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THE NEW CASTLE RECORD



WE SELL KEROSENE

FFA hosting spaghetti dinner fundraiser for \$5 per plate

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

When time and attention are poured into kids, they not only survive, but they also thrive. This seems to be what has happened to the Future Farmers of America in Craig County Public Schools and the agriculture class of Emily Jones.

Over the last couple of years, there have been teachers, an attentive school board and administration and especially specific community members that have brought the newly built Land Lab at CCPS from a hope to a reality.

FFA members reported their last year's activities at the recent Farm Bureau annual meeting, and people were amazed at all of the things they had accomplished.

"It's no wonder they

love their teacher, Emily!" some shared. "It seems that she spends her last waking moments doing things for our kids."

Jones shared some of the things they have participated in over the past few months:

- Students attended the Annual Farm Bureau Dinner where they had the opportunity to present the timeline of the Land Lab while also sharing their "Why" behind joining FFA

- Fall Festival—students set up at Fall Festival and provided youth with the opportunity to play games and enjoy a free petting zoo

- National FFA Grant awarded to Tiffany Ratliff; she is developing a roadside stand called Pearl's Pantry that will provide the community with access to fresh produce and agricultural



PHOTO BY PAM DUDDING

Members of the Craig County FFA attended the Farm Bureau annual meeting and addressed the members about their Land Lab, awards they had received and other information. Emily Jones, the teacher who is sitting, added that she had a great class to work with and greatly appreciated all of the community support they were receiving to make the Land Lab a reality on CCPS property.

products on an as needed basis

- Students are currently selling meat sticks at all home athletic events to gain additional funds for travel to various conventions

- Information/pictures from Annual Dinner: The FFA officers

had the opportunity to speak at the annual Farm Bureau dinner and give everyone updates on the Land Lab as well as speak about everything they have done over the past year

- The students have competed and won in many competitions

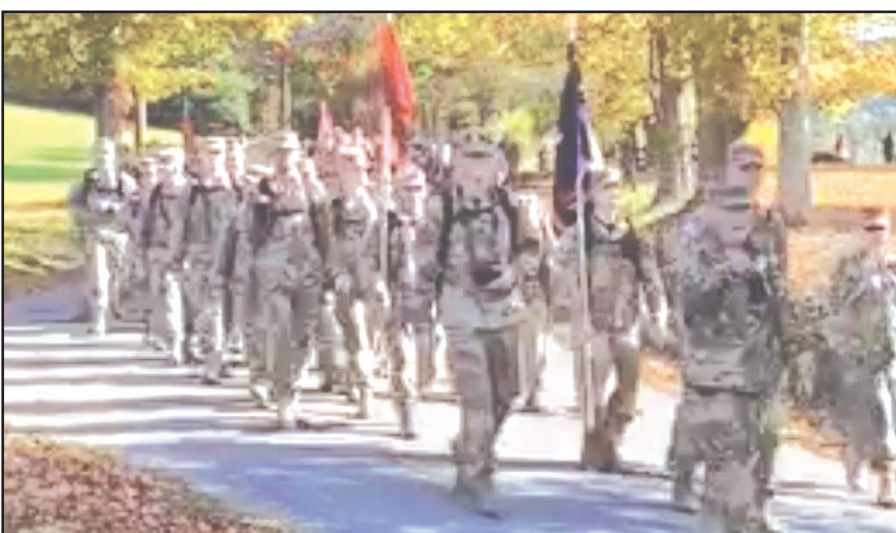
including receiving sixth place overall in the state for Livestock Evaluation

"My students are looking forward to traveling and competing again this year as well!" Jones said.

A couple of her students commented on what the FFA meant to them.

"Before I joined FFA, I thought only farmers could join the club, but I was thankfully wrong. FFA has given me a voice that I didn't even know I had," shared FFA President Emmie

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Virginia Tech Corp of Cadets

COURTESY PHOTO

VT Corp of Cadets annual march in Craig mountains

Regardless of weather, the Virginia Tech Corp of Cadets have their annual march through the mountains of Craig County in October. Over

500 men and women cadets were seen by many residents who cheered them on while taking pictures and videos.

Halloween activities in Craig County

With Halloween just around the corner, many churches and groups are planning a fun and safe event for the kids in Craig County.

Oct 28:

Level Green Christian Church – Family fall festival with games, crafts, and trunk-or-treat

Oct. 31:

- Craig County Fairgrounds – Trunk-or-treat – 5-7 p.m., organized by Holly Brown. Open to all residents if they wish to join in and fill their vehicle trunks with candy and decorations.
- Lighthouse Baptist

Church – Tract-or-treat, 5-7 p.m. (located in Rt. 311 – in the flats)

- Craig Valley Baptist Church – Trunk or treat, 6-8 p.m., snacks, hot chocolate, apple cider and coffee (located beside of Bibos)

- Cornerstone Church – Halloween harvest, 5p – 8p, serving homemade chili, candy, bonfire and hot chocolate (located diagonally from the fairgrounds)

- Gravel Hill Christian Church – Trunk-or-treat 5-7 p.m., (located in Simmonsville at 663 Gravel Hill Rd. off Rt. 42)

- New Castle Christian Church – Trunk-or-treat, 5:30-8 p.m., (located beside of IGA Express Exxon)

Jonathan Huffman grows giant pumpkins



COURTESY PHOTO

When Jonathan Huffman says he's growing pumpkins, he means it. "I have 11 fruits on display in my yard now totaling 8,202.5 lb.," he said. The eleventh was added after the photo. "While smashing through the remnants of Shrek's jungle patch we found a stray squash growing in a drainage ditch sitting flat on its blossom weighing 280.5 so we named it Stubbs and set it with the rest making 11. We will finish the display layout in the next few days for Halloween. Each pumpkin has a name and people are welcome to go look at them and how much they weigh; Ruth - 1,286, Ducky -1,256, Albert - 1,237, Yoshi - 848, Ty - 664, Frank - 657, Shrek - 594, LuLu - 539, Tazz - 463.5, PeeToot - 377.5, and Stubbs: 280.5. This brings season 2023 to a close. Now it's time to clean up, collect seeds and get ready for 2024!"



