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# THE NEW CASTLE RECORD



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## Library invited Santa to come to town

**Pam Dudding**  
 Contributing writer

When children see Santa, their eyes tend to get wide and a large grin makes its way across their faces.

The Craig County Public Library joined CHIP and Lasterday to host their annual visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus on Saturday, Dec. 9.

The atmosphere was filled with glee and laughter.

While some kids were visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Claus, others were enjoying their cocoa and cookies in the Lasterday dining area.

Families seemed to covet a time like this with their little ones, just chilling out and watching their kids get filled with a bit of joy at Christmastime.

The library staff sent out a "GIANT" thank you to all that joined them at the event.

"We loved seeing the kiddos coming in smiling all nice and clean in their Christmas best and leaving with chocolate chip cookie smears on their little faces!" they shared with laughter. "Mr. and Mrs. Claus came ALLLLLLL the way from the North Pole with an elf in

town to see the kids in Craig County! But the word must have gotten out because the Grinch showed up too!"

Every child at the event received a free cookie, cup of hot cocoa, a goodie bag full of all kinds of Christmas items, a stuffed animal and a picture with Santa and Mrs. Claus. The entire event and gifts were free to the kids.

"Again, we are thankful to have such a wonderful and supportive community as well as an ever-growing partnership with Lasterday Market and CHIP of the Roanoke Valley," Library staff shared. "Thank you Lasterday for serving up some gooey, delicious chocolate chip cookies and warm hot chocolate as well as always supporting our ideas no matter how wild and crazy they may be! Also, a big thank you to CHIP of the Roanoke Valley for donating all of the wonderful stuffed animals!"

The Craig County Library is always open to new ideas for kids as well as adults in Craig. Though their area is still small, their hearts are huge.

They would love for people to "like and follow" them on Facebook to stay informed of their upcoming events and programs for children and adults.

"Remember to stop by the library during normal business hours for a free take and make Christmas Grinch craft and a budget friendly family fun December calendar!" they added.



The Craig County Public Library joined CHIP and Lasterday to host Mr. and Mrs. Claus for kids in Craig.



Each child received a cookie and hot cocoa while waiting for their visit with Santa.



CHIP provided beautiful stuffed animals for each child to take home.

## Craig County School Board continues to revise 6-year plan

**Pam Dudding**  
 Contributing writer

Running schools in the United States today takes much strategic planning and technology upgrades.

The Craig County School Board continues to make changes to its 6-year plan, to better serve students and staff.

Superintendent Dwayne Huff talked about the six-year plan for Craig County Public Schools at the last school board meeting.

"I really want to thank all of our faculty and staff who served on this committee. We also had folks from Radford University and BTEC sit in to help us go through and revise our six-year plan," Huff shared. "I am very proud of the hard work that went into that, and I thank miss VanDyke, as she was a big part of that team also. There were a lot of folks that helped during that process and did a great job, and I appreciate

that."

Huff addressed the new "All-In" tutoring program. He announced that the first group had startwith about 15 students, and they had about 14 or 15 teachers who expressed interest in helping with this program.

"We are paying our instructors \$35 an hour if they have a degree and \$25 per hour for instructors without a degree," Huff said. "We can use instructional aids as long as they have some training on tutoring."

Principal Susan Stimeling also has a group of retired teachers who have expressed interest.

Huff noted that they are working on getting tutoring for in-school hours as well.

"If you have had a chance to look at the six-year plan it is data-driven," said Huff to the board. "It reflects the state report card on how we are doing, especially the specific group of children in grades three

The run is scheduled to return Dec. 16

The Upper Craigs Creek Volunteer Fire Department has joined up with Santa again this year to visit boys and girls on Dec. 16 along Routes 621 and 311, starting at 9 a.m. He will have candy for everyone as well as being ready to take pictures with them all. Listen for the siren.



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# School Board page 1

Huff stated that they had received \$191,000 from the state from the governor's initiative, which is the funds that will be used to pay the tutors.

"We're looking at adding a physician as a Community School coordinator or an outreach coordinator and we have a person in mind, and we want to get that started as soon as possible," he said. "It will be addressing some of the recommendations from JD Carlin's report. Much of that involves community outreach with parents, getting kids here to school and doing community activities. We are excited about doing that and it will be funded partially with this money."

Huff also recognized several students and groups, for the "great work they have been doing".

"On the front page of the paper last week was some of our students with the Rockets Cares Group who helped with the food bank and they are also looking at doing a hat and glove drive, so I'm very proud of those students," he said. "We also have a bunch of students who are working on our Craig County Community Christmas project, where we have about 87 students that are on the list which are like Angel tree recipients that our students will be helping with. Some of our JV kids will be helping with that."

Huff said that this is one piece of the puzzle that helps students with a sense of longing, a sense of pride, and a sense of community.

