin counties are currently in the Ninth District as redistricting took place last year. In 2017, they were not a part of the Ninth.)

While the census

does give people a good picture of how much of the Ninth District is dedicated to agriculture, it's not just about acres of farmland. It is also about economic output. Virginia's agriculture industry is the largest private industry in the Commonwealth, providing an impact of over \$82 billion to our state's economy annually and almost 381,800 jobs. It is also the largest industry in the Ninth Congressional District.

Based on the 2017 Census, the Ninth District ranks third overall in market value of agricultural products sold in the state and first in four different categories of agricultural products sold. In the crops category, the Ninth is first in 'cultivated Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops.' Grayson County produces a vast majority of the Christmas trees in the state, with more than three times the area dedicated to growing Christmas trees than the next closest county, Floyd County, which is also in the Ninth!

In the livestock, poultry, and products category, the Ninth ranks first in 'cattle and calves.' Washington County has the most cattle and calves in the Ninth District with over 900 farms and 66,000 cattle and calves. Wythe is second with 573 farms and over 55,000 cattle and calves.

The Ninth also ranks first in 'sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk' and in 'other animals and animal products.' I look forward to seeing NASS' updated statistics to see how the agriculture profile of the Ninth District has changed.

So, the point of all this data is that if you live in the Ninth Congressional District, be sure to thank a farmer this week. Besides providing food and other necessary products, farming families are the number one economic driver in this Congressional District. Neither you nor I should ever forget it.

Class of '57 held reunion

The Class of 1957 of New Castle held a reunion at Jersey Lily's Roadhouse in Salem recently. Those attending were Gwen Via Bostic, Carol Lyons Taylor, Kathryn Jones Garman, David Huffman (Dreama), Shelby Damewood Rexrode (Rene),

Carol Gingrich Catron (Ker), Bonnie Stamper Carper, Dickie Scott (Billie), Carol Brookman Brizendine (Lloyd), Linda Lee Lowery Lond (Joe). Those present reported that a good time was had by all.

-Submitted by Bonnie Carper

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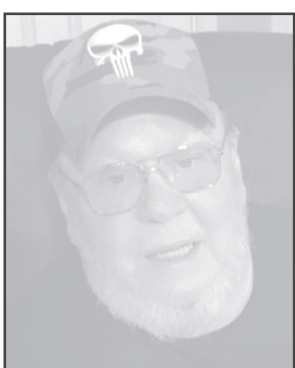
OBITUARIES

Greenway, Ohmer Wayne

Born on August 5, 1951, Ohmer Wayne Greenway, 71, was surrounded by family when he went home to be with his Savior Sunday, June 4, 2023.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents, Ohmer Frank and Della Mae Greenway; mother-in-law, Ruby Wolfe; brothers, Buford Greenway and J.C. Greenway; sister, Thelma Howard; sister-in-law Linda Greenway; brothers-in-law, Sonny Howard and Henry Hutchinson; daughter-in-law, Missy Wright.

Left to cherish his memory include his loving wife of 50 years, Shelia Greenway; daughter, Crystal Keene (Mark); son, Allen Wright; grandchildren, Shanna Looney (Craig), CJ



Wright, Skylor Wright, Alexis Andrews, and Dakota Broughman; great-grandchildren, Brook, Chloe, and Vivian; sister, Barbara Hutchinson; brother, Dennis Greenway; sister-in-law, Wanda Wolfe. He is also survived by many other family members and friends.

He was a faithful

member of Calvary Baptist Church in Salem for many years and had a deep love for his church family. Wayne was a simple man who loved his family and the Lord with all his heart.

Funeral Services were held on Thursday, June 8 at Paitsel Funeral Home with Pastor Roger Counts officiating. The family received friends one hour prior to the service 2-3 p.m. Interment will follow at the Greenway Family Cemetery, NewCastle, VA.

In lieu of flowers the family ask that you consider a donation to our church home, Calvary Baptist Church, PO Box 189, Salem, VA 24153.