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Emily Jones took her students to the beef farm of John and Mary Hunter to work with Appalachian Veterinary Services, Inc. to learn the importance of reproductive management and the various methods for determining pregnancies. They also had the opportunity to learn about administering vaccinations and the path to becoming a vet. "After school, we had a fantastic middle school FFA practice that included some help from our high school judging team, as they mentored groups and discussed the anatomy of a market steers," Jones shared.

Radford. "It has truly brought out my passion and I will be forever grateful for my time spent in FFA."

"The FFA focuses on serving others, the community, making connections with new people, along with strengthening the relationships you already have," Carter Calfee, vice president of the FFA, added, "The FFA has pushed me to improve social and leadership skills and it will do the same for anyone else involved with it. FFA provides endless opportunities for its members and prepares them for life."

Jones also shared that her students experienced learning the canning process on green beans from community member Faye Powers.

"She went through the complete the canning process from stringing and snapping the green beans to understanding the various components of pressure canning," Jones said.

Other classroom activities have included:

- **Veterinary Visits with Appalachian Vet:** Students traveled to John Hunter's farm and learned about bovine reproduction and then the vets paid a visit to the Land Lab and taught students about herd management

- **Veterinary Science Class** has been studying the importance of an animal's environment and had the challenge of moving guinea pigs from one cage to another without

touching them

- **Applied Ag Concepts** has been studying the different components of soil and the importance of soil health in terms of agricultural production. Students got to apply their knowledge by collecting soil samples at a local producer's farm and interpreting the results to give recommendations for improvement

- **Introduction to Animal Systems** has been learning about digestion and nutrition and has made 3-D models of the digestive system while also working with Sally

Farell from Virginia Tech, to analyze feed and forage labels to recognize the importance of feed composition as it plays a role in the conversion of food to energy

However, there are still many hopes and dreams for their future goals and needs for the Land Lab which could use the time, talent and donations of our community or others who wish to see children excel in today's world and in school.

"The materials have been purchased for the building of a new barn which (once built), "will be located in the

pasture closest to the road and will be used for future showmanship opportunities," Jones shared. "Also, we are in the process of finishing the new fence in Paddock to expand our herd and our plans are moving forward regarding a new greenhouse on site."

In addition to caring for all their animals during weekends and on school breaks, they continue to host many fundraisers to make sure they can push their dreams and goals into a stark reality.

"On Thursday, Nov. 2, anyone can enjoy a delicious meal while

supporting the FFA organization!" Jones shared. "Also, join their efforts in starting an alumni group!"

The meals will be served at the Craig County High School cafeteria and is available either dine-in or carry out, from 6-8 p.m. for only \$5 a plate.

The meal includes spaghetti, salad, breadstick and a drink and optional desserts will be available for additional purchase.

However, they do ask that those interested RSVP by Oct. 31 on their website, through the QR Code or via email

to enolen@craig.k12.va.us. (Include name, the number of meals being reserved and if they will be dine-in or carry-out.)

"Please feel free to pass the message on to friends and family!" they shared. "We also would appreciate your outreach on social media by sharing the post on the Craig County FFA page."

Anyone who wishes to donate towards their Land Lab can contact Jones at the school or John or Mary Hunter who have been wonderful "overseers, volunteers and cheerleaders" for this project.



The vice president of the FFA, Carter Calfee, informed the members on not only what they had accomplished at the Land Lab but also what their future hopes are to complete it.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Unhappy