Huff went over the revised 6-year plan.

"I do wish to highlight those characteristics, those ideals that we want to stress to kids about kindness, compassion, dignity, and all those things that make model citizens," he expressed. "We wish to push that from every faculty here. It is all of our jobs. JD refer to the fact that every member of this community

and school system from our custodians and cafeteria workers as well. We never know the impact that it is going to make on our students."

"There are other things that jumped out at us that we recognize that we need to emphasize," said Huff. "We are trying to get back our dual enrollment and AP classes as well as kids attending governor school. These kids are talented, and we want to push that."

Sadly, there are no students attending Governor School this year. "We want to try to raise the bar," Huff explained. "As our kids getting advanced students diplomas is way down currently than five years ago; we want to push a higher standard."

Huff said that it is not just about graduating but wanting their students to also excel and exceed.

"The Plan will reflect that," he said. "We did have some dual credit classes that did not make it as we did not have enough students enrolled. Therefore, we want to look at options for those students who still want that."

Huff noted that attendance is a direct correlation with CCPS students being able to excel and having academic progress.

"We want to take steps to improve attendance and we are hoping that the communities schools position will assist," he added. "Therefore, I recommend that we approve the six-year plan and also the individual schools plans."

Though the 6-year plan has to be reviewed every two years, Huff shared that they will be looking at it all of the time.

"It is our compass board, and we will be keeping our eye on it all of the time though," he stressed. "It will be our guiding road map to doing the things that we need to do."

## Read to your dog

### Library Corner Raven Meadowbrook

Research has shown that dogs and children benefit from reading aloud! First, it keeps both occupied for a little while. But more than that, being in the presence of an animal allows synchronization of the energy to harmonize the two beings.

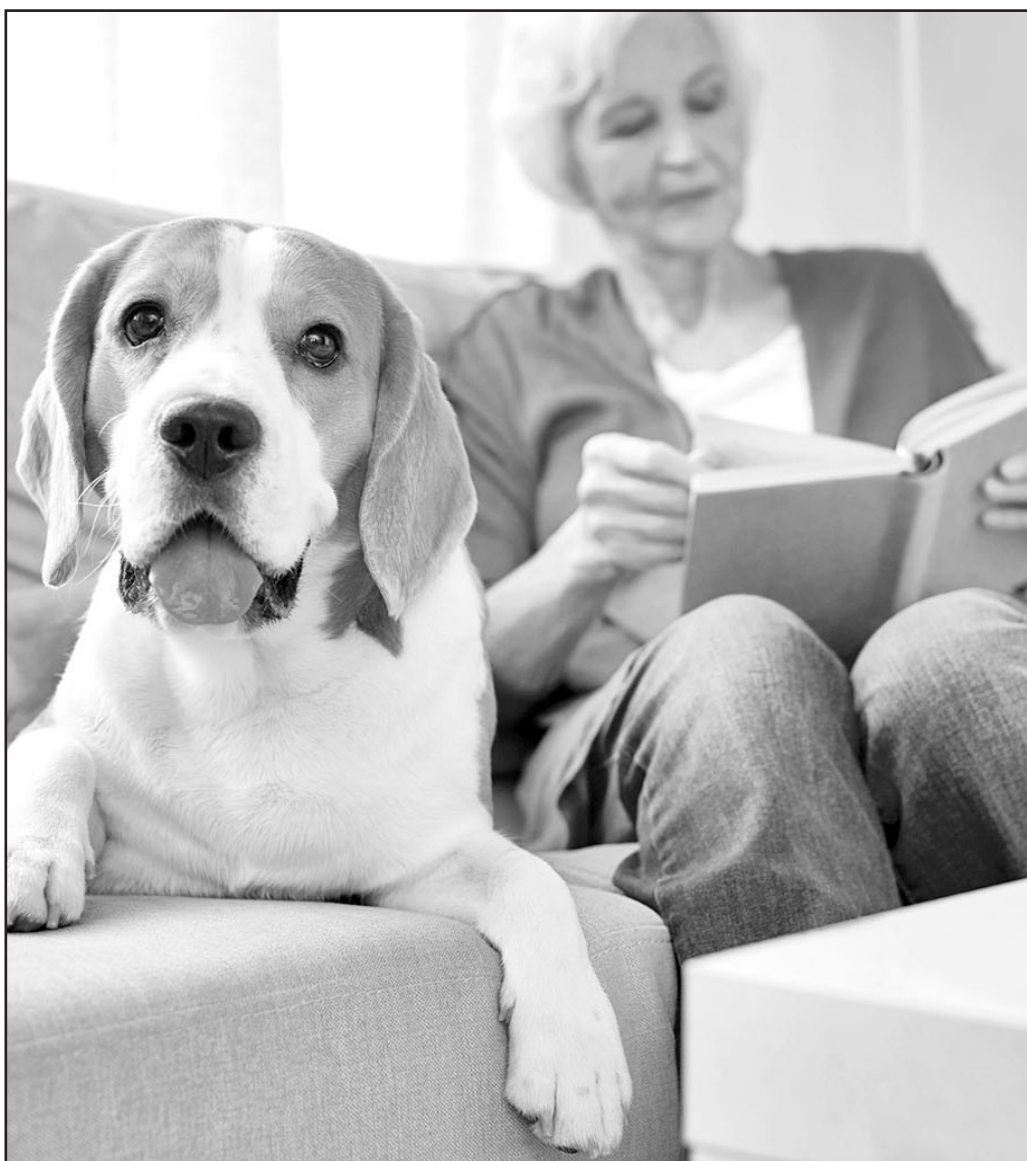
Has your dog ever hidden when there is an angry outburst in your home? We all know that dogs can sense our energetic fields because when we are upset, they are too, when we are excited, they are too. Have you ever heard that an animal can smell fear? I have certainly witnessed this in dogs! Yes, that's another energy synchrony.

