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Hay turkey COURTESY PHOTO

Fall is showing up in the hay fields

Darrell Huffman and Heather Light have been playing in the hay bales on their farm and created their hay turkey for all to drive by and see in Sinking Creek.

McCleary students mailed local veterans appreciation cards for Veterans Day

Pam Dudding
 Contributing writer

Veterans Day is a time of reflection for many military personnel and families and a day when Americans can show appreciation to those who have served the United States of America in the military.

To honor the veterans in Craig County, Karen Jones had her students in grades second through fifth to make cards and they mailed them to 145 military personnel.

Jones started this several years ago, when the cards were used as place cards for each attendee of the Annual Veterans and Active Military HONOR Dinner. Jones continued this activity though the dinner ceased due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Some students enjoy writing their own personal messages which have had a heartfelt impact on many as they have corresponded to the students as well as posted on Facebook

for years. "It's such a small thing to do for our Veterans, who did so much for us," Jones shared. "It's so important to teach our children about the sacrifices others made so they can have their freedom." Jones also has lessons in her classes, about Veterans Day and the veterans which includes her read-aloud books; Tuesday Takes me There (about a veteran with PTSD and his service dog), The White Table and The Poppy Lady. These lessons help the younger generation to understand the importance and privilege of living in a free country that has its costs. "If there are any local Veterans we missed, please send us your name and address," Jones asked. "Each year we find a few more, as our goal is to include ALL Veterans in Craig County or from Craig. Also, we extend our thanks to our local DAR ladies for providing the postage that allowed us to send these cards."

Homecoming dance enjoyed by many students

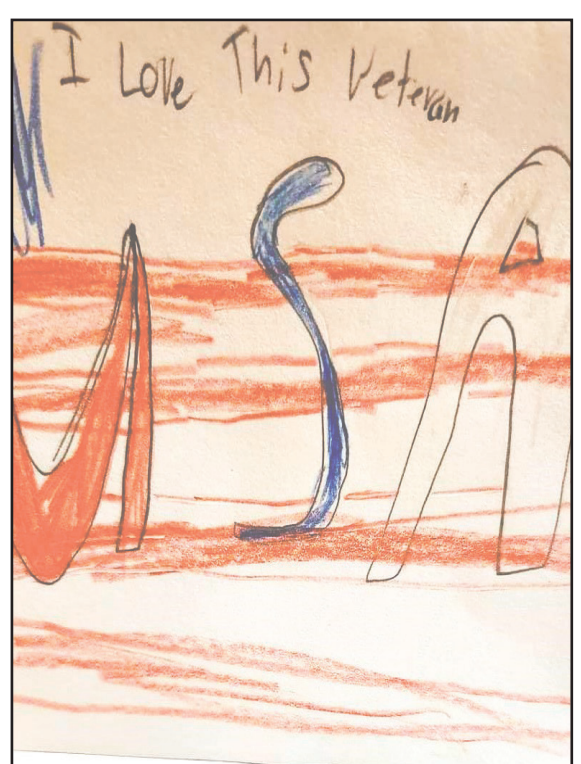


Craig County students celebrated homecoming with a dance and lots fun. The floor was filled when the line dances were played. "We had a blast!" several commented. "I love our school!" COURTESY PHOTO

CCPS students raising funds to buy gifts for local kids with Snow Court monies



Craig County students are running for Snow King and Queen and all of the funds raised will go towards the Craig County Community Christmas Program, to buy gifts for 81 kids in the county. Jars are set up in different stores in Craig and the guy and girl who raises the most will be crowned King and Queen in the high school and Prince and Princess in the middle school. All funds go to this wonderful project where CCHS JVG has committed to buy gifts for 13 of these students. Coach Jayke Dowdy and wife, Morgan, are organizing the Winter Wonderland Dance on Friday, Dec. 1; tickets are \$12. The court nominees include: Snow King and Queen - 9th grade: Kailyn Jones and Wyatt Huffman, 10th grade: McKenna All and Ian Morris, 11th grade: Brooklyn Cayton and Carter Givens, and 12th grade: Lily Hutchison, Randalyn Taylor, Tyler Fitzpatrick and Isaac Caldwell. For Snow Prince and Princess; 6th grade: Makenna Blankenship and Jordon Harris, 7th grade: Maren All and Bryson Smith and 8th grade: Kaleigh Darnell and Blake Kendall.



On behalf of all the students and staff at McCleary Elementary School, we would like to thank you for your service and wish you a Happy Veteran's Day!