4. Clairvoyance

7. One who works under you

12. What happens there stays there

15. Not ingested

16. Got the picture

18. One thousandth of a gram

19. Breakfast item

20. About

21. Tall deciduous trees

24. Safe keeping receipt

27. Cowardly

30. Pueblo people of New Mexico

31. Herring-like fish

33. A very large body of water

34. Angle (abbr.)

35. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation

37. White clerical vestment

39. Cool!

41. Matchstick games

42. Thick piece of something

44. A state that precedes vomiting

47. Burned item residue

48. Jaguarundi

49. Anno Domini (in the year of Our Lord)

50. The home of "60 Minutes"

52. Dorm official

53. Give cards incorrectly

56. One who is learning the job

61. Popular R.L. Stevenson novel

63. Attentively

64. CNN's founder

65. Criticize

CLUES DOWN

1. Fijian capital

2. Assist

3. Elected lord in Venice

4. The capacity of a physical system to do work

5. People of the wild

6. Parent-teacher groups

7. Midway between south and southeast

8. Moved quickly on foot

9. Handheld Nintendo console

10. "Top of the Stairs" playwright

11. Electronic data processing

12. "Dog Day Afternoon" director

13. Leaned

14. About aviation

17. Mountain is a popular type

22. Lake along Zambia and Congo border

23. Heroic tales

24. Soviet Socialist Republic

25. "Star Trek" villain

26. Hand gesture popular on social media

28. Renters have one

29. Tubular steel column

32. Database management system

36. Similar

38. Providing no shelter or sustenance

40. Death

43. What a sheep did

44. Midcentury Asian battleground

45. Horizontal passage into a mine

46. Mortified

51. Improper word

54. No seats available

55. Financial obligation

56. It can be hot or iced

57. Tough outer skin of a fruit

58. Spumante (Italian wine)

59. Misfortunes

60. Negative

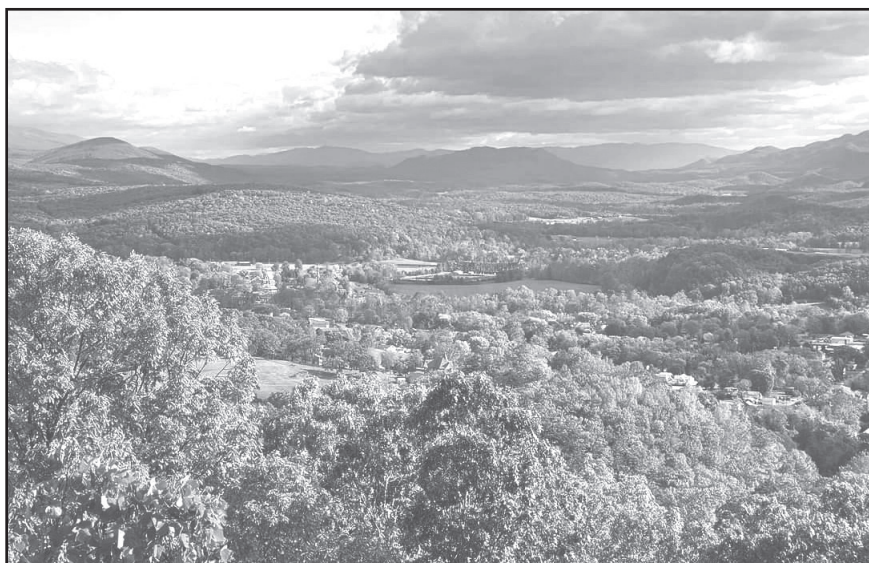
62. Camper

Fall derby winner Kyle Sloss also took the Mad Dog Award



COURTESY PHOTO

The annual fall demolition derby did not disappoint as Kyle Sloss took the win and was given the Mad Dog Award. Zacharay Peters placed second.



COURTESY OF CARRIE HUTTON

Carrie Hutton caught the beauty of the changing of the colors against a gorgeous deep blue sky over Craig County from the lookout on Route 42.

Residents share photos of Craig County in fall



COURTESY OF BETHANY SAUNDERS

Bethany Saunders enjoyed a beautiful drive on the country roads of Craig as the changing of the colors of the trees created a beautiful canopy to drive through.

Craig County Dental Center

The Craig County Dental Center is actively recruiting a full-time dentist. In the meantime, we have two part-time dentists working to meet patient needs. There may be some changes to the hours of operation during this time and we thank you for your patience. Our dedicated team of hygienists and office support staff remains the same and will continue to see patients and answer calls as we have in the past.

Please be assured that, during the recruitment process, we are keeping our patients in mind and searching for a well-qualified and professional dentist that will best serve our community.

If you have any questions or we can be of assistance to you, please feel free to call our office at 540-864-5556.

Thank you to our patients and the community for your understanding during this staffing transition.

Sincerely,

Monroe Health Center - Craig County Dental Center Staff

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Supervisors of Craig County will conduct a public hearing on **NOVEMBER 2nd, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Craig County Court House in New Castle, Virginia to consider the application of Amanda and Jason Lucas of Salem, Virginia, for a "Use Not Provided For" permit. The permit is a request for a private recreational vehicle park to allow up to six campers at property 67-A-7A, Johns Creek Road. This parcel is zoned A1, Agriculture, Limited District and is located approximately ten miles from 311.

Public comment on the application may be submitted in writing to the County Administration Office, P.O. Box 308, New Castle, Virginia 24127, by calling 540-864-5010, or in person at the public hearing.

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OPINION

Fall cooking

Library Corner
Marge Lewter

The library book sale at Fall Festival was stacked with cookbooks! Only a few years ago, we could not keep them on the shelf because they were so popular. Everyone wanted cookbooks. Alas, it seems times have changed. I confess that I sometimes pull up recipes in my computer quicker than I can find them in my file box of little 3x5 cards! When I spoke to the folks browsing at the book sale it seems that most of them have a handful of tried and true cookbooks and lots of other random ones. That is true for me, too. Years ago, I had a flight delay and picked up a cookbook by the Junior League of Columbia South Carolina and it has been one of my favorites, my staple for Southern cooking. You

just never know. At the other extreme, my other favorite is the original Moosewood cookbook from a restaurant by the same name in Ithaca NY. When I moved out on my own, my mom gave me the Betty Crocker cookbook which I still use 40 years later as a reference on practical details of how to do anything related to cooking. Does one really need 15 cookbooks? It seems like folks have been cleaning off their kitchen shelves and donating their cookbooks to the library! We have them from fire departments and Ruritan clubs and churches. I would bet some of those church recipes would be worthy of a second look because some of the best food I have ever had has been at church dinners. Even one new recipe could make your life easier if it is delicious and nutritious! There is a real need for cookbooks when one has a restricted diet. Sugar free, gluten free, nut free, red meat-free, you name it. There are cookbooks for everything and these will definitely reduce the stress of a new diagnosis

when you see how you can still make good food that will make you well. Food is medicine. Laughter may be the best medicine but food is a close second because we really are what we eat. Here's a chilling thought: Maybe people no longer cook. It does seem that take-out food and prepared foods are becoming more and more popular. In spite of this trend, I do believe cookbooks are safe here in the hills of VA. Creating something from what you have in the house I far superior to a long trip to town to buy a single ingredient. Cooking what you grow in the garden is deeply satisfying. The common pot-luck dinner is a great place to try out a new dish and get an idea how others like it. Do others experiment on their friends like this? You could even live dangerously and bring an entirely new dish to that Thanksgiving dinner! You could be the star of the family and if not, you will be the star of a new family story that you will never live down! Come by the library and browse our selection of cookbooks available in the book barn. Maybe you will find just what you need!