It has been shown that brain waves change when a person is in the energy field of horses and dogs. This is called entrainment. Scattered brain waves of someone with PTSD can calm down in the presence of a calm animal. This is why equine assisted therapy and the prison pup program are so effective. It's not only

unconditional love we get from animals, it is real physical benefit we get from them. Lucky for us, they are usually entrained with nature and can share that positive energy with us.

Reading to assistance dogs is highly popular with libraries and schools through programs like READ (Reading Education Assistance Dogs). Absolutely, practicing reading aloud to household pets is a benefit to children. The dog does not correct nor judge them, but is happy to hear their voice and be near their beloved human. In turn the child will benefit from entrainment of the natural unconditional energy field of that animal whether it be a dog, cat, horse or hamster.

Usually great things have many layers, and reading aloud is one of those. The benefits are far reaching so why not try it? I am sure it works for adults too, and soon I shall read to my dogs when I get a quiet moment! I hope they like Christmas stories!



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**CLUES ACROSS**

1. A people of Eastern Afghanistan

5. Supervises interstate commerce

8. Touch lightly

11. Relating to bees

13. Mauna \_\_\_\_, Hawaiian volcano

14. Mosuo culture religion

15. Italian village

16. Stiff bristle

17. Wealthy enclave in Rio

18. Cause to lose courage

20. Examines animals

21. Ethnic group of Laos and Thailand

22. Gets rid of

25. Having easily perceived thoughts

30. Removed surgically

31. Principle underlying the universe

32. Popular airline

33. Antelopes

38. Peacock network

41. Utter repeatedly

43. One from the Golden State

45. Photographers

48. Father

49. Popular BBQ dish

50. Cavalry sword

55. Ancient Greek sophist

56. Atomic mass unit

57. Afflicted in mind or body

59. Indian mythological figure

60. Mild expression of surprise

61. Jewish spiritual leader

62. Brew

63. Doctor of Education

64. Impudence

**CLUES DOWN**

1. State attorneys

2. Limited

3. Latvian capital

4. Irish goddess

5. Taste

6. Dried

7. Spanish saloon

8. Mother of Perseus

9. Evergreen coniferous trees

10. Refuse to comply

12. Negative

14. Hyphen

19. A way to record

23. Not good

24. One who tends the furnace

25. Small amount

26. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)

27. The whole quantity

28. \_\_ King Cole, musician

29. One's opinion

34. Holds ashes

35. Stablecoin cryptocurrency

36. Side-blotched lizards genus

37. Legislator (abbr.)

39. Concentrated bombardment

40. Took for oneself

41. Nigerian City

42. Thousands of pounds

44. Inspired

45. Secret clique

46. Expression

47. Dough made from corn flour

48. Comedian Carvey

51. Swiss river

52. Prejudice

53. Actor Idris

54. Resistance fighters

58. Criticize

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# Upcoming public meetings scheduled in Craig County

- Dec. 18**  
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.
- Dec. 19**  
Rep. Morgan Griffith will hold a citizen comment period from 9-10:30 a.m. in the courthouse breakroom.
- Dec. 20**  
A CPMT meeting at CPMT – Department of Social Services will be at 1 p.m.
- Jan. 4**  
The Craig County Board of Supervisors will hold its monthly meeting at the Craig County Courthouse at 6 p.m.
- Jan. 15**  
The New Castle Town Council will meet from 7-8 p.m. at the New Castle Town Hall at 339 Market Street in New Castle.