Shawn VanDyke, military personnel, posted his handmade Veterans Day appreciation card on Facebook with thanks to the students. COURTESY PHOTO



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Technology for Your Community

New digital tour celebrates diversity of trees on Roanoke College campus

Roanoke College is launching an innovative new resource to showcase its spectacular campus trees — just in time for fall foliage season.

The college's scenic grounds, consistently ranked among the most beautiful in the country, are home to some 1,000 trees of at least 77 different species. "The carefully tended collection is a vital environmental, educational and historical asset with some noteworthy trees that date back to before the school's founding," the college said.

Now, for the first time ever, nature lovers can learn more about the greenery on campus with just the click of a button. More than 50 trees have been outfitted with QR code placards that invite visitors to learn more about each

specimen's ecology and history.

The QR codes, which can be scanned with a smartphone, allow people to instantly pull up more information online about the tagged tree. The result is a unique, self-guided tour that encourages people to spend a few moments taking in the majesty of a saucer magnolia, a Norway spruce and more.

"This is a beautiful day for Roanoke College," said Vice President of Advancement Kim Blair. "Our landscape, from our tree canopy to our mountain views, is an integral part of what makes the Roanoke experience so special. We're thankful for the hard work and passion of everyone who made this project possible."

The tree tour was created after a detailed



COURTESY OF ROANOKE COLLEGE

To mark the project's launch, Roanoke is rolling out a new webpage that shares more history and an interactive tree tour map.

inventory of the campus tree collection was done by Bartlett Tree Experts. Both undertakings were supported by generous

benefactors. In addition to shaping the tour, the extensive inventory will help guide ongoing tree care work by Roanoke

College Building and Grounds. By preserving and celebrating Roanoke's natural resources,

one of the project's patrons, Trustee Joanne Leonhardt Cassullo '78, See **New**, page 7

National Culinary Olympics team rehearses at Virginia Western Community College

Culinary Team USA prepares for February competition in Stuttgart, Germany

ROANOKE — Virginia Western Community College hosted the national Culinary Team USA on Nov. 6 and 7, as team members continued to fine-tune their techniques before competing in February 2024 at the IKA Culinary Olympics in Stuttgart, Germany. Chef Ted Polfelt, a faculty member in the Al Pollard Culinary Arts Program at Virginia Western, had received the honor of being named to the team for the four-year cycle leading up to February's global competition.

Team members prepared a three-course meal for 110 dinner attendees on both days, mirroring the tight time requirements and rules that will govern the Olympics in Germany. In Roanoke, the dinner

was served to students and pre-selected guests. The menu consisted of a seafood appetizer, entrée and dessert.

This particular team, sponsored by the American Culinary Federation, has prepared for the Olympics with practices held around the country, including at Virginia Western in early 2022. Rehearsals took place at the Claude Moore Education Complex on Henry Street in downtown Roanoke.

"We are proud to host Team USA's chefs as they are in the homestretch of prepping for the Olympics," said Yvonne Campbell, dean of Virginia Western's School of Business, Technology

and Trades. "We're very appreciative of their willingness to bring students into this process, because this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for many students to see this level of culinary expertise."

In addition to Chef Polfelt, team members in Roanoke for the event were team captain Dan Holtgrave, Jim Storm, Logan Christensen, Tim Recher, Troman Felizmenio, team apprentice Shane Wilder, team manager Kevin Storm, assistant team manager Randy Torres, pastry manager Susan Notter, and team advisors John Coletta and

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Culinary Team USA works in the Euro Kitchen at Virginia Western Community College on Monday, Nov. 6.



Team captain Chef Dan Holtgrave (left) and Chef Jim Storm work during the six-hour preparation window on Monday, Nov. 6.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Clip a small piece