News from the 9th: AI in energy



Over the last several years, we have begun exploring the potential of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its application across a variety of sectors—health care, finance, manufacturing, agriculture, and so on. In the Energy Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, we recently held a hearing examining the ways that AI could be used to benefit our energy sector. As energy consumption and our standard of living increases decade after decade, we must find new ways to provide Americans with safe, reliable, and affordable energy. AI is being used to support those goals. We heard from witnesses about how AI is accelerating cutting-edge energy technologies by processing data to aid researchers while also helping to reduce both cost and time when developing new technologies. In the oil and gas industry, AI is being used to better process geothermal 3D seismic data and optimize drilling operations. It can increase production

in refineries, help manage wells and reservoirs, increase yield, all while finding ways to decrease oil well energy usage, which will in turn bring down costs. When it comes to electricity, AI could be used by utilities and wholesale market makers to continuously pinpoint when to dispatch power plants and help power plant managers balance supply and demand. It can also monitor utility polls for any issues, order needed parts, or create work orders for when technicians are needed to go into the field to fix something. However, a drawback to the implementation of AI in our energy sector is that operating AI requires data centers to use massive amounts of power. According to the International Energy Agency, data centers globally used 1–1.3% of global electricity demand in 2022. According to one of our witnesses, Loudoun County, Virginia, would need the equivalent of three large nuclear plants every year to power new AI enabled data centers. As AI use grows, so will its electricity demand. With electrical grids already under pressure and stressed for more capacity, and with the Biden Administration determined to eliminate the fossil fuels which stabilize our electrical grid, we will have to find a way to ensure that AI doesn't further strain our grid. Another challenge is the risk of AI-assisted cyberattacks. An ever-increasing issue in our world, it will be paramount as we move forward with AI development, that we find meaningful ways to protect our energy sector against this threat. **Medical Devices Must Work** Ten to 15 million medical devices are used by U.S. hospitals and doctor's offices daily to help diagnosis and treat patients. Unfortunately, some of these medical devices are sold with manufacturer-imposed restrictions on repairs, meaning only the manufacturer itself can

make a repair. Articles that I have seen include among those devices CT scanners, EKG machines, MRI machines, and ventilators. Restrictions on who can repair a medical device can come with potentially deadly consequences. This is especially true in rural areas, like the 9th District of Virginia. In rural areas, having a repair person nearby is less likely. Being forced to use only the manufacturer's representative could mean longer wait times for hospital and doctor's office equipment to be repaired. If your doctor and/or health care team don't have access to working equipment, they can not properly diagnose your condition or disease. This can lead to catastrophic consequences. I can not accept that people could become more ill or risk death because they are unable to receive help due to repair restrictions. Medical devices save lives. Manufacturers cannot in good conscious stand in the way of the mission to treat people. That is why I am looking at the concept of allowing independent contractors to be able to repair the equipment for hospitals and doctor's offices who request that service. We are checking with our local hospitals about their needs. This issue reminds me of my friend, Bill Bradley, who unfortunately passed away in 2017. He started Valley Biomedical Services, to service medical devices in need of repair. Bill started the company working out of a van and grew it into a success, working hard to provide a variety of medical repair services in the Roanoke area and beyond for over 30 years. Ending manufacturer restrictions could benefit skilled technicians like my friend Bill, while also, and more importantly, providing better access to health care in rural areas. When facing life or death issues, you should neither have to wait for the repair team to fly in nor have the patient travel to another hospital.

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Yard Sales - Botetourt County

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The Church of the Transfiguration and St Mark's Episcopal Church will be having an Indoor Yard Sale on Saturday, Oct 28th from 8 am - 1pm at 7624 Roanoke Road, Fincastle. Holiday items, household goods, books, furniture and more.

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Legals - Botetourt County

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT

COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA, a Political Subdivision Of The Commonwealth Of Virginia, Complainant, V. MARILYN LEIDECKER AKA MARILYN L. LEIDECKER, Respondent.
Case No. CL23-359

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Complainant, County of Botetourt, Virginia, for delinquent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the County of Botetourt, Virginia, described as follows:

Tax Map No. 86-31
 Account No. 25712

All that certain lot or parcel of land, with all appurtenances thereunto belonging, lying and being in the County of Botetourt, Virginia, and being more particularly described as follows: Tract A, consisting of 1.00 acre, more or less, as shown on plat of survey prepared by Charles R. McMurry, CLS, dated September 12, 1990, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, in Plat Book 13, Page 170. There is further conveyed unto parties of the second, all rights in the "Cesspool" and drain lines for septic system purposes along with an easement to repair and maintain the same reserved in a deed to the adjacent property dated November 21, 1951 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, in Deed Book 105, Page 143. And being the same property conveyed to Alan J. Leidecker and Marilyn Leidecker, husband and wife, as tenants by the entireties with the right of survivorship as at common law, from Ann Gladwell by Deed dated September 24, 2004, and recorded September 28, 2004 in the Circuit Court Clerk's Office of Botetourt County, Virginia, as Instrument 040006603. This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements,

Legals - Botetourt County

restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described.

IT APPEARING that an Affidavit has been made and filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the identity and location of certain parties to be served, that the last known address for the Respondents herein are as follows: Marilyn Leidecker aka Marilyn L. Leidecker, whose last known address is 4704 Showalter Road NW, Roanoke, VA 24017; and that any officers, heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the Respondent named here in are made Parties Respondent to this action individually and/or by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the parties herein and all Parties Unknown and/or whose location cannot be ascertained appear on or before **November 30, 2023** in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Botetourt, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause.