**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.

-The New Castle Record

# Girl Scout cookies sale going on now

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| <p><b>Adventurefuls*</b> • Real Cocoa</p> <p>Indulgent brownie-inspired cookies with caramel flavored creme and a hint of sea salt<br/>Approximately 15 cookies per 6.3 oz. pkg.<br/>\$ ____<br/>Ⓢ</p>                 | <p><b>Lemon-Ups*</b><br/>NATURALLY FLAVORED WITH OTHER NATURAL FLAVORS</p> <p>Crispy lemon flavored cookies with inspiring messages to lift your spirits<br/>Approximately 12 cookies per 6.2 oz. pkg.<br/>\$ ____<br/>Ⓢ</p>  | <p><b>Trefoils*</b></p> <p>Iconic shortbread cookies inspired by the original Girl Scout recipe<br/>Approximately 38 cookies per 9 oz. pkg.<br/>\$ ____<br/>Ⓢ</p>   |
| <p><b>Do-si-dos*</b> • Made with Natural Flavors • Real Peanut Butter • Whole Grain Oats</p> <p>Oatmeal sandwich cookies with peanut butter filling<br/>Approximately 20 cookies per 8 oz. pkg.<br/>\$ ____<br/>Ⓢ</p>  | <p><b>Samoas*</b> • Real Cocoa • Real Coconut</p> <p>Crisp cookies with caramel, coconut and dark chocolate stripes<br/>Approximately 15 cookies per 7.5 oz. pkg.<br/>\$ ____<br/>Ⓢ</p>                                       | <p><b>Tagalongs*</b> • Real Cocoa • Real Peanut Butter</p> <p>Crispy cookies layered with peanut butter and covered with a chocolate coating<br/>Approximately 15 cookies per 6.5 oz. pkg.<br/>\$ ____<br/>Ⓢ</p>  |
| <p><b>Thin Mints*</b> • Made with Vegan Ingredients • Real Cocoa</p> <p>Crisp, chocolaty cookies made with natural oil of peppermint<br/>Approximately 30 cookies per 9 oz. pkg.<br/>\$ ____<br/>Ⓢ</p>                 | <p><b>Girl Scout S'mores*</b> • Made with Natural Flavors • Real Cocoa</p> <p>Graham sandwich cookies with chocolate and marshmallowy flavored filling<br/>Approximately 16 cookies per 8.5 oz. pkg.<br/>\$ ____<br/>Ⓢ</p>    | <p><b>Toffee-tastic*</b> • No Artificial Flavors<br/>GLUTEN-FREE</p> <p>Rich, buttery cookies with sweet, crunchy toffee bits<br/>Approximately 14 cookies per 6.7 oz. pkg.<br/>\$ ____<br/>Ⓢ</p>                 |



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The Girl Scouts of Craig County proudly shared their news that the cookie sales started Dec. 11 and they are anxious for everyone to start ordering. Also, they meet the second Friday of every month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at last Lasterday's Market. Girls from kindergarten to 12th grade can join.

This year's choices are Lemon-Ups, Trefoils, Do-si-dos, Girl Scout S'mores, Tagalongs, Thin Mints, Girl Scout S'mores, Toffee-tastics and Adventurefuls. Contact any Girl Scout, Angie Spence or Shelby Crotts on Facebook. Those who are interested can also order from them online. Sales end March 18. They are \$6/box. This is the number one avenue they have in raising funds to help them buy badges, pay for their meeting needs and to help offset any trips they may be able to take.