Arrangements by Paitsel Funeral Home: www.paitselfh.com

Hottel, James Oliver

On June 5, 2023, James Oliver "Jim" Hottel died peacefully in his sleep after suffering a brief illness. One day before the illness, he did yardwork. Two weeks prior, he drove to Florida to attend a friend's 90th birthday party. He had a brilliant mind, incredible memory and was a master storyteller. All who had the pleasure of knowing him were always amazed at his incredible memory, knowledge of history and historical dates. Even at the age of 90, Jim enjoyed an active and vibrant social life.

Jim "J.O." was born in the Shenandoah Valley on June 10, 1932. He grew up on the family farm. Parents were Julius



Lee Hottel and Ruth Matilda Ritter Hottel. He had three older sisters: Constance Hottel Watson, Betty Lee Hottel Richards Thatcher, and Gerrie Hottel Arnold. Jim was the last living family member of those listed.

After graduating high school, J.O. enlisted in the United States Navy during the Korean

Conflict. After serving our country he returned and married Mary Ann DuBose on February 4, 1956. While living in Roanoke, he attended Roanoke College and graduated with a double major in Chemistry and Biology. They started a family in Richmond, VA while he was a student at the Medical College of Virginia. After several years of living in Northern Virginia, they settled in Craig County for many years prior to building a home in the Catawba Valley of Roanoke County. Mary passed away at their home in June 2021.

They are survived by their three children: James

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Honored

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Near the ending of the D-Day ceremony, all the WWII veterans were asked to come to the front to be recognized and honored, although just a few are still left.



After the ceremony, the 29th Division Band played for the public.

quietly enters our minds and it is these heroes who remind us that America is at its best when united against tyranny firmly on the side of freedom throughout the world," he added. "I firmly believe this and am encouraged as I look out today and see so many young faces. It is you who will pick up the torch for freedom and ensure that it burns fiercely for the next generation as our WWII heroes deserve no less and it is you who give me great hope for the future."

Waters added that he believes there are challenges that face our nation in the coming months and years and the story of what was accomplished on June 6, 1944, serves as a reminder of what can be accomplished by our citizens, a citizenship that understands that freedom is worth fighting for and is willing to stand up for democracy, our ideals, and our very way of life.

He continued, "We have Ernest Fulcher here today a U.S. Navy veteran who enlisted at 15 years old and found himself in a patrol craft in the English Channel of the Omaha beach on D-Day. John Owens is

here as well, and he is 101 years old and he served with the 79th division. Mr. Glenn Rachel is 102 years old and served in the European theater of operations. Mr. John Aikens joins us and was with the 34th division in Italy. Marion Noel served in the Pacific theater of operations with the U.S. Navy as well as many other veterans. It is our privilege to pay tribute to you today."

Gov. Glenn Younkin addressed with a profound gratitude about the "hallowed ground at the D-Day Memorial."

"Our freedom that we enjoy today, the liberties that we hold dear and yet too often take for granted were won in battle, gained, and then protected by heroes who gave their lives so we could be free," he shared. "Around us are the names of over 4400 heroes who died for our liberty. On June 6, 1944 in an invasion of unparalleled scale that changed the course of human history."

He continued, "Thank you feels wholly inadequate. Please know that we salute you and are forever indebted to you and to your families for your sacrifices."



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The sculpture is called "Homage" for the Bedford Boys. An annual tribute is given each year. Captain Jean-Olivier Grall, Naval Attaché, Embassy of France; members of the Bedford International Alliance and the Bedford Boys Tribute Center joined for the wreath laying and tribute.

Warwick

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"I am excited that I have accepted a position as the education coordinator at Mosaic Pediatric Therapies Private Day School, a private school serving students with autism," she said. "There is one school currently in Rocky Mount and there will be a school opening soon in Roanoke."

Warwick has always said that she has an amazing group of administrators, teachers and staff who work hard to "do what's best for students" every day.

"The pandemic threw us all a curveball, but I am proud of the fact that Craig was one of the few divisions in our region that opened with in-person instruction in the Fall of 2020 and remained open during the duration of the pandemic," she said. "This would not have been possible without the teamwork that our school division showed during this unprecedented time."