5. Enter forcibly

11. Southwestern Native American tribe

12. Helps you smell better

16. Sun or solar disk

17. Low frequency

18. Former Houston football player

19. Federal crime

24. Home to Boston (abbr.)

25. Approval

26. Those who fight an establishment (abbr.)

27. ___ student, learns healing

28. Indian groomer of horses

29. Line where two pieces meet

30. One might be brief

31. Type of sword

33. Knife for fruits or vegetables

34. Stinkhorns

38. Stroke

39. Industrial process for producing ammonia

40. Sir ___ Newton

43. Wild goat

44. Muslim ruler

45. Scottish ancestor

49. Hat

50. Horse mackerel

51. Alcoholic accompaniment

53. Tech department

54. Manifesting approval

56. Upper bract of grass

58. Of I

59. Large wading bird

60. Military prisons

63. Famed American cartoonist

64. Rise

65. Greek God of war and courage

4. The finger farthest from the thumb

5. Not moving

6. Sports official

7. Water purification process (abbr.)

8. University of Dayton

9. Indo-Malaysian evergreens

10. High schoolers' math course

13. Yankovic is a weird one

14. Adversaries

15. Merchandisers

20. Radioactive metal (abbr.)

21. Atomic #52

22. The back

23. One-time computer giant

27. Female of a horse

29. Football's big game (abbr.)

30. Vehicle

31. Single Lens Reflex

32. It's becoming more prevalent

33. Political action committee

34. Makes lightbulbs

35. Natural home of an animal

36. In bed

37. Superman villain

38. The Golden State

40. One who leads prayers in a mosque

41. They accompany a leader

42. Atomic #18

44. Electronic countermeasures

45. The appearance of something

46. Connecting line on a map

47. Deep red color

48. Secret affairs

50. Drenches

51. Contains music

52. Expression of surprise

54. Intestinal pouches

55. Where birds are born

57. ___ and behold

61. Cools your home

62. The First State

OPINION

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I want to get the word out that we have some free entertainment on tap for music fans in the area.

I've had the pleasure over the years of helping to promote bluegrass and country music for our community through bluegrass concerts at the high school, bluegrass and country music concerts at the fairgrounds, church services, and for various fundraising events. Some of these events have featured some big-name bands and drew large crowds. Those of us in Craig have also been blessed with our own talented artists who are always willing to step and provide entertainment for many worthwhile causes. I would love to see this as an ongoing endeavor.

This past summer the CC Historical Society sponsored weekly jam sessions featuring musicians from not only Craig, but also the counties of Botetourt, Alleghany, Roanoke, Bedford, and Giles, and also the state of WV, at the old 'Clifton's Cash and Carry' store on Main Street. These artists provided a broad selection of country, bluegrass, and gospel music. We have so much talent in our midst. The sessions were a big hit and drew large crowds of music lovers each week. Now that the weather is getting colder and 'Clifton's' does not yet have their heating system up and running, those weekly sessions have come to an end.

In the traditional southern rural tradition our friends at Lasterday Market, however, normally open only for breakfast and lunch, have generously stepped up and agreed to open every Tuesday evening from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm to continue the weekly music event. The first of the Lasterday sessions was held this past Tuesday, but due to lack of advertising we had a smaller than normal band and crowd but the quality of music was still top notch. Lasterday provides plenty of room for seating and the acoustics are excellent. The restaurant will be offering a light fare menu each week such as soup or sandwich and beverages and pastries. I encourage all you music fans to come on out and enjoy an evening of good food, music and fellowship. Also invited are the musicians who gave so generously of their time for the summer events to come back and continue this Tuesday evening tradition. You did a great job this summer and we hope you will continue to be a part of this.

Thank you all,
Carrie Bradley Crawford
 New Castle

Book fair happening at McCleary Elementary

Library Corner

Raven Meadowbrook

You have a few more days to take advantage of the McCleary Elementary book fair this week! Don't miss this opportunity! It cannot be overstated that books are important to child development.

We used to love reading "The Country Bunny" because of the beautiful illustrations and the loving mother bunny. Improving the ability to read can only happen when there is an interest in the subject matter. Having a variety of books available will spark an interest. Perhaps there are beautiful illustrations that tempt the reader, or perhaps the story plot feels familiar to the child and can help with problem solving! Books like Judy Blume's "Are you there God? It's me Margaret" gain popularity from the common life challenges they present.

A love of learning is perhaps the most important skill learned in life. Reading stimulates the imagination and fosters creativity. Children naturally have such imaginative minds so reading stories just propels them on to more adventure. Reading about others makes one feel less lonely. Reading about adventure makes one feel less boredom with everyday routine. Reading is always a constructive activity because it fosters a love of learning.

Even though I often fell asleep before story time was over, I always did bedtime

stories with my daughter. Sharing time with a child by reading to them fosters a strong bond that they will remember. It is good for the us to take time out of our busy life to do story time. Adults can read aloud a book they enjoy even if it's not a children's book. I read a Barbara Kingsolver novel aloud at bath-time before my baby could enjoy children's books. Young babies just love to listen to the reading aloud. Hearing the rhythmic words improves future language skills.