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| <p><b>CRAIG VALLEY GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP</b><br/>HWY 621, Pastor Roy Lee Law Jr., "Jay", 864-8984. Sunday School 10:00am; Worship 11:00am., Wednesday night Bible study 7pm, from HWY 311, up HWY 621, 8 miles on left.</p>   | <p><b>LEVEL GREEN CHRISTIAN CHURCH</b><br/>3388 Cumberland Gap Rd. Newport, Duane Wente, Minister, 540-544-7179. Sunday School 10:00am, Sunday Morning Worship 11:00am, Children's Church 11:00am. Choir Practice, bi-weekly 7:00pm, Ladies meeting first Monday of each month at 7:00pm.</p>  | <p><b>CRAIG COUNTY COMMUNITY CHURCH - 'WELCOME HOME!'</b><br/>Sunday service 9-10:15am at the VFW building in New Castle. Casual dress if you desire and contemporary praise and worship. If you don't have a 'home' church, please join us at ours with Pastor Gary Burch. Check us out on facebook or contact us at: <a href="mailto:craigcountycommunity-church@gmail.com">craigcountycommunity-church@gmail.com</a>.</p> |
| <p><b>CROSSROADS CHURCH</b><br/>21892 Craigs Creek Road, New Castle. Pastor Gary Burch. 864-7520. Sunday School- 10-10:45AM, Sunday Worship - 11AM-Noon.</p>  | <p><b>MOUNTAIN VIEW CHRISTIAN</b><br/>4199 Craig Valley Drive, New Castle, Jonathan Lee, pastor, 864-6622. Sunday: Worship Service 9:00 a.m., Children's Church 9:15 a.m., Sunday School 10:30 a.m.</p>  | <p><b>ST. THOMAS ANGLICAN CHURCH</b><br/>Located at 4910 Hubert Rd, NW Roanoke, Va. Traditional Liturgical Lenten Services, Sunday at 10:30 am. Call (540) 589-1299 or visit <a href="http://www.sttofc.org">www.sttofc.org</a> for midweek masses and events. (In Roanoke, go E on Hershberger, L on Hubert to 4910).</p>   |
| <p><b>FIRST BAPTIST</b><br/>Pastor Kevin Altizer, Corner of Main Street &amp; Boyd Ave., New Castle. Church phone 864-5919. Sunday School 10:00AM, Sunday Worship 11:00AM and 6PM. Wednesday Evening Bible Study 7PM, Youth Group</p>   | <p><b>NEW CASTLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH "WHERE YOUR HEART CAN FEEL THE DIFFERENCE"</b><br/>282 Salem Ave., New Castle; 864-5212; Pastor Bill Frazier. Sunday Service: 10 A.M.; Wednesday night Bible study at 6:00 P.M. for K-5; if you need a ride to church, please contact Calvin Duncan by 8 P.M. on Saturday at 864-5321; <a href="http://www.nc-cc.org">www.nc-cc.org</a>.</p>   | <p>If your church is not listed and if you are interested, call Wendi Craig at 276-340-2445 or email <a href="mailto:advertise@mainstreetnewspapers.com">advertise@mainstreetnewspapers.com</a></p>  |



# OPINION

## News from the 9th: A date which will live in infamy



**Morgan Griffith**  
Representative

On December 7, 1941, just before 8:00 am, the Imperial Japanese Navy Air Service launched a surprise attack on the United States. The U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor, located on

Oahu, Hawaii, was attacked by 353 Imperial Japanese fighters in two waves.

The attack destroyed eight massive U.S. battleships and more than 300 airplanes. In total, 2,403 Americans were killed as a result of the attack, and 1,178 others were wounded.

Almost half of the Americans who died that day were aboard the USS Arizona. An 1,800-pound bomb was dropped on the battleship and landed in the ship's forward ammunition magazine. The ship then exploded and sank, killing 1,000 men who were trapped inside.

Seven and a half hours later on that day, Japan officially declared war on the United States and the British Empire.

The following day, President Franklin D. Roosevelt addressed the nation in a Joint Session of Congress. The opening line of the speech began, "Yesterday, December 7, 1941 – a date which will live in infamy..."

The United States, up until the attack on Pearl Harbor, was a neutral nation. On December 8, the United States Congress declared war on Japan, and so led to the U.S. formally entering World War II.

Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor was designed to destroy the United States' Pacific fleet. Almost the entire fleet was moored around Ford Island in the harbor and hundreds of airplanes sat in nearby airfields.

However, as it turns out, one of our Navy's most important types of vessels, our aircraft carriers, were not there that day. These aircraft carriers played the critical role of bringing planes to distant battle areas around the Pacific.

All three of the Pacific Fleet's carriers were away from Pearl Harbor on December 7. The USS Enterprise was on its way back to Pearl Harbor, after transporting 12 Marine Corps F4F-3 Wildcat fighters to Wake Island. The USS Lexington was sent to Midway Island to deliver 18 Marine Corps SB2U Vindicator

dive bombers. The last, USS Saratoga, was in San Diego after going through months long refit.

Our other four carriers, USS Ranger, USS Yorktown, USS Hornet, and USS Wasp were stationed on the East Coast.

The absence of the carriers that day proved to be crucial to the United States' success in future battles in the Pacific. American aircraft carriers played important roles in the Battle of Coral Sea (May 4-8, 1942) and the Battle of Midway (June 4-7, 1942). The USS Lexington and USS Yorktown successfully damaged a Japanese carrier and sunk supporting ships during the Battle of Coral Sea. However, the USS Lexington was critically damaged (and later scuttled), and the USS Yorktown was badly damaged as well. Despite this, USS Yorktown was able to return to Pearl Harbor for repairs. The carrier was put to sea only 72 hours later, even though it was originally thought repairs would take weeks. Accordingly, Yorktown was able to provide support at the Battle of Midway.

During Midway, Yorktown took on counterattacks by the Japanese, providing cover for USS Enterprise and USS Hornet. Though the Japanese crippled Yorktown, their losses proved substantial, having lost four aircraft carriers during the battle. It is considered a turning point in the War in the Pacific.

A side note

Jeannette Rankin was the first woman to be elected to federal office in the United States. She was also the only member of Congress to vote against declaring war on Japan and entering World War II. She had been one of a handful of members who earlier in her life had voted against entering World War I as well. While some may argue there were valid reasons to vote against WWI, there was no justifying voting against defending ourselves from the Japanese after their sneak attack on Pearl Harbor.