Current director of student services, Gerri VanDyke, shared that she first met Warwick the summer of 2009 when she was meeting with all the staff of McCleary to get to know them before the school year started.

"I feel that her greatest contribution to CCPS was her love for the students and the community; I will miss her amazing convocation," VanDyke said. "However, I would say one of my most memorable moment I have with Mrs. Warwick was when the students at McCleary raised 100.00 and we (the principal of McCleary, which was myself, and the superintendent, Mrs. Warwick) both kissed a pig."

"I met Mrs. Warwick in January 2022 when I interviewed for the CCHS assistant principal position," Kellie Stevens, new McCleary principal, shared. "As with any interview, I was very nervous but instantly felt comfortable with her. She went out of her way to help me feel calm and welcome at the table. Over the past year and half since that interview, Mrs. Warwick has not only been my boss and mentor, but most importantly she has been my friend. I will miss being able to pick up the phone and have her quickly help me through a problem or answer any question I may have. She has a lot of knowledge that I will miss having just a quick phone call away. Although she won't be just across the parking lot anymore, Mrs. Warwick will always be my friend and mentor. I wish her the very best in her future endeavors!"

"I give the same advice to my students that my parents gave to me. You can do anything you want as long as you have an education," Warwick added. "Education can mean so many different things...it does not just mean a college degree. It can mean obtaining skills for employment, joining the military, where you will receive education geared toward your military career, and also pursuing college admittance at a two-year or four-year program. I hope that Craig County Public Schools has provided you with the skills you need to choose your own pathway: Enrollment, enlistment or employment."

Hottel

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Holt Hottel (spouse Robin Wright Hottel), Mary Leah Hottel Buckley (spouse Shannon Anderson Buckley) and Janice Gail Hottel Lee (spouse David Tyler Lee). Grandchildren are Meghan Elizabeth Hottel-Cox, Nathan Blake Buckley, Rachael Dawn Buckley Pritchard, Olivia Tyler Lee, and Angela Danielle Lee. Great grandchildren are Theodor Hottel-Cox, Anderson, Cohen, and Katherine Pritchard. Also surviving are numerous nieces, nephews, and their families. He had great love for his family.

J.O. lived life with an attitude of enjoying those around him and appreciating everything this country provided. From enjoying golf, wood working and nature, he was blessed. J.O. had a passion for learning that was evident until his last days with us.

It is with great joy we remember his well lived and enjoyed life. May he rest in eternal Peace and comfort.

A service honoring Jim's life will be held on Saturday, June 17 at Catawba Valley Baptist Church, 10922 Catawba Road, Troutville, VA 24175. Visitation from 4-5; Service at 5, with a reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 4600 Park Road, Suite 100, Charlotte, NC 28209 or at the following link: https://fightcf.cff.org/site/TR/?pg=team&fr_id=9861&team_id=120033