Poetry and songs tend to imprint in the mind easily. The bedtime lullaby has multiple benefits. It stimulates the brain in a different way because songs and poems with repetitive tunes and words can remain for a lifetime. Even people at advanced age will remember songs of their youth when they have forgotten much of the past. I was astounded when my daughter started an unprompted recitation of the long poem "Wynken, Blynken and Nod" while taking her bath at around age two.

It is curious how children will have a selection of books but will pick the same one to hear over and over at bedtime. This very book might be the one that teaches them to read at an early age because they can recite it from memory and can see the words on the page to match. It was a victory the day my 6-year-old sat down by herself and read one of those books aloud. Once she started reading, she never looked back!

Books, books, books. You can never have enough books!

News from the 9th: Veterans' Day



Morgan Griffith
 Representative

Each year on November 11 we celebrate Veterans' Day, honoring our fellow Americans who have served our country in the United States Armed Forces.

Originally called Armistice Day, commemorating the end of World War I at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918. Unfortunately, the "war to end all wars" was not the end and the day was renamed Veterans' Day, recognizing all of the other conflicts our brave men and women in uniform have fought in.

This year's Veterans' Day coincides with

the anniversary of the end of a number of major conflicts in our country's history.

This year is the 50th anniversary of the official end of the Vietnam War. On January 27, 1973, the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, the Republic of Vietnam, the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam, and the United States signed a peace agreement known as the Paris Peace Accords. By August 1972, the last of our infantry battalions had withdrawn from Vietnam. The Paris Peace Accords in 1973 removed any remaining American troops from the conflict.

Unfortunately, despite the peace agreement, fighting between the North and South Vietnamese resumed not even a day later and

continued for more than two years.

The war lasted almost 20 years and it is estimated anywhere from 1.3 to 3.4 million people lost their lives during the conflict. Approximately 58,000 Americans died in the war and 153,000 Americans were wounded. Keep in mind that those who were listed as wounded may not include those who came back with some degree of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

About nine million American military personnel served on active duty during the Vietnam War era, with more than 2.7 million Americans serving on the ground in Vietnam. Today, there are about 6.3 million veterans still alive. According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, there are 203,807 Vietnam veterans living in Virginia.

This year is also the 70th anniversary of the end of the Korean war. In 1950, North Korea

invaded South Korea following years of hostilities. After a little more than three years, the fighting ended with the signing of the Korean Armistice Agreement on July 27, 1953.

In just three years, approximately three million people died in the war. Approximately 36,000 Americans died in the war and 103,000 were wounded. About 5.7 million American servicemen and women served on active duty during the war, with 1.7 million serving on the ground in Korea. According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, there are 1,165,000 Korean War veterans still living today. Of those, there are 31,535 living in Virginia.

Along with our Korean and Vietnam War veterans, we must not fail to recognize the thousands of World War II veterans that are still with us and the many veterans who served more recently in the Desert Shield/Desert Storm conflict and during

the Global War on Terror in Afghanistan, Iraq, Somalia, etc. In total today, about 16.5 million living Americans have served in our armed forces.

I recently had the pleasure of meeting a remarkable veteran, Marcus Luttrell, who was on Capitol Hill visiting his brother, Congressman Morgan Luttrell. Marcus is a retired Navy SEAL who received the Navy Cross and Purple Heart for his actions in 2005, fighting against the Taliban. He fought in Operation Red Wings in Afghanistan, in which he was the lone survivor. His story was featured in the 2013 movie, Lone Survivor, where he was played by Mark Wahlberg. The movie was based on Luttrell's 2007 book of the same name.

As the Athenian Greek historian and general Thucydides (c. 460-400 BC) said, "the bravest are surely those who have the clearest vision of what is before them, glory and danger alike, and yet notwithstanding, go out to meet it."

During this Veterans' Day season, I'd ask everyone to reflect on what called these brave men and women to risk their lives to serve their country and to consider the tremendous debt we owe them.

Thank you to our veterans, like Marcus, who served their country in the most extraordinary way.

I urge you to thank any veterans you come across in your life, including family members, friends, and neighbors. It is the least we can do to honor the heroes who risked their lives for our freedoms.

If you have questions, concerns, or comments, feel free to contact my office. You can call my Abingdon office at 276-525-1405 or my Christiansburg office at 540-381-5671. To reach my office via email, please visit my website at www.morgangriffith.house.gov. Also on my website is the latest material from my office, including information on votes recently taken on the floor of the House of Representatives.

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Culinary from page 2



Team captain Chef Dan Holtgrave (left) and Chef Jim Storm work during the six-hour preparation window on Monday, Nov. 6.