It is important to remember Pearl Harbor and honor the lives lost on that day. It is also important to remember our nation unified, fought, struggled, and prevailed.

On the 82nd anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, I commend our men and women in uniform, both past and present, for their service.

## A common cause minute: Revolution or common cause?

The 250th anniversary of our Nation's Independence is just three short years away. While there are some who recall the 200th Bicentennial Celebration in 1976, many were too young or not even born at that time. These commemorations are an extraordinary way to remind our citizens of the many sacrifices our ancestors made to bring some of us independence in 1776. That's right – some; but not all. Our ancestors were human and didn't get everything quite right – the enslaved and native Americans, for example, didn't receive their independence until many decades later. Even so, our democracy has lasted over 247 years, and much of what they did was right.

The Craig 250 Committee and Craig Valley Daughters of the American Revolution want to remind our community just how our nation came to be – this perfectly imperfect democracy in a republic – a sovereign Nation of many sovereign states; a perfect union, one and inseparable. We hope you'll find this series informational, thought-provoking, and most importantly, inspirational. No, we're not perfect, by any means, and we have our

differences. It's been that way since the birth of our nation. What makes the United States of America special, however, is we always manage to come together for a Common Cause.

This week's point to ponder is, did colonists use the term "revolution" for their actions in 1776?

Technically, no – at least not in the minds of the colonists. The colonists considered themselves and were, indeed, British citizens. Changes in Parliament, however, caused concern for the colonists when they found their basic rights as citizens were eroding, their taxes were increasing, and they were not allowed representation in Parliament. Colonists also knew the British rulers and military had eyes and ears everywhere and the mere mention of the word "revolution" could result in arrest – or worse. Colonists in the southern colonies eventually learned of the atrocities taking place in the Massachusetts colony and they knew they needed to show their support and solidarity. After all, if they didn't, they could expect the very same treatment in their colonies.

For those reasons, the term "common cause" See **Revolution**, page 5

## A common cause minute: The Boston Tea Party incident

If you attended the second annual Craig County Independence Day Parade this past July, you saw the Craig Valley Daughters of the American Revolution float, proclaiming "The Boston Tea Party was No Party!" This year, 2023, happens to mark the 250th Anniversary of that important event in our Nation's history. Some say the actions of those

in Boston, the capital of the Massachusetts colony, was the lightning rod which sparked the colonies to declare their independence.

Why was it called the Boston Tea Party? Just as the parade float depicted, it wasn't really a tea party. Rather, it was a party, or group of people who had had enough of King George's games. The colonists loved their tea and King George knew it. A few years earlier in 1767, the Crown passed the Townshend Revenue Act, which taxed imported items to the colonies including tea, paper, paint, oil, and glass. The colonists felt, this was an unfair tax, especially their being loyal British subjects and citizens. The tax was

eventually lifted in 1770 on everything except tea, a reminder of the control the King had over his far-away subjects. This led to a number of tea smuggling operators, who arranged to bring the much sought-after Chinese teas through the Netherlands to the colonies. One of the largest smuggling operations was led by none other than John Hancock, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

In an attempt to quash the smuggling, the King decided to bail out the struggling East India Company, who was nearing bankruptcy since they could not match the prices of the illegal tea. The King's plan was to allow the East India

Company to deliver 544,000 pounds of old tea, with no requirement of East India Company paying commission, and allowing them to sell it at a bargain price. The receiving colonies would be required to pay import tax once the tea was unloaded at the docks. The King was certain the colonists would gladly pay the tax for a less expensive tea. The colonists saw right through this ploy knowing the plan was to make them comfortable with paying the tax to the crown in exchange for the cheaper tea, and gradually increasing the tax as time marched on.

And so it was, in mid-December, the Sons of

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was used when individuals or groups gathered to discuss their concerns over the actions of King George III and Parliament. King George III and Parliament certainly considered the colonists' collective actions as revolution. Nonetheless, "common cause" because the code word for the unification of the previously very autonomous and separate

## Tea Party page 4

Liberty, a loosely organized political group, met, and concocted a plan to prevent the tea from being unloaded from the three ships filled with green and black teas from China. They would board the ships on the night of December 16, 1773, masquerading as "Mohawk Indians" complete with tomahawks, faces darkened with coal soot and wrapped in blankets. In all they dumped 344 crates of tea into Boston Harbor causing its destruction so that it could not be unloaded and taxed. They caused no harm to any of the crew, including the Captain to his amazement, or any damage to the ship or its equipment.