Entered on the 12th day of October, 2023.
 Sherry L. Perry, Deputy Clerk.

I Ask For This:
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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTEOURT COUNTY IN RE: ESATE OF DONALD G. STITH, DECEASED NOTICE

Having been requested to do so by Philip Argabright, co-executor of the estate of Donald G. Stith, Deceased, and in accordance with Section 64.2-550 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, all creditors of Donald G. Stith and all persons in any way interested in his estate are hereby notified that I have fixed the 22nd day of November, 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 Donald G. Stith or his estate, the priorities among them, and the names of the persons to whom they are due. All creditors of Donald G. Stith, 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 hand this 23rd day of October, 2023.
 Malcolm McL. Doubles
 Commissioner of Accounts

Legals - City of Radford

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316; 317.20-104
 Case No. **CL23007009-00**
RADFORD CITY Circuit Court, 619 SECOND STREET, RADFORD, VA 24141
 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re **CHRISTINA NICOLE HAMBLIN v. RONALD GLENN HAMBLIN**
 The object of this suit is to: **OBTAIN DIVORCE**. It is **ORDERED** that **RONALD GLENN HAMBLIN** appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before **DECEMBER 13, 2023**, **OCTOBER 13, 2023**, **MELISSA WHITE, DEPUTY CLERK**

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Legals - City of Radford

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Jyoti Sansoa, MEMBER.

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Legals - Craig County

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE 13978 Potts Creek Road, Paint Bank, Virginia 24131

Tax Map/Parcel Identification Nos. 20 A 10, 20 A 11, 20 A 11B, 20 A 12 **CRAIG COUNTY, VA**

In execution of a credit line deed of trust dated September 14, 2017 (the "Deed of Trust"), recorded in the Office of the Circuit Court of Craig County, Virginia, as Instrument No. 17000518 (Book 206, Page 101), the undersigned substitute Trustees, any or all of whom may act, will offer for sale in front of the Craig County Courthouse, 182 Main Street, New Castle, Virginia, on November 4, 2023, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., property located at or near 13978 Potts Creek Road, Paint Bank, Craig County, Virginia, which property is more particularly described as follows:
 All those three (3) certain tracts or parcels of real property, situate in Craig County, Virginia, containing 164.314 acres, more or less, and being comprised of Parcel A, containing 67.836 acres, more or less, Parcel B, 21.25 acres, more or less, and Parcel C, 75.328 acres, more or less, as more particularly shown upon that certain J. Brad Smith, LS, survey of said Tracts, dated May-June 2015 and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Craig County, Virginia, in Deed Book 198, at pages 478 and 479, and further being Parcels I, II, and III conveyed unto Judith Smith Bess by Karen Smith Denny, et ux., by Deed dated December 15, 2015, and of record in Craig County Deed Book 198, at page 482.

Parcel C subsequently was subdivided into Tax Map Nos. 20 A 11 and 20 A 11B. These two tracts will be sold as one (1) parcel. This sale is subject to all liens, easements, restrictions, conditions, and reservations of record affecting the title to the property hereinabove described, to the extent any of them have priority over the lien of the Deed of Trust.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE:

- 1. AUCTION:** Substitute Trustee has employed The Counts Realty & Auction Group ("Auction Company"). The successful bidder will be required to execute a Memorandum of Trustee's Sale outlining additional terms of sale and settlement that will be available for review prior to the announcement of sale. Settlement within thirty (30) days of sale.
- 2. DEPOSIT:** A bidder's deposit of \$15,000.00 per tract in certified funds (cash, cashier's or certified check made payable to Spilman Thomas & Battle, PLLC) required.
- 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Announcements made on day of sale take precedence over all prior communications, both verbal and written, concerning the sale or the property.
- 4. BUYER'S PREMIUM:** A 10% buyer's premium will be in effect on day of sale that is added to the high bid amount to determine the contract sales price.
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- 9. LINES ON**

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Bryson J. Hunter, Peter M. Pearl, and Brian H. Richardson, Substitute Trustees

For Information Contact:
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 bhunter@spilmanlaw.com
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 P.O. Box 90
 Roanoke, Virginia 24002
 540-512-1800 Telephone

Legals - Montgomery County

Trustee's Sale

1551 Fire Tower Road, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073

(Parcel ID: 006374)

Default having been made in the terms of a certain Deed of Trust dated April 8, 2022, in the original principal amount of \$201,188.00 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Montgomery, Virginia in Instrument No. 2022002914, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction on December 1, 2023, at 1:00 pm, in front of the building housing the Montgomery County Circuit Court, 55 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073, the property beginning at an iron rod set located on the west line of State Route No. 600, thence with State Route No. 600, s. 10 deg. 00 12 e 138.98 feet to an iron pipe; thence s. 80 deg. 43' 48 w. 199.82 feet to an iron rod set; thence n. 10 deg. 13 41 w. 137.88 feet to an iron rod set by a post; thence n. 80 deg. 24 48 e. 200.35 feet to the point of beginning; and containing all the land of an un-numbered lot on state route number 600 in Montgomery County, Virginia, dated January 31, 1989, of record in the aforesaid Clerk's office in deed book 639, page 83. Sale is subject to all prior liens, easements, restrictions, covenants, and conditions, if any, of record, or other matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the premises. TERMS: CASH. A deposit of \$20,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required of the successful bidder at time of sale. Prior to the sale, interested bidders will be required to register with and must present a bid deposit which may be held during the sale by the trustee. The bid deposit must be certified funds and/or cash, but no more than \$9,900.00 of cash will be accepted. The successful bidder's deposit will be retained at the sale and applied to the sale price. If held by the trustee, all other bid deposits will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders. Settlement is to be made within 15 calendar days. The successful bidder will be responsible for obtaining possession of the property, and for all costs and fees related to recording the Trustee's Deed, including the grantors tax. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Memorandum of Trustee's Sale, available for review on the Foreclosure Sales page of www.glasserlaw.com, outlining additional terms of sale and settlement. A Trustee's Deed will be prepared by Trustee's attorney at high bidder's expense. This is a communication from a debt collector, Glasser and Glasser, P.L.C. on behalf of Atlantic Trustee Services, L.L.C., and/or Auction.com-VA, LLC, Substitute Trustees, Crown Center Building, Suite 600, 580 East Main Street, Norfolk, VA 23510, File No. 232844-01, Tel: (757) 321-6465, between 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon only.