Tables are set at Virginia Western's Claude Moore Education Complex for diners at Culinary Team USA's three-course dinner on Monday, Nov. 6.

COURTESY PHOTOS

Steven Jilleba, all of whom are volunteers. Team USA previously competed at the Villeroy & Boch Culinary World Cup, also held once every four years, in Luxembourg in November 2022.

Approximately 1,800 participants from 67 nations are slated to take part in the 2024 Culinary Olympics from Feb. 2 through 7, with 8,000 menus cooked and 100,000 visitors from around the world. As supporters to Chef Polfelt, Virginia Western will send Chef John Schopp, program head Chef James Zeisler, and a couple of students to observe, with funding assistance provided by the Al Pollard Foundation.

For those who can't travel to Germany, the Olympic team's event in Roanoke gave students a chance to learn elite culinary techniques. The practices are part of the effort to build up the next generation of chefs.

"I'm grateful that our students have the chance to see the intensity of this experience and learn

from what our team is doing," said Chef Polfelt. "The Olympics are so close now, and a practice like this is critical to our coordination and planning. It's great to have Virginia Western host us at this stage of the game, and for our students to benefit at the same time."

Lisa Anthony and Hannah Martin are Virginia Western students and work together at Center Stage Catering. As pastry chefs who are preparing for their own ACF certification exams, they kept a close eye on how the chefs set up their work area. "We're mentally preparing ourselves for that," Martin said. "They're being judged right now by their team managers, so they're constantly being monitored, questioned, critiqued, and that's something we're going to have to deal with next Saturday."

Both watched intently through the window of an adjacent kitchen as Chefs Polfelt and Felizmenio worked. The students noted the high level of cleanliness Team USA's chefs maintain. Team chefs constantly cleaned workstations and maintained crisp white uniforms through the afternoon and evening. "They're really clean, really organized," Anthony said.

The chefs exuded calm through the six-hour preparation and additional hours of serving, working in finely tuned roles. Team managers and advisors consulted with team members at points throughout the rehearsal time. "We have a fair idea of how they would be judged," and the chefs try to correct any issues right away, said Chef Torres, who noted there would be a debriefing at the end of each rehearsal night. "As they practice, the window gets smaller" for what they need to address.

The competition will have two parts, Chef Notter

explained to dining guests. The Roanoke event prepared for the Restaurant of Nations component, with three-course service for 110 people. Some of the previous rehearsals nationwide prepared for the Chef's Table portion, which includes personal service of more courses by team members for 14 guests and 14 judges, as well as a culinary showpiece.

Anthony has helped Chef Polfelt measure and prepare ingredients for rehearsals around the country. She was a team supporter at the World Cup in Luxembourg and will be traveling to the Culinary Olympics in Germany. She enjoyed seeing the types of dishes the team prepared. "In this area, you don't have a lot of opportunity to see high-end dishes like this, especially pastry-wise," she said.

The elevated experience goes beyond visual appeal. "Once you get to taste the food, it's so delicious," Anthony said. For the desserts, "I hadn't tasted some of these flavors before, and when I did, it was, whoa, what is this in my mouth?" Diners at the dinner made similar observations, experiencing flavor combinations and components paired in elevated ways.

Sponsors and volunteers for this week's rehearsal included U.S. Foods, PFG Foods, Cavalier Produce, Roanoke Fruit and Produce, Hotel Roanoke, Southwestern Virginia chapter of the American Culinary Federation, Brandon Oaks, Center Stage Catering, Affinity Group, Al Pollard Culinary Program at Virginia Western, Brady Allman, Cheney Brothers and Jones Dairy Farms.

Virginia Western alumna Darla Mehrkens, director of dining at Brandon Oaks and treasurer of the ACF Southwestern Virginia chapter, was one of the dinner guests. She had also attended the rehearsal in early 2022, and said her favorite part of this dinner was reflecting on that journey. "For me, it's seeing how they've progressed from two years ago," she said, "to what they'll be competing with."

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Legals - City of Salem

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

at its regular meeting on Monday, November 27, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant

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to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. Consider the request of GKM Properties, LLC, property owner, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow a two family dwelling on the property located at 800-802 Maryland Avenue (Tax Map # 147 - 2 - 1).
2. Consider amending Chapter 66, Article I, In General, Section 66-7, Nonconforming signs and 66-9, Removal of signs no longer advertising existing bona fide business,

of the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA pertaining to signs.