Thus began King George's and Parliament's wrath over the colonists. The Intolerable Acts or Coercive Acts were quickly levied on the Massachusetts colony, including the closing of Boston Harbor, replacement of Boston's elected colonial leaders with those appointed

by the Crown, and forcing the housing of British troops in private homes. Word of these actions spread like wildfire through the other twelve colonies.

In solidarity with Massachusetts, there were at least ten other "tea parties" up and down the Eastern Seaboard, including Philadelphia, New York, Maryland, Charleston, Maine, North Carolina, and New Jersey. The King had issued a challenge, and the colonists were preparing to respond. They foresaw that what was happening in Massachusetts would soon be their own fate. Seven months later, the Declaration of Independence was written.

- Submitted by Tina Crawford  
Chapter regent, Craig Valley Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution  
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## VDOT Roadwatch

### Interstate 81

I-81 & ROUTE 11 BORING - Mountain Valley Pipeline is currently performing boring operations of 329 feet across Route 11 near Apgar Drive. Expected completion in late 2023/early 2024. There are no impacts to traffic.

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Weather permitting, starting at 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 8, northbound I-81 will be reduced to one lane between mile markers 136 and 138 until 7 a.m. on Saturday morning. In addition, the exit 137 ramp from Wildwood Road onto northbound I-81 will be closed from 10 p.m. on Friday until 5 a.m. on Saturday morning. If work cannot be completed in single night, another lane and ramp closure will be scheduled during similar nighttime hours on Saturday night until the morning of Sunday.

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**INTERSTATE 81 LANE WIDENING CONSTRUCTION PROJECT EXIT 137 TO EXIT 141** - The \$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 underway. Work is being performed along a five-mile section of both northbound and southbound Interstate 81 in Roanoke County and the city of Salem. Barrier wall is in place along the shoulders. Two lanes of I-81 traffic in each direction are expected to 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 traffic impacts in this area on northbound and southbound I-81:

### ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC IMPACTS:

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

**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:** Drivers may experience a periodic 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. 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.

**LANE CLOSURES:** Beginning December 10, nighttime alternating lane closures are possible 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 may be present on Route 605, located under the New River Bridge, for paving operations and work overhead on the bridge.

**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.

**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

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### Legals - City of Salem

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### Legals - City of Salem

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of Salem, Virginia will hold a public hearing, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2309 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, on December 27, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, to consider the following applications.

The request of Elizabeth G. Lane, property owner, for a variance from Section 106-208.3(B)(2) of the City of Salem Zoning Ordinance pertaining to site development regulations, for the property located at 111 Poplar Avenue, Tax Map # 127-3-5. The petitioner is requesting a variance to allow the placement of a 12 x 20-foot carport in the front yard, to be located no closer than 16 feet to the front property line. Section 106-208.3(B)(2) states that accessory structures must be built behind the rear building line of the principal structure (or in the rear yard).

At this hearing, all parties in interest will be given an opportunity to be heard, present evidence, and show cause why such requests should or should not be granted.

For additional information, contact the Office of the Zoning Administrator, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia (Phone 375 3032). THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS OF THE CITY OF SALEM BY: Mary Ellen H. Wines, CZA, CFM Planning & Zoning Administrator

### Legals - Roanoke County

### LEGAL NOTICE

**Roanoke County Board of Supervisors Seeking Applicants to Fill Vinton District Vacancy**

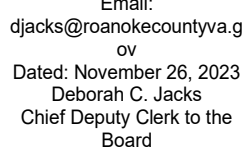
The Board of Supervisors of Roanoke County is searching for candidates to fill the vacancy in the Vinton Magisterial District as the result of P. Jason Peters' election to the Roanoke County Commissioner of the Revenue.

The person appointed shall be a qualified voter of the Vinton Magisterial District and hold office until a special election in November of 2024.

The person elected at the special election will serve the remainder of Mr. Peters' term, which expires December 31, 2025.

If any qualified voter in the Vinton Magisterial District would like to be considered for the vacancy, please mail or email a 300-word essay on why you want to be the Supervisor for the Vinton Magisterial District and why you feel you are qualified to serve to the Chief Deputy Clerk at the following address or email by January 1, 2024. Deborah C. Jacks Chief Deputy Clerk to the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors 5204 Bernard Drive Roanoke, Virginia 24018 Telephone: 540-772-2003 Email: djacks@roanokecountyva.gov

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# SPORTS

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## Craig girls are 3-1 after two wins last week

The Craig County girls improved to 3-1 on the basketball season with two big wins last week. The girls defeated Meadow Bridge of West Virginia and Roanoke Valley Christian on back-to-back nights.

At Meadow Bridge the girls prevailed by a 42-33 score. Kailyn Jones had another big game with 29 points, 16 rebounds and three steals. Daileigh Donithan had six points and Kallie Fisher had four points, five assists and four steals.