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
 Case No. 121CL22300149600
MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1 CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re WAYMON RODNEY PACK v. GAIL WILLIAMS, et al.

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Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
 Case No. 121CL22300149600
MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1 CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re WAYMON RODNEY PACK v. GAIL WILLIAMS, et al.
 The object of the complaint in the above styled case is to quiet the title via adverse possession to that certain parcel identified as 792 Piney Woods Rd., Riner, VA

Legals - Montgomery County

24149 (Montgomery County Tax Map #s 127-A-72), Located in Montgomery County, Virginia.

It is **ORDERED** that any of the following persons shall appear at the above named Court and take such action as he/she deem necessary to protect his/her interests on or before November 17, 2023.

- Gail Williams
- LaShavio Diggs
- Robert Beale, Jr.
- Raymond Beale
- Barbara Ann Beale
- Freddie Hart, Jr.
- Any Descendant of Alvia Ellen Pack Jones, deceased

Any person desiring a copy of the Complaint, Survey, or any additional information should contact Ryan L. Pry, counsel for plaintiffs, at P.O. Box 3785, Radford, VA 24143, or at 540-838-2233 prior to the above date. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that this **ORDER OF PUBLICATION** be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Christiansburg News Messenger, a newspaper of general circulation in Montgomery County, Virginia. Entered this 2nd day of October, 2023. By K. Mike Fleenor, Jr. Judge
 I ask for this Ryan L. Pry (VSB#74181) RYAN L. PRY PC P.O. Box 3785 RADFORD VA 24143 (540)838-2233 Ryan@PrvLawOffice.com Counsel for plaintiff

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
 Case No. **CL23-1004**
MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re THE ESTATE OF CHARLES F. BOWLES, KIMBERLY REED, Plaintiff v. NELVA KOSTRIC Defendant
 THIS DAY came Justin Steele, Counsel for Plaintiff, Kimberly Reed, and filed a complaint to probate will for the Estate of Charles F. Bowles and a motion for entry of a default judgement and for other relief, and a hearing will be held in this Court, 55 East Main Street, Suite 1 Christiansburg VA 24073, on Dec 6th, 2023 at 10:00 AM or as soon after as may be heard. NOW, THEREFORE, it is **ORDERED** that all defendants, unknown heirs and others interested in said Estate appear at the hearing and be heard why the petition and motion for default judgement should not be granted. The Clerk shall send a copy of this order to the Christiansburg News Messenger to be published once a week for four consecutive weeks. Enter the 11th day of October 2023.
 Robert M. D. Turk, Judge
 I ask for this:
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Legals - Roanoke County

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58.1-3219-5
 Code of Virginia
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Upcoming public meetings in Craig County

Nov. 2

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Nov. 15

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

Nov. 20

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

Nov. 21

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Community events:

Nov. 2

The Craig County FFA students will host a spaghetti dinner at the cafeteria on Nov. 2, 6:30-8:30 p.m. to help with their fundraising. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Emily Nolen at the school.

Nov. 4

Waiteville Community Center - 2nd painting of a pickup with Christmas tree, Saturday, Nov. 4, 1-4 p.m. Teacher, artist Vicky Grant. \$25 includes supplies you will need and can be paid at the event. To register contact Shelby Jennings at 304-772-5503 or shelbyjennings1958@hotmail.com by Oct. 27. Refreshments will be served.

Ongoing

Every Tuesday, Music Jam at Clifton's Store Building, 158 Main Street from 6-8 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own instrument and chair. Cheese (like Clifton's!) and snacks served. See the

progress made and make a donation to complete the renovation of this town landmark. Sponsored by Craig County Historical Society.

Feeding southwest Virginia will be offering food twice a month on the second and third Wednesday of the month from 3-5 p.m. and 4-5 p.m., respectively. All community members are welcome to purchase fresh produce and other canned and boxed items. EBT recipients receive 50% off their fruits and vegetables.

Booster Club of Craig Schools meet on the third Monday of each month in the school cafeteria at 6 p.m. Community members are encouraged to attend and to join to support the kids of Craig County as they need the participation of more people.

Every Friday, Craig County Genealogy Library is open 1-4 p.m. 152 Main Street. High school annuals, family histories and genealogy resources. Contact 540-864-7023.

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V DOT ROADWATCH

Interstate 81

I-81 & ROUTE 11 BORING SCHEDULED - Mountain Valley Pipeline is expected to perform boring across Route 11 near Apgar Drive between September 11 and September 26. In addition, boring is tentatively scheduled across I-81 near MM 130.11 between October 26 and November 17.