3. Consider amending Chapter 106, Zoning, Article II District Regulations, Sections 106-208.2, 106-214.2, 106-216.2, and 106-218.2, pertaining to permitted uses; Section 106-216.3 pertaining to site development regulations; Article III Use & Design Standards, section 106-304.21 pertaining to short term rentals; section 106-316.3

pertaining to accessory uses, residential; Article IV Development Standards, section 106-404 pertaining to parking requirements; section 106-406 miscellaneous provisions pertaining to storage containers; and Article VI Definitions and use types, section 106-600 pertaining to definitions of the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA. If approved, Salem City Council intends to adopt the ordinance(s) associated with the above item(s) on first reading, with a second reading of those ordinance(s) at a subsequent meeting. Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street,

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Salem, Virginia. At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY:

H. Robert Light Clerk of Council

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Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, 20-104 Case No. CA23000019-00 MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073

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Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re: The Adoption of a Minor Child Under Eighteen Years of Age, to be known as SERITA DANIELLE TICKLE* By: MILDRED ANNE TICKLE, FRED LEE TICKLE, JR.

The object of this suit is to obtain an adoption of the minor child, Serita Danielle McEmore, by your petitioners, Mildred Anne Tickle and Fred Lee Tickle, Jr., husband and wife. An affidavit having been made and filed, pursuant to Virginia Code §8.01-316 (1950), as amended, showing that the biological father, Kenneth McEmore (aka Kenneth Lee Sturdivant), despite the exercise of due diligence on behalf of Petitioners, could not be personally served

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with legal process for this action and his last known address is unknown, though he is known to be residing in and around the Montgomery County, Virginia area.

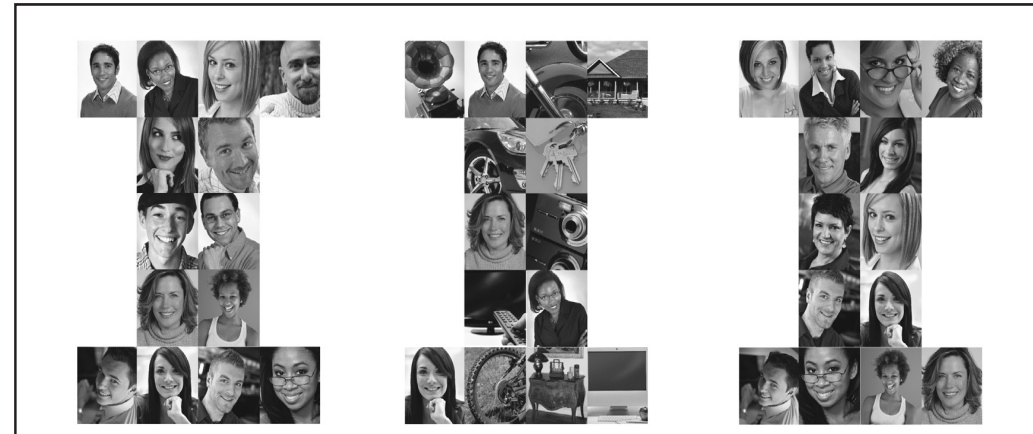
It is further ORDERED that this Order shall be published once a week for (4) successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation, serving the Montgomery County, Virginia, the locality of father's last known whereabouts, and contemporaneously posted in a conspicuous location at the Montgomery County Courthouse. Enter this 1 day of November, 2023. Robert M.D. Turk, Judge I ask for this: R. Cord Hall, Esquire, VSB 77637 R. Cord Hall

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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

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

Dec. 7

The Craig County Board of Supervisors will hold its monthly meeting at the Craig County Courthouse at 6 p.m.

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Community events:

Nov. 16

The Maywood Garden Club will hold its annual fundraising auction on Nov. 16, at the Simmonsville Fire Department. It will start at 6 p.m. Virginia “Bluebell” will be the auctioneer. Items will include crafts, baked goods and Christmas items.

Nov. 18

Waiteville Community Center (WCC) will sponsor their 4th Annual Hunters Supper on Saturday, Nov. 18, from 4 to 6 pm. The eat-in or take-away meal will include chili, slaw, cornbread, dessert and a drink for \$15. For information, call 304-772-3060 or email waiteville@frontier.com.

Ongoing

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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said she hoped to pass along the same spark of joy that she felt when she first stepped on campus.