"Tough Environment for sure to play in," said Craig coach Brock Jones. "It's always tough playing out of state, but we were able to clamp down and played some great defense to seal the win."

Craig led the whole game, racing to a 16-8 advantage after one quarter and a 22-14 lead at the half.

"We fought through adversity and were able to come away with a tough win," said Jones. "I was pleased with our

youth. We start one freshman and four sophomores, so being able to play through that and show mental toughness was outstanding from the girls. I was pleased with them not getting emotional and just playing hard."

A night later the girls were back on the road to play Roanoke Valley Christian and they came up big again, winning 46-28.

"Back to back games and long trip to West Virginia the night before," said Jones. "We didn't show up ready to play at all. We weren't focused at all and were just running through the motions of being present. At halftime we got focused and fired up and came out to play Lady Rocket Basketball."

The Craig girls only allowed seven points in the second half and RVC didn't score at all in the fourth quarter. The Rockets turned on the full court pressure and played great man defense.

Maddie Hurt of RVC had 20 points, but only six after intermission.

"I made the switch for Kammie Fisher to guard her halfway through the third," said Jones. "Kammie knows and plays her role well. She was a pest on defense and Maddie didn't score the rest of the game once Kammie locked her down."

"I'm constantly pushing the emphasis to Kammie about shooting the ball. She's a pass-first, look for everyone else type of person, but defensively she sets in and you only have to tell her once what her role and job is. Outstanding job for us to get our heads right and come out the second half and ready to play."

Craig trailed 21-16 at the half but opened a one point lead, 29-28, after three quarters. Then the Rockets turned it on in the fourth quarter, outscoring RVC 17-0 to finish with a

flurry.

Kailyn Jones led Craig with 17 points, 14 rebounds, five steals, four blocks and an assist. After four games she's averaging 25.7 points and 19 boards per game.

Donithan had 11 points, four rebounds and two steals. Kallie Fisher had seven points, four steals, five assists, and three rebounds and sister Kammie had four assists, three steals and six rebounds. Jenna Boitnotte had five points, three steals, three assists and three rebounds.

This week the Rockets play the first game of a home girls-boys doubleheader with Highland on Tuesday and a home game with Narrows on Friday. They play at undefeated Bland on Saturday and wrap up the pre-holiday schedule with a home game against William Byrd next Monday, December 18.



Kailyn Jones is on the move.

PHOTOS BY CHELSEA LOUTHEN



Daileigh Donithan dribbles the ball.



Jenna Boitnotte looks for an open teammate.

## Busy week for Craig boys' basketball team

The Craig County basketball team hopes to celebrate Christmas with a winning record as the boys have four games in the span of seven days before breaking for the holidays. The Rockets go into the stretch at 2-2.

Craig was scheduled to host Highland County on Tuesday, followed by a game at Narrows on Thursday. Saturday they're at Bland, and the Rockets wrap up the pre-Christmas schedule with a trip to Roanoke Valley Christian next Monday, December 18.

The Rockets split two games last week, beginning with a 52-30 win over Buffalo Gap in New Castle. Hayden Reynolds led Craig in scoring with 18 points, Matthew Lucas scored 14, Jaycob Wolfe chipped in with seven and Talon Ritter had six.

"It was a great team effort," said coach Ryan Frazier. "Defensively we played a really good game and held them to single digit points in each of the first three quarters. More importantly we were able to limit them to one shot on a possession with good solid rebounding."

Seth Parson and Luke Potter provided a spark from the bench on defense that set the tone for the game. Craig was able to maintain the lead from halftime, 25-9, and expanded on it in the second half.

"We are showing some signs of maturity in being able to close out games like this," said Frazier. "In years past we may not have

had the cutting edge to see a game out and maintain the lead. We were able to move to 2-0 on our home floor this year, aided by some really good home support."

A night later the Rockets hosted Roanoke Valley Christian and dropped a 41-33 decision.

"This was a tough one to take, as we played well enough to win," said Frazier. "RVC is a solid team with some good size. Drew Duncan did a really good job keeping their big guys quiet for most of the game."

Craig struggled shooting the ball, hitting just 11 of 48 attempts, including three for 26 from three point range."

"Most games that teams shoot that poorly lose by 20 points," said Frazier. "Our guys fought hard and worked to win this game, and given those percentages it was a five point game with about two minutes left."

"I am really proud of how our guys responded in this game and never stopped pushing until the final whistle. This is not the case of hanging our heads, as there were plenty of."

Lucas finished with 17 points, Wolfe had seven and Potter added five.

"We made a lot of plays defensively to give us a chance," said Frazier. "If we keep getting better and play defense like we did, we will have a chance in every game no matter how well we shoot."



Drew Duncan scores.



Will Johnson brings the ball up the floor.



Jaycob Wolfe pushes the tempo.



Talon Ritter shoots a jumper.

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