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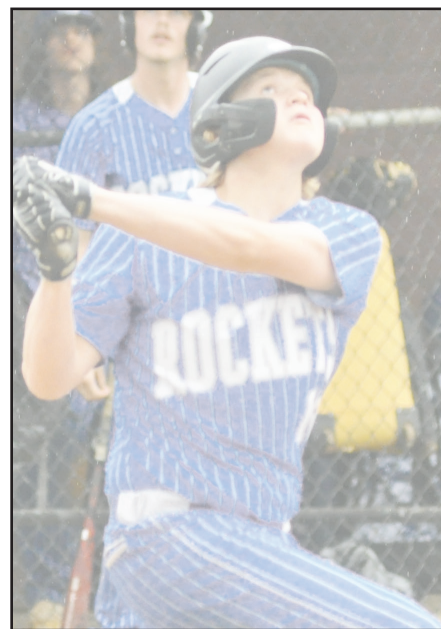
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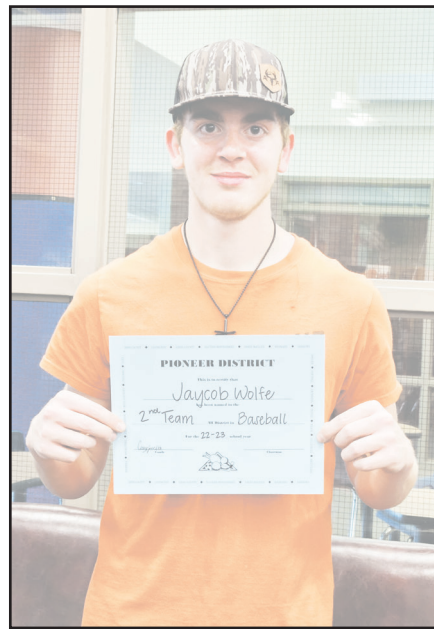
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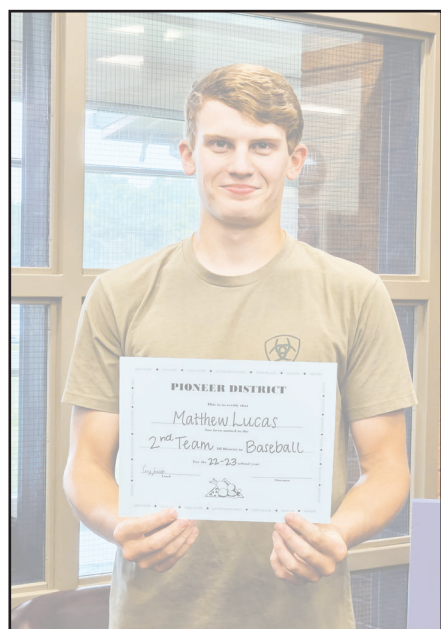
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Montana Stein (#15 in photo)

With the Virginia High School League spring season finally concluded the Pioneer District announced All-District teams in baseball, softball and soccer. Craig County was well-represented in each.

In baseball Rocket senior Zachary Peters was named to the all-district first team as a pitcher. Second team selections were junior Matthew Lucas at Utility, junior Drew Duncan as designated hitter and sophomore Jaycob Wolfe in the outfield. The Rockets also had two boys named Honorable Mention, junior Hayden Reynolds and freshman Joseph Charette.

Narrows took home the top honors, as Carson Crigger was named the

Player of the Year and Green Wave coach Chris Helvey is the Pioneer Coach of the Year.

In softball Rocket senior Sara Jones was chosen as one of three first team pitchers. The Rockets had five players named to the second team, including senior Annabelle Gregory as the "at large" choice and senior Hannah Ratliff in the outfield. The other three second teamers are all underclassmen, junior Lily Hutchison at catcher and freshmen sisters Kammie Fisher as a pitcher and Kallie Fisher at second base. Two Rockets are Honorable Mention, juniors Randalyn Taylor and Karly Potter.

Covington swept the district's top

honors in softball as junior Kayla Bartley was named Player of the Year and Pitcher of the Year and the Cougars' staff won the Coach of the Year award.

In soccer the Rockets had two first team selections, senior Bryce Drake at midfield and senior Skyler Rodriques on defense. Senior Alex Drake is a second team selection from Craig at forward and the Rockets had two on Honorable Mention, junior Ava Greenway and sophomore Montana Stein.

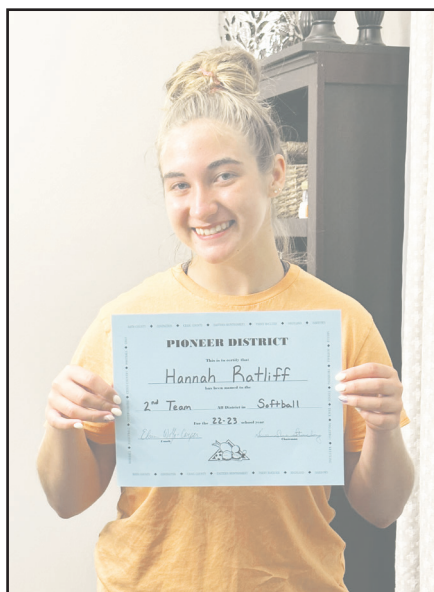
Talan Bruce of Eastern Montgomery was named the Pioneer Player of the Year. Rusty Bragg of Bath County is the Coach of the Year.



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