INTERSTATE 81 LANE WIDENING CONSTRUCTION PROJECT EXIT 137 TO EXIT 141 – A \$179 million design-build project to widen both directions of I-81 between mile markers 136.6 and 141.8 from two to three lanes is set to begin. Starting in February and continuing into the early summer, work will be performed on the inside and outside shoulders along a five-mile section of both northbound and southbound Interstate 81 in Roanoke County and the city of Salem. The shoulders will be built up before barrier wall can be installed for road crews to work behind. Barrier wall will be installed along the shoulders in the spring and summer. Two lanes of I-81 traffic in each direction will remain open during the project with periodic lane closures scheduled during nighttime hours or outside of peak travel times as needed. Drivers can expect the following lane closures and upcoming impacts on northbound and southbound I-81:

ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC IMPACTS: TRAFFIC SHIFT ON WILDWOOD ROAD: Expect a traffic shift with narrow width on Wildwood road after exiting I-81 southbound heading towards Salem. Southbound and northbound I-81 exit and entrance ramp narrows possible at Route 311.

WORK ZONE SPEED: With narrow spacing in lanes due to barrier walls, lack of shoulders and lane shifts in various locations, drivers should adhere to posted 60 mph speed limits in the work zone and allow space when following a vehicle.

RAMP CLOSURES: Ramp closures are possible during nighttime hours, 12 a.m., to 5 a.m. Drivers should watch for message boards dates and times the ramp will be closed.

LANE CLOSURES: Alternating left and right lane and shoulder closures during nighttime hours between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, are possible. Lane widths will be reduced to 11 feet. Nightly lane closures may be in place along the right lane with possible nightly ramp narrows as needed for guardrail and shoulder strengthening.

The project also includes replacing six bridges, widening two bridges, installing approximately 2.6 miles of sound barrier walls along northbound I-81, improving the southbound exit 137 off-ramp intersection at Wildwood Road and adding interchange lighting at exits 137, 140 and 141 are also included in the project. Expected completion in early 2026.

I-81 NORTHBOUND AT EXIT 105 NEW RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY – Traffic on northbound I-81 has been switched onto the newly constructed bridge over the New River at the Montgomery/Pulaski County line. The old bridge is being demolished. Lane and shoulder closures may be in place near exit 105. Lane closure may be in effect during the week from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Shoulder closures may be in effect at any time during the week. Slow rolls may be performed on I-81 in the north and southbound lanes from mile marker 98 to 109. Speed limit is reduced to 60 miles per hour in the work zone. Shoulder closures will remain in place though the duration of the project. Project completion is estimated for Summer 2024.

SLOW ROLLS: A slow roll operation may be in place daily, Monday through Friday, between mile marker 101 and 105 northbound and between mile marker 109 and 105 southbound, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Slow rolls may be utilized periodically on both the northbound and southbound lanes from mile marker 98-109 for structural steel deliveries and setting beams.

LANE CLOSURES: Nighttime alternating lane closures will be in place on I-81 northbound between mile markers 104-106 from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning.

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

I-81 PAVING OPERATIONS – Weather permitting, crews will be performing paving operations along Interstate 81. Right and left lane closures may be in place along northbound and southbound lanes during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. Drivers should watch for moving vehicles and equipment. Expect possible delays.

I-81 BRIDGE DECK REPAIRS – Weather permitting, crews will repair bridge decks on Interstate 81. Between mile markers 170 to 89, right and left lane closures will be in place northbound and southbound during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

Interstate 581

I-581/220 EXPRESSWAY PAVING OPERATIONS – Weather permitting, crews will pave, patch and repair pavement on various routes. Lane closures may be in place during nighttime hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

I-581/220 LANE & RAMP CLOSURES FOR PAVING AND MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS IN ROANOKE COUNTY– Weather permitting, crews will be milling and paving along Interstate 81. Right and left lane closures will be in place along northbound and southbound lanes during nighttime hours. Drivers should expect possible delays.

Roanoke City

13th STREET SE IMPROVEMENTS – A project to improve a portion of 13th Street SE in Roanoke is nearing completion. Once complete, a new roadway will extend 13th Street to Norfolk Avenue and the intersection at 13th Street and Wise Avenue will be reconfigured to include a roundabout. Bike lanes, sidewalks, crosswalks and curb and gutter have been added. Minimal traffic impacts at this time. The project is expected to be completed in late fall 2023.

Roanoke County SIDEWALK PROJECT ON SOUTHBOUND WILLIAMSON ROAD IN HOLLINS AREA - On weekdays starting the week of October 9, work on a project to construct new sidewalk along the section of southbound Route 11 (Williamson Road) between Plantation Road and Peters Creek Road may cause lane closures. Drivers in the Hollins area can expect periodic right lane closures on southbound Williamson Road between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. As work progresses, occasional nighttime lane closures also will be scheduled. The sidewalk project is expected to be completed in summer 2024.

STARKEY ROAD AND BUCK MOUNTAIN ROAD ROUNDABOUT – A road project to construct a single-lane roundabout at the

intersection of Route 904 (Starkey Road) and Route 679 (Buck Mountain Road) is underway. The new roundabout is now open to traffic and drivers should be aware of the new roundabout configuration. There will be occasional flagging operations in place between the 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the intersection of Starkey Road and Buck Mountain Road, drivers should still expect lane closures with flaggers controlling traffic for final paving, additional concrete pouring and pavement marking until the project is finished. Final completion is expected in late spring 2024.

LANE CLOSURES WITH FLAGGING OPERATIONS: Lane closure times of 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. have resumed due to school now being in session.

ROUNDBABOUT: The roundabout configuration has been set up. This means drivers should continue around the circle without turning left and that drivers in the circle have the right of way.

BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY CLOSURES IN ROANOKE AREA - Blue Ridge Parkway will be repairing slope failures and road closures with detours may be in place. Visit their website at www.nps.gov/blri/planyourvisit/roadclosures.htm for more information.

MOUNTAIN VALLEY PIPELINE - Mountain Valley Pipeline is expected to begin full construction again by mid-July. Temporary intermittent flagging operations will be in place in the county throughout the remainder of the project (with a tentative completion date of February 2024) to load/unload equipment at crossings and construction entrances. Scheduled completion is February 2024.