“When I got to Roanoke College, I loved the trees here, to see them bud out in the springtime and tell of the coming weather,” she said. “It’s just such a beautiful campus. I loved the idea of mapping all the different trees so that, as you walked by, you could realize you were standing next to something so beautiful and historic and important.”

The curation of the QR code tour was led by Professor Emeritus of Biology Dar Jorgensen, Researcher Michael Wise, and Landscaping and Grounds manager Bill Martin. To mark the project’s launch, Roanoke is rolling out a new webpage that shares more history and an interactive tree tour map: <https://www.roanoke.edu/campustrees>.

The early phases of the tree tour project were first announced last spring during Alumni Weekend when supporters gathered around the towering Champion Dutch Elm tree near Fintel Library. The elm, which is older than the bustling campus that now surrounds it, measures about 94 feet tall and about 21 feet wide. For years, it’s been crowned

Virginia’s Champion Dutch Elm, a title given to the largest known tree of that species in the commonwealth.

“Remarkably, this tree was living when David Bittle, Roanoke’s first president, arrived here to establish the College more than 180 years ago,” said Jorgensen, adding that it was a testament to the enduring legacy a well-cared-for arboretum can create.

To grow that legacy, Peter Becker ’74, also a benefactor of the project, donated new saplings to be planted on campus. The trees, named Kindred Spirit oaks, are a sought-after hybrid innovation that can flourish to 40 feet in height. Their planting this month will mark the first Kindred Spirit oaks in Roanoke’s collection.

“Protecting our natural resources and enhancing our tree diversity is important for students and for the future so we can continue to have an urban green space that’s viable and living,” said Becker, an arborist whose studies at Roanoke led him to a successful career at Bartlett Tree Experts, where he retired as senior vice president of the Mid-Atlantic region.

Becker credited Roanoke with setting him on the path that led him to discover his life’s purpose working

in ecology. That is an opportunity he hopes to help share with future generations of students. Trees are not just tranquil, shade-giving additions to a campus, he said. They are a living laboratory where research and hands-on training can unfold.

Organizers of the tree tour are already working alongside Roanoke College’s Environmental Studies Department, and students are expected to play an essential part in the future stewardship and educational interpretation of the campus arboretum.

Environmental Studies Chair Kathy O’Neill said faculty and students were excited about the possibilities and thankful to supporters for championing students and real-world learning opportunities.

“It’s tremendous,” she said. “Our students have a long history of being involved in the campus trees, whether it’s taking measurements or working on the trees. We know it’s something that attracts environmental students, in particular, to our campus. They love the trees here and get very invested in them. So we’re excited about the future and can see a lot of new research ideas going forward.”

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TRAFFIC SHIFTS ON WILDWOOD ROAD: Expect a work zone with traffic shifts and narrow width on Wildwood road after exiting I-81 southbound on exit 137 heading towards Salem. Southbound and northbound I-81 exit and entrance ramp narrows are possible at Route 311.

TRAFFIC SHIFT ON EXIT 140: Expect a quick merge into traffic onto Thompson Memorial from the southbound exit ramp of exit 140. Work zone located at bottom of the ramp for work on the I-81 bridge at the underpass.

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. 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 County

SIDEWALK PROJECT ON SOUTHBOUND WILLIAMSON ROAD IN HOLLINS AREA - Work is underway on a project to construct new sidewalk along the section of southbound Route 11 (Williamson Road) between Plantation Road and Peters Creek Road. 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 in progress. 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.

ROUNDABOUT: 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 650 UTILITY CLOSURE – Route 605 (Coaling Road) will be closed between Route 652 (Mountain Pass Road) and Route 765 (Derek Drive) on November 8.

ROUTE 658 CLOSURE FOR PIPE REPLACEMENT – On November 13 through November 15, Route 658 (Davis Road) will be closed at house number 564 for a pipe replacement between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. There is no outlet for the residents beyond the pipe replacement location. The project is expected to be completed by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, November 15.

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STATE VOLLEYBALL IS AT THE SALEM CIVIC CENTER SATURDAY

The Salem Civic Center will be the host site for the Virginia High School League Class 1, 2 and 3 volleyball championships this Saturday, November 18.

The Class 2 championship will be played first at noon. Next will be the Class 3 championship at 2:15 pm and the Class 1 final will wrap up the day at 4:30 pm.

Semifinals in the state tournaments were scheduled for Tuesday of this week, with the winners meeting at the Salem Civic Center Saturday. In Class 3 Hidden Valley was scheduled to play Christiansburg in one semifinal with Grafton and Fauquier meeting in the other. In Class 2 the Appomattox-Gate City winner will play the Bruton-Central of Woodstock winner in the final, and in Class 1 the two semifinal matches were Auburn against Giles in one game and Rappahannock against Altavista in the other.

All tickets for matches at the Civic Center are \$10.00 with an additional service charge. They will be sold online only through GoFan. There will be a Gofan box office as well and fans may use cards with cash only as a last resort for \$12.00. The link will be provided as well as on the website. Children six years or younger are admitted free if accompanied by an adult.

No seats are reserved. Fans who exit the Salem Civic Center will be required to pay to reenter. The Salem Civic Center will not be cleared between matches.

RC HOCKEY TEAM HAS EXHIBITION GAME FRIDAY

The Roanoke College club ice hockey team will take on VMI this Friday, November 17, beginning with an 8 pm social. The puck will drop at 8:30 pm for the exhibition game. The event will be held at the LancerLot in Vinton on 1110 Vinyard Road. Admission is \$5.

BASKETBALL SEASONS APPROACHING FOR CRAIG COUNTY TEAMS

The high school basketball season is just around the corner and Craig County teams have begun practice under boys' coach Ryan Frazier and girls' coach Brock Jones.

At press time Craig athletic director Carrie

Hutton was trying to set up a scrimmage for the boys. The Rockets were hoping to scrimmage at Faith Christian next Monday, November 20. The girls will scrimmage Auburn at Craig county on

November 11.

The season opens the week after Christmas. The boys will open at home against the Boys' Home team on November 27 and the girls will tip off their season at home on November 28.

Virginia Union University Claims 2023 CIAA Football Championship

The Fayetteville State University Broncos and the Virginia Union University Panthers put on an exciting display of CIAA football for the 2023 Conference Championship at Salem Stadium Saturday. While the back-and-forth battle was filled with countless show-stopping moments, ultimately Virginia Union emerged victorious, 21-10, and was crowned the 2023 CIAA Conference Champions.

The first half of the championship clash lived up to its billing, with both teams showcasing exceptional defense. Virginia Union would find the end zone first, with touchdowns by Jada Byers and Christian Reid, giving the Panthers a 14-0 lead. With one minute remaining, Fayetteville State responded with a touchdown of their own, tightening the score at 14-7. The electrifying 91-yard kick return by Barry Elliot brought the crowd to their feet and set the stage for an exciting second half.

The third quarter opened with Demari Daniels completing a 64-yard pass to Kameron King, but the Broncos offense stalled out settling for a 20-yard field goal by Jacob Meneses. Momentum swung in Virginia Union's favor shortly after a muffed punt by the Broncos.

The Panthers then went on a five play 27 yard drive leading to yet another Byers touchdown.

The Panthers defense continued to shut out the Broncos offense during the fourth quarter, forcing a fumble recovered by Shemar Graham. Virginia Union's rushing game continued to shine as Jada Byers finished with 135 yards and two touchdowns on the day. Byers also went home as the 2023 Food Lion Most Valuable Player for Virginia Union.

This was the first Championship for Head Coach and 2023 CIAA

Coach of the Year, Dr. Alvin Parker. It also serves as the first title win for Virginia Union University since 2001.

On Sunday the the NCAA Division II Football Committee announced the field of 28 teams for the 2023 NCAA Division II Football Championship and Virginia Union University, earned a bid in the D-II playoffs. The 10-1 Panthers are set to play Kutztown University on November 18th at 1 pm in the first round of the D-II playoffs.

The Bears, a member of the Pennsylvania State

Athletic Conference (PSAC), earned a 9-2 overall record, including a conference championship victory over Slippery Rock University.

Twelve first-round games will be conducted on the campus of one of the competing institutions. In addition, one team per

super regional has earned a first-round bye. The first-round winners will all advance to the second round with games on the campus of one of the competing institutions. Second-round winners will meet in the quarterfinals at various campus sites. Quarterfinal

winners will advance to play in the semifinals on the campus of one of the competing institutions. Seven teams selected per super regional make up the field of 28 teams.

The full 28-team field for the NCAA Division II football playoffs can be seen at NCAA.com.



The VUU drum major leads the band during a rousing halftime performance.



VUU quarterback Christian Reid sneaks over for a TD.



The Fayetteville State band cheers Barry Elliott(#0) after his kickoff return touchdown.

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Jada Byers(#3) follows Steven McKenney(#34) across the goal line for Virginia Union's first touchdown.



Said Sidibe of Virginia Union makes a sideline catch and stays inbounds.