PAVING OPERATIONS – Weather permitting, crews will pave, patch and repair pavement on various routes. Lane closures may be in place and flaggers may control traffic at times during daylight or nighttime hours. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

Botetourt County

ROUTE 795 CLOSURE FOR PIPE REPLACEMENT – Route 795 (Orchard Drive) in the Daleville area will be closed at house number 62 for a pipe replacement beginning Monday, October 23 at 9 a.m. The road will reopen by the end of the day on Thursday, October 26. Message boards will alert drivers.

ROUTE 650 CLOSURE FOR PIPE REPLACEMENT - Route 650 (Lugar Lane) in the Fincastle area will be closed at house number 822 for a pipe replacement beginning Monday, October 30 at 9 a.m. and reopening by the end of the day on Thursday, November 2. Message boards will alert drivers.

DALEVILLE INTERSECTION PROJECT FOR FIELDSTONE DEVELOPMENT ACCESS – Lane closures northbound and southbound on Route 220 in Daleville will be in place for construction of a median with crossover, a right turn lane and a new traffic signal. The speed limit in this area has been permanently reduced to 45mph. This work is associated with construction of the Fieldstone Development through a permit. Drivers may see the new signal arm and additional signage being added. There is no estimated time for when these will become active as work continues. Lane closures will be set up on various days and noise disturbances may be in place through October 2023.

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PIONEER VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT IS THIS WEEK

The Craig County girls are the number five seed for the Pioneer District volleyball tournament, which was scheduled to begin on Monday at the sites of the third and fourth seeded teams.

The Craig girls were scheduled to play at fourth seeded Narrows on Monday to open the tournament, while third seeded Eastern Montgomery played host to Highland County. Top seeded Parry McCluer and second seeded Bath County received first round byes.

First round results were too late for publication, but Monday's winners advanced to the semifinals on Tuesday. The Craig-Narrows winner was at Bath while



Coach Suzanne Crawford talks to the team.

the East Mont-Highland winner played at Parry McCluer.

The highest remaining seed will host the championship on Thursday of this week, and there will also be a

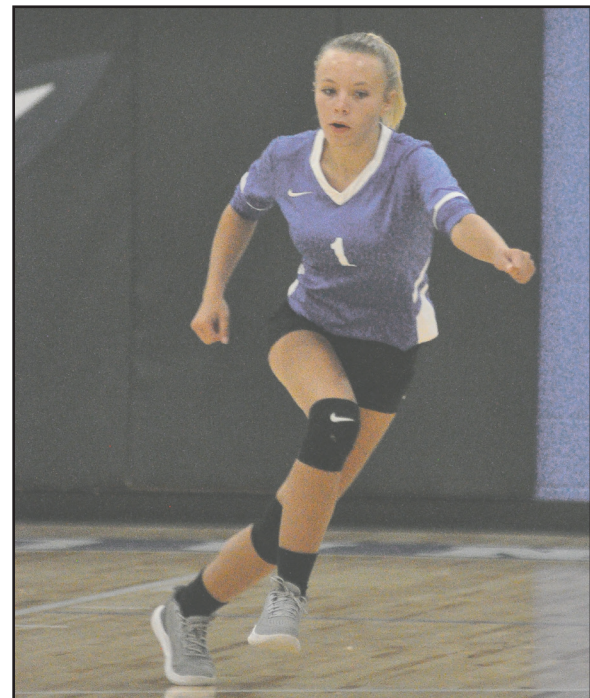
consolation game to determine third place.

The Rockets finished the regular season with a 1-13 record. They wrapped up the regular season at home against Parry McCluer last

Thursday and lost in three sets, 25-13, 25-16 and 25-17. Kailyn Jones had five kills and two blocks for the Rockets and Jenna Boitnotte and Erin Snider had three serving aces each.



Grace Huffman goes up for a block.



Brooklyn Cayton reacts to the ball.



Maggie Mays sets one up.



Jenna Boitnotte is in the ready position.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

CRAIG COUNTY FOOTBALL TEAM WILL HONOR SENIORS FRIDAY

The Craig County football team will celebrate "Senior Night" this Friday when the Rockets host Narrows for their final home game of the season.

The Rockets actually have two home games this week, a rarity in football. Craig was scheduled to host Montcalm in a makeup game on Tuesday, also at Mitchell Field, but results were too late for publication.

The Rockets traveled to Hot Springs last Friday to take on Bath County and the host Chargers stayed undefeated with a 62-3 win. Bath has not scored fewer than 47 points in any of its eight wins and has held the opponent to eight points or fewer six times, including three shutouts. Craig fell to 2-5 with the loss.

"Tough night," said Craig coach Jimmy Fisher. "We had strep and an unknown virus going through the

team and several kids didn't make the trip. We only dressed 16 kids and five or six of them were sick but toughed it out so we could field a team.

"We had a bunch of kids playing new spots with no practice at the position. We really couldn't put forth much offense and had a tough time on defense as well."

A bright spot was a long kickoff return by Jaycob Wolfe, which set up a 26 yard field goal by Isaac Lucas. It was the first time since September 22nd that Bath had been scored on.

Unfortunately, Craig's Carter Price was injured in the game and will miss the rest of the season. The line was already thin, and he was having a good season.

"He was our most consistent lineman," said Fisher. "He was our last starting defensive lineman from the beginning of the season."



Isaac Lucas punts as Hunter Sowers protects.



The Craig line blocks for Josh Craft.



Bradley Arthurs(#1) is ready to return a kick.



Jaycob Wolfe finds room to run.



Carter Calfee(#16) runs the ball against Bath